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March 26, 1975

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FEDERAL AGENCY BICENTENNIAL TASK FORCE MEETING
Thursday, March 27, 1975
3:00 PM (5 minutes)
Cabinet Room

From: Ted Marrs

I. PURPOSE

Brief remarks affirming Presidential emphasis on carrying out Federal Agency Bicentennial programs including giving priority attention to proposals from Philadelphia and Washington.

II. BACKGROUND, PARTICIPANTS & PRESS PLAN

A. Background: The Federal Agency Bicentennial Task Force is chaired by Jack Marsh, is composed of representatives at the Assistant Secretary or Under Secretary level from each Department and Agency, and is a decision-making body. Responsibilities include: addressing problems in the Federal Bicentennial effort and finding solutions; developing recommendations for the Cabinet-level Domestic Council Committee on the Bicentennial and insuring that respective Departments and Agencies are moving with their approved Bicentennial programs and projects.

There are three Task Force subcommittees. The Subcommittee on Philadelphia and the District of Columbia facilitates categorical grant requests to the two cities. The Operations and Logistics Subcommittee provides the parameters of Federal support for operations and logistics during the Bicentennial. The Subcommittee on D.C. Visitor's Facilities addresses the need of alternate plans for visitors facilities in the District should the Visitor's Center be judged inadequate.

Senator Scott, Mayor Rizzo and various D.C. people, have been complaining about federal failure to give their cities' applications the committed priority attention. These
complaints have some justification. Presidential emphasis is needed in this area and that aspect is covered in Number 4 of the attached talking points.

B. Participants: See attached list.


III. TALKING POINTS

ATTACHED
TALKING POINTS

1. The Bicentennial is an historic occasion of great national significance for the nation -- an opportunity for inspiration, communication and dedication, and needs your active and aggressive leadership.

2. Budgetary constraints are real but do not diminish the significance of the occasion.

3. We have a responsibility to local communities. Across the country, everywhere I go, citizens are developing projects that respond to the challenge of the Bicentennial.

4. A specific commitment exists in regard to Philadelphia and Washington and it is vital that we -- including each Task Force member, agency or department -- move rapidly to realize the 1975 portion of that commitment.

During 1974, this Task Force produced commendable results. Appropriate ones have before you the current Philadelphia and D.C. requests. Those cities deserve to know our intentions so that overall planning and coordination can occur and so that required timely construction can proceed. Toward that end, you will need to:

1. Confer with appropriate officials in your agencies including the Secretary or Administrator and determine your agency's ability to respond to these requests during the next 30 days.

2. Report to Assistant Secretary Meeker of HUD, Chairman of the Task Force for Philadelphia and Washington, D.C., on these commitments both in dollar amounts and program area no later than the close of business April 7.

3. Treat all of the quality applications currently in hand as priority applications and be prepared for a funding announcement within 30 days.

If applications have not yet actually been submitted by either Philadelphia or Washington or applications are found to have technical problems which preclude their prompt consideration, this information should be provided
Talking Points
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to Assistant Secretary Meeker at the time of your April 7 report.

We are seeking quality projects in addition to rapid administrative action. Our guidelines should be those given to the cities. Specifically:

1. Funds will come from existing categorical programs.

2. Applications must be technically sound.

3. Funding decisions will be made within current appropriation levels.

While the time constraints are substantial, I believe that we have no other choice due to the lateness of the hour, if the key cities -- Washington and Philadelphia -- are to achieve their Bicentennial goals.
ATTENDEES OF THE FEDERAL AGENCY BICENTENNIAL
TASK FORCE MEETING - March 27, 1975

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THE WHITE HOUSE
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May 29, 1975

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BICENTENNIAL TASK FORCE
Wednesday, June 11, 1975
3:00 p.m. - 4:00 p.m.
THE ROOSEVELT ROOM

TEATITIVE AGENDA

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2) Report on ARBA
   John W. Warner
   Administrator
   American Revolution
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3) Task Force Subcommittee
   Reports
   - Report on National Capital
     Area Transportation Area
     Theodore Lutz
     Deputy Undersecretary
     Budget and Program Review
     Department of Transportation
   - Report on National Capital
     Area Logistics Coordination
     Richard R. Hite
     Deputy Assistant Secretary
     Department of the Interior

4) Report on Philadelphia Funding
   Dr. Theodore Marrs
   Special Assistant to the
   President

5) Closing Remarks
   John O. Marsh, Jr.
Key individuals for OCT O.C.

