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THE WHITE HOUSE
WASHINGTON

January 28, 1976

ADMINISTRATIVELY CONFIDENTIAL

MEMORANDUM FOR: PHILIP BUCHEN
DUDLEY CHAPMAN

FROM: JAMES E. CONNOR

SUBJECT: Honorary Memberships

The President reviewed your memorandum of January 26 on the above subject and made the following decisions:

1. Governmental Affairs Program of the United States Jaycees
Accept invitation to serve as National Honorary Chairman.
2. The George Washington Masonic National Memorial Association
Accept invitation to serve as Honorary Patron.
3. NAACP Special Contribution Fund benefit honoring Roy Wilkins
Accept invitation to serve as Honorary Chairman.
4. Honorary Member of the Professional Golfers' Association of America - Accept Honorary Membership in PGA.
5. Society of the Friendly Sons of St Patrick of the City of Washington
Accept invitation to become an Honorary Member.
6. Military Order of Foreign Wars of the United States
Accept invitation to become an Honorary Member.
7. Lawyers' Wives of the District of Columbia Annual Benefit Ball
Accept invitation to serve as Honorary Patrons.
8. National Federation of Music Clubs
Agreed to using name on the invitation to the District of Columbia's Bicentennial Concert providing the invitations do not appear to come from the President and Mrs. Ford.

THE WHITE HOUSE

WASHINGTON

January 26, 1976

MEMORANDUM FOR THE PRESIDENT

THROUGH: PHILIP BUCHEN *P.*

FROM: DUDLEY CHAPMAN *DC*

SUBJECT: Honorary Memberships

The following memberships are referred for your consideration:

1. Governmental Affairs Program of the United States Jaycees (Tab A). You have been invited to serve as National Honorary Chairman of this program sponsored by the U.S. Jaycees. Bill Baroody's office recommends your acceptance and, in view of your past participation with the Jaycees, we concur.

Approve *MC* Disapprove _____

2. The George Washington Masonic National Memorial Association (Tab B) has invited you to serve as an Honorary Patron. In view of your Masonic affiliation and your personal participation at the unveiling of the Gerald R. Ford medallion plaque last February, we recommend your acceptance.

Approve *MC* Disapprove _____

3. NAACP Special Contribution Fund benefit honoring Roy Wilkins (Tab C). Mrs. Ralph J. Bunche, Chairman of the Fund has invited you to serve as Honorary Chairman of this event. John Calhoun and Secretary Morton's office recommend your acceptance and we concur.

Approve *MC* Disapprove _____

4. Honorary Member of the Professional Golfers' Association of America (Tab D). Mr. Henry Poe, President of the PGA, has notified you of your election as an Honorary Member of the PGA. In view of your participation in numerous golfing activities, we recommend your acceptance.

Approve MCY Disapprove _____

5. Society of the Friendly Sons of St. Patrick of the City of Washington (Tab E). Judge John Lewis Smith, Jr., has invited you to become an Honorary Member of this organization. In view of the fact that three other Presidents have served as Honorary Members, we recommend your acceptance.

Approve MCY Disapprove _____

6. Military Order of Foreign Wars of the United States (Tab F). You have been invited to become an Honorary Member of this Order. In view of the fact that nine Presidents have previously served in this capacity, we recommend your acceptance.

Approve MCY Disapprove _____

7. Lawyers' Wives of the District of Columbia Annual Benefit Ball (Tab G). You and Mrs. Ford have been invited to serve as Honorary Patrons of this event to be held on March 6 at Kenwood Country Club. In view of your participation as Honorary Patrons in 1973, we recommend acceptance.

Approve MCY Disapprove _____

8. The National Federation of Music Clubs (Tab H) has requested permission to use your name on the invitation to the District of Columbia's Bicentennial Concert to be held on February 23 at the Kennedy Center as part of the Bicentennial Parade of American Music. Milt Mitler and Ted Marrs recommend your acceptance as an acknowledgment of the many contributions to our culture that have been made by native composers and musicians. We concur, provided that the invitations do not appear to come from you and Mrs. Ford.

Approve MCY Disapprove _____

TAB
A



Office of the President—
THE UNITED STATES JAYCEES

Post Office Box 7
Tulsa, Oklahoma 74102

September 2, 1975

Mr. John Vickerman
The White House
Washington, D. C. 20500

Dear Mr. Vickerman:

Thank you for your prompt and courteous follow-up to the various requests with The U.S. Jaycees. We look forward to the White House tour and to meeting with President Ford on Wednesday, September 10, 1975, at 9:00 a.m. in the Rose Garden.

