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Pertinent extracts from our correspondence re Korff were also sent to Nessen.

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THE WHITE HOUSE WASHINGTON

December 8, 1975

JACK,

Please note Bill Simon's scheduled participation in Rabbi Korff's U. S. Citizens Congress Dinner on December 14, 1975.

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THE VICE PRESIDENT

Dec	5	National Assn of Manufacturers	New York
	9	Domestic Council Hearing	Los Angeles Washington, D. C.
	10	Boosters Club	
	11	GOP Fundraiser	Nashville
	12	Southern Republican Conference	

SECRETARY SIMON

	8 8 10	Mtg w Labor Leaders Republican State Cmte American Council for Capital Formation Southern Republican Conference	New York Wilmington Washington, D. C. Houston
•	11	Chamber of Commerce	Houston
	14	USCitizens Congress	Washington, D.C.
	15	Arizona Assn of Industries	Phoenix
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Jan 5-	10	IMF Mtgs	Jamaica
•	20	Raleigh Chamber of Commerce	Raleigh
	20	Columbia Chamber of Commerce	Columbia
	23	US Induatrial Savings Bonds - State Dept	Washington, D.C.
	27	Bus & Industry Advis Cmte	Baton Rouge
	30	Sheboygan Economic Club	Milwaukee

ATTORNEY GENERAL LEVI

Dec	6	Disting Cit Awd from Ill St. Andrew Soc.	Chicago
	11	Administrative Conf of US Courts	Washington, D.C.
	11	Attorney General's Ann Awd Ceremony	Washington, D. C.
		American Assn of Law Schls	Washington, D. C.

SECRETARY BUTZ

Dec	8	Mo Farm Bureau Ann Mtg	Jefferson City
	8	Kansas Farm Bureau	Kansas City
	9	Arkansas Farm Bureau	Little Rock
	9	Economic Club	Chicago
	11	Kentucky Farm Bureau	Louisville
	13	Southern Republican Conference	Houston
Jan	13	WH Consumer Conference	Chicago
	15	Natl Council Farmer Cooperatives	Chicago
	16	Purdue Ag Alumni Fish Fry	W. Lafayette, Ind.
	17	Cong Del Latta Fundraiser	Wauseon, Ohio
	19	Ann Economic Seminar	W. Lafayette, Ind.
	23	Cong Bill Goodling Breakfast	York, Pa.
	23	Ann Agribusiness Seminar	York, Pa.

SECRETARY MORTON

Dec	5	Mid America Committee	Chicago
	11	President Ford Committee FR	Nashville
	15	National Minority Purchasing Council	Washington, D. C.
	18	Dedication of NOAA's marine sanctuary	Key Largo
Jan	19	WH Consumer Conference	Atlanta
	23	Victoria Chamber of Commerce	Victoria, Tx.
	27	Town Hall	Los Angeles
	28	Greater Irvine Industrial League	Irvine
	30	Ruritan National Convention	Philadelphia

SECRETARY DUNLOP

Dec	5	St. Anselms College	Manchester, NH
8-	9	Domestic Council Conference	Los Angeles

SECRETARY HILLS

\mathbf{Dec}	9	Domestic Council Conference	Los Angeles
	10	Federal Home Loan Bank Board	San Francisco
Jan	19	Home Builders	Dallas

SECRETARY COLEMAN

Dec	Dec 5 4th Ann N. Eng Citizens Briefing-EPA		New York
	5	Middlesex Club	Boston
	12	National Institute Black Elected Public Officials	Washington, D.C.
	15	Legal Defense Fund	San Francisco
	16	Town Hall	Los Angeles
	18	St. Louis Airport Hearings	St. Louis
Jan	8	Advanced Mgmt Research Conf	Washington, D.C.
	12	Ann Civ Rts Workshop	Silver Spring
	20	Cumberland Schl of Law	Birmingham
	23	City Club	Cleveland
	2 8	Savannah Forum	Savannah
\mathbf{Feb}	4	Student Legal Forum- University of Virginia	Charlottesville

