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THE WHITE HOUSE  
WASHINGTON

January 26, 1976

MEMORANDUM FOR THE PRESIDENT

FROM : JIM CANNON *J Cannon*  
SUBJECT : Tentative Calendar of Special Messages  
to the Congress

A tentative calendar for special messages has been drafted by Jim Cavanaugh and Jerry Jones and reviewed by Paul O'Neill, Bob Hartmann, Max Friedersdorf, and Rogers Morton.

In general, we believe the messages should be short and to the point, stating the problem and outlining your proposals and relating your proposals to your overall philosophy of government. We anticipate that each message might be two or three pages in length.

Your one-page Message to Congress on Food Stamp Reform last year received extensive press coverage. The additional specifics of your programs would then be transmitted to the Congress and the press in the form of a fact sheet and legislation.

Here are our suggestions for February plus a tentative calendar for February and March at Tab A:

Older Americans Message                      Week of February 1, 1976

This would include your catastrophic health insurance program under Medicare as well as your recommendations for the Social Security program. We selected the week of February 1 because you might want to talk about this subject in New Hampshire the following weekend. Additionally, Congressman Burke has scheduled hearings on your Social Security tax increase proposal for February 2. We expect Secretary Mathews to be the lead-off witness. Dan Rostenkowski has scheduled hearings on your Medicare recommendations on February 9.

*J Cannon*            Approve                                 Disapprove

Health Block Grant MessageWeek of February 8, 1976

If it can be sent up on Tuesday, February 10, you could mention it during your tentative interview with New Hampshire-Massachusetts WBA-TV on Wednesday, February 11, 1976.

*RR7*

Approve

Disapprove

Jobs MessageWeek of February 8, 1976

We propose that you send a special message on jobs and employment to the Congress on Friday morning, February 13, 1976. You have a tentative interview scheduled that day with the Boston Globe and it would be appropriate for you to talk about your special message that day because of the severe unemployment situation in Massachusetts.

*RR7*

Approve

Disapprove

Crime MessageWeek of February 15, 1976

We would propose that your Crime Message go to the Congress the week of February 15. This would be a good message to get out before your trip to Florida as crime is a major issue in the Dade County-Ft. Lauderdale area. You have a tentative interview scheduled with the Miami Herald and the Tampa Tribune on February 18. You could refer to your crime program and relate it to Florida during that interview.

*RR7*

Approve

Disapprove

Energy MessageWeek of February 15, 1976

We propose that you send your Energy Message to the Congress on Thursday, February 19. You have a tentative interview set with the New Hampshire television network that day, and you could relate your energy message to the specific problems in New Hampshire.

*RR7*

Approve

Disapprove

Anti-Big Government Message      Week of February 22, 1976

On Monday, February 23, you will open the winter meeting of the National Governors' Conference here in Washington. We recommend as your major theme Anti-Big Government and a restatement of your block grant proposals and your concept of the Federal system. We propose that your message on ~~Anti-Big Government~~ go to Congress the next day.

*MCY*

       Approve

       Disapprove

Drug MessageWeek of February 22, 1976

We propose that you send a Drug Message to the Congress on Thursday, February 26. This is the day before your possible trip to North Carolina and Florida.

*MCY*

       Approve

       Disapprove

Science and Technology Statement      Week of February 29, 1976

The subjects of research, development, and technology are of great interest in Florida. You have increased your budget substantially for research and development. Your 1975 proposal to establish an Office of Science Adviser to the President may be ready by this time.

*MCY*

       Approve

       Disapprove

Agriculture SpeechMarch 8, 1976Housing Message or SpeechMarch 10, 1976Environmental MessageMarch 22, 1976

At Tab A is a tentative calendar of your activities during the months of February and March with the messages highlighted in yellow.

At Tab B are additional follow-up messages and speeches for consideration for April and thereafter.

cc: Dick Cheney  
Jerry Jones

March 1976

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
	1 return to WH	2 Massachusetts Primary	3 ASH WEDNESDAY Selected Florida Editors Cabinet	4 WCKT-TV Miami	5 Unemployment data released	6
7	8 Lunch w/ Washington network bureau chiefs	9 Florida Primary Private party	10 FYI-Univ. of Michigan Congressional Dinner Housing Msg. Chicago Tribune	11 p.m. - to Los Angeles 8:00 - L.A. fundraiser RON Los Angeles	12 a.m. - *media event in LA depart for San Francisco Noon - San Fran fundraiser Return to WH	13
14 Mike Ford's birthday	15	16 Housing Starts data released Jack Ford's birthday Illinois primary	17 ST. PATRICK'S DAY 10:30 - *P.M. Cosgrave (Ireland) arrival ceremony and meeting 8:00 - *State dinner	18	19 CPI, GNP, and NI data released	20
21	22 Message 2:00 - *N.A. Wildlife and Natural Resources Conference (s)	23 North Carolina primary	24	25 FYI-WH Radio & TV Correspondents dinner meeting	26	27
28	29 Leading Indicators data released	30 11:00 - King Hussein (Jordan) meeting 7:30 - Working dinner	31 Senate - Dinner 8:00 - *Senate - House dinner			

*February 1976*

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
1	2	3 a. m. - Cronkite	4 Cabinet	5 Christian Science Monitor	6 Unemployment data released WJXT-TV Jacksonville 12:30-*N. E. States GOP Conf. (s)	7 to New Hampshire 7:00-*Nashua C of C (s)
8 N. Hampshire return to White House	9	10 Godfrey Sperling breakfast gp. (WH)	11 WBZ-TV (N. H. - Mass.)	12 LINCOLN'S BIRTHDAY House recess for Lincoln's Birthday a. m. - Wallace interview	13 Boston Globe NH Radio Network ?	14
15 11:00- Prayer Breakfast for Athletes	16 WASHINGTON'S BIRTHDAY possible Florida trip	17 Senate and House return	18 Housing Starts data released Miami Herald Tampa Tribune 5:00- Business Council recpt.	19 GNP data released NH Network (television)	20 CPI data released Dick Growald	21
22 8:30-Natl Religious Broadcasters	23 9:30- Natl Gov. Conf. opening session (s) 8:00-Governors Dinner	24 New Hampshire primary Hearst Papers, editors and publishers	25 Inland Daily Press Assoc Cabinet	26 Drug Message	27 Leading Indicators data released possible North Carolina and Florida trip	28 possible Florida event
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TAB B

ADDITIONAL FOLLOW-UP MESSAGES AND SPEECHES  
FOR CONSIDERATION FOR APRIL AND THEREAFTER

1. State of the World--Major defense and international affairs speech before Joint Session of Congress. (Evening, televised).
2. Intelligence Message or Speech--Legislation is developed on reorganization.
3. Education Message--Block grants eliminate red tape and encourage local control. Anti-big government decision. Student loans explained. Funding increased if Congress goes along with Block Grant formula.
4. Block Grant Message--Includes Child Nutrition Block Grant and others which focus money on the truly needy, eliminate red tape, and curtail overspending and waste.
5. Social Services Message--Simplification; local control and less expensive. Heavy burdensome requirements eliminated. Stresses Administration's local control and anti-red tape efforts.
6. Food Stamp Message--To explain your administrative reforms.
7. Small Business Message--"A stronger economic system and more jobs through the encouraging of small business (as opposed to big business), entrepreneurship, private sector and free enterprise. Encompasses SBA, OMB. Irving Kristol theme. Ties in with deregulation theme.
8. Transportation Message--Probably warranted to protect the Administration on AMTRAK cut and explain other actions.