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THE WHITE HOUSE

WASHINGTON

August 12, 1976

ADMINISTRATIVELY CONFIDENTIAL

MEMORANDUM FOR:

MAX FRIEDERSDORF

FROM:

JIM CONNOR

SUBJECT:

Congressional Mail *jee*

The President reviewed your memorandum of August 12 concerning Congressional Mail received on August 11 and made the following notation in connection with House #7 from Lester Wolff.

"Yes"

Please follow up with appropriate action.

cc: Dick Cheney

THE PRESIDENT HAS ORDERED  
THE WHITE HOUSE  
WASHINGTON

August 12, 1976



MEMORANDUM FOR THE PRESIDENT

FROM: MAX L. FRIEDERSDORF

SUBJECT: Congressional Mail



For your information, I am attaching the log of Congressional mail received on August 11, 1976.

This mail is being handled routinely by my office.

cc: Richard B. Cheney

House

1. Larry McDonald and 74 colleagues Write in reference to previous letter in which concern had been expressed over political developments in Mexico, to which a substantive reply was received. List what they believe to be still points of disagreement and request clarification.
2. Glenn Anderson Requests proclamation for week of September 12-18 designating it as "National Lupus Week." Has introduced a resolution asking for this, but doubts if House action will be completed.
3. Skip Bafalis Forwards letter from Constantine Gratsos, who has assumed management of Onassis Shipping Company, setting forth facts regarding energy problems and the "critical situation" facing the U.S. Merchant Marine, which he feels may have escaped the President's attention.
4. William Stanton Tells about the large number of calls he has received in praise of the President's remarks at the Eucharistic Congress. Also tells about a recent conversation he had with Doug Coe, and suggests that the President talk with him.
5. Sam Gibbons Supports the CAB recommendation of Tampa-London air service.
6. John Conyers Urges approval of food aid under P.L. 480, Title 1, to Jamaica.
7. Lester Wolff Writes on behalf of John L. Rawlinson to request Presidential commendation for Frank O. Braynard in recognition of his role in Operation Sail.
8. M. Caldwell Butler Forwards copy of the resolution of the Pulaski County Bar Association endorsing Jackson L. Kiser for appointment as Judge of the U.S. District Court for the Western District of Virginia.
9. Charles Mosher Recommends Mrs. Dorothy S. Duke for the Federal Mortgage Association Board.
10. Bill Alexander Requests congratulations to Mrs. Dillie Viola Veach on her 90th birthday September 28.
11. Sam Devine Expresses appreciation for the President meeting with the Good Guys, and says he has heard "many fine comments concerning the manner in which you responded to the questions." Also encloses a number of candid shots taken on the occasion.
12. Bill Archer Requests autographed photographs for 10 constituents.
13. Robert Bauman Extends invitation to attend the 11th Annual First Congressional District Bull Roast on August 28.


President's Mail - August 11, 1976

Senate

- 1S Milton Young Urges approval of establishment of tariff rate quota on honey, as recommended by the International Trade Commission.
- 2S John Tower Indicates the seriousness of the recurring screwworm infestation in Texas and its effect on cattle. Talks about the facility in Mission, Texas, for control of this infestation, and urges that the \$1.5 million cut by OMB from the Animal and Plant Health Inspection Service budget for this facility be restored.
- 3S J. Bennett Johnston Reiterates his strong personal interest in George J. Guidry, Jr. being appointed to the Advisory Committee on the White House Conference on Library and Information Services.

THE WHITE HOUSE  
WASHINGTON

August 13, 1976

MEMORANDUM FOR: JIM CONNOR   
FROM: MAX FRIEDERSDORF  
SUBJECT: Your 8/12 Memo re: MC Wolff

Please find attached the file on this correspondence from Congressman Wolff to the President, and Charlie Leppert's response.

Since Mr. Braynard presented the President with a gift, Marge Wicklein prepared a letter from the President, which has been signed and dispatched.

In view of this, I feel no further action is necessary.

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**EXECUTIVE**

TR67-2

PR8-1

August 12, 1976

RAWLINSON, John L.