SECRETARY MATHEWS

Dec	8	S. Assn of Colleges & Schls	Atlanta
	11	John Hopkins U- Williams Lecture	Baltimore
	19	Am Pub Welfare Assn Roundtable	New Orleans

SECRETARY KLEPPE

Dec	12 13	Chamber of Commerce Chamber of Commerce	Anchorage Fairbanks
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Friday, December 5

Vice President
Secretary Morton
Secretary Coleman
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Secretary Dunlop
Mr. Zarb

National Assn of Mfgrs
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Middlesex Club
St. Anselms College
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Boston
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Casper

Saturday, December 6

Attorney General

Distinguished Citizen Awd Ill. St. Andrew

Chicago

Sunday, December 7

Mr. Seidman

British -North American Committee

Boca Raton

New York

Wilmington
Jefferson City

Kansas City

Los Angeles

Atlanta

Monday, December 8

Secretary Simon
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Mr. Zarb

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Mo Farm Bureau
Kansas Farm Bureau
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Manufacturers Assn of Delaware Valley
Boys Club
Chief Executive Officers

King of Prussia New York Washington, D.

Tuesday, December 9

Vice President Secretary Butz Secretary Butz Secretary Dunlop Secretary Hills Mr. Zarb Domestic Council Hearings Arkansas Farm Bureau Economic Club Domestic Council Conference Domestic Council Conference Young Presidents Organization Los Angeles
Little Rock
Chicago
Los Angeles
Los Angeles
New York

Wednesday, December 10

Vice President Secretary Simon Secretary Hills Boosters Club

A Council for Capital Formation

Fed Home Loan Bank Board

Washington, D.C. Washington, D.C.

San Francisco

Thursday, December 11

Vice President
Secretary Simon
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Attorney General
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Secretary Butz
Secretary Morton
Secretary Mathews
Mr. Greenspan

GOP Fundraiser
Southern Republican Conference
Chamber of Commerce
Admin Conf of US Courts

Attorney General Award Ceremony Kentucky Farm Bureau

President Ford Cmte Fundraiser
John Hopkins U- Williams Lecture

Business Council

Nashville

Houston Houston

Washington, D. C.

Washington, D. C Louisville

Nashville Baltimore

Washington, D. C.

Friday, December 12

Vice President Secretary Kleppe Secretary Coleman Southern Republican Conference Chamber of Commerce Natl Inst Black Elected Public Officials

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Anchorage
Washington, D. C.

Saturday, December 13

Secretary Butz

Southern Republican Converence

Houston

Sunday, December 14

Secretary Simon

US Citizens Congress

Washington, D. C

Monday, December 15

Secretary Simon Secretary Coleman Secretary Morton Mr. Seidman

Arizona Assn Industries
Legal Defense Fund
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Detroit Economic Club

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Tuesday, December 16

Secretary Coleman

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Friday, December 19

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New Orleans

THE WHITE HOUSE

WASHINGTON

December 5,1975

MEMORANDUM FOR:

THE PRESIDENT

VIA:

RICHARD CHENEY

FROM:

WILLIAM NICHOLSON

SUBJECT:

Presidential Spokesman Activity

Attached for your information is the weekly Presidential Spokesman schedule for the period covering 8 weeks.

cc: Richard Cheney

December 9, 1975

MEMORANDUM TO:

JACK MARSH

FROM:

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MEMORANDUM TO:

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FROM:

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Assuming that your reaction will be negative, I would appreciate your early guidance, so that I might proceed to turn Korff off today. Many thanks.

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THE WHITE HOUSE

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December 11, 1975

MEMORANDUM FOR:

JACK MARSH

FROM:

RUSS ROURKE

In my latest conversation with Rabbi Korff today he indicated that he had a long conversation with Bill Simon concerning Sunday's dinner. Simon spoke so highly of you that Korff invited you and Glenn Ann to the Sunday night dinner. Simon indicated that the dinner would not be complete without you. I told him I would pass this on to you and get back to him.

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Jack, Bill Hyland advises me that State has agreed to cable our Embassy in Moscow, and ask them to contact Sakharov directly at his Moscow residence. While they will advise Sakharov of the details of the invitation, they will not attempt to elicit a message from him. I am, of course, keeping Korff advised.

