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DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE
OFFICE OF THE SECRETARY
WASHINGTON, D. C. 20250

August 14, 1975

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Honorable John O. Marsh, Jr.
Counsellor to the President
The White House
Washington, D. C.

Dear Mr. Marsh:

In your letter of July 28, 1975, addressed to Secretary Butz, you asked that we provide you with current problems and any new developments that the Department of Agriculture has in connection with the Bicentennial celebration.

The Department's Bicentennial activities, as outlined in the accompanying Program Report are on schedule. We have no major problems, and we have excellent relationship with the American Revolution Bicentennial Administration.

Our major Bicentennial project, "The Face of Rural America," which is a photographic record of farm life in the United States today is in full production. Outstanding photographs are now being compiled for this historical record. The photos will be featured in the Department's 1976 Yearbook and in a traveling photo exhibition. It will be premiered in our Patio in the Administration Building July 4, 1976.

A special listing of our Bicentennial projects is being sent to service organizations to assist them in sponsoring special events in their cities and towns.

The Farm Index magazine is publishing a series of special articles on our American agricultural heritage. These will be compiled into one single publication in 1976. These articles have attracted great interest. For instance, The Chairman of the South Dakota Bicentennial Commission requested 25 copies of the January issue for use at a meeting of agricultural leaders in South Dakota.




A special folder of Bicentennial celebration ideas is being distributed to the local office of our Agricultural Stabilization and Conservation Service. Historical agricultural news items are included in this kit. The Washington Post recently reproduced the article about George Washington and his crop report.

Food and Nutrition Service and the American School Food Service Association are cooperating on a special national Bicentennial program at the nation's School Lunch cafeterias for 1976.

The National Arboretum in Washington, D. C., has firmed up plans for the special showing of the National Bonsai Collection in 1976.

We feel that the United States Department of Agriculture is doing everything possible to assure a Bicentennial which we can all be proud of.

Sincerely,


JOSEPH R. WRIGHT, JR.
Assistant Secretary
for Administration

Enclosures



AUG 25 1975

UNITED STATES OF AMERICA
GENERAL SERVICES ADMINISTRATION

National Archives and Records Service
Washington, DC 20408



AUG 22 1975

Honorable John O. Marsh, Jr.
Counsellor to the President
Washington, D.C. 20500

Dear Mr. Marsh:

For the next meeting of the White House Bicentennial Task Force, I am bringing for distribution a small kit of materials illustrating the Bicentennial programs at GSA's National Archives and Records Service. Our activities include exhibits in our own facilities, participation in exhibits at other institutions, popular publications, conferences and symposia, The Center for the Documentary Study of the Revolution, scholarly publications in microfilm and letter press, and other special events in Washington, in the Regional Archives, and at Presidential Libraries. I hope these will be of special interest to the group.

Sincerely,

James E. O'Neill
JAMES E. O'NEILL
Acting Archivist
of the United States

Copy to Ted
sent 8/26
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September 6, 1975

MEMORANDUM TO: MILT MITLER
FROM: JACK MARSH

Milt, when most of these agency reports are in, I think it would be helpful if you prepare a brief summary on each.

Thanks.

JOM:RAR:cb



AUG 27 1975



U.S. SMALL BUSINESS ADMINISTRATION
WASHINGTON, D.C. 20416

OFFICE OF THE ADMINISTRATOR

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AUG 26 1975

Mr. John O. Marsh, Jr.
Counsellor to the President
The White House
Washington, D. C. 20500

Dear Mr. Marsh:

The Small Business Administration's effort in observance of the Nation's Bicentennial is being focused toward a renewal of appreciation for small business men and women who were so instrumental in the creation of this country and who have continued to sustain its free enterprise system.

In that regard, the SBA has a series of observances, which already have begun, and which will be climaxed during the second week of May 1976, to be proclaimed by the President as National Small Business Week.

The Agency's Bicentennial Program is divided as follows:

1. Beginning May 10, there will be a full week's "Bicentennial Salute to Small Business" with five all-day conferences in Washington, D. C.:

Monday	-	The Educational Community
Tuesday	-	The Congress
Wednesday	-	The Industrial Community
Thursday	-	The Financial Community
Friday	-	The Small Business Organizations and the General Public

Helping to organize and participating in this week of activity will be representatives of organizations and groups in government and the private sector with which the SBA is associated in its work to assist small business:

- The Executive Branch, such as the Domestic Council and the Department of Commerce.