Bicentennial Budget, we can use all the help we can get in the next several weeks.

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EXPANDED AGENDA
Federal Agency Bicentennial Task Force
3:00 p.m. - Wednesday, June 11, 1975
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1) Opening Remarks (5 minutes) Mr. Marsh

+Express continued and growing interest by President and First Family in the Bicentennial. (President addressed this group at the last Task Force Meeting on March 27.)

+Presidential participation in the Bicentennial since the last meeting.

- - - Old North Church, Boston, Massachusetts
Paul Revere Lighting of the Lanterns Service
April 18, 1975 (Film being made)

- - - Patriot's Day (Shot Heard Around the World)
Minuteman Statue - Lexington and Concord, Massachusetts
April 19, 1975

- - - University of Pennsylvania - 200th anniversary
of commencement ceremony attended by George Washington.
President delivered commencement address and received honorary degree . . . May 18, 1975

- - - Freedom Day Celebration, Mecklenberg Declaration of Independence . . . Charlotte, North Carolina, May 20

- - - UPCOMING

- - - 200th Birthday of the United States Army . . .
Fort Benning, Georgia . . . June 14, 1975 - Flag Day.

Many more events being considered for Presidential participation in upcoming months.

2) Call on John Warner, Administrator, for report on ARBA (10 minutes)

ASK FOR QUESTIONS

3) Call on and introduce Ted Lutz, Deputy Under Secretary, Budget and Program Review, Department of Transportation for report on National Capital Area Transportation. (Lutz is a new member of the Task Force replacing Bob Clement . . . although he now sits as a member, he has in the past made reports to this Task Force in his Under Secretary capacity.)

ASK FOR QUESTIONS
4) Call on Dick Hite, Deputy Assistant Secretary of the Department of the Interior for a report on National Capital Area Logistics Coordination. (This Sub-committee came about as a direct result of a request made by you at the last Task Force meeting. It might be good to have Dick give the composition of the Sub-committee as well as reporting on the results. Hite also has been testifying before Herbert Harris' House District Committee's Subcommittee on Bicentennial Affairs, Environment and the International Community... it would be of interest to all present to hear about these hearings.

ASK FOR QUESTIONS

5) Report on Philadelphia Funding  
   David Meeker

6) Closing Remarks  
   Mr. Marsh

+Ask for any further questions or discussion from members.

ADJOURN
1. The Bicentennial commemorates:
   A. The founding of our Nation and focuses on the principles, freedoms and structures of Government created at that time.
   B. 200 years of growth, development, vitality, change, creativity; 200 years of meeting the challenges of the future.

2. I ask each of you to review your existing programs, large and small, and to identify with the Bicentennial those that:
   A. Let us remember America's heritage, values, and achievements.
   B. Let us celebrate who we are, our diversity, our cultural expressions.
   C. Let us shape tomorrow by setting goals and taking a look at those model efforts which can significantly improve the quality of life for the third century.

3. The Federal role in the Bicentennial:
   A. ARBA has catalogued over 8000 projects and events to date. It is growing at the rate of 1000 per month.
   B. This local manifestation of initiative and imagination and pride must be matched by the Executive Branch.
   C. We also have a responsibility to the world. The Bicentennial Coordinator of Australia has said that countries such as Australia have a right to participate because the American Revolution was a watershed in human development a result of which was to inspire other countries to gain their independence.
D. America has long served as a model to many countries who followed the example of 1776. We are also a symbol of hope to other nations who still aspire to full freedom.

E. The world will be watching in 1976 to see how we value our freedoms, how we honor our patrimony, how vital is our commitment to the continuing American Revolution.
FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE

Office of the White House Press Secretary

THE WHITE HOUSE

The President announced today that he is designating approximately 3,600 acres of Federally-owned land at Beltsville, Maryland, to be set aside for recreation, conservation, wildlife preservation, and related educational and scientific activities. The 3,600 acres were reported by the Department of Agriculture to the General Services Administration to be excess to the needs of the Beltsville Agricultural Research Center.