FYI, Jerry Jones says no re Presidential participation in December 14 dinner.



Washington Post - Thursday, December 11, 1975

Sakharov Is Barred At Trial

3 By Peter Osnos

MOSCOW, Dec. 10—As Andrei Sakharov's wife, Velena, was in Oslo today accepting his Nobel Peace Prize, the famzd Soviet dissident physicist was trying



MEMORANDUM TO:

BOB HARTMANN

FROM:

JACK MARSH

Bob, I have been advised by officials of the U. S. Citizens Congress, who is sponsoring the Bicentennial Awards Dinner on Sunday, December 14 at the Shoreham-Americana, that the following people will be receiving awards:

Secretary William Simon
Senator Carl Curtis
Admiral Arleigh Burke
Mrs. Herbert Stein (former head of
"Cabinet Wives")
Dr. Andrei Sakharov

Please note the attached excerpt from the December issue of "We, The People!"





Rabbi Korff, left, and Treasury Secretary Simon at the awards ceremonies.

'Citizens' Hail Simon

By William Gildea

The name of President Ford received polite applause; the name of Ronald Reagan evoked vigorous and sustained applause, whistles, cheers.

One of the guests said that former President Nixon had suffered "a bum

rap" and that he was supporting Nixon's legal defense. So were many others in the

audience.

They had come to the Shoreham Hotel the other night, 500 strong, for "A Salute to Leadership," and the first in a series of "Bicentennial awards" to be given by the United States Citizens Association, founded a year ago by one of Nixon's ardent friends and supporters, Rabbi Baruch Korff.

The principal speaker and one of the honored guests was William E. Simon. Sen. Strom Thurmond (R-S.C.) hailed him as "the greatest Secretary of the Treasury since Alexander Hamilton" at the close of an introduction that roused the dinner guests to a standing ovation.

Secretary of Agriculture Earl Butz declared of another award recipient, "If we had more men in Congress like him and his two colleagues at this table it would be a damned sight better place," The honoree was Sen. Carl T. Curtis (R-Neb.); his colleagues, Thurmond and James A. McClure (R-Idaho).

Why the awards? "We believe that in recognizing service we will inspire others to emulate those who are honored," said

Korff before the dinner.

Korff stressed that Nixon's "a friend of mine" with whom he communicates "almost weekly." And certainly Nixon would have been among friends and admirers—had he been at the dinner. The guests were predominantly white, older,

Republican, and judging from the applause when a telegram from Reagan was read, conservative.

Simon like Curtis, said there was "more right than wrong with America" and elaborated with a story about a Virginia woman who presented Nixon with a homemade American flag in the oval office The former President remarked that it must have taken much work, to which she agreed. "There are 78 000 stitches in that

couraging it is to receive a bouquet from those whose friendship and judgment I value

Soviet physicist Andrei Sakharov was given an award Another honored was Adm Arleigh A Burke, former chief of naval operations, who called for "dedicated hardheaded, practical men" to lead the country

Others receiving awards

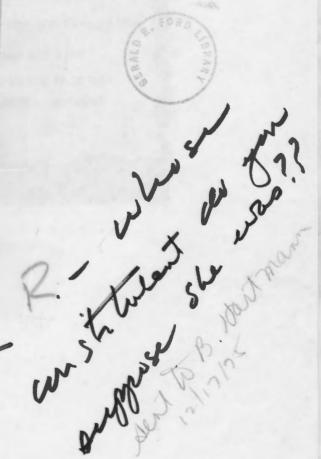
were Rabbi Herzel Kranz and Mary P McLaughlin, both of Silver Spring, presented by Maryland Bicentennial Commission chairman Louise Gore Reed J Irvine, founder of Accuracy in Media. Gabriele Pitcairn Pendleton of Bryn Athyn, Pa, who has apported Vietnam veterans among numerous causes, and Mildred S Stein, wife of Nixon economic advisor Herbert

