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8 a.m. Sheraton Carlton Hotel Mt. Vernon Room



#### ATTENDEES AT GODFREY SPURLING BREAKFAST GROUP

#### Saturday, October 5

Austin Scott Norman Kempster Tom Littlewood Peter Lisagor Philip Shabecoff William Theis Peter Kumpa Jim Weighardt

Lucia Mouat

Frank Wright Saul Friedman Jim Deakin Tom deFrank Lucien Warren Saul Kohler Gene Risher John Mashek Christian Science Monitor Peter Stuart

Washington Post Washington Star Chicago Sun Times Chicago Daily News New York Times Hearst Newspapers Baltimore Sun N Y Daily News Minneapolis Tribune Knight Newspapers St. Louis Post Dispatch

Chicago Tribune Newsweek Buffalo Evening News Newhouse Newspapers Cox Newspapers U.S. News and World Report

Christian Science Monitor



### THE WHITE HOUSE

RON:

RE: SPERLING BREAKFAST

ATTACHED ARE THE PROMISED TALKING POINTS FOR TOMORROW. THEY WERE DONE TOO FAST TO BE ELOQUENT, BUT ALL THE RIGHT THEMES ARE THERE.

THE ESSENCE IS THAT CONGRESSIONAL SHORTSIGHTEDNESS IS DEPRIVING THE COUNTRY OF A VALUABLE FOREIGN POLICY TOOL AT THE VERY TIME WHEN PEACEFUL TOOLS RATHER THAN HORE FORCEFUL MEANS ARE NEEDED MORE THAN EVER.

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There are both old and new elements in the problems which the Ford Administration has faced in getting acceptable Foreign Assistance legislation this year. But we firmly believe we will get such legislation.

#### The old problems are obvious:

-- Congressmen never love to vote for foreign assistance, and like to do so even less during election years when their constituents are thinking most of all about inflation and recession.

Foreign aid not only lacks a constituency, it also has been blamed--quite arbitrarily--for involving us

- -- in disputes which we cannot solve, and do not need to try to solve, and,
- -- with regimes which are regarded with opprobrium.

So foreign assistance has a bad press, to add to its other problems.

The new elements in the problem come from the novelty of discussing anything but Watergate issues in the public forum. Political debate has been bottled up for months, during which the credibility of the executive branch eroded badly. The virulence of the debate on the Hill this year over foreign aid is in part an eruption of issues which have long needed airing-concerning our role abroad, our security interests, our commitments.

It is part of fashioning a new consensus to match the re-orientation of our foreign policy in the last six years.

The Ford Administration has, up to now, been largely successful in solving the problems which it faced.

- -- With bipartisan support from the leadership in both Houses, we have a CRA shorn of the crippling amendments which made the program unworkable.
- -- We are prepared to cooperate fully with Congress in the post election session on legislation which is mutually acceptable. President Ford considers the Foreign Assistance bill to bear



opportunity to display his determnation to base Congressional relations on communication, conciliation and cooperation.

There are good reasons to hope this will succeed:

- The congressional support for generous Middle East assistance shows that aid is recognized as a proper and valuable tool when nations focus on peaceful development. And will not buy peace. But it will lay a foundation for it.
- Whether in Korea or Cambodia or Israel, military aid has the potential to deter violence states, so that negotiations can be the basis of a peaceful settlement.
- In other cases, at a time when we are reducing our forces in some countries, aid can help them develop their own capabilities to defend themselves.
  - -- We think Congress will reflect America's humanitarian instincts and wealth in supporting a generous development aid program for poorer countries.
  - -- We think we can make a good case that U.S. aid is crucial to bringing about a balance between population growth and food production.

When Congress reconvenes, after the recess, work will begin again on Foreign Assistance legislation. We hope that the two areas in which we had serious disagreement with the legislation do not appear again. The funding levels in the previous Senate bill were obviously lower than we asked for and would have had repercussions around the world. The Senate bill also contained a number of amendments which would have severely tied the President's hands in conducting foreign policy in several vital areas. Some, for example, would make it impossible for the President to respond to crisis situations.

Realistically, we have to expect some attempts to amend the Foreign Assistance legislation again; but, with the help of the bipartisan leadership, and through our efforts to cooperate and communicate with Congress, we can avoid the two previous problem areas; funding levels that will cripple the efforts of the U.S. to maintain and further a peaceful balance and amendments that tie the hands of the President in meeting the unforeseen events of the future.