- . The Congress, particularly the Small Business Committees of the Senate and the House.
- . The Business Schools of some 380 major colleges and universities which are members of the Agency's "Small Business Institute", designed to provide management counseling to small businesses.
- . Both large and small industry, especially those firms enrolled in the SBA and other Federal programs supporting a fair share of government contracts to small business. (Currently, the majority of the 100 largest U.S. prime contractors are cooperating.)
- . The 14,000 member banks of the American Bankers Association and other banks and financial institutions participating in the SBA's loan program.
- . The nation's small business associations and organizations, including minorities, such as the National Federation of Independent Business (400,000 members) and the U. S. Chamber of Commerce.
- . The SBA-sponsored SCORE organization and its companion ACE group (8,000 members in 285 chapters).
- . The 2,000-member SBA National Advisory Council.

This week of conferences, speeches, awards and other special events will be climaxed by a banquet on Friday, May 14, attended by approximately 1,200 representatives of the above groups. The President will be invited to make the principal address. The "National Small Business Person of the Year" award will be made at this event.

2. Between September 1975 and April 1976, selection by the SBA and its National Advisory Council of a "National Small Business Person of the Year" in each of the 50 states, with an appropriate Bicentennial event in those states honoring that person. (The National winner will be selected from that group.)
3. The development of at least one other special event dedicated to the Bicentennial by each of SBA's 100 offices between now and December 1976.

4. A radio spot announcement with a Bicentennial theme was produced and distributed to 6,500 U.S. radio stations in June 1975 (sample enclosed).
5. A follow-on public service announcement to be distributed to all 700 U.S. television stations, and promoting the Bicentennial and free enterprise, is scheduled for production in the Fall of 1975. It will feature a national entertainment personality.
6. A special one-minute TV spot featuring small business in the American Revolution has been scheduled as part of Shell Oil Company's national "200 Years Ago Today" series. It will be taped this year.
7. A four-color brochure, tentatively entitled "200 Years of Small Business", has been scheduled for publication in February 1976 and will be distributed to public leaders and opinion makers and at SBA's special events during the Bicentennial period.
8. Creation of an enlarged SBA Speaker's Bureau and public speaking schedule during this Bicentennial period to promote the free enterprise story.
9. The 1974 SBA Annual Report, published in July 1975, was dedicated to the economic aspects of the American Revolution (copy enclosed).
10. Indoctrination of SBA Employees:

In April 1975, the Agency produced "Signers of the Declaration of Independence", a brochure for employees designed to reacquaint them with Bicentennial facts the public would expect them to know (copy enclosed).

In June 1975, a series of bulletins reciting historical events of 200 years ago was begun by the Agency. These are prominently posted in all 100 SBA offices on a weekly basis (copy enclosed).

Sincerely,



Thomas S. Kleppe
Administrator

Enclosures

THE WHITE HOUSE
WASHINGTON

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We will
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summary of
all these
reports.

THE WHITE HOUSE
WASHINGTON

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several opportunities like
this - will keep me
advised.

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THE WHITE HOUSE
WASHINGTON

September 15, 1975

MEMORANDUM FOR: JACK MARSH

FROM: TED MARRS *[Signature]*

NASA is currently looking into the feasibility of accomplishing some Bicentennial activity with the planned satellite launch in 1976. I have relayed your recommendations and it is my understanding that the "Freedom's Light" would have an almost indefinite life span. If it can be achieved without too great a cost, the combination of the light and a Laser beam might prove the most meaningful of all.

I'll keep you informed.

*R- This might be
a most useful project
Please track.*



September 9, 1975

MEMORANDUM FOR:

TED MARRS

FROM:

JACK MARSH

The President evidenced considerable interest in the three possible NASA programs on the Bicentennial which you referred to in your memo of August 26.

You might continue to pursue this and let me know what you find out.

I'm inclined to go with Item One. However, I ask the question as to how long the light will continue to blink on the satellite. If it's of short duration, then the laser satellite might be the best bet. Is there a combination that could combine both functions in one satellite?

JOM/dl



August 26

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THE WHITE HOUSE
WASHINGTON

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Mr. Marsh --

Ted Marrs called with the following message:

"NASA already has under consideration three items:

1. Freedom's Light, which is a blinking light on a satellite which would be launched in conjunction with the exhibit at Canaveral.
2. Barium Ion Cloud, Red, White and Blue along the East Coast.
3. (The most practical) a Laser satellite which could be used by high school students who could bounce laser beams.

This is in reference to your memo of August 19 (attached). I will continue to follow up."

Thanks.

