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THE WHITE HOUSE

WASHINGTON

January 27, 1975

MEMORANDUM FOR JEANNE DAVIS

FROM: WARREN HENDRIKS *WH*

Late in December, Congress passed and the President signed, legislation to promote posthumously a Foreign Service Officer by the name of Charles W. Thomas. Mr. Thomas did not receive an earned promotion at the time he was in the Service and was involuntarily retired and later committed suicide. His promotion had apparently been passed over due to correspondence relating to him being misfiled and incorporated into the file of another Charles W. Thomas.

When the legislation was signed on January 2, the President sent a letter of sympathy to Mr. Thomas's widow, an employee at the State Department. However, based upon information which Bob Linder received from the State Department, via NSC, the letter went to the wife of the other Mr. Charles W. Thomas.

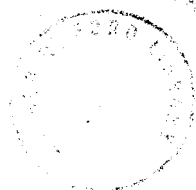
Attached is an article which recently appeared in the Detroit News on the subject of the Presidential letter.

I think it would be appropriate to determine if the letter has ever been received by the correct Mrs. Thomas (the article indicates that it was delayed) and, if so, perhaps a corrected letter should be sent.

Could you please have someone contact the State Department and furnish us with the correct mailing address for Mrs. Thomas.

Thank you.

cc: Ron Nessen ✓






THE WHITE HOUSE
WASHINGTON

Jan. 23, 1975

TO: WARREN HENDRICKS
FROM: RON NESSEN

I thought you should see the
attached.





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The Detroit News

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20 January 1975

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

Dear Ron:

Herewith the Mrs. Thomas piece I mentioned
to you last night on the Orient Express, together
with a xerox of the President's compassionate
letter -- addressed to the wrong Mrs. Thomas.

Sincerely,

R.D. HEINI, Jr.

mitted midterm resignations in December. Both reportedly resigned in disagreement with the administration, although both have denied it.

Fr. Carron will submit a report to his board of

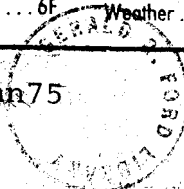
Fr. Carron said he is confident that his staff and the deans, which led to the trustees

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'Dear Mrs. Thomas: ... with the deepest regret'

DETROIT NEWS 19 Jan 75



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News Washington Bureau

WASHINGTON — Sometime in 1966, a State Department file clerk stapled some correspondence to the

checking his files after his retirement in 1967, the State Department adamantly refused to reopen the case, declined his requests for rehearing, and left him to shift for himself in trying to support his wife and two children

matters and corrective changes in promotion procedures to avert such future tragedies.

Last month as the 93rd Congress finished business, it included a bill, passed by both

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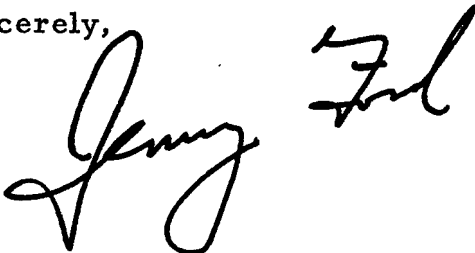
January 2, 1975

Dear Mrs. Thomas:

There are no words that can ease the burden you have carried over these years. The circumstances surrounding your husband's death are a source of deepest regret to the government he served so loyally and well, and I only hope that the measures which came about as a result of this tragedy will prevent reoccurrences of this kind in the future. I also hope that the enclosed legislation will bring some comfort to you and your family.

Mrs. Ford joins me in sending you our warmest wishes and prayers at this holiday season and for the years ahead.

Sincerely,

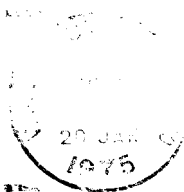
A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Jimmy Ford". The signature is written in a cursive style with a large, looped "J" and a distinct "F".