Among the 28,000 acres of contiguous Federally-owned properties lying along the Baltimore-Washington corridor, there are now some 3,300 acres devoted to conservation and wildlife preservation and several thousand additional acres which are in an essentially natural state and, although used for other primary purposes, are nevertheless devoted secondarily to compatible conservation and wildlife preservation purposes. The availability of the additional 3,600 acres now provides an opportunity to further enhance the environment of the National Capital Region.

The 3,300 acre Patuxent Wildlife Research Center is contiguous to the 3,600 acres which are excess to the Agriculture Research Center needs. Its purpose includes research on endangered species and pesticides. Approximately 900 acres of the excess land will be made available to the Center to carry on its research and eventually to add other facilities for conservation and nature study, including trails through selected areas in order that wildlife in its natural habitat can be viewed and studied. A visitors center at the Wildlife Research Center will be provided in time for Bicentennial use in 1976.

The President has directed the Secretary of the Interior to prepare a long-range plan for the development of the recreation, conservation, wildlife preservation, and related educational and scientific activities potential of the remaining 2,700 excess acres.

The lands being rededicated are the second largest parcel to be made available for recreational purposes under the Legacy of Parks program.

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FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE
May 28, 1975

Office of the White House Press Secretary

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THE WHITE HOUSE

FLAG DAY AND NATIONAL FLAG WEEK, 1975

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BY THE PRESIDENT OF THE UNITED STATES OF AMERICA

A PROCLAMATION

Two hundred years ago, American minutemen raised their muskets at the Old North Bridge. What Ralph Waldo Emerson called “the shot heard around the world” rang out. The American Revolution had begun. Two years later, while the outcome of the Revolutionary War remained in doubt, the Continental Congress met in Philadelphia on June 14, 1777, and approved the following resolution:

“Resolved, that the flag of the thirteen United States be thirteen stripes, alternate red and white: that the union be thirteen stars, white in a blue field, representing a new constellation.”

That short and unadorned declaration gave birth to our flag. With the addition of thirty-seven stars, and after two centuries of history, the flag chosen in Philadelphia is our flag today, symbolizing our commitment as a people to freedom, equality, and independence.

To commemorate the adoption of our flag, the Congress, by a joint resolution of August 3, 1949 (63 Stat. 492, 36 U.S.C. 157), designated June 14 of each year as Flag Day and requested the President to issue annually a proclamation calling for its observance. The Congress also requested the President, by joint resolution of June 9, 1966 (80 Stat. 194, 36 U.S.C. 157a), to issue annually a proclamation designating the week in which June 14 occurs as National Flag Week and to call upon all citizens of the United States to display the flag of the United States on those days.

This year, Flag Day is an especially historic occasion, since it is also the Bicentennial birthday of the United States Army. Two hundred years ago, on June 14, 1775, the Continental Congress adopted resolutions which in effect established the military units of New England as the official national army. By this action, the Continental Army was created and the Nation’s military service was born. The U.S. Navy and the U.S. Marine Corps were established later that same year by the Continental Congress.

It is appropriate, as our Nation launches its Bicentennial commemoration, that the United States flag, first flown two centuries ago, be displayed together with an ensign bearing the official American Revolution Bicentennial Symbol set on a white field, which is designated as the official Bicentennial Flag.
NOW, THEREFORE, I, GERALD R. FORD, President of the United States of America, do hereby designate the week beginning June 8, 1975, as National Flag Week and I call upon the appropriate officials of the government to display the National Flag on all government buildings during that week. The heads of all government departments and agencies are also authorized and requested to provide, as they deem appropriate, for the flying of the official Bicentennial Flag, on government buildings, military installations, naval vessels, and other places where the United States flag is flown, during that period and for the remainder of the year 1975 and the entire year 1976. I urge all Americans to observe Flag Day, June 14, and Flag Week this year by flying the Stars and Stripes from their homes and other suitable places.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I have hereunto set my hand this 28th day of May, in the year of our Lord nineteen hundred seventy-five, and of the Independence of the United States of America the one hundred ninety-ninth.

