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THE WHITE HOUSE
WASHINGTON

Date: November 22, 1974

MEMORANDUM FOR: RON NESSEN

FROM: WILLIAM W. NICHOLSON

SUBJECT: Second Annual Awards Luncheon of the
Mutual Broadcasting System, Inc.



The attached is for your appropriate handling. (for appropriate follow-up)

Thank you.

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Scott doesn't see it as being important enough to go to New York for.

November 19, 1974

GENERAL

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Schmidt, Hic's

Dear Mr. Little:

Mr. Hartmann is travelling with the President in Japan and has asked me to respond to your letter of November 13.

We will be pleased to recommend that the President accept your kind invitation to attend your Second Annual Awards Luncheon. You should be receiving a follow-up response when a final decision is made.

With our best wishes,

Sincerely,

Stanley S. Scott
Special Assistant
to the President

Mr. C. Edward Little
President
X
Mutual Broadcasting System, Inc.
918 16th Street, N.W.
Washington, D. C. 20006

SS:JC:ph

cc: Warren Kustand
Robert T. Hartmann



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THE WHITE HOUSE
WASHINGTON

To:
~~From:~~ Robert T. Hartmann

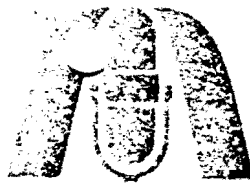
From: Stan Scott
To:

Date: _____ Time _____ a.m.
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I am in Japan)
and handle

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mutual broadcasting system, inc.

World Center Building, 918 16th Street, N.W., Washington, D. C. 20006 • (202) 785-6300

C. EDWARD LITTLE
President

November 13, 1974

Mr. Robert T. Hartmann
Counselor to the President
The White House
Washington, D.C. 20500

Dear Mr. Hartmann:

On Wednesday, December 18, 1974, the Mutual Black Network will announce the 1974 Black College All-American Football teams and the Black College Offensive and Defensive Players of the Year. The winners will be honored at our Second Annual Awards Luncheon at the Marriott Essex House Hotel in New York.

It would be a most distinctive honor to have President Ford attend the Awards Luncheon as the guest of honor.

Because of the President's long involvement and interest in this sport, we at Mutual hope that you will bring our invitation to his attention. The awards are the only ones in America to honor such Black athletes and the President's attendance would certainly do much to re-emphasize his support.

You may recall that it wasn't until 1973 that Black college athletes were named to a nationally recognized Black All-American Team and I feel extremely proud that it was the Mutual Black Network and the Chevrolet Motor Division that initiated the awards program. In conjunction with the naming of the Offensive and Defensive Players of the Year, the Chevrolet Motor Division grants \$5,000 to the general scholarship fund of the winner's schools.

Our FCC Counselor -- Dick Schmidt -- suggested that I issue our invitation to President Ford through you.

November 13, 1974

Mr. Robert T. Hartmann

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In conveying our welcome, you might tell the President that others in the large audience will include over 100 members of the press, the president and sports directors of the three television networks, the winning athletes and representatives of their colleges. I am certain that all in attendance would be grateful if the President joined them.

For your information, a cocktail party will start at 12 noon followed by the Awards Luncheon to commence promptly at 1 PM and to hopefully conclude no later than 2 PM.

If you have any questions concerning this most important program, please give me a call.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in dark ink, appearing to read 'CEL', with a horizontal line extending from the end of the signature.

C. Edward Little
President

CEL/jp

THE WHITE HOUSE

WASHINGTON

11/25

TO: BILL NICHOLSON

FR: RON NESSEN *RHN*

I think the attached should
be referred to the Office
of Telecommunications Policy
for appropriate in-put, rather
than our office.

THE WHITE HOUSE

WASHINGTON

Date: November 11, 1974

MEMORANDUM FOR: RON NESSEN

FROM: WILLIAM W. NICHOLSON

SUBJECT: Joint Legislative Cable Television Study Comm.
of Michigan House and Senate, Jan. 16&17

The attached is for your appropriate handling.

Thank you.

14.
Invitation
Jan 16, 1975



STANLEY F. ROZYCKI
STATE SENATOR
STATE CAPITOL
LANSING, MICHIGAN 48902

THE SENATE LANSING, MICHIGAN



November 8, 1974

COMMITTEES ON:
SENATE APPROPRIATIONS
GOVERNMENT EFFICIENCY
INTERSTATE COOPERATION
NATIONAL LEGISLATIVE HIGHWAY,
CHAIRMAN

TID MIDWESTERN STATES HIGHWAY
AND TRANSPORTATION,
CHAIRMAN
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MESSAGE

SENATORS BUREAU

OTHER FOR NEEDLE

APPOINTMENT CARD

The President
The White House
Washington, D. C. 20500

Dear Mr. President:

Communications in America is headed for a major crisis. Your Office of Telecommunications Policy has recommended new cable television regulations at odds with Federal Communications Commission Policy. In turn, new copyright legislation is creating a tug of war between business, legislative, legal and public interest factions, most of whom seem to be devoted to articulating their views at the expense of some ordered progress in the field.

Obviously, without strong leadership from the highest levels of government -- from you and your office -- this chaos will continue and greatly diminish any positive impact communication technology might have on American social and economic life. With that in mind, we wish to offer you a commanding forum for the expression of your policy goals.

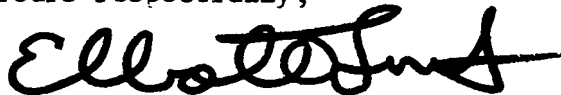
On January 16 and 17, 1975, the Joint Legislative Cable Television Study Committee of the Michigan House and Senate is sponsoring an extensive Cable Television Conference involving approximately 1,000 participants from the mid-west. The conference will deal with all the basic communication technologies being developed now in the United States. Our executive committee believes that the main banquet on Thursday evening, the 16th, would provide you with an excellent opportunity to directly articulate your administration's policies on communication and communication needs in this country.

The President
Page two
November 8, 1974

We believe you will agree that such an address with a strongly stated position from you would serve as a catalyst and help set a new forward-looking course on all the legal, legislative, and economic communications fronts.

Our committee is pleased to be able to offer the upcoming conference as the forum for your views and we hope that you will respond favorably.

Yours respectfully,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Elliott Smith", with a stylized, flowing script.

ELLIOTT SMITH
Conference Coordinator

THE WHITE HOUSE

WASHINGTON


December 9, 1974

Dear Mr. Little:

Although the President would enjoy very much attending the Awards Luncheon in New York on December 18, I regret he will be unable to do so. Mid-December is shaping up as an extremely busy legislative period with the final days of the Congressional session. And the President will also be following up on his just-concluded meetings with the President of France in Martinique.

He did want me to thank you for your thoughtfulness in inviting him to join you. Let me add my best wishes along with his to you and to the very deserving winners.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in cursive script, appearing to read "Ron Nessen".

Ron Nessen
Press Secretary to the President

Mr. C. Edward Little
President
Mutual Broadcasting System, Inc.
918 16th Street, N.W.
Washington, D.C. 