Mrs. Charles William Thomas
5432 Wolf River Lane
Columbia, Maryland 21043



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

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THE WHITE HOUSE
WASHINGTON
January 20, 1976

FROM: WARREN HENDRIKS *WH*
SUBJECT: PRESIDENTIAL BRIEFING

You are invited to attend a special State of the Union, Budget and Economic Briefing for Presidential Appointees in the East Room at 3:45 p.m. on Wednesday, January 21.

In addition to the President's and Vice President's participation, Paul O'Neill, Alan Greenspan and Jim Cannon will address their areas of responsibility.



THE WHITE HOUSE

WASHINGTON

March 2, 1976

MEMORANDUM FOR: RON NESSEN
FROM: WARREN BENDRIKS
SUBJECT: TV Interviews

Emmett Rozier, an executive with Channel 2 (WESH-TV) in Daytona Beach/Orlando and also the President of the Florida Jaycees, called seeking my assistance in scheduling a ten minute interview with the President.

According to Rozier, a request was sent previously through Lou Frey and Oscar Juarez for a one on one, ten minute interview by John Evans which would be aired for six to eight minutes. Prior to the primary, Channel 2 intends to run a candidate each day, but not in conjunction with or side by side another candidate.

Rozier was upset to learn that Channel 7 in Miami (Richard Whitcomb) had arranged a similar interview with the President but that Channel 2 would not be accommodated as well. Rozier indicated that they reach 60,000 to 100,000 homes in a 22 county area, having an eight county ADI.

I realize that time is tight but as long as the station is willing to travel to Washington, D.C. and can set up somewhere that does not inconvenience the President, it would seem that ten minutes could be arranged.

In either case, I think it would be helpful for someone to go back again to Channel 2 if nothing else just to smooth things over.

cc Bill Nicholson
Jerry Jones

THE WHITE HOUSE

WASHINGTON

March 9, 1976

MEMORANDUM FOR MARGITA WHITE

FROM: RON NESSEN

Would you work with Warren Hendricks to help the Milwaukee Sentinel find someone to participate in their 13th Annual Forum for Progress on May 3?

The attached correspondence shows that their first choice was Secretary Simon, who regretted the invitation. Now they have asked Secretary Richardson to be with them. Richardson's office told me he is committed to an engagement in Pennsylvania that day, and a turn-down is being sent to the Sentinel.

Could you be in touch with Mr. Willis and see what other arrangements can be worked out?

Thankyou.

cc: Warren Hendricks ✓

THE WHITE HOUSE
WASHINGTON

TO: *Rou*

FROM: **CONNIE GERRARD**

Richardson's office
says he is scheduled
to be in Pennsylvania
that day.

They haven't received
the invitation yet.

THE WHITE HOUSE
WASHINGTON

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NOTE FOR: *Connie G.*

FROM : RON NESSEN

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White (2) Warren
Hendrix to
help.*

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February 27, 1976

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

Dear Ron:

I am turning to you again for help, if you can give me any. You may or may not know that William Simon was unable to include our Forum in his schedule. He offered me a raincheck and I'll collect it some time in the future.

Meanwhile, I am turning to Elliot Richardson in the hope that he has not been in his new office long enough to have his schedule booked so heavily. I VERY MUCH want a speaker who is representative of the Ford administration on the program, if at all possible. I hope that we can put it together.

So, I am back to my original request to you. I am not going to list all the details of the program again, but I do want to point out to you that I already have acceptances from several outstanding people in this area. They include: Paul Kolton, Chairman of the American Stock Exchange; David M. Cohen, President of Common Cause; Mrs. Helen Nelson, a member of the Board of Governors of the American Stock Exchange; Robert V. Krikorian, President of Rexnord; Walter J. Burke of the United Steelworkers of America; Berkley G. Burrell, President of the National Business League; and Leon Kendall, President of the Mortgage Guaranty Insurance Corporation.

If you can find the time, Ron, please put in a good word for our Forum with Elliot Richardson.

Sincerely,

Bob Wills

Robert H. Wills
Editor

RHW:ds

January 28, 1976

Dear Mr. Willis:

Thank you very much for your letter and thoughtful comments of January 22.