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August 19, 1975

MEMORANDUM TO:

TED MARRS

FROM:

JACK MARSH

In 1976 will the U. S. be launching a satellite that will have principally nonmilitary purposes, i.e., communications relay, earth sensing, etc. It is my understanding that once placed into orbit, if properly placed, the satellite becomes permanent.

Is there merit in having a satellite that is dedicated to the Bicentennial, which will perform global service, and which can be referred to as the Bicentennial satellite?

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JAN 21 1976

THE WHITE HOUSE
WASHINGTON

January 20, 1976

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MEMORANDUM FOR: RUSS ROURKE

FROM: MILT MITLER *MITLER*

Russ, perhaps Jack would like to see this. It outlines some of the Bicentennial activities of the Veterans Administration.

Attachment



BICENTENNIAL BULLETIN

Vol. 1.- No. 2 December 22, 1975



FROM THE CHAIRMAN'S DESK

Bicentennial Art Contest for Patients

A nationwide Bicentennial art contest for patients in VA hospitals, outpatient clinics, nursing homes and domiciliaries will be sponsored by the VACO Bicentennial Committee.

The theme of the art contest is: "Our Veterans: Defending America Over 200 Years."

The purpose of the art contest is to encourage patients at VA installations to take part in the Bicentennial observance by directing their creative and artistic talents toward graphically portraying the role veterans have played over the past two centuries in protecting and preserving our nation's ideals and freedoms.

The contest entries will be judged by a panel of nationally recognized art experts to be named later. Suitable prizes and certificates will be awarded the top ten winners and we plan to display the winning works or art at a prominent Washington, D.C., location during the Bicentennial celebration.

Complete contest rules follow:

1. The contest will be open to all veterans who are, or have been, patients at any VA hospital, outpatient clinic, nursing home or domiciliary between July 1, 1975 and May 1, 1976.
2. Entries may be in any accepted medium such as oil, watercolor, tempera, pencil, charcoal, pen and ink, collage, silk screen, woodblock or other medium. No three-dimensional entries will be accepted.
3. The theme will be: "Our Veterans: Defending America Over 200 Years."
4. Entries will be judged on originality, artistic execution and applicability to the theme.
5. All entries must be at least 8 1/2 inches by 11 inches and no larger than 17 inches by 22 inches.

6. Only the first-place winner of each local contest will be submitted to VACO for final judging in the overall national contest. (No direct entries to VACO will be accepted. Final judging will be made only from entries submitted from local stations.)

7. Entries must be mailed to VACO to insure arrival by June 15, 1976 and should be addressed as follows:

VA Bicentennial Art Contest
VACO (003)
810 Vermont Avenue, N.W.
Washington, D.C. 20420

8. All entries must be accompanied by a certificate attesting to the originality of the work.

9. Cover photos of each entry should be sent to VACO under separate cover.

10. All entries will become the property of the Veterans Administration and will not be returned.

11. National winners will be announced on July 21, 1976.

What The Bicentennial Means

While this section of the Bulletin is normally reserved for reports on CO happenings, the VA Center in San Juan has submitted a fine statement on the Bicentennial and we wish to share it with you:

"From the VA's point of view, the emphasis on the Bicentennial celebration can be our heritage, to...examine our origins, our values and the meaning of the USA and to take pride in our accomplishments. It is an opportunity for all of us to improve the quality of life for the next century... We believe that each individual can contribute with the knowledge (he) possesses and the communication to others of this knowledge (to) help them realize their full potential for living a meaningful and productive life. Also, to improve health care.

"We believe that the Bicentennial can be not only a time of celebration, but a time of deep reflection on what has made America great -- a people united by shared dreams. Dreams of freedom, justice and equality of opportunity."

VAH Washington Joins CO Committee

The VACO Bicentennial Committee has a new member, a representative of VAH Washington. The proximity of the hospital to CO provides an excellent opportunity for exchanging ideas. The hospital can advise us of possible difficulties in implementing our Bicentennial programs and can "field test" ideas for us. And we can learn, first hand, from what the hospital is doing.

VA Loses Out On Bicentennial Money

The VA was unsuccessful in obtaining funds for any of its Bicentennial projects under the economic Recovery Act, a primary source of funding for the American Revolution Bicentennial Administration. While disappointed, we believe the spirit of the VA family will persevere in paying tribute to the sacrifices of nearly 45 million veterans who have helped make the Bicentennial observance possible.

