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July 31, 1976

Dear Peter:

Thank you for your thoughtfulness in inviting me to make use of the various NBC facilities in Kansas City during the convention.

I don’t know yet what my schedule will be in Kansas City but I hope it allows time for me to visit with you and other old friends from NBC.

Best wishes,

Sincerely,

Ron Nessen
Press Secretary
to the President

Mr. Peter B. Kassey
NBC
1800 K Street, N.W.
Washington, D.C. 20006

RN/mcb
July 26, 1976

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

Dear Ron:

As you are aware, the August 16-20 Republican National Convention in Kansas City is rapidly approaching.

The NBC Washington Government Relations staff will be headquartered during the convention at the Crown Center and, at specific times, in a museum-piece Presidential parlor car used for cross-country campaigning during the 30's, which will be located near Kemper Arena.

While it is still too early to have complete plans and schedules for the convention week, we are thinking in terms of some social functions and guided tours of NBC's broadcast facilities at the Arena.

It is our hope that we will have the opportunity to provide events of interest to you, your family, and key staff, as well as facilities where you can relax and take a break from the business of the convention.

At this time it is difficult to specify times and dates for such activities until the Republican National Committee has scheduled all its events and arrangements and until we have your response to the enclosed informational form. And, of course, there are the obvious problems of arranging transportation and obtaining security clearances for our guests.

If you plan to attend the Kansas City convention, we would appreciate your completing and returning the form in the self-addressed, stamped envelope. This information will help us contact you with you with specifics and time schedules as soon as they are finalized.

Those of us in the K Street Office of NBC hope to see you at the convention in Kansas City.

Best regards,

Cordially,

Peter B. Kenney
Information Sheet For
REPUBLICAN NATIONAL CONVENTION
August 16-20, 1976
Kansas City

Yes, I plan to be in Kansas City for the Convention as:

☐ a delegate/an official
☐ an observer

My spouse will ☐ will not ☐ attend.

I will be arriving in Kansas City ____________________________

and I will be staying at ________________________________

I would like to join you for:

☐ Brunch
☐ “R&R” in our Tavern-Lounge Car, 7-11 PM
☐ Tour of NBC master control facilities at Kemper Arena.

Name ____________________________
(Please print)

Please return to (self-addressed, stamped envelope provided):

Peter B. Kenney
Vice President
NBC
1800 K Street, N.W.
Washington, D.C. 20006
SOCIAL INVITATIONS - KANSAS CITY

Saturday, August 14, 1976

7 - 11 pm  Cocktail buffet honoring Governor and Mrs. Christopher Bond given by Mr. and Mrs. Charles H. Price

5049 Wornall Road
Kansas City, Missouri
To honor
Governor and Mrs. Christopher Bond

Mr. and Mrs. Charles H. Price
Cocktail Buffet
Saturday, the fourteenth of August
seven until eleven o'clock
5049 Wornall Road
Kansas City, Missouri

Please reply by the twenty-eighth of July
916-753-1134
Mr. and Mrs. Ronald H. Nessan
The White House
Washington, D. C. 20500
Mr. and Mrs. Ronald H. Nessen
The White House
Washington, D. C. 20500

Dear Mr. and Mrs. Nessen:

Missouri is looking forward to hosting the Republican National Convention August 16-19 in Kansas City. If my office may be of any assistance to you with arrangements or information, please let us know. We look forward to showing you Kansas City.

Carolyn and I hope you will join us and our good friends Carol and Charlie Price at a buffet dinner in their home Saturday evening, August 14. We are taking this opportunity of sharing Carol and Charlie's hospitality with our friends from out-of-town. An invitation from Carol and Charlie will be coming soon.

We hope to see you August 14 in Kansas City.