Stein, cited for her volunteer work among the needy

Mrs. McLaughlin said she was no relation to another Nixon friend from the religious community, John J McLaughlin, but that her husband, Jack, was treasurer of the Korff organization. Her busband, she confided, had busband, she confided, had busband when the other McLaughlin who also

attended the dinner-left the Jesuit order and married

Korff, who was given a scroll himself by Simon, said he hoped to hold many similar award presentations around the country during the bicentennial year, including four or five more in washington The next one here, he said, will be Feb 22. George Washington's birthday



Washington Post Friday, December 21, 1975

Sakharov Hits Limits On Rights

From News Dispatches

Andrei Sakharov charged in a Nobel lecture delivered by his wife in Oslo yesterday that prisoners of conscience in the Soviet Union" and mentioned by name 118 prisoners he knew personally, an apparent contradiction to broad resolutions in support of freedom of conscience Moscow signed at Helsinki.

"The prisoners shiver with cold, damp and exhaustion in ill-lit dungeons, where they are forced to wage a ceaseless struggle for their human dignity and their convictions against the 'indoctrination machine,' in fact against the

Mrs. Sakharov said the tax would make life for dissidents and emigrants even harder than before. "Soviet dissidents awaiting emigration have previously been able to lift money from funds in Paris, but from the end of this year that will come to a halt." Mrs. Sakharov said. She said she and her husband have not decided what to do with their prize money.

Soviet authorities denied permission for Sakharov, a

Washington Post Wednesday, December 24, 1975 (TO Brand, Post, Like, Miles

Soviets Part Va. Man, Wife

By Megan Rosenfeld Washington Post Staff Writer

Russian history, was leading a group of academics on a tourist visit to Russia. Irina Shyetsova, a divorced, pretty Russian translator, was the friend of a friend.

Four years ago they met.

her in the face," he said in an Woodford McClellon, a never had security clearance divorced, middle-aged because she didn't need it. We American professor of are just a simple married couple who want to live together; this ordeal is beyond anything I could have imagined."

Last March, Mrs. McClellan, who is now 37, was told she would have her started to correspond, visited, passport in three weeks

comment yesterday were "unsuccessful.

" "Leonard Willems, an international relations officer on the Soviet desk at the State Department, said vesterday that McClellan's was the pidest case of its kind the State

Department now had in its files. He said that such cases. in which a Russian citizen wishes to join an American

that neither is Jewish.

"I wish my wife were Jewish." he said. "Then maybe I could get the American Jewish Congress interested in this case."

Willems pointed out that 100,000 Jews have been allowed to leave Russia since

1970. McClellan, who has an 11year-old son by his previous marriage has accumulated



By Bob Burchette—The Washington Post
Her husband treasures this snapshot of Irina McClellan.



United States Citizens' Congress Mashington, B.C.

January 22, 1976

MEMORANDUM



TO:

Mr. Milt Mitler

White House Bicentennial Coordinator

FROM:

Barry Cooperstein Administrator, USCC

With reference to your telephone call of this date:

- 1) A Salute to Leadership (Second in a Series) in conjunction with the Bicentennial will be held on Sunday, February 22, Washington's Birthday at 1:00 PM (Luncheon) at the Grand Ballroom of the Mayflower Hotel.
- 2) The enclosed copy of the invitation lists the Honorees: Secretary Butz, Senator Strom Thurmond and Martha Roundtree.
- 3) Members of the United States Senate and House of Representatives are expected to attend. Other friends of the honorees are similarly expected to attend.
- 4) We expect an attendance of delegates and guests from across the nation between 600-1200.
- 5) The United States Citizens' Congress applies the occasion "A Salute to Leadership" to spark and inspire similar celebrations among our members and affiliates throughout the country.
- 6) The speakers on the 22nd of February include Secretary Simon and Senator Curtis.
- 7) The enclosed Bicentennial manifesto by Baruch Korff also features an incomplete guest list of those in attendance at the inaugural Bicentennial Commemoration which was held on December 14 at the Shoreham Americana Hotel.

We would be glad to subordinate the program to the President's schedule and appearance. Rabbi Korff is currently confined in the Massachusetts General Hospital, however, I know that he, as President of the United States Citizens' Congress, and Admiral Elliott B. Strauss, Chairman of the Board, and the trustees will be more than happy to facilitate the President's requirements on this occasion.