VA HISTORY BRIEFS

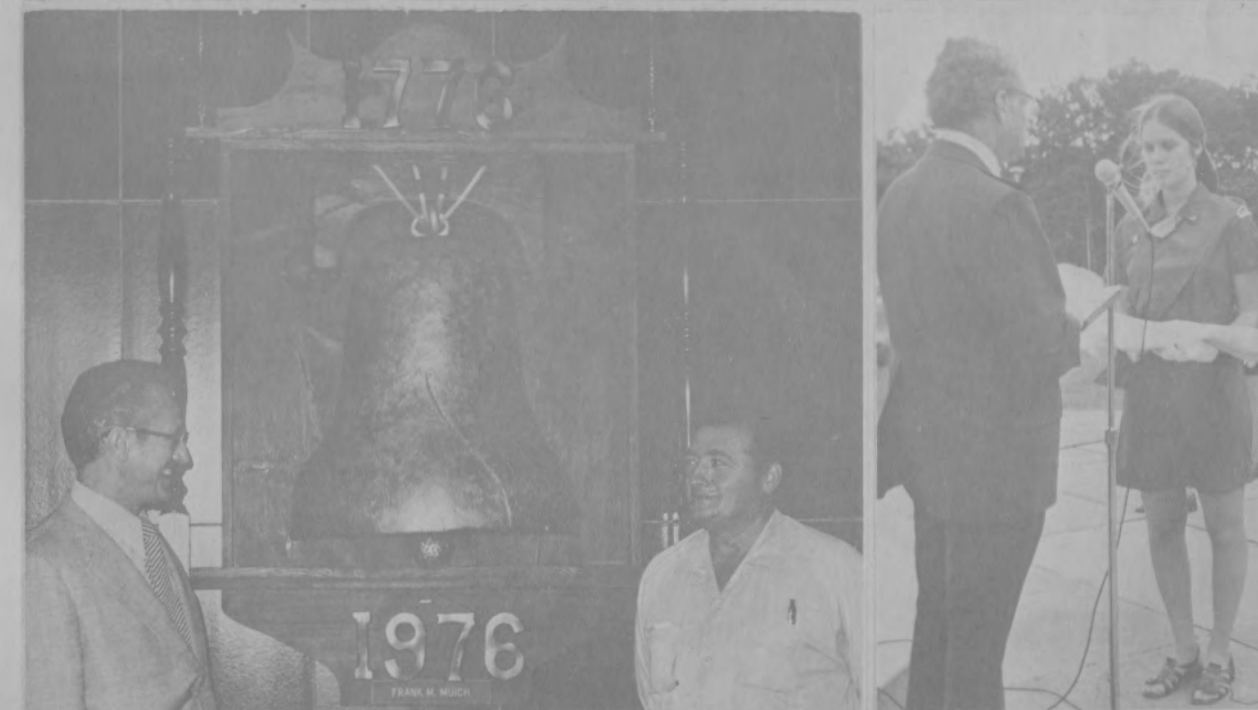
Today taking a bath is a common occurrence. T'was not always thus. In 1876, it was a luxury, and the Governors of the National Home reported to Congress that heated bathhouses with hot and cold baths were being provided for the members. The Southern Branch boasted of a seashore bath as well. Some members of the Home had not been terribly enthusiastic about the compulsory once-a-week bath. To correct this situation, any man not taking his required bath was reported to the commander of the Home. The Governors were pleased to report the attitude of the members had changed and they seldom refused to bathe.

In 1926, at a small airfield in Maywood, Illinois, a light airplane taxied down the runway and rose gracefully into the air. As the craft headed south, airmail service between Chicago and St. Louis was inaugurated. The pilot, a young man headed to fame--Charles A. Lindbergh. The hangars now serve as the VA Supply Depot, Hines Illinois.

VAH Manchester is located on the former estate of New Hampshire Governor Frederick F. Smyth, who served from 1866 to 1880 on the Board of Managers of the National Home for Disabled Volunteer Soldiers. The Smyth Tower, erected by the Governor along the lines of border watch towers he had seen in Scotland, still stands on the hospital grounds. The tower is a local landmark.

Papago Park POW Camp, the site of the original VAH Phoenix (1946-1951) was the site of the largest escape by POWs held in the U.S. during World War II. A historian currently writing on the POWs, said the break "was a real Hogan's Heroes type of fiasco." When the Germans escaped, they found themselves surrounded by desert, broke back into camp for food and to find out if the search had been called off. Whether by luck or the effects of the desert, all of the prisoners were eventually recaptured.