I appreciated your briefing me on the background of the Sentinel's May 3 Forum. You can be sure that I'll do what I can to encourage Mr. Simon to accept your luncheon speaking invitation.

Again, my thanks and with best regards,

Sincerely,

Richard B. Cheney
Assistant to the President

Mr. Robert H. Willis
Editor
Milwaukee Sentinel
Journal Square
Milwaukee, Wisconsin 53201

BCC: w/ ~~encl~~ incoming to Wm. Simon

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THE WHITE HOUSE
WASHINGTON

January 27, 1976

Dear Bob:

This is in reply to your letter to both the President and me concerning an invitation to Secretary Simon to speak at the Milwaukee Sentinel's 13th Annual Forum for Progress on May 3, 1976.

I have discussed this with Secretary Simon's office and it looks as if it might be a tight squeeze for him to fit in this forum on that day. He already has two speeches in Chicago and one in Cleveland tentatively scheduled. However, I have urged him to seriously consider accepting your invitation and his office will be back in touch with you when his schedule for that day is definite.

Best wishes,

Sincerely,

Ron Nessen
Press Secretary
to the President

Mr. Robert H. Wills
Editor
Milwaukee Sentinel
Journal Square
Milwaukee, Wisconsin 53201

cc: Secretary Simon

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MILWAUKEE SENTINEL

NEWSPAPERS, INC., JOURNAL SQUARE, MILWAUKEE, WISCONSIN 53201

January 22, 1976

Mr. Richard B. Cheney
Deputy Assistant to the President
The White House
Washington, D.C. 20500

Dear Mr. Cheney:

I am writing to bring to your attention the fact that I am asking Mr. William E. Simon, Secretary of the Treasury, to speak at the noon luncheon of The Milwaukee Sentinel's 13th annual Forum for Progress on May 3, 1976, at the Milwaukee War Memorial Center.

I have also written to President Ford, asking him to encourage Mr. Simon's attendance at the forum.

The theme for the all day meeting of The Sentinel's forum will be "The American Enterprise System -- 200 Years Later." We have chosen the subject as one of primary importance in our country as it celebrates its bicentennial birthday.

We will trace the growth of the American enterprise system since the birth of the United States, its development and its impact on our lives today.

Topics to be covered by three panels will be "Economic Freedoms vs. Personal Freedoms", "Profit: A Blessing or an Evil?", "The Future: The Challenges and the Opportunities." Mr. Simon's subject would be "The Government and the Economic System." The luncheon speech is regarded as the most important of the day.

We plan for an audience of about 600 persons and attendance is by invitation.

The audience will include many of the distinguished business, governmental and civic leaders from Milwaukee and throughout Wisconsin. High school and college leaders will be present. You can be assured that there will be a strong representation from the world of business, industry and finance.

The Sentinel's Forum has twice been a factor in our receiving the coveted Community Service Award from the Inland Daily Press Association and the University of Missouri.

January 22, 1976

I am bringing this to your attention in the hopes that you can intercede with the president and/or Mr. Simon in encouraging him to accept the invitation.

You did so well for The Milwaukee Sentinel the last time we appealed to you for help because of a problem in press coverage, I am turning to you again. I hope you won't consider it too much of an imposition. Anything you can do will help.

We rate the forum very highly. We would like to see the forum, in this bicentennial year, prove especially stimulating, and if Mr. Simon does accept the invitation, maybe you would like to use it as an excuse to get back to Milwaukee.

Thanks in advance for anything you can do.

Sincerely,

Robert H. Wills

Robert H. Wills
Editor

RHW:ds

THE WHITE HOUSE

WASHINGTON

June 9, 1976

MEMORANDUM FOR:

RON NESSEN

FROM:

WARREN HENDRIKS

As you requested earlier, I am returning your book of California media invitations. In most cases we followed up each invitation and talked with someone at the station. Because it was so late in the game, it was difficult to put anything together, although we were successful in two instances.

As we move ahead, I would like to do this again, only sooner.

Many thanks.

Attachment

*- C. D. post
in folder*