GERALD R. FORD

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   - Community Programs
   - National Programs
   - Questions & Answers
John W. Warner
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3) Task Force Subcommittee Reports:
   - National Capitol Area Transportation Factors
Theodore C. Lutz
Deputy Under Secretary
Budget and Program Review
Department of Transportation

   - National Capitol Area Logistics and Security
Richard R. Hite
Deputy Assistant Secretary
Department of the Interior

4) Display of Bicentennial Gifts
Milton E. Mitler
Deputy Special Assistant
to the President

5) Closing Remarks
John O. Marsh, Jr.
Counsellor to the President
EXPANDED AGENDA

Federal Agency Bicentennial Task Force Meeting
4:00 PM - Thursday, July 31, 1975
Roosevelt Room

1) Opening Remarks
   Mr. Marsh
   
   - Express continued interest by President and First Family in the
     Bicentennial.
   
   - Presidential participation in the Bicentennial since last month's
     Task Force Meeting.
     
     ---200th Birthday of the United States Army...Fort Benning,
     Georgia...June 14, 1975.
     
     ---"Our Country" Bicentennial Festivities...Fort McHenry
     National Monument, Baltimore, Maryland...July 4, 1975.
     
     ---Proclamation of National Day of Prayer to coincide with
     the first call to prayer by the Continental Congress in
     1775. This was followed by a meeting with leaders of the
     major religious denominations to receive the first known
     collection of the Prayer Proclamations of America beginning
     in 1775. (A copy of the National Day of Prayer Proclamation
     has been distributed to the Task Force Members.
     
     ---President has filmed two Bicentennial radio and two Bicentennial
     television clips -- all available upon request to radio and
     T.V. stations through the White House. After notice was out
     for only two days, there were 24 requests.
     
     ---Old North Church Film -- American Revolution Bicentennial
     Administration has completed editing the original video tape
     to a 27-1/2 minute film being distributed through them to
     television stations, schools, clubs, organizations, etc.
     
   - Discuss upcoming Bicentennial visit of Queen Elizabeth to the United
     States on July 7 and 8, 1976. White House is working with Ambassador
     Peter Ramsbotham and British representatives on plans for her visit.
     
   - Interest picking up across the country as evidenced by the growing
     number of Bicentennial gifts the President is receiving -- Milt Mitler
     will address the joys and tribulations of these gifts a little later
     in the meeting.
     
   - Another sign of continually growing interest is the fact that we now
     have 5368 Bicentennial communities throughout the country. The state
     of Connecticut was recently congratulated by the President for becoming
the first state in the nation to have attained full community recognition under the ARBA Communities Program.

2) Call on John Warner for ARBA Report. John Warner's report will include a special segment on community and national programs which will bring the full picture into focus.

FYI -----Hugh Hall, Assistant Administrator, Community Programs, ARBA, will give the report on community and national programs.

ASK FOR QUESTIONS

3-A) Call on Ted Lutz, Deputy Under Secretary, Budget and Program Review, Department of Transportation, for report on National Capital Area Transportation factors.

ASK FOR QUESTIONS

3-B) Call on Dick Hite, Deputy Assistant Secretary of the Department of the Interior, for a report on National Capital Area Logistics and Security.

FYI -----Dick Hite's full Subcommittee met last week and he has had multiple meetings with smaller groups. He is doing a yeomen's job.

ASK FOR QUESTIONS

4) Call on Milt Mitler for report on Bicentennial gifts and display of these gifts which President is accepting on behalf of the country.

ASK FOR QUESTIONS

5) Closing Remarks

Mr. Marsh

I have recently written to the Heads of your Departments and Agencies asking them to pursue initiatives for the future and to give you their thoughts concerning current problems and any new developments which might be taken in the Bicentennial period. I have asked for these initiatives in writing so we can arrange for appropriate discussion at the August meeting of this group. (Copy of letter attached)

ASK FOR ANY FURTHER QUESTIONS OR DISCUSSION FROM MEMBERS

ADJOURN
July 28, 1975

Dear Mr. Secretary:  

As you know, the Federal Agency Bicentennial Task Force has been meeting from time to time in order to discuss various aspects of our nation's 200th anniversary. Your cooperation with this effort has been most encouraging.

The next meeting of this group has been scheduled for July 31, 1975. For the meeting following that, sometime in August, we would like to pursue initiatives for the future. It would be helpful if John Octina could have your thoughts concerning current problems and any new developments which might be taken in the Bicentennial period and, in turn, send them to me so we can arrange for appropriate discussion at the August meeting.

