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THE WHITE HOUSE

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May 9, 1975

MEMORANDUM FOR:

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FROM:

JACK MARSH

SUBJECT:

Bicentennial'

Accompanying this memorandum, is a master list of recommended Bicentennial events. It is important to note I have combined chronologically several other lists which you may already have in hand.

In going over this list, I would like to make several points for your consideration.

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WASHINGTON May 12, 1975

MEMORANDUM TO:

JACK MARSH

FROM:

ROBERT GOLDWIN

SUBJECT:

Bicentennial

Your list of recommended bicentennial events for the attendance of the President is a good one. There is geographical and topical variety, and the non-military events have been given significant attention. I have some questions in mind about some selections and omissions, but will save them for our meeting because further description of some events would be helpful.

If the President attends the Navy's birthday celebration in Detroit, could he at the same time mark the Marine Corps' birthday? Could he also mark the Army's birthday during the West Point speech this June?



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The Honorable Gerald R. Ford President of the United States of America The White House Washington, D. C. 20500

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Dear Mr. President:

In an earlier letter dated February 13, 1975 the Japanese American Citizens League (JACL) invited you to attend the Dedication Dinner in July of this year for the soon to be completed JACL National Headquarters building in San Francisco. Although we realize the complexities of Presidential scheduling, as of this date we have not heard regarding our invitation.

I'm sure that you recognize the need we have to hear from you at the earliest possible time so that we may finalize our plans for this event. Your presence as our keynote speaker would be very timely and extremely appreciated, especially in this post-Vietnam era.

I cannot stress too strongly the importance that the Asian American community attaches to your participation in this event. As you have personally observed in your recent press conference, there is a growing anti-Asian sentiment in the United States as a result of the Vietnamese refugees entering our nation. This sentiment has caused much concern in Asian American communities across the nation.

Your participation in the dedication of the National Headquarters of the largest and oldest national organization representing Japanese Americans would serve to further underscore not only your determination to serve all this nation's people, but also that we are indeed a nation of immigrants and that each ethnic culture has made its special contributions to our society.

We believe that through your participation in this JACL event, you can help foster a greater understanding and awareness of the many positive roles that are played by Japanese and Asian Americans in contemporary American society. In this post-Vietnam era, this becomes a matter of crucial importance to all citizens of Asian heritage.

Thank you for your consideration, and we hope that you will accept our invitation.

Sincerely,

David Ushio

National Executive Director

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WASHINGTON

May 23, 1975

MEMORANDUM FOR:

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Many of the events proposed in either the "recommended group" or the "optional group" have yet to be presented to you for final approval. It is also anticipated that as we move into the Bicentennial Year, there will be other invitations received which you will want to accept and, therefore, we have tried to hold down the list of recommended events.

I also call to your attention the last page which indicates months in which events have not been scheduled. Warren Rustand is giving special attention to invitations for these months and reviewing those on hand in order to make further recommendations.



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