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February 23, 1976

MEMORANDUM FOR:

TIM ABSTIN

FROM:

JIM CONNOR

I have reviewed the proposed note to be sent out by PFC to each Congressman who flies on a PFC financed trip, I have made one change. In addition, I would suggest that you clear this with Max Friedersdorf, and Barry Roth.

THE WHITE HOUSE

WASHINGTON

February 21, 1976

MEMORANDUM FOR

DR. JAMES CONNOR

FROM

TIM AUSTIN *ta*

Jim, Bo Callaway has informally received O.K. from Dick Cheney and Max Friedersdorf to charge Congressmen for their trips on Air Force One when the trip is political and the Congressman is going for his convenience.

Attached is a proposed note which PFC sent over. This note would be given to each Congressman who was flying on a PFC financed trip.

Thanks.

Enclosure

Jim - This policy has been in effect since DeLoon. Note, Bo's memo to Max 7. following Florida trip. If this note is O.K. Callaway will use it as standard hand out.

Austin

PROPOSED DRAFT FOR CONGRESSMEN AT THE TIME OF BEING
INVITED ON TRIPS WITH THE PRESIDENT

Due to limited expenditures allowed under the Federal election campaign law for Presidential candidates, it is important that all expenditures not directly related to the campaign be minimized. This presents a problem in connection with Congressional travel with the President.

The President always like to invite as many Congressmen as possible to go with him on trips into their own States or districts, but it is not appropriate to have the Ford campaign pay for these trips in some cases. In light of this, the President Ford Committee is proposing the following arrangement for the period of the campaign.

1. When the Member of Congress does not participate in political activities and is travelling for his own convenience and benefit, the Congressman will be billed by the U. S. Government for the cost of his seat. ~~The cost for riding on Air Force One is roughly the equivalent of a commercial airline ticket.~~

2. In cases where the Member of Congress is attending at the request of the President Ford Committee in order to participate in political activities solely for the benefit of the Ford Committee, federal law requires that transportation either be paid by the President Ford Committee or, alternatively, may be personally absorbed by the Member of Congress. Such voluntary acceptance of non-reimbursed payment is limited to \$500 per election.

3. Where there is a joint campaign effort for the President and for the Member of Congress, Federal election law requires an allocation of all costs based on the value to the campaign for President and the campaign for the Member of Congress. An allocation agreement must be agreed on prior to any joint undertaking of this kind.

President Ford Committee

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February 17, 1976

MEMORANDUM FOR: MAX FRIEDERSDORF

FROM: BO CALLAWAY 

Max:

I talked to Skip Bafalis, Lou Frey and Bill Young on Air Force One and told them that we would be sending them a bill for the trip.

They complained a little bit saying that Dick Cheney had asked them to come on the trip for the benefit of the President, but I believe I convinced them that this was primarily for their own benefit and they didn't seem to have any serious objection about paying.

I told them that I had committed to Guy Vander Jagt that there would be absolutely no exceptions to our rule for paying on trips, and I believe they all understood my position.

I'll be surprised if you have any further complaints but, if you do, please let me know.

I believe that we are all agreed that in the future Congressmen who are asked to travel on political trips will be told well in advance of the ground rules. You've seen the attached memorandum. Please let me know whether you will want to distribute this to them at the time of invitation or whether you will want me to do this in the future.

Attachment

cc: Rogers Morton ✓
Dick Cheney

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