Chattanooga National Cemetery Sometime after 5 a.m. on April 12, 1862, James G. Andrews and 19 of his Raiders boarded a freight train at Marietta, Georgia, bound north to Chattanooga. Their purpose was to destroy the bridges between Atlanta and Chattanooga, cutting a Confederate supply link. At Big Shanty (now known as Kennesaw Station), during a breakfast stop, the party commandeered the locomotive, the



General, and began the Great Locomotive Chase. They were quickly discovered by Confederate forces who pursued Andrews Raiders, first on a platform car and finally with the Texas running full speed in reverse. When the General ran out of fuel just north of Ringgold, the Raiders fled on foot, but were all captured by the Confederates within the week.

Andrews and seven of his men were hanged in June 1862. Six survivors of the raiding party were the first to be presented with the newly created Congressional Medal of Honor, an award that Andrews, a civilian, never received. Andrews and those who died with him are buried at the Chattanooga National Cemetery. In memory of these valiant men, a memorial has been erected, a miniature of the General. This is known throughout the National Cemetery System as "The Chattanooga Choo-Choo".

ON THE LOCAL SCENE

The photos in the center fold of this issue include:

1. VAH Brooklyn's Bicentennial Billboard.
2. VAH West Haven Patients and Staff Visit State of Connecticut Bicentennial Van.
3. VAH St. Louis (Jefferson Barracks) Receives Pictorial History of the American Revolution from AMVETS Auxiliary.
4. VAC Dayton Enjoys Old Bike and Car Show.
5. VAH Miami Plays Paul Revere for the Community.
6. VAC Wood Displays Pictorial History from Days as Branch of National Home.
7. VAC Mountain Home Sign Greets Visitors Through 1976.
8. VARO Houston Staff and Families Decked Out for Costume Contest
9. VAH Philadelphia - Outpatient Presents Replica of Liberty Bell to Hospital
10. VAH Gainesville Dedicates Bicentennial Flag with Assist from Girl Scouts.

VARO Juneau has a Bicentennial display in the Federal Building and Courthouse with the headline, "America's Veterans Affect History of the Nation ... Without Them We Would Not Be Free." The display will be changed throughout the year. Already scheduled is a pictorial history of the U.S. Coast Guard in the Gold Rush Days when the USCG Cutter Bear was on the scene. Other efforts in Alaska include participation in honoring the state's heritage with such local delicacies as real sourdough bread.

VAH Augusta is at work on a Bicentennial Variety Show, talent to be provided by employees and volunteers. Patients and the public will be entertained in separate performances. The history of Georgia and of the U.S. over the past 200 years will be highlighted.

VARO Des Moines is publishing a recurring newsletter on the Bicentennial involving staff in the writing and encouraging the various Services to prepare articles on their Bicentennial projects. The information

uncovered in research for their newsletter will be made available to other groups to assist in their Bicentennial projects.

When the Columbia, S.C., RO mobile van tours the State the publicity and theme will be directed toward the Bicentennial.

The patients are getting into the act at the Brooklyn OPC. An exhibit of historical and war memorabilia is being organized by the Geriatrics Group patients. A Thanksgiving Day open house and entertainment was the project of the Day Center patients.

VARO Boston, Boston OPC and VAH's Boston, West Roxbury, Brockton and Bedford have joined forces in support of America's oldest veteran, the USS Constitution. These stations are spearheading a continuing fund raising drive to maintain a permanent museum for "Old Ironsides." The purpose of the museum is to give the children who visit the old ship an understanding of patriotism, courage and the qualities for which our veterans fought and died. The Regional Office has raised almost \$5,000 so far.

ALSO AROUND AND AVAILABLE

Bicentennial Wagon Trains Roll

Across the country, Bicentennial covered wagons are reversing the paths taken by our ancestors to settle the country. The state wagons will join into wagon trains at the junctions of the major trails, Santa Fe, Oregon, etc., and then proceed to Philadelphia. The Washington state wagon departed from VAH Walla Walla last Memorial Day and the Colorado state wagon is currently touring the state prior to its departure for the east. Your state Bicentennial Commission can tell you if your state is participating and the schedule for the wagon.

Souvenirs, Mementos And Other Goodies

Everything from Bicentennial rain bonnets, Liberty Bell decanters and "Spirit of '76" parking meter lamps can be yours for "Selling the Buy-centennial." If you can't get through the year without them, or wish to start a family "nostalgia" collection for the Tricentennial, a variety of merchandise is available. We have a collection of catalogues in CO and several states are preparing merchandise and commemorative items directories. We will try to help you find what you want, but VA neither endorses nor recommends any product.

Historic Trees

The National Arborist Association recognizes historic trees which are older than the nation. The age of a tree can be determined by an increment boring done by a tree care specialist. Trees dating back to 1776 which are well maintained and in view of a general thoroughfare may qualify for a national plaque. For more information, contact Robert Felix, Executive Secretary of the Association at 3537 Stratford Road, Wantagh, New York 11793.