Sincerely,

[Signature]

GOVERNOR
SOCIAL INVITATIONS - KANSAS CITY

Sunday, August 15

11:30 am  Brunch hosted by Kansas City businessmen for Senators, Cabinet members, and officials
           Kansas City Country Club

Noon   National media press party

Noon - 3 pm  Picnic Lunch to meet John Chancellor, David Brinkley
              Catherine Mackin, Tom Pettit, Tom Brokaw,
              John Hart and Dick Wald
              Centennial Ballroom
              Crown Center Hotel

5 - 7 pm  Reception in honor of Distinguished Guests of the Republican National Convention, given by Governor and Mrs. Christopher Bond and Missouri Republican Host Committee, Inc.
           William Rockhill Nelson Gallery of Art
           Kansas City
Mr. Ronald H. Nessen  
Presidential Press Secretary  
The White House  
Washington, D. C. 20500

Dear Mr. Nessen:

Confirming my telephone conversation with your appointment secretary, you are cordially invited to attend a brunch for various Senators, Cabinet Members and other officials during the Republican National Convention. The brunch will be held on August 15, at 11:30 a.m., at the Kansas City Country Club, and is being hosted by a small group of Kansas City businessmen and civic leaders. I recognize the impracticability of arranging your schedule in a definitive manner very far in advance, so I have arranged an approach with your appointment secretary that will give all of us maximum flexibility. Whether you can attend or not, I wanted you to know personally that you would be most welcome.

Should you decide to attend, I will see that you are picked up and taken to the Club and will look forward to seeing you at that time.

Sincerely yours,

[Signature]
YOU ARE CORDIALLY INVITED TO MEET JOHN CHANCELLOR,
DAVID BRINKLEY AND NBC CONVENTION FLOOR REPORTERS
CATHERINE MACKIN, TOM PETIT, TOM BROKAW AND JOHN
HART AT A PICNIC LUNCH, SUNDAY,
AUGUST 15, FROM 12-3 PM IN THE CENTENNIAL BALLROOM
OF THE CROWN CENTER HOTEL, ONE PERSHING ROAD,
KANSAS CITY, MISSOURI. WE HOPE YOU CAN BE WITH US
AND NBC NEWS PRESIDENT RICHARD C. WARD TO MEET THE
PEOPLE PARTICIPATING IN NBC'S COVERAGE OF THE
REPUBLICAN NATIONAL CONVENTION, WHICH BEGINS THE
FOLLOWING DAY. RSVP TO RUSS TORNABENE, NBC, 30
ROCKEFELLER PLAZA, NEW YORK, N.Y. 10020 (212-247-
8300, EXT. 2438). CORDIALLY,

JULIAN GOODMAN
CHAIRMAN OF THE BOARD
NBC

HERB S. SCHLOSSER
PRESIDENT
NBC

0148 EST
MOMCNPW MGM

SEND YOUR REPLY BY MAILGRAM. USE HURRISE RATE FOR INITIAL LINES. TOLL FREE PHONE NUMBER:
August 3, 1976

TO: Mr. Ronald H. Nessen
FROM: McDill (Huck) Boyd
Chairman, Media Arrangements
Republican National Convention

Members of the Kansas City business community are hosting a National Media press party at noon on Sunday, August 15. While the function is intended to honor the leading members of all segments of the media from across the country, individual members of the Host Committee would also like to invite outstanding political leaders as their personal guests.

In the near future you will be receiving a personal invitation to the reception in the form of a telephone call from a Host Committee member. The caller will give you the specific time and place of the event and finalize the arrangements.

But it did seem appropriate to inform you in advance that this contact would be made. If, by any chance, you do not receive the telephone invitation, please do not hesitate to notify me at Convention headquarters (816-487-1890) for you are included in the group we hope will be able to join us.
Governor and Mrs. Christopher Bond
and
The Missouri Republican Host Committee, Inc.
Reception
in honor of
Distinguished Guests of the Republican National Convention
Sunday, the fifteenth of August
free until seven o'clock
William Rockhill Nelson Gallery of Art
4525 Oak Street
Kansas City, Missouri

Please reply by July 26
Present invitation at north door
All Exhibition Galleries will be open

Not Transferable
SOCIAL INVITATIONS - KANSAS CITY

Monday, August 16, 1976

1:00 pm Buffet luncheon given by Katherine Graham and Newsweek Editors
Top of the Crown
Crown Center Hotel