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### THE WHITE HOUSE

WASHINGTON

September 24, 1974

MEMORANDUM FOR:

RON NESSEN

FROM:

JAMES R. HOLLAND

SUBJECT:

Wednesday Public Affairs Meeting, 3:00

Attached you will find:

Agenda Your talking points List of Attendees

Any questions, please give me a call.



PUBLIC AFFAIRS MEETING Wednesday, September 24, 1974 3:00 p.m., Roosevelt Room

- 3:00 Meeting begins. Holland introduces Nessen, then asks each person to be identified by name and agency.
- 3:05 Nessen makes remarks.
- 3:10 Nessen departs.
- 3:11 Holland introduces Seidman who gives five minute overview of upcoming summit. Seidman departs for spokesmen briefing.
- 3:16 Kelly gives public affairs operational aspects of summit meetings, illustrating how departments and agencies coalesced to make it happen effectively.
- 3:22 Holland outlines plans for future seminars and briefings.
  Asks each to supply suggested subjects and participants.
- 3:24 Holland stresses importance of field. Asks HEW to briefly outline results of its recent regional seminars. Mentions HUD starts its seminars next week.
- 3:30 Holland updates on Advertising Council's public service advertising.
- 3:35 Holland asks for responses.



#### Suggested Talking Points

Good to meet with this group, many of whom I've met before under different circumstances.

You are the communicators of the executive branch. President Ford agencer stated his open philosophy of communications. I'm 100% and have behind that. Let's use all our resources in telling what the departments are doing.

Jim Holland, as you know, will be your principal liaison and importantly, if you have any ideas or suggestions for us here, let Jim know. He'll bring them to my attention. Let me underscore that this press office will listen.

I'm new here, still learning my job, but one thing I will do is take a vital interest in the departments and agencies.

I know you have a full agenda, so I'll take my leave. Be seeing you again.

#### Invited Public Affairs Officers

Daniel Buser, Bicentennial Commission H. David Crowther, Department of Transportation Joe Dawson, Consumer Affairs, HEW John Donnelly, National Aeronautics & Space Adm. Anne Dore, Environmental Protection Agency William Dwyer, General Services Administration John Fogarty, Council on Environmental Quality Jerry Friedheim, Defense Department Ronald Gerevas, ACTION Claude Gifford, Agriculture Department William Greener, Housing & Urban Development John Harris, U. S. Atomic Energy Commission Virginia Hart, Department of the Interior Robert Havel, Department of Justice Lewis M. Helm, Health, Education & Welfare Franklin R. Hood, VA Ambassador Carol Laise, State Department Joe Laitin, Office of Management and Budget John Leslie, Labor Department Basil R. Littin, Department of Commerce Florence Lowe National Endowment for the Arts Rosemary Mazon, Export/Import Bank Verle Nicholson, President's Council on Physical Fitness and Sports Robert Nipp, Federal Energy Administration Alan Wade, Department of the Treasury

Randall L. Woods, Small Business Administration

Clinton Wheeler, AID Margita White, USIA

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Cocktails to talk about Far East trip - Nov. 26

#### COCKTAILS WITH NESSEN

Tuesday - Nov. 26 7:00 pm

Frank Cormier Helen Thomas Assoicated Press

United Press International

Tom Jarriel Bob Schieffer Tom Brokaw

ABC CBS

NBC

Sid Davis

Westinghouse

Carroll Kilpatrick Rudy Abramson James Wieghart Peter Lisagor John Herbers Aldo Beckman George Kentera Dick Dudman Washington Post
Los Angeles Times
New York Daily News
Chicago Daily News
New York Times
Chicago Tribune
Detroit News

St. Louis Post Dispatch

John Osborne Mel Elfin Bonnie Angelo New Republic Newsweek Time

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Lunch at Wash. Post
Dec 6,74-CANCELLED

#### THE WHITE HOUSE

WASHINGTON

Carrol Kilpatrick
Larry Israel, Pres. of Wash.Post CO
Howard Simons, Managing Editor
Phil Geyelin, Editor of Editorial Pg
following are staff people
if not editors:

Harry Rosenfeld, Assist. managing ed. for nation1 new
Lou Cannon
Ed Goodpasteur- new but one of ed.
on natl desk
Carrie Johnson - member of ed. board
(formerly w/ Sen. Mathias)
Pete Silberman - financial ed
Tom Kendrick, ed. style sec
Mary Lou Beatty, asst. managing ed
Haynes Johnson,
Bart Rowen
Pete Milius

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Ron When she calls, what do you want set up? Breakfast (how???) Lunch at the White House Lunch at the Washington Post (if the suggests that only) Office appointment

Other:

#### THE WASHINGTON POST COMPANY

1150 Fifteenth Street, N. W., Washington, D. C. 20005

KATHARINE GRAHAM
Chairman of the Board

November 5, 1974

Dear Mr. Nessen:

Thanks very much for your generous letter about the speech NEW YORK ran as an article. I have had a fair amount of nice reaction, but I particularly appreciate your words.