For Women Only

Just in time for the Bicentennial, Congress has opened the service academies to women. While the deadline for this year's admissions (Class of 1980) is short, January 31, 1976, information on application procedures may be addressed to your Member of Congress or:

Admissions Office U.S. Air Force Academy
Colorado Springs, Colorado 80840

Admissions U.S. Military Academy
West Point, New York 10996

Director of Candidate Guidance U.S. Naval Academy
Annapolis, Maryland 21402



ALL THE ANSWERS

Q: Several of the staff wives and auxiliary members would like to contribute to our Bicentennial program, but would prefer a project which may be done at home. Have you any suggestions?

A: Many of the traditional "home" arts were a necessary part of early American life. Needlework in the form of quilts, needlepoint, or rugs depicting traditional or Bicentennial themes or copies of historic flags can make attractive display items and might brighten patient day rooms or other areas in a hospital or regional office.

Q: You mentioned visitors brochures in the first Bulletin. Aren't they expensive?

A: They don't have to be. A legal size page folded in fourths to measure 8-1/2 by 3-1/2 makes a nice pocket size brochure when printed on both sides. If you use an "instant print" type of reproduction you can use small black and white photos, drawings or maps for illustration. Volunteers in CO prepare the Bulletin as their contribution to the Bicentennial effort. You have people just as talented, if not more so. If you would like a "draft" sample brochure, please send a self-addressed envelope to the Bulletin (003A), VACO.

Q: Are there any limits on pictures we may submit for the Bicentennial Bulletin?

A: No strict limitations, but it will be easier for us to use photos if they are small (3x4 to 5x7), black and white glossies. This will avoid cropping or reshooting to fit. And the less work we have to do improves the chances for your pictures to be published.

Q: When can we expect to see our Bicentennial activities in the Bulletin?

A: We hope to recognize all VA installations by our final issue.

632-829819
(Mr. Mann)

DEPARTMENT OF STATE
AGENCY FOR INTERNATIONAL DEVELOPMENT
WASHINGTON, D.C. 20523

May 3, 1976

MEMORANDUM FOR: Mr. John O. Marsh, Jr.
Counselor to the President

FROM: Charles A. Mann, AA/SER, A.I.D. *AM*

SUBJECT: AID's Bicentennial Effort

You will recall that I briefed the Bicentennial Task Force at its meeting on April 19 on AID's intended program for the LDCs. As I mentioned, it is in the form of a series of demonstrations of advanced technology applications to the problems of the developing world. The capacity of NASA's ATS-6 satellite will be used and AID will fly the equipment for the demonstrations in and out of the recipient countries. This program is specifically targeted on the developing countries and will not be available to either east bloc or OECD countries.

We believe that the Bicentennial Greeting at the beginning of the program is highly appropriate and will raise the level of attendance and interest in our demonstration. Because our effort underscores the unique relationship of the U.S. with the developing world, we believe it is also politically propitious. We therefore hope that we can include in the Bicentennial portion of the film a greeting from the President.

AID is signing an over-all agreement with NASA to produce the program. They have tasked their contractor, Hearst Metrotone with the production of the film. We would like to proceed as quickly as possible with the development of the scenario and scheduling for the Bicentennial film portion. Accordingly, I would appreciate it if you could arrange for the appropriate member of your staff to contact our Project Manager, Mr. John K. Wilhelm, as soon as possible in order that preparations may proceed. Mr. Wilhelm can be contacted at Room 2738 of the State Department, Telephone 632-3426.

A copy of our briefing materials for this project is appended. I believe that you will find the summary at the beginning useful.

Attachment: Briefing Book

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THE LIBRARY OF CONGRESS

WASHINGTON, D. C. 20540

MAY 27 1976

May 25, 1976

Dear Mr. Warner:

Enclosed, as you requested, is a summary account of the American Revolution Bicentennial Program of the Library of Congress for inclusion in your ARBA report to Congress.

The summary is long because we have many projects. If it can't be used (in small type, perhaps, or even as an appendix), we'll do a briefer version. Please have your office call Dr. James H. Hutson (426-5099) if revision is required.

