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THE WHITE HOUSE
WASHINGTON

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March 15, 1975

MEMORANDUM FOR JIM CONNOR

FROM: DICK CHENEY

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Jim, I've sent you a memo on the President's phone call with Norris Cotton concerning the New Hampshire trip on April 18th and 19th.

Attached is the draft schedule. It has been signed off on verbally, as well as the President's notes on his talk with Cotton.

Attachment

*To Warren R:
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MEMORANDUM FOR: BOB HARTMANN
JIM CONNOR ✓

FROM: DICK CHENEY D

On Saturday, March 15th, the President talked to former Senator Norris Cotton of New Hampshire concerning his upcoming trip to New Hampshire on April 18th and 19th.

The Senator is the newly elected Republican State Chairman of New Hampshire and is delighted that the President is going to New Hampshire and thinks it's an excellent idea.

He suggested that the President land at Manchester, New Hampshire, and then take a motorcade the 16 to 18 miles from Manchester to Concord, New Hampshire. He said that would give the people of New Hampshire an opportunity to come out and see the President and he was sure they would respond favorably.

In addition, the Senator recommended, and the President agreed, that there should be a meeting with politicians in the Republican Party in New Hampshire, including Governor Meldrim Thomson, some time during the visit. The President wants to include that in the schedule.

Finally, the Senator will be in Washington, D. C. the week of March 17th attending some Advisory Board Committee Meeting. The President would like both of you to sit down and talk with Senator Cotton to get his ideas on how we should handle the trip. The Senator wants to be very supportive and helpful and has a number of thoughts on how we can put the package together.

Jim, you might want to get Red Cavaney involved in that meeting so that he can get a feel for what kind of effort we want to make by way of crowd raising for the motorcade.

Terry D

Please call

Sen Norris Cotton

3/15/

Talked with N.C.

1) Delighted with trip to N.H.

2) We agreed should meet with N.H. politicians, including Gov.

3) We will be in D.C. this next week - March 17

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Home Letter.
to Advance
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THE WHITE HOUSE
WASHINGTON

2:00

March 14, 1975

MEMORANDUM FOR: DONALD RUMSFELD

VIA: JAMES CONNOR

FROM: WARREN RUSTAND *WSR*

SUBJECT: Proposed Presidential Trip to
New England April 18 and 19

The original consideration for the trip to Concord, New Hampshire and Boston, Massachusetts was for April 17 and 18. We are now proposing that a date change be effected and that the President travel on the 18th and 19th of April. There are two reasons for this change:

First, the President and Mrs. Ford desire to attend 'Give Em Hell, Harry!' with James Whitmore at Ford's Theatre the evening of April 17.

Second, a feeling that if the President is travelling to New England at this time period he should attend one of the most important Bicentennial events commemorating the start of the Revolutionary War.

Therefore, we are submitting the following proposed schedule for the President's consideration.

Friday, April 18

11:00 a. m.	Depart South Lawn for Concord, New Hampshire.
1:00 p. m. (90 min)	<u>Possible working luncheon with New England newspaper editors and publishers and regional broadcast executives.</u> Ron Nessen and Jerry Warren recommend.

Approve GRF ✓ 3/14 Disapprove _____

4:00 p. m.
(30 min)

Deliver concluding remarks at a White House Conference on Domestic and Economic Affairs in Concord, New Hampshire. Bill Baroody recommends and is prepared to make the necessary arrangements.

Approve Disapprove

Depart Concord, New Hampshire for Boston.

8:00 p. m.
(30 min)

Bicentennial Address from the Old North Church. On this date 200 years ago two lanterns were hung in the steeple of the Old North Church as a signal to Paul Revere. The lantern theme in a speech could be a symbolic rallying signal for renewed national efforts. Senator Brooke will be attending and has encouraged the President's participation. Previously approved.

Overnight.

Saturday, April 19

Patriot's Day

7:00 a. m.
(approximate)

Attend the 'Shot Heard Round the World' Ceremony at Concord, Massachusetts. This morning event begins with a 21 gun salute at dawn on the Rude Bridge. The President has been invited to deliver an address during this segment of the activities. Support of his participation has been voiced by Jack Marsh, Bill Baroody and Deputy Secretary of Defense William Clements.

Approve Disapprove

8:00 a. m.
(90 min)

Review parade of 6,000 marchers which include the Minute Man Fife and Drum Corps.

Approve Disapprove

10:00 a. m.

Depart Concord, Massachusetts for South Lawn.

3:00 p. m.

Office Meeting with the President of Zambia, who is in the United States for a Private Visit. This meeting was previously approved for 10:30 a. m. however the Department of State advises that the shift in time is acceptable.

No firm contacts have been made or commitments given pending the President's approval of this trip concept.

Thursday, April 17

3:00 p. m. Depart South Lawn for Concord, New Hampshire.

4:30 p. m.
(30 min) Make concluding remarks at the White House Conference on Domestic and Economic Affairs in Concord, New Hampshire. The President has participated in similar Field Conferences in Portland in November and in Atlanta in February. These conferences are designed to facilitate communication between non-government organizations and the White House; they are concerned with the major issues of the day (energy and economy) as they affect the country as a whole and the people of the conference location.

OVERNIGHT

Friday, April 18

9:00 a. m. Depart Concord for Boston.
Noon April 18th is the 200th anniversary of the hanging of two lanterns in the Old North Church steeple by Paul Revere. The struggle to create this nation began, at least symbolically, with the two lanterns in the steeple. This would be an excellent and most appropriate opportunity for the President to address the Nation on the Bicentennial in America.
(45 min)

1:00 p. m. Depart Boston for Washington.

3:00 p. m. Arrive South Lawn.

Approve Concord-Boston trip MM

Disapprove _____

Other _____