Expectably, one person -- an ex-British Ambassador -- told a friend I'd written an article admitting the Post had gone too far in the Watergate reporting! Ah, well, we all have a bit of it.

I'd very much like to sit down with you and would ask a select few experts with wise heads to join us. Liz Hylton in my office will call your secretary and set up a date. We can do lunch or breakfast or just set up a time whenever it can be arranged.

Sincerely,

Mr. Ron Nessen
Press Secretary to the President
The White House
Washington, D. C. 20500



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Mr. Ron Nessen Press Secretary to the President The White House Washington, D. C. 20500





Star-News Lunch Dec. 11, 1974 Cancelled

# THE WHITE HOUSE WASHINGTON

12/11/74

Ron Nessen and Bob

Hartmann regretted this

luncheon due to the

President's heavy schedule

and the speech tonight

(on economy) that the

President is to give.

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WASH. STAR-NEWS LUNCHEON Wedne ay, Dec 11

\$tar-News
225 Virginia Avenue, SE
Washington, D.C.

- 12:30 Meet Bob Hartmann in his office..(you will be riding with him and his office has taken care of the arrangements with his driver.)
- 12:45 Meet with Mr. N.Noyes in his office (3rd floor); then proceed to the Executive Dining Room with Mr. Noyes to meet with their top editorial and business people.



Washington, D. C. 20003

November 29, 1974

Dear Mr. Nessen:

We are looking forward to having you at lunch here at the Star-News on Wednesday, December 11, 1974. We can meet at the Editor's office on the third floor at 12:45 and go upstairs together.

In case you are not familiar with the location of the Star Building, you may find the enclosed map helpful, especially if you are coming by way of the Southwest Freeway.

The simplest way to reach us from the freeway is to follow the latter to the exit at Sixth Street, S. E., Turn left at "G" Street, S. E., left again onto Third Street, S. E., and under the freeway to the Star Building.

If you will need a place to park, please call us in advance so that we can make the necessary arrangements.

Faithfully,

Rudolph Kauffmann II Associate Editor

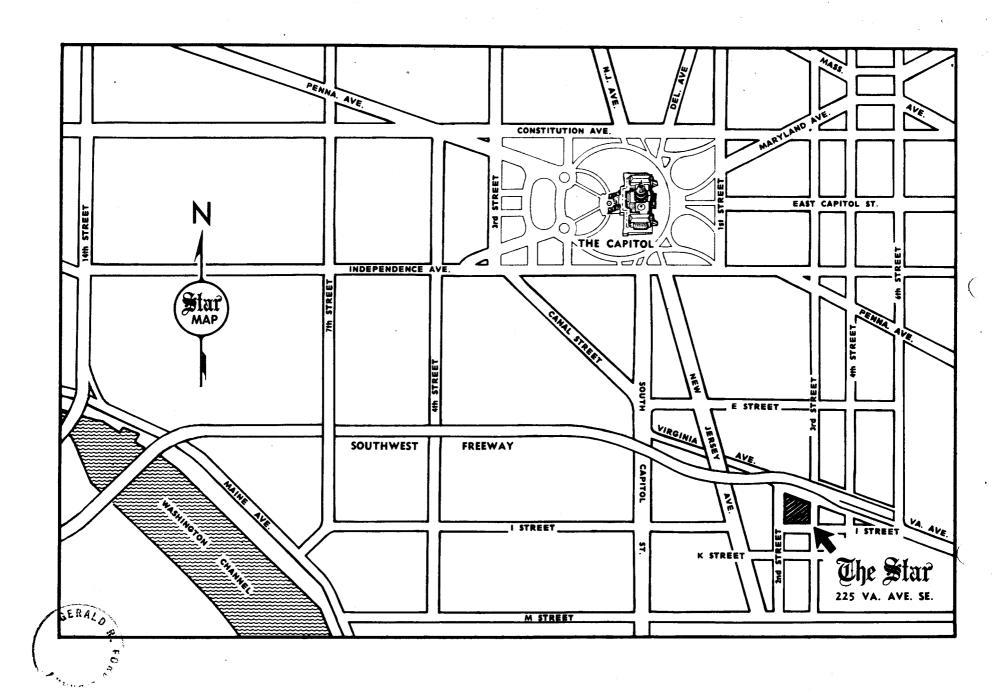
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Enclosure

Mr. Ronald H. Nessen Press Secretary to the President The White House Washington, D. C.