Faithfully yours,

(Mrs.) Elizabeth Hamer Kegan
Assistant Librarian
(American and Library Studies)

Enclosures

The Honorable
John W. Warner
American Revolution Bicentennial
Administration
2401 E Street N.W.
Washington, D. C. 20276

cc: John O. Marsh, Jr.
Counsellor to the President



FOR ARBA'S REPORT TO CONGRESS

The Bicentennial program of the Library of Congress took as its theme "Liberty and Learning" from James Madison, who asked: "What spectacle can be more edifying or more seasonable, than that of Liberty & Learning, each leaning on the other for their mutual and surest support." Its program, therefore, has centered on making the rich resources in the Library of Congress for the study of the Revolution known to the public, from school children to scholars, through the publication of bibliographies, guides to manuscripts and graphics, and facsimiles and through other activities.

The program is under the direction of the Assistant Librarian of Congress (American and Library Studies) and much of the work is carried out by the American Revolution Bicentennial Office, staffed with historians. But the program is Library-wide, with many divisions cooperating.

The following summarizes the major Library projects:



Letters of Delegates to Congress, 1774-1789: publication in approximately 25 volumes. Copies of more than 20,500 letters, documents, and diary entries composed by delegates to the Continental Congress and the Congress of the Confederation have been located and copies accessioned. With collection and annotation being financed by a grant from the Ford Foundation and publication by the Library of Congress through the Government Printing Office, the Letters project is the Library's major Bicentennial undertaking. Publication of the first volume is expected in November 1976; a second volume will appear shortly thereafter.

Symposia on the American Revolution: a series of five scholarly symposia (one each May from 1972 through 1976) devoted to fostering a deeper understanding of the Revolution. The Symposia Series is funded by a grant from the Morris and Gwendolyn Cafritz Foundation of Washington, D.C. The papers presented at the first four symposia, respectively, The Development of a Revolutionary Mentality, The Fundamental Testaments of the American Revolution, Leadership in the American Revolution, and The Impact of the American Revolution Abroad, have been published. The topic of the fifth symposium, May 6-7, 1976, was "The American Revolution: A Continuing Commitment."

Guides: Manuscript Sources for Research on the American Revolution, a guide to LC's manuscripts of the Revolutionary period, and The American Revolution in Drawings and Prints, a guide to LC's prints and drawings of the Revolutionary period, have been published. A guide to LC's maps is in preparation. A brief list of important military maps of the Revolution is being compiled by the Geography and Map Division.

Bibliographies: three already published--The American Revolution: A Selected Reading List; Periodical Literature on the American Revolution; and for young people, Creating Independence, 1763-1789, as well as a brief list, Children's Reading in America 1776. A comprehensive bibliography, Revolutionary America, 1763-1789, containing more than 12,000 entries has nearly been completed but is not yet in press. A bibliography of braille and talking books of adult and juvenile fiction and non-fiction relating to the American Revolution is being prepared by the Division for the Blind and Physically Handicapped.

Reprints of scarce Revolutionary Period publications: English Defenders of American Freedoms, 1774-1789 and A Decent Respect to the Opinions of Mankind: Congressional State Papers 1774-1776, consisting of memorials to the peoples of Quebec, Great Britain, Ireland, and North America, petitions to the King, and circular letters, have been published. Other volumes are being considered.

Original source materials: heretofore neglected source materials, such as an autobiographical memoir of John Paul Jones to Louis XVI, justifying claims for a pension, are being prepared for publication.

Facsimiles: a facsimile of Paul Revere's engraving of the Boston Massacre and two 1778 rebuses have been produced with other facsimiles to follow. The adventures of an American privateer during the Revolution, the journal of Gideon Olsted, is being prepared in facsimile for the press.



The Declaration of Independence: With the support of the Ford Foundation, the Library has assembled 17 of the 21 extant copies of the first printing of the Declaration of Independence--the broadside produced in John Dunlap's printing office on the night of July 4-5, 1776--and has examined them with the latest technological devices. The other four broadsides have been personally examined by the bibliographer of the project. The study has enabled the Library to identify the printer's proof sheet, to establish that there were two printings of the broadside, to ascertain that Dutch paper was used, etc. The results of the study will be published in a brochure to be issued in 1976.

Music: With a grant from the National Endowment for the Arts, LC will produce 15 two-sided LP's of folk music in America, two of which--"Religious Music: Congregational & Ceremonial" and "Songs of Love, Courtship, & Marriage"--have already appeared. LC in cooperation with the Eastman School of Music will present the Bicentennial premiere of America's first native-written ballad-opera in LC's Coolidge Auditorium on October 29 and 30, 1976. By Andrew Barton and entitled "The Disappointment, or, The Force of Credulity," the libretto was first published in 1767. The tunes for a number of the songs--among them "Yankee Doodle"--survive, but a modern musical score, faithful to the 18th century, is being prepared by the Eastman School, which will also produce the opera for showing at LC, as well as for TV, recording, and perhaps a tour after the Washington premiere.

