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GENERAL

IV/1974/5738/Philadelphia

September 17, 1974

Dear Mr. Picott:

On behalf of the President, I would like to thank you for your kind invitation to him to speak to the more than 3000 scholars, teachers, writers and other persons who will be attending the ASALH convention in Philadelphia from October 24 to 27, 1974.

In light of the heavy demands of his official schedule, the President is unable to accept your invitation. He has asked that I express his appreciation for your thoughtfulness of him and that I convey his very best wishes.

Sincerely,

Warren S. Rustand  
Appointments Secretary  
to the President

Mr. J. Rupert Picott  
Executive Director  
The Association for the Study  
of Afro-American Life and  
History, Inc.  
1401 14th Street, NW.  
Washington, D.C. 20005

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GENERAL

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October 2, 1975

Dear Mr. Picott:

The President was very pleased to receive your kind invitation to address the Sixtieth Annual Convention of The Association for the Study of Afro-American Life and History, Inc., to be held at the Hyatt Regency Hotel in Atlanta, October 15-19, particularly the banquet session on October 18.

Although he would like to be able to join you on this occasion, the demands on the President's time are such that he cannot accept your invitation. He wants you to know, though, he greatly appreciated your thoughtfulness of him and that he sends his best wishes for a highly successful convention.

Sincerely,

William W. Nicholson  
Deputy Director  
Scheduling Office

Mr. J. Rupert Picott  
Executive Director  
The Association for the Study of  
Afro-American Life and History, Inc.  
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THE WHITE HOUSE  
WASHINGTON

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Date: November 14, 1975

MEMORANDUM FOR: JEANNE DAVIS  
FROM: WILLIAM W. NICHOLSON  
SUBJECT: Helen G. Edmonds, PH.D., National Chairman,  
The Humanities Bicentennial Celebration of  
the Association for the Study of Afro-Ameri-  
can Life and History, re: Dr. J. Rupert Picott

The attached is for your appropriate handling.

Thank you.

sector of the economy, etc. On President Ford's forthcoming visit to The Peoples Republic of China, The Association for the Study of Afro-American Life and History asks that you give most serious consideration to Dr. J. Rupert Picott, our most distinguished Executive Director of the Association as one of the persons be included in the entourage.

The Association for the Study of Afro-American Life and History is the oldest and most scholarly organization in American life. Founded in 1915 by Carter G. Woodson, Doctor of Philosophy from Harvard University, the Association has continuously issued quarterly The Journal of Negro History, and since 1936, the monthly Negro History Bulletin. Its membership is comprised of 1,000 trained historians, some of whom have written the basic books on Afro-American life. There is no major library in the American university system which does not have full sets of these materials.



Edgar A. Toppin

J. Rupert Picott

Charles Walker Thomas

MEMORANDUM

NATIONAL SECURITY COUNCIL

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GENERAL

TR 18-2

November 18, 1975

MEMORANDUM FOR BILL NICHOLSON

FROM: *fn* Jeanne W. Davis <sup>*not*</sup>

SUBJECT: \*Association for the Study of Afro-American  
Life & History Request to Send Representative to PRC

In response to your memo of November 14, attached is a suggested *J. Rupert*  
reply to Dr. Edmonds' letter to you asking to have Dr. Picott ac-  
company the President to the PRC, together with the incoming  
correspondence. *Helen*



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EXECUTIVE

November 19, 1975

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Dear Dr. Edmonds:

Thank you for your letter of November 13 to me.

We very much appreciate your interest in the President's forthcoming trip to the Peoples Republic of China. However, in the past, it has not been the practice to have other than U.S. Government officials travel abroad with the President. On his trip to Peking, the President will be accompanied by a small, working official party composed of his immediate staff and other U.S. Government officials. Therefore, we regret that it will not be possible to have Dr. Picott included in the official party.

J. RUPERT

We would suggest, however, that you may wish to contact the Committee on Scholarly Communications with the PRC. This Committee is the sponsoring organization for exchange visits by scholars between China and the United States. You can correspond with them in care of the National Academy of Sciences, Washington, D. C. 20418.

Sincerely,

William W. Nicholson  
Director  
Scheduling Office

X  
Dr. Helen G. Edmonds  
National Chairman  
The Humanities Bicentennial Celebration of The  
X Association for the Study of Afro-American Life  
and History  
1401 Fourteenth Street, N.W.  
Washington, D. C. 20005

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cc: 2 cys Nancy Gennell smt



EXECUTIVE

H0/H\*

May 7, 1976

Dear Mr. Picott:

On behalf of the President, I wish to acknowledge and thank you for your letter of April 28 inviting him to attend one general session of the three day program, \*Heritage Days: The Black Perspective, which The Association for the Study of Afro-American Life and History, inc., will hold at Harpers Ferry, West Virginia, on June 18, 19 and 20.

Due to the commitments of his schedule at this time in June, it will not be possible for the President to be with you. He does want you to know, though, he warmly appreciates your invitation and sends you and your associates his very best wishes.

Particular notation has been made of your request for a written message of greetings, together with a glossy print photograph, for your official Conference Program and this has been forwarded to the appropriate office for handling.

Sincerely,

William W. Nicholson  
Director  
Scheduling Office

Mr. J. Rupert Picott  
Executive Director  
The Association for the Study of Afro-American  
Life and History, Inc.  
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follow-up

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**EXECUTIVE**

H0/H\*

May 27, 1976

During this Bicentennial year, "Heritage Days: The Black Perspective" provides a most fitting theme for the general sessions of the Association for the Study of Afro-American Life and History. Indeed, it invites all Americans to review with pride the wealth of cultural accomplishments by which Black Americans have enriched our way of life.

At a time when we are more mindful than ever of the diversity of backgrounds, nationalities and cultures that has given such a unique flavor to our national heritage, it is most appropriate that a prestigious organization such as that founded by Dr. Carter Woodson should focus special attention on the achievements of Black Americans in every area of endeavor.

I particularly welcome this opportunity to salute the leadership of the Black community in bringing us closer to the ideals that inspired our founding two hundred years ago. Programs such as this make your fellow citizens more keenly aware of your important contributions to the strength of the freedom we cherish and to the vitality of our many-faceted cultural legacy.

I applaud this three-day project as a highly useful part of our Bicentennial celebration, and I hope that it will be rewarding and inspiring for all who participate in it.

**GERALD R. FORD**

Sent to: Mr. J. Rupert Picott, Executive Director  
Association for the Study of Afro-American Life & History, Inc.  
1401-14th St., NW., Washington, D. C. 20005

Encl: 8x10 glossy photo of the President

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EVENT: JUNE 18

Requested by Mr. Picott.