Mr. Ronald H. Nessen Press Secretary to the President The White House Washington, D. C. Connie,
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### The Washington Star-News WASHINGTON, D. C. 20003

NEWBOLD NOYES

November 19, 1974

Dear Mr. Nessen:

Thanks for your note. How does either Monday, December 9, or Wednesday, December 11, sound to you for lunch here at the Star-News?

Just give us a call (484-4301) when you've had a chance to look at your calendar.

Faithfully yours,

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Mr. Ronald H. Nessen Press Secretary to the President The White House Washington, D. C.





Mr. Ronald H. Nessen Press Secretary to the President The White House Washington, D. C.

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Dear Mr. Neyes:

I do want to have that lunch with the Star editorial and business people.

Unfortunately the President is tentatively scheduled to make an out-of-town trip on December 3. Would you suggest another date before the President leaves for Martinique on December 14th?

I look forward to this occasion to meet with you and your top editorial and business people.

Sincerely,

Ron Nossen
Press Secretary
to the President

Mr. Newbold Noyes Editor The Washington Star-News Washington, D.C. 20003

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# THE WHITE HOUSE

Ron --

The Dec. calendar says the President leaves that day for San Antonio and Houston - something for Audie Murphy. I don't know if it is firm.



## The Washington Star-News Washington, D. C. 20003

NEWBOLD NOYES

November 12, 1974

Dear Mr. Nessen:

I would like again to offer you a most cordial invitation to have lunch with us at the Star-News. Would Tuesday, December 3, be a good day for you?

To remind: You'd be talking off-the-record in our executive dining room with some of our top editorial and business people. We could meet at my office on the third floor about 12:45 and go upstairs together.

I hope very much you can make it.

Faithfully yours,

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Mr. Ronald H. Nessen Press Secretary to the President The White House Washington, D. C.





Mr. Ronald H. Nessen Press Secretary to the President The White House Washington, D. C. The Washington Star

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Call and reset date for after Japan trip

Call and reset date for before Japan trip

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### The Kvening Star-The Sunday Star WASHINGTON, D. C. 20003

NEWBOLD NOYES

October 31, 1974

Dear Mr. Nessen:

We have an executive lunch room at the Star-News which occasionally provides a pleasant forum for off-the-record discussions. I'm most anxious to have you with us soon as a guest.

How would Thursday, November 14, suit your schedule? We could meet at my office on the third floor at 12:45 and go upstairs together.

If the idea is appealing but the suggested date is a bad one, please call my office and we'll work out an alternative.

We hope to see you.

Faithfully yours,

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Mr. Ronald H. Nessen Press Secretary to The President The White House Washington, D. C.

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Mr. Ronald H. Nessen Press Secretary to The President The White House Washington, D. C.



#### SPURLING BREAKFAST GROUP

8:00 am Sheraton Carlton Hotel Chandelier Room

Mike Miller

Roscoe Drummond

Lou Cannon

James Dickinson Tom Littlewood Peter Lisagor

Robert Novak

John Herbers Rudy Abramson

Bill Theis

Peter Kumpa

John Steele

Frank Jackman

Joseph Kraft

Finley Lewis

Larry O'Rourke Bob Boyd

Dick Dudman

Aldo Beckman

Tom DeFrank

Lou Warren

David Kraslow Jack Kole

Walter Mears Sol Kohler

Alan Cromley

John Mashek

Jim Risser

Richard Strout

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Hearst

Baltimore Sun

Time

New York Daily News

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Minneapolis Tribune and Star

Philadelphia Bulletin Knight Newspapers St. Louis Post Dispatch

Chicago Tribune

Newsweek

Buffalo Evening News

Cox Newspapers Milwaukee Journal

Detroit News Newhouse

Daily Oklahoman

U.S. News and World Report

Des Moines Register

Christian Science Monitor

Possibles:

Charles Bartlett

Carl Rowan

James Perry

Columnist Columnist

National Observer

# The Christian Science Monitor

**Washington News Bureau** 

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January 8, 1975

Mr. Ron Nessen Press Secretary to the President The White House Washington, D. C.

Dear Ron:

Inclosed is the latest listing of my break-fast group.

We are all looking forward to seeing you at 8 a.m. on Friday, January 31, at the Sheraton Carlton.