Dear Lester:

The President has asked me to thank you for writing to him regarding the major contribution Mr. Frank Braynard made to the magnificent display of Operation Sail 1976. X

I know you will be pleased to learn that the President, Mrs. Ford and Susan were with Mr. Braynard aboard the USS NASHVILLE on July 4, and that the President has subsequently expressed appreciation and thanks to him for his efforts in making this operation such an outstanding success.

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With kind regards,

Sincerely,

*Charles Leppert, Jr.*

Charles Leppert, Jr.  
Deputy Assistant  
to the President

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The Honorable Lester L. Wolff  
House of Representatives  
Washington, D.C. 20515

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EXECUTIVE

TR 67-2

August 2, 1976

PERSONAL

Dear Mr. Braynard:

Mrs. Ford, Susan and I were delighted to meet you when we visited the USS NASHVILLE on July 4. It certainly was a privilege to be among those viewing the magnificent tall ships and naval vessels that participated in Operation Sail and the International Naval Review that day. The limited-edition portfolios of your "Tall Ships" drawings which you presented will always remind us of your thoughtfulness on this historic occasion.

With our gratitude and warm best wishes.

Sincerely,

JERRY FORD

Mr. Frank Braynard  
Sabine Art Collection  
71 Murray Street  
New York, New York 10007

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LESTER L. WOLFF  
6TH DISTRICT, NEW YORK

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*Respectfully*

**Congress of the United States**  
**House of Representatives**  
**Washington, D.C. 20515**

August 6, 1976

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

Dear Mr. President:

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On July 4th of this Bicentennial year, you and millions of Americans had the opportunity to view Operation Sail, one of the greatest spectacles celebrating America that this country has ever seen.


In its grandeur and magnitude, Op Sail united New Yorkers, and all Americans, in a manner exhibited all too rarely. The sight of the Tall Ships was truly inspiring, and made an indelible impression on all of us.

Mr. President, I am enclosing for your examination a letter which was written by one of my constituents and which briefly outlines the extremely dedicated and tireless efforts of Mr. Frank O. Braynard in making Op Sail a reality. I think Professor Rawlinson's observation that without Mr. Braynard's work we would all be "somewhat the poorer today" is a distinct understatement.

Thus, I would like to know if there is some public service medal you could bestow upon this gentleman to thank him for the unforgettable gift he helped to give us. We certainly should not permit such dedication go unnoticed.

With kind regards, I am

Sincerely,

  
Lester L. Wolff  
Member of Congress

LLW/do  
Enclosure

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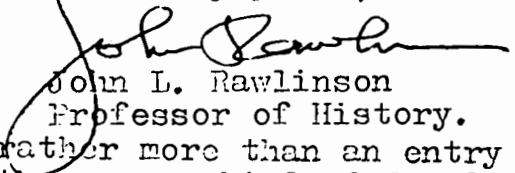
July 31, 1976

Representative Lester Wolff,  
House Office Building,  
Washington, D. C.

Dear Mr. Wolff,

As a constituent, I write with a suggestion, which is that Congress may wish to take some action recognizing the superlative work done for the Op Sail show last July 4 (and before, and after) by Frank O. Braynard. The papers have been full of praise for this truly international spectacle, which, in coinciding with our own true Bicentennial observation, very certainly added to our national as well as the international comity. I know Mr. Braynard personally, and have watched him over the past five years work to put this operation together, following lines which he laid down for the Op Sail of 1964, but overcoming very difficult problems by his personal persistence and ingenuity, even though this took trips to the Soviet Union and Japan. Frank would be the first to deny that he is solely responsible, but I say that without his inspiration and application we would all be somewhat the poorer today, as we recall that most extraordinary July the Fourth, 1976. I am not alone in this thought; the idea in fact came in conversation with another good friend, who does not know Mr. Braynard but who participated in the splendor of that day as so many of us did, Mr. Richard Brennan, Director of International Affairs of the Union Carbide Corporation. May we hear from you?

Sincerely yours,

  
John L. Rawlinson  
Professor of History.

P. S. We were thinking of something rather more than an entry in the Congressional Record. Is there some kind of freedom Medal?