Pursuant to your request for more information on the National Governmental Affairs Program entitled "How to Get Involved with U.S.," I am enclosing a proposal draft which details the program. The U.S. Jaycees request President Ford's acceptance as National Honorary Chairman in the form of a cover letter that we will copy for individual manuals for broad distribution. A sample acceptance letter has been sent to Mr. William Baroody, Jr., Assistant to the President. Previous Presidential participation has been extended for similar requests to The U.S. Jaycees. For example, President Nixon in 1970 honored the 50th Anniversary of our organization with a similar cover letter for our Golden Anniversary booklet.

I look forward to your prompt reply so that we can proceed immediately on the program. Please let me know if further assistance is needed.

Sincerely,

Dick Robinson
President

DR/rh

"PRIDE IN AMERICA"

TAB
B

THE WHITE HOUSE
WASHINGTON

December 9, 1975

MEMORANDUM FOR: ROLAND ELLIOTT
FROM: JOHN C. VICKERMAN
SUBJECT: Request for Presidential participation

I have received a couple of requests for Presidential participation in various programs which, I understand, should be directed to you.

The first is a request from the U. S. Jaycees for the President to serve as National Honorary Chairman of their Governmental Affairs Program entitled "How to Get Involved with U. S. " This request has been circulating through some channel since last Fall. But it is apparently in the wrong channel. I have attached a copy of their proposal.

Last Spring, the President participated in the dedication of a plaque at the George Washington Masonic National Memorial. The Memorial Association has now requested, through me, that the President accept Patron membership in the Association. This is simply an honor and entails no responsibility or duty of any kind. The only other Patron in the history of the Association was William Howard Taft. The Patron membership would be conferred, probably absentia, in Philadelphia next year.

The Memorial Association is also conducting an endowment fund campaign. The major portion will be a thousand \$1,000 contributions from Masons throughout the country. The names of the contributors will be listed by states on bronze plaques within the Memorial. The Association has several anonymous contributors who would like to honor the President by making a contribution in his name so that he could be included on the Michigan plaque.

Could you let me know what the prospects are for these three requests.

Thanks very much.

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NAACP Special Contribution Fund

1790 BROADWAY / NEW YORK, N.Y. 10019 / 245-2100

December 17, 1975

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The President
The White House
Washington, D. C. 20500

RE
My dear Mr. President:

The friends and admirers of Roy Wilkins are organizing a gala celebration on the night of September 10, 1976, to mark his 75th birthday.

Our goal is to share with Roy on this auspicious occasion our love and appreciation for one of our nation's greatest sons during our Bicentennial year.

With this in mind, we are organizing a dinner at the New York Hilton. However, instead of the traditional speeches and formal dais, we have chosen a format which encompasses what we hope will be a very memorable birthday party. We have already enlisted the participation of Bill Cosby, Sidney Poitier, and Bobby Short as the program chairmen. Among the stellar performers who will entertain that night are Count Basie, Mabel Mercer, Leontyne Price, Diahann Carroll, Sammy Davis, Jr., La Belle and the Arthur Mitchell dance group.

As part of this tribute to Roy Wilkins, we are also organizing a committee of prominent Americans from all walks of life to celebrate his diamond jubilee. Our hope is that we can recruit a representative cross section of American leadership to serve on this committee, many of whom will no doubt also attend the September 10th birthday party at the New York Hilton.

All of the proceeds from this celebration will benefit the NAACP's tax deductible arm, the Special Contribution Fund, at a time when the Association urgently needs this help to carry on its crucial programs. This is especially fitting since Roy has devoted his entire adult life to the NAACP and next year will mark his fortieth anniversary with the Association.

In order to ensure the success of this undertaking, as a benefit committee chairman I am asking you to participate in a leadership role by serving as an honorary chairman of the benefit committee. All of us would be deeply honored by your acceptance, and I know that Roy himself would be immensely gratified.

I look forward to your response.

Sincerely,

Ruth H. Bunche

Mrs. Ralph J. Bunche
Chairman

TAB
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BOX 1245B
LAKE PARK, FLORIDA 33403

HENRY C. POE
President

December 16, 1975

RE

Mr. Gerald R. Ford
President of the United States
The White House
Washington, D. C.

Dear Mr. President:

Because of your continuing contribution to the game of golf, the Delegates of our 39 Sections at our Annual Meeting in New Orleans last week, voted unanimously to elect you as an official Honorary Member of the Professional Golfers' Association of America.

We would be most pleased if you could honor our 8,000 members by accepting this title. Our people feel particularly close to you because of your active involvement with the game. And, now that I have had the pleasure of visiting with you in your office, I personally would be most appreciative.