3 - 5 pm "The Future of our Party Reception" honoring Young Delegates and Alternates, given by Rogers Morton
Centennial Ballroom
Crown Center Hotel

5 - 7 pm Reception given by Ralph Davidson, Publisher; and the Editors of Time Magazine
Grand Ballroom (Mezzanine Level)
Muehlbach Hotel
12th Street and Baltimore

7 - 11 pm NBC Hospitality Tavern-Lounge parlour car
Fenced off area across from Kemper arena
(Call before you come so they can clear you)
Diagram available

Anytime ABC Hospitality Suite
Governor's Exposition Hall
THE WHITE HOUSE
WASHINGTON
RON NESSEN SCHEDULE
Monday, August 16

8:00 am  Senior Press Office and Communications Breakfast
          Top of the Crown

9:00 am  Senior Staff meeting
          18th Floor meeting room

10:00 am Youth Rally

11:00 am Morning Briefing

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REMINDERS
Monday, August 16, 1976

Tell President video tape of arrival is available for him to watch if he wishes - machine in room

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Talk to Kennerly about getting Marty LaFore with him for special access for pictures for PFC Newsletter.
Rogers C. B. Morton
Chairman of the President Ford Committee
cordially invites you to attend
"The Future of Our Party Reception"
honoring
Young Delegates and Alternates
to the Republican National Convention
and
"The Presidents"
Monday, August 15, 3 to 5 p.m.
Centennial Room A, Crown Center Hotel
Kansas City, Missouri
SOCIAL INVITATIONS-KANSAS CITY

Tuesday, August 17, 1976

Noon - 2 pm  Cocktails and buffet luncheon given by Carol and Arthur Sulzberger - to meet editors and correspondents of The New York Times
Colonial Ballroom
Radisson-Muehlebach Hotel

7 - 11 pm  NBC Hospitality Tavern-Lounge parlour car
Fenced off area across from Kemper arena
Diagram available

Anytime  ABC Hospitality Suite
Governor's Exposition Hall
(Directions available)
THE WHITE HOUSE
WASHINGTON

RON NESSEN SCHEDULE
Wednesday, August 18

9:00 am  Senior Staff meeting in Cheney's office

11:00 am  Briefing
(Av Westin will film it)

noon - 2 pm  Luncheon given by Republican Finance Committee
(President going to pre-lunch reception but not staying for lunch)
   Imperial Ballroom
   Radisson-Muehlbach
   (You are the guest of Morton Sosland, Editor/Publisher of Milling and Banking News - K. C.)

3:00 pm  Bill Carruthers

FYI:
7-11 pm  NBC Hospitality Tavern-Lounge parlour car
   Fenced off area across from Kemper arena
Anytime  ABC Hospitality Suite - Governor's Exposition Hall
SOCIAL INVITATIONS - KANSAS CITY

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Weller/Fairchild, Massey & Halsey
Kanse-K.C. Munson

3 pm
Bill Campana

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Anytime
ABC Hospitality Suite
Governor's Exposition Hall
(Directions available)
REPUBLICAN FINANCE COMMITTEE IS HAVING A LUNCHEON ON NEXT WEDNESDAY AT NOON.

THEY WANT RON TO ATTEND.

THE PRESIDENT WILL BE ATTENDING THE RECEPTION PRIOR TO THE LUNCHEON, BUT NOT THE LUNCHEON ITSELF.

JANICE A,
PLEASE RSVP TO DORRANCE SM.
August 5, 1976

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

Dear Ron:

Thanks for your prompt response to my letter of July 26 regarding our activities in conjunction with the Republican National Convention in Kansas City from August 16-20.

Those individuals from the NBC Washington Government Relations staff who will attend include myself, Sallie Forman, Administrator, Government Relations, and Jill McDonald, Research Coordinator.

We will be staying in the Crown Center Apartments and we may be reached through private phones, 467-9062 or 753-1912.