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

Adm. Elliott B. Strauss



UNITED STATES CITIZENS' CONGRESS 1221 Connecticut Avenue, NW, Washington, DC 20036

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United States Senate

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WE, THE PEOPLE!

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A Bicentennial Manifesto

by

Baruch Korff

We, the people . . . the Constitution of the United States begins . . .



In this Bicentennial year, it is vital that we recall those words, for they recognize that the government created by that greatest of all political documents derived its powers from individuals working in concert and not from the authority of tyrants.

The Constitution did more than weld Americans into the first and most successful representative government in history. It also carefully defined the limits of that government, setting forth its duties and prerogatives but leaving to the people all rights not specifically granted to a central authority.

Not the President, not the Congress, and not the Judiciary could move beyond the strictly circumscribed boundaries of Federal power. The rights of the people could not be ordered or legislated away.

This is what the Constitution said and what the Founding Fathers meant when they finalized the Bill of Rights with the Tenth Amendment. This also is what the Fourteenth Amendment of the Constitution said and meant when it placed the States within the same framework as the central government, reiterating the nature of American sovereignty.

People vs. Government

Within the last five decades, the powers and responsibilities of the people have been eroded as government has arrogated to itself a dominance over life, liberty, and property—the words used in the Declaration of Independence until Thomas Jefferson, carried away by his eloquence—changed "property" to the "pursuit of happiness."

With every passing year, the Congress and Executive—aided by a politicized and ideologically partisan Judiciary—have cut away at the fabric of American representative government, abridging the sovereignty of the citizenry. In the name of "democracy" and under the guise of regulating interstate commerce, it has substituted its own whim for the will of the people in ways that have sometimes bordered on tyranny.

It is the aim of the United States Citizens' Congress to return to the great and viable traditions which sustained this country for its first 150 years. It is the purpose of the USCC to root out those tragic practices—the "bread and circuses" which toppled the Roman Republic—which are today emasculating the Constitution and reducing the nation to inefficacy both at home and abroad.

The problems which beset America's citizens are many and complex. But they are not so complex that they cannot be met and solved.

The first of these resides in the soul of the body politic. Apathy and a lack of national purpose, the lack of a will to resist and a will to achieve are bringing spiritual paralysis to the nation. An easy excuse is at hand—that life in this 200th year of our national existence has become too complicated to respond to the needs and hopes of the citizenry, that in a highly technological society the individual is helpless. The "little platoon" of which Edmund Burke wrote, we are told, is an anachronism. Sheer shibboleth!

Moving the Nation

The USCC disputes this. It has been said that two percent of the people, if properly motivated and mobilized, could be the fulcrum which moved nations. We have seen in the past decade how the media, working in tandem with a relative handful of academics and disaffected intellectuals, have been able to change the course of history and plunge the nation into chaos. *Iskra*, Vladimir Lenin's magazine, had a circulation of 3,000, yet it was the center of a wheel which drove the Communists to power in Russia.

It is now our turn! The way to national survival and to the reinvigoration of American ideals is through the cohesive action of those men and women who, like George Washington's troops at Valley Forge, can face adversity and bend it to the national purpose. A thousand voices speaking as one can make tyranny tremble.

The United States Citizens' Congress is that voice,

and it is already being heard. Armies are made up of platoons and companies—and it is at platoon level that wars are won. As more and more Americans join the ranks, the USCC will make its determination decisively felt in the nation's power centers.

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Inside the USCC

Baruch Korff, President of USCC, is recovering from his recent illness.

• Treasury Secretary William E.