Sincerely,

Henry C. Poe

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UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT
FOR THE DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA
WASHINGTON, D. C. 20001

JOHN LEWIS SMITH, JR.
UNITED STATES DISTRICT JUDGE

ACTION: _____
T/D _____
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DATE RECEIVED _____
December 15, 1975 DEC 19 1975
MESSAGE _____
SPEAKERS BUREAU _____
OTHER _____
APPOINTMENT OFFICE

Dear Mr. President:

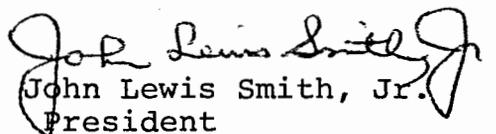
On behalf of the Society of the Friendly Sons of St. Patrick of the City of Washington, it is with pleasure that I extend to you a most cordial invitation to attend our Annual Dinner to be held on March 17, 1976, at the Statler-Hilton Hotel.

There will be a reception commencing at 6:30 p.m., in the Federal Room, with the dinner scheduled for 7:30 p.m. The Society would be pleased if you would join with other distinguished and honored guests at the head table.

We would also like to extend to you Honorary Membership in our Society. It is hoped that you will find it possible to accept our invitation and that the Society Medal can be presented at the dinner. Presidents Truman, Eisenhower and Johnson all became Honorary Members of our Society while they were in office.

Dress is black tie.

Respectfully,


John Lewis Smith, Jr.
President

Honorable Gerald R. Ford
The President of the United States
The White House
Washington, D.C.

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The President
The White House
Washington, D.C. 20500

Mr. President:

The Military Order of Foreign Wars of the United States, instituted in 1894 and recognized by the War and Navy Departments under various resolutions of the Congress, unanimously passed a resolution during the 32nd Biennial Convention as follows:

Whereas, The United States prides itself upon being a nation brought forth upon this continent by emigrants from many lands;

Whereas, The end of the long period of hostility in Indochina has presented this country with another opportunity to welcome to its shores many oppressed persons from that land; and

Whereas, The President of the United States has requested all our citizens and fellow countrymen to aid in the assimilation of the Indochinese refugees into the American society, socially and economically, and, in so doing, has demonstrated forthright leadership and a humanitarian characteristic that deserves the support of all Americans regardless of their own economic and personal problems; therefore, be it

Resolved, That the Military Order of Foreign Wars of the United States at its 32nd Biennial Convention in Boston, assembled, does hereby commend The President for his strong leadership, sympathetic understanding, and forceful efforts to bring about a genuine welcome to the Indochinese refugee through an acknowledgment of his needs and the means by which the same can be satisfied during this period of great trauma, uncertainty, and helplessness, and further urges

Mr. President, 26 December 1975

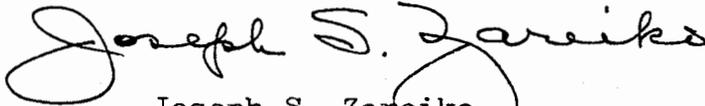
the American public to follow in The President's footsteps in bringing to that refugee a true welcome, a sense of security, well being, and, above all else, freedom.

As Commander General of the Order, I am delighted to reaffirm our continued support to you as Commander in Chief of our Armed Forces and to extend a genuine invitation to membership, which rolls have been honored by nine Presidents of the United States, namely:

Stephen Grover Cleveland
Benjamin Harrison
William McKinley
Theodore Roosevelt
Thomas Woodrow Wilson
Harry S. Truman
Dwight David Eisenhower
John Fitzgerald Kennedy
Richard Milhous Nixon

It is my humble wish that you accept this invitation and thereby provide our Order greater incentive to honor and perpetuate the names of brave and loyal men; to foster the cultivation of military science; to bear true allegiance to the United States of America, based upon a paramount respect for and fidelity to the national constitution and laws; and to aid in maintaining national honor, union, and independence.

Respectfully yours,



Joseph S. Zareiko
Commander General

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**The President
and Mrs. Ford
The White House
Washington, D.C.**

Dear President and Mrs. Ford:

Until I received the invitation to the reception in honor of Roger Stevens, it did not occur to me that you might be willing to grant us the privilege of using your names on our invitation to the February 23rd concert to be given by District of Columbia musicians in the Concert Hall of the Kennedy Center as an official part of the Bicentennial Parade of American Music.

Although we have now had fourteen concerts in the Bicentennial Parade, each one of which has been very successful, with as many as 2,000 attending for some of them, we feel that to give the series the importance it deserves, we need to make news. Now, if you could put your stamp of approval on our activity just once, I feel certain that that is all we need; (I am pleased to tell you that John Warner has said we may use his name on our committee).

Thank you for your reply to our invitation to attend this same concert which Mr. Nicholson relayed to me. Of course, we still hope that you will be able to attend.

Sincerely,

Merle Montgomery
Merle Montgomery

January 14, 1976
MM/mcm