Once again I'm gently pushing for a gettogether of my breakfast group with the President. As I said on the phone: We can meet with him at any place and at any time of the day. Further, we will accept any ground rule he would like. You might want to put it all on the record with an embargo.

Sincerely,

Godfrey Sperling Jr. Chief, Washington News

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#### MEETING WITH CORRESPONDENTS

Friday, February 14 4:00 pm

#### White House Correspondents Association officers

Jim Deakin

Larry O' Rourke (out of town til Monday) (PM paper)

Aldo Beckman ~

Paul Healy ~

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Norman Kempster ~ (PM paper)

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F. W. LYON VICE PRESIDENT FOR NEWSPICTURES

March 20, 1975

Mr. Ron Nessen Press Secretary to the President The White House Washington, D. C.

Dear Ron:

This is just to thank you formally for taking the time to meet with me and my fellow Unipressers a few days ago.

I'm enclosing a copy of last week's UPI Reporter, which I believe to be a factual account of the sense of that meeting.

Sincerely,

Bill Lyon

FWL:ms



Office of H. L. Stevenson, Editor-in-Chief and Vice President

March 13, 1975

I reported in the Jan. 30 issue of the Reporter on certain problems we have had in connection with the photo release policies of the White House. Several letters of protest were written and a meeting between UPI executives and officials of the White House Press Office was held on March 6 in Washington.

THE WHITE HOUSE'S PHOTO RELEASE POLICY

Representing UPI were Frank Tremaine, senior vice president; Grant Dillman, vice president for Washington; Hugo Wessels, Washington newspictures bureau manager; and the undersigned. Representing the White House were Press Secretary Ron Nessen,

White House photographer David Hume Kennerly, Larry Speakes and Sandra Eisert.

Nessen and Kennerly explained the White House policy in regard to the release of Kennerly's photos. The job of the White House photographer was defined. And previously announced ground rules for photo releases were elaborated upon and discussed.

The job of the White House photographer was defined as one of photographic documentations of the presidency for posterity. This responsibility has always been a part of the White House photographer's job, but Nessen and Kennerly made very clear their feeling that chronicling Mr. Ford's presidency for future generations is Kennerly's primary responsibility.

Nessen said the White House is particularly sensitive to charges of "news management" and as a result a decision had been taken to avoid "flooding the market" with official photos of the President.

"We could release good pictures of the President every day," Nessen said. "but we're not going to."

We went from that point to a discussion of release of those official photos which the White House does distribute. These fall into three categories: (1) a picture, made in a situation not covered by regular news photographers, deemed sufficiently newsworthy or important to warrant its release on White House initiative; (2) a picture of an event not covered by regular news photographers, on which the news media requests pictures; (3) pictures from files.

With one early exception involving human error, we have had no problems when pictures in the first category were released. When the White House decides that a particular event to which only Kennerly had access is sufficiently newsworthy, pictures are released to everyone on a timely basis.

Our complaints have related to several White House photos that appeared in national circulation magazines a few weeks to several months after they were taken, and after their news value to daily publications was diminished or destroyed.

The White House position is that any news service or publication may have any releasable photo simply by asking for it.

The difficulty lies in knowing that a particular picture or series of pictures exists.

Fishing expeditions are out. Contact sheets on a day's take are not available for viewing. Non-specific inquiries will not be accepted.

If we are able to determine that a particular event has taken place or that a noteworthy picture has been made, we may request a photo. If it is deemed releasable, we'll get it, along with anyone else who wants it.

If we have a feature story we wish to illustrate, we have two avenues of approach. We may request an opportunity for one of our own photographers to make the picture(s) at the convenience of the President or the First Family. Failing that, we may ask Kennerly to make the pictures or supply them from his files.

In the former case we would have the photos exclusively; in the latter case, they would be released to all on the date we chose to release the story and pictures.

Given the White House's reluctance to release many pictures in the first category mentioned above, the ground rules mean that researchers for various media sometimes will score with pictures which we feel were sufficiently newsworthy to have been released on a spot basis. However, we intend to pursue aggressively the opportunities afforded us by the White House rules.

Vice President for Newspictures

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### THE WHITE HOUSE WASHINGTON

### Attendees at Washington Post Lunch Tuesday, March 11, 1975

Ben Bradlee
Howard Simons
Mary Lou Beatty
Meg Greenfield
Harry Rosenfeld
Ed Goodpaster
Carroll Kilpatrick
Lee Lescaze
Haynes Johnson
Mrs. Donnie Radcliffe
Jules Whitcover
Hobart Rowan
Dorothy McCardle

(Carroll Kilpatrick will go over with you in the White House car)