After reviewing the present plans of the Convention, we have established the following schedule for our activities:

A luncheon buffet, Monday through Thursday, from 11:00A-2:00P, in the Kansas City Room of Crown Center. Since the room has certain space limitations, we would appreciate your letting us know which day you plan to join us. You may call our office here in Washington, drop us a note, or call us at our number at Crown Center after you arrive in Kansas City.

We hope you will be able to join us in our Tavern-Lounge parlor car, the "Hospitality" during your "R & R" time. The car will be located in a fenced off area across from Kemper Arena and we will be there from 7:00-11:00, Monday through Thursday. (A diagram of the area is enclosed.) Since security will be very tight in this area, you might let us know when you plan to stop by so that we may leave your name with the security guard. Our direct number into the parlor car is 467-4176.
Tours of the NBC master control facility at Kemper Arena will be scheduled on an individual basis from Monday through Thursday between 8:00 and 10:00PM. If you are interested in this tour, you should plan to meet us at the parlor car and we can make arrangements from there for the proper credentials, etc.

We all look forward to seeing you in Kansas City.

Cordially,

[Signature]

Peter B. Kenney

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REPUBLICAN NATIONAL CONVENTION
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☐ Tour of NBC master control facilities at Kemper Arena.

Name __________________________
(Please print)

Please return to (self-addressed, stamped envelope provided):
Peter B. Kenney
Vice President
NBC
1800 K Street, N.W.
Washington, D.C. 20006
Regrets

Only after August 10
(816) 667-4600

Ralph Davidson, Publisher,
and the Editors of
TIME
invite you to a reception
Monday, August 16
5:00 to 7:00 P.M.
Grand Ballroom
The Muehlebach Hotel, Mezzanine Level
12th St. and Baltimore, Kansas City, Mo.
Dear Mr. Nessen:

The American Broadcasting Company cordially invites you to visit ABC's VIP Hospitality Suite when you attend the Republican National Convention in Kansas City from Monday, August 16, through August 19.

Here is how to find us: From the convention floor in Kemper Arena, walk to the left of the podium and exit through the South Entrance. Go about 100 yards, across a railroad tracks, and into the Governor's Exposition Hall. As you enter the building, ABC will be on your right.

We look forward to welcoming you!

With warm regard,

Sincerely,

Eugene Cowen
Vice President

Hon. Ronald H. Nessen
Press Secretary to the President
The White House
Washington, D. C. 20500

August 6, 1976
The United Republican Victory Luncheon

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Chairman

Honorary Chairmen
THE HONORABLE PAUL LAXALT
Chairman, Citizens for Reagan Committee

JEREMIAH MILBANK
Finance Chairman, Republican National Committee

THE HONORABLE ROGERS MORTON
Chairman, President Ford Committee

ROBERT MOSBACHER

MARY LOUISE SMITH
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JOHN RUAN
MORTON I. SOSLAND
W. CLEMENT STONE
HERMAN R. SUTHERLAND

The United Republican Victory Luncheon

LUNCHEON
Grand Ballroom
1 PM

Wednesday, August 18, 1976

The Radisson Muehlebach Hotel
Kansas City, Missouri
The United Republican Victory Luncheon Committee

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The United Republican Victory Luncheon

to honor and to meet

President and Mrs. Gerald R. Ford
and
Governor and Mrs. Ronald Reagan

LUNCHEON ADDRESSES

by

The Honorable Nelson Rockefeller
Vice President of the United States

and

The Honorable Paul Laxalt
United States Senator, Nevada

Wednesday, August 18, 1976

GRAND BALLROOM
THE RADISSON MUEHLEBACH HOTEL
KANSAS CITY, MISSOURI

Setle 33
The United Republican Victory Luncheon
SOCIAL INVITATIONS-KANSAS CITY

Thursday, August 19, 1976

11 a - 2 pm  Luncheon buffet hosted by NBC. (Held daily, but this is the first day your schedule is free)
   Kansas City Room
   Crown Center Hotel
   (Please let them know which day you are coming)

7 - 11 pm  NBC Hospitality Tavern-Lounge parlour car
   Fenced off area across from Kemper arena
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