As we move closer to the time during which anniversary activity will become more and more intense, we should make certain that we have done everything necessary to assure a Bicentennial which will give increased vigor to the nation and personal satisfaction to all participants. This is the President's goal.

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Sincerely,

"Signed"  John O. Marsh, Jr.

John O. Marshal, Jr.
Counsellor to the President

The Honorable Caspar W. Weinberger
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THE WHITE HOUSE

NATIONAL DAY OF PRAYER, 1975

BY THE PRESIDENT OF THE UNITED STATES OF AMERICA

A PROCLAMATION

As we begin the celebration of our Bicentennial, it is fitting to recall that it was a profound faith in God which inspired the Founders of our Nation. Two hundred years ago, on June 12, 1775, the Second Continental Congress called upon the inhabitants of all the Colonies to unite, on a designated Thursday in July, in "humiliation, fasting, and prayer." This was our first national day of prayer.

Americans on that day were asked to address their prayers to the "Great Governor of the World" to preserve their new Union and secure civil and religious liberties.

Those first prayers were answered in full measure. The Union survives. The liberties for which our forefathers prayed were never so secure as they are today. But material progress and human achievement often beckon mankind away from the spiritual virtues.

As we prepare to mark the 200th anniversary of the birth of our Nation, it is my fervent hope that Americans will not forget that it was prayer that helped to forge our freedoms and foster our liberties.

Let us now pray --- as we have done throughout our history, and as the Congress has requested (66 Stat. 64) --- for the wisdom to continue the American pilgrimage, striving toward a nobler existence for all humanity. Let us ask for the strength to meet the challenges that face our Nation. Let us give thanks to God for the many blessings granted to America throughout these two centuries. And let us express the hope that our lives may continue to be enriched by the grace of our Maker.

NOW, THEREFORE, I, GERALD R. FORD, President of the United States of America, do hereby proclaim Thursday, July 24, 1975, as National Day of Prayer, 1975.

I call upon all Americans to pray that day, each after his or her own manner and convictions, for unity and the blessings of Freedom throughout our land and for peace on earth.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I have hereunto set my hand this twelfth day of June, in the year of our Lord nineteen hundred seventy-five, and of the Independence of the United States of America the one hundred ninety-ninth.

GERALD R. FORD

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WASHINGTON
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MR. MARSH:

Dr. Marrs called with the Agenda for Monday's meeting (Inter-agency meeting at 4:00 p.m. [Roosevelt Room]):

1) Briefing on D. C.
2) Briefing on shuttle service.
3) Hand-out briefing - piece of paper on foreign national Bicentennial programs.
4) Agency reports from NASA, Treasury, Labor and Transportation.
5) Report from ARBA.

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MEMORANDUM FOR: HONORABLE JOHN RICHARDSON, JR.
HONORABLE WARREN F. BRECHT
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HONORABLE ANTONIN SCALIA
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MRS. ELIZABETH HAMER KEGAN
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MRS. MARJORIE W. LYNCH

FROM: JOHN Q. MARSH, JR.
COUNSELLOR TO THE PRESIDENT

October 16, 1975

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Because of space limitations in the Roosevelt Room, it is requested that only Task Force principals attend. Please contact Annita Holland on 456-2800 to advise if you will be present.

bc: Robert W. Caccia
Richard R. Hite
October 16, 1975

MEMORANDUM FOR: WILLIAM BAROODY
               JAMES CANNON
               DICK CHENEY
               JERRY JONES
               BOB GOLDWIN

FROM: TED MAURIS

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Attachment

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October 17, 1975

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Would you please have your representative prepare to give a five minute briefing. Also, would you please have your office advise Milt Miller (446-2800) whom to expect.

Thank you for your help.

Sincerely,

Theodore C. Harris
Special Assistant to the President

Honorable William T. Coleman
Secretary of Transportation
Washington, D.C. 20590

Enclosures

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Dear Dr. Fletcher:

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Theodore C. Harra
Special Assistant to the President

Honorable John T. Dunlop
Secretary of Labor
Washington, D. C. 20210

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Honorable William E. Simon
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MEMORANDUM FOR:  MARGITA WHITE
FROM:  TED HARRIS

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MEMORANDUM FOR: PETE FANNON

FROM: TED MARRS

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FROM: TED MARRS

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FROM:      TED MARRS

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FROM: TED HARRS

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