Simon is recovering from minor surgery. • Bishop and Mrs. Willard Pendleton of our Philadelphia contingent have returned from a deserved holiday in Puerto Rico. • Congratulations to Senator and Mrs. Strom Thurmond on the birth of their fourth child, Paul Reynolds Thurmond. • Our congratulations and gratitude to Grace Montgomery and Florence Shute on logging 500 volunteer hours. • Gerald S. Arenberg. Executive Director of the National Police and Firefighters Association, recently wrote us, "We reach members and citizens who are concerned about public safety and your Citizens' Congress is concerned

about our nation's safety." • And a

letter from Phil W. Garrison, Col-

onel, USAF (ret.): "I have been a

contributor to your cause and I am

in accord with virtually all of your

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heat and blind passions of decades will have abated and stilled by the application of peaceful and practical solutions in the region. In keeping with their newly earned stature, SADAT and RABIN will be making state visits to the United States,

"Gods of Antenna" —A Review

By Ralph de Toledano

Bruce Herschensohn, who was a special deputy assistant to President Nixon, has written a book which should make embattled Americans in this Bicentennial year reach for their pitchforks. Its title is *The Gods of Antenna* (Arlington House, New Rochelle, N.Y. 10801). Its theme, to quote the book jacket:

"A powerful new institution—not in our Constitution, nor subject to the vote of the people," is "by a pervasive bias which threatens America's future as a free country" responsible for the political lynching of a President, the defeat in Vietnam, and more recently the destruction of the nation's first line of defense—its Intelligence services.

That thesis is abundantly and conscienciously sustained—and the book must be read in order to get the full impact of its documentation.

BARUCH KORFF

To Patriotic Americans:

I need your help, and I need it now.

You may know from our publication, "We, The People," the United States Citizens' Congress has embarked on an ambitious program to strengthen the fiber of our national heritage, reaching out to middle America, into cities, towns, villages and hamlets, draw-

One of our cardinal objectives is to help make our Bicentennial a time of renewal, giving voice to the principles that guided this nation at its birth and sustained our Foundine Feathers.

Following the first Bicentennial Salute on December 14 in our nation's capital, we have scheduled three more; one on Washington's Birthday, February 22, another on July 4, and the third around Thanksgiving, with intermediate programs by our affiliates in other parts of the country.

The first of our programs left us with a financial deficit which we are hard pressed to meet, putting restraints on the implementation of our overall objectives. The USCC is manned largely by volunteers who work long hours because they believe in what they are doing. So do I. Were it not for these blessed volunteers the USCC might not have survived to mark the Bicentennial.

This is why I turn to you for help to fund our Bicentennial programs and to further our goals as outlined in the enclosed Bicentennial Manifesto. I take personal pride in solleiting you because from our covenant, yours and mine, will spring thousands of others and raise the hope for a renewed beginning in the third century of our national beginn.

I know you feel as keenly as I do about our nation's future. So much has to be done before it's too late. Challenges lie ahead; I hope you will respond accordingly.

Faithfully yours.



Baruch Korff, President United States Citizens' Congress

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P.S. Please use the enclosed self-addressed envelope for your contribution.

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February 10, 1976

MEMORANDUM FOR:

JACK MARSH

FROM

RUSS ROURKE

Jack, as I mestioned to you, Milt Mitler has agreed to call Rabbi Korif and to meet with him here in Washington. I am, in fact, sending Milt my "complimentary" ticket for the Sunday, February 22, luncheon.

Milt will report back to you on the substance of his meeting.

Handwritten P.S.:

Milt has reported in. He met w/Korff for 1 1/2 hours. Wants P to attend luncheon. Also wants to meet w/you. I shot both proposals down and am now working w/Milt on preparation of an appropriate message from P to luncheon.

Russ



Feb. 9

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THE WHITE HOUSE WASHINGTON

Mr. Marsh:

Rabbi Korff's office called this morning. Korff would like to meet with you either sometime today or tomorrow. According to Barry Cooperstein, Rabbi Korff is still very ill but has come down from Boston with the hope of meeting with you. The Rabbi Korff is staying at the Mayflower Hotel and Cooperstein was hoping a meeting could take place there.

Do	you	want	to	see	him:	
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February 13, 1976

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Dear Rabbi Korff:

As we discussed, I talked to both Jack Marsh and the President's Director of Scheduling concerning your request for February 22nd.

I know you are sensitive to the excessive demands being made on President Ford's time during this Bicentennial year. There are so many exceptional and meaningful Bicentennial programs which are seeking his participation.

Unfortunately, for February 22nd, there are prior commitments which we believe the President is obligated to keep. Consequently, he will not be able to accept your kind invitation and participate in your Bicentennial Awards Luncheon. He does, however, appreciate the fact that you will be appropriately honoring some of our nation's outstanding citizens.

In recognition of the Bicentennial aspects of your event, I have enclosed a special Brosidential message. Jack also asked me to extend his personal appreciation for your interest and for the role you and your organization are playing in the commemoration of our nation's 208th anniversary.

My very best wishes.

Sincerely,

Milton E. Mitler Deputy Special Assistant

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Enclosure: Special Message MEN/abh

2cc: Sandy Drake cc: Russ Rourke cc: John O. Marsh



February 13, 1976

We now mark the beginning of our Third

Century as an Independent Nation as well

as the 200th Anniversary of the American

Revolution. For two centuries our Mation

has grown, changed and flourished. A

diverse people, drawn from all corners of

the earth, have joined together to fulfill

the promise of democracy.

America's Bicentennial is rich in history

and in the promise and potential of the

years that lie shead. It is about the

events of our past, our achievements, our

traditions, our diversity, our freedoms,

our form of government and our continuing

commitment to a batter life for all Americans.

The Bicentennial offers each of us

the opportunity to join with our fellow

citizens in homering the past and preparing

for the future in communities across the

Nation. Thus, is joining together as races,

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As we lay the cornerstone of America's Third
Century, I am especially pleased to command
the United States Citizens' Congress who,
along with many other groups and organizations,
is paying appropriate tribute to our nation's

Through a special Rices-200th Anniversary. Through a special Bicantennial Luncheon honoring Secretary of Agriculture Earl L. Butz, Senator Strom Thurmond,
Ms. Martha Roundtree, Mr. J. Leon Altemose,
Mr. Joseph E. Fernandes, Mr. Lloyd R. Johnson,
and Dr. Joseph Hones, you are helping to make our national celebration a memorable and meaningful one for all.

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S. Drake/cc: D. Downtown/E. Hasek/J. Connor/R. Nessen 3cc: Jack Marsh/Russ Rourke

Dear Rabbi Korff:

Many thanks for your kind invitation and complimentary ticket to attend "A Salute to Leadership" February 22.

Unfortunately, I will not be able to attend because I will be away from the Washington area this weekend.

I sincerely appreciate your inviting me and my best wishes for a most successful event.

With kindest personal regards, I am

Sincerely.

John O. Marsh, Jr. Counsellor to the President

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THE WHITE HOUSE WASHINGTON February 24, 1976

JACK MARSH TO:

FROM: RUSSELL A. ROUDKE

For Direct Reply For Draft Response

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BY HELEN THOMAS

UPI WHITE HOUSE REPORTER UASHINGTON (UPI) -- THE STATE DEPARTMENT "URGED" AND "ENCOURAGED"

FORMER PRESIDENT RICHARD M. NIKON TO MAKE HIS TRIP TO CHINA, RABBI

BARUCH KORFF SAID TODAY.

KORFF TOLD A NEUS CONFERENCE NIKON WAS NOT "PHYSICALLY OR EMOTIONALLY IN CONDITION TO UNDERTAKE THE TRIP" BUT WENT ANYWAY AT THE ENCOURAGEMENT OF THE STATE DEPARTMENT IN ORDER TO ASSESS THE POLITICAL UPHEAVAL IN CHINA.

KORFF HAS BEEN A SPOKESMAN FOR NIKON SINCE THE FORMER PRESIDENT RESIGNED IN AUGUST OF 1974 AS A RESULT OF THE WATERGATE SCANDAL.

BOTH THE WHITE HOUSE AND THE STATE DEPARTMENT HAVE INSISTED THAT NI ON WAS ON A "PRIVATE VISIT" AS A "PRIVATE CITIZEN." SECRETARY OF SATE HENRY A. KISSINGER HAS SAID NIKON WOULD BE DEBRIEFED BY

ADMINISTRATION OFFICIALS.

KORFF SAID KISSINGER DISCUSSED THE TRIP WITH NIKON THREE DAYS BEFORE PRESIDENT FORD WAS INFORMED BY CHINESE OFFICIALS THAT NIKON HAD ACCEPTED THE INVITATION. NIKON LATER CALLED FORD TO INFORM HIM.