Exhibits: a major exhibit on the American Revolution in the Library's Great Hall opened on April 24, 1975, the 175th anniversary of the Library of Congress. A brochure based on this exhibit, To Set a Country Free, has been issued, as has Twelve Flags of the American Revolution, which pictures and describes 12 banners that have been replicated for use in the exhibit. Americana in Children's Books, describing an LC exhibit (November 1974-January 1975), presents a sampling of 18th- and 19th-century children's books. Other small exhibits will be on view between 1976 and 1983, some of which will be available for loan.

Library of Congress Thomas Jefferson Building: In commemoration of one of our Founding Fathers, the Library of Congress Annex Building was named the Library of Congress Thomas Jefferson Building by an act which President Ford signed into law (P.L. 94-264) on April 13, 1976. A program at the Library marking the official recognition of the naming of the building is planned for the fall of 1976.



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Honorable John W. Warner
Administrator, American Revolution
Bicentennial Administration
2401 E Street, N.W.
Washington, D.C. 20276

Dear Mr. Warner:

In response to your request of April 22, 1976,
enclosed is a brief summary of Department of Justice
Bicentennial activities for inclusion in the American
Revolution Bicentennial Administration's annual report
to the Congress.

Thank you very much.

Sincerely,

/s/ Glen E. Pommerening

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Counsellor to the President



Department of Justice Bicentennial Programs

1. Bicentennial Lecture Series

As part of its American Bicentennial observance, the Department of Justice is sponsoring a series of lectures, united by the theme "Equal Justice Under Law" at different sites around the nation throughout 1976. It is hoped that this program will provide a forum for stimulating discussion of law-related subjects of enduring importance to our nation.

The lectures are being held at colleges, universities, and law schools throughout the country. Topics for the lectures include: criminal justice, law enforcement, civil rights, and constitutional history. (See attached chart for list of speakers, sites and dates).

The lectures will be published in booklet form and will provide a continuing educational resource for legal scholars, educational institutions, and the general public.

2. Bicentennial Naturalization Ceremonies

The Immigration and Naturalization Service (INS) will arrange several massive naturalization ceremonies during the Bicentennial year. Large naturalizations will be held on July 4 and ~~September 17, 1976~~ (Citizenship Day) and during the following week (Constitution week). President Ford and Chief Justice Warren Burger are expected to participate in the July 4th hearing at Monticello in Charlottesville, Virginia. Sites for the naturalization ceremonies include Ft. McHenry, Baltimore, Williamsburg, Va., Boston Harbor aboard the U.S.S. Constitution and in Norfolk, Va. aboard an aircraft carrier.

Aliens not wishing to participate in these ceremonies will be naturalized routinely during the course of the year. INS offices across the country will notify candidates for citizenship of their option to participate in the large celebrations. Incentives for participation will include the presence of prominent guest speakers and the distribution of Bicentennial mementoes and gala receptions following the ceremonies.



3. Expanded FBI Tour

Arrangements have been made for an expanded FBI Tour during the Bicentennial year. The expansion includes a brief exhibit overview describing the role of the Department and the interrelationship of the Bureaus and Divisions. This overview will briefly describe to the general public each Departmental function and an explanation of the law enforcement role of the Federal Government.

4. "Horizons on Display"

"Horizons on Display - Community Achievement for the Third Century" is a Bicentennial project sponsored jointly by the American Revolution Bicentennial Administration and HUD. Together they are attempting to identify 200 outstanding achievements that would help to solve contemporary community problems. The project's sponsors have invited participation from all the federal agencies. The Department of Justice will take part in this project.


DOJ's participation in the program provides an opportunity to stress the importance of community involvement in criminal justice and to highlight LEAA's role in providing federal assistance to local communities.

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GENERAL THEME	SPEAKER	SITE	DATE	INTRODUCTION
Constitution	Henry J. Friendly	Visitor's Center Philadelphia	Jan. 29, 1976	Edward H. Levi Attorney General
Constitution	Paul Freund	University of Chicago Law School	May 10, 1976	Norval Morris
The Law in a Free Society	Edward Levi	Washington, D.C.	July 1976	
Women and the Law	Shirley Hufstedler	San Francisco	August 1976	
Law Enforcement	James Q. Wilson	Boston	September 1976	
Punishment and Retribution	Norval Morris	Denver	October 1976	
Criminal Justice	Marvin Frankel	Atlanta	December 1976	
Civil Rights		Dallas	To be announced	Revised 5/24/76