KISSINGER HAD PREVIOUSLY SAID HE DISCUSSED "CHINA" WITH NI ON AT

NIKON'S SAN CLEMENTE, CALIF., ESTATE BUT NOT THE TRIP.

"HE UNDERTOOK THIS TRIP FOR THE GOOD OF THE COUNTRY," KORFF SAID. "THE OPPORTUNITY AROSE DUE TO THE INTERNAL STRUGGLE IN CHINA WHERE WE HAD NO INKLING (OF WHAT WAS HAPPENING) AND ALL THE CHINA WATCHERS WERE DULIBFOUNDED."

"THE STATE DEPARTMENT URGED NIXON TO GO," HE SAID. "HE WAS

ENCOURAGED BY THE STATE DEPARTMENT."

HE TOLD REPORTERS HE IS RESIGNING AS HEAD OF THE PRESIDENT NIXON JUSTICE FUND AND WAS ISSUING AN APPEAL FOR \$220,000 TO COMPLETE PAYMENT OF NIKON'S LEGAL FEES. SO FAR THE FUND HAS RAISED \$280,000, HE SAID.

KORFF HAS BEEN AILING IN RECENT MONTHS. HE ATTEMPTED TO RESIGN

LAST SPRING, BUT WAS URGED BY NIXON TO STAY ON.

KORFF INDICATED HE WOULD WRITE A BOOK. HE SAID HIS FUND RAISING ON BEHALF OF NIXON WOULD BE CONTINUED BY THE UNITED STATES CITIZENS' CONGRESS.

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By HARRY T. ROSTLITHAL

Associated Press Triter

LESTINGTON AP - Rabbi Taruch Korff said today that former President Richard ... Lixon went to China reluctantly but 'at the

encouragement of the State Department.,, The rabbi, who has headed a drive that raised \$280,000 for Nixon's legal fight to retain control of his presidential tapes and papers, said, "I don't think he really wanted to go now."

But Korff said the Chinese wanted Mixon's visit to coincide with the

four-year anniversary of his door-opening trip to Peking as president and that the State Department viewed their invitation as a unique opportunity to learn about the political ferment in China. The State Department has said assertions that it encouraged lixon's

mesent trip are "untrue."

At his news conference last week, President Ford said Wixon was given no special briefings for his trip. The President has said in an interview Since that he will decide when Nixon returns whether to

discuss the journey with him.

However, the secretary of state has said Nixon will report to the government and that "we will, of course, wish to learn of the nature of his discussions and impressions."

At a news conference, Korff said lixon's health still is precarious and that "I don't think he can stand 30 minutes on his feet." Korff and that "I don't think he can stand 30 minutes on his feet." said the former president's blood pressure fluctuates and that he still is taking anticoagulant drugs to fight off a recurrence of phlebitis.

A medical corpsman with Nixon in Peking has said the former president must be on his feet for no longer than two hours at a time. this time, , the rabbi said. He would not say where he got his information, but said he talked with Mixon the day before the China trip was announced.

Asked why the State Department urged Nixon to go. Korff said the United States and other nations were caught off guard by internal developments in China, where Hua Kuo-feng was made acting premier to succeed the late Chou En-lai.

"Here is an opportunity to get the most intimate picture of what is going on there," Korff added. "You do not believe that the man who opened the door to China will be useful in making an assessment?" IL ORE

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Korff called the news conference in his hotel room to announce that he is resigning from the President Mixon Justice Fund because "I can

no longer carry the burdens.,, He said he is confident that \$220,000 still needed to pay the bills for Mixon's fight for his papers and tapes will be raised by the end of March. A three-judge court recently ruled against the former president and the fight is being carried to the Supreme Court. Korff. 61, said he will return to his home in Rehoboth, Mass. The rabbi said the news media have fostered the idea that the Mixon

trip is an embarrassment to Ford. The Mixon syndrome hasn't atated , , Korff said. 'It's very hard for those who oppose him to see that there is an element of

patriotism.,, Mixon's visit to China is stirring criticism from toth sides of the political spectrum but has won the support of Senate majority Leader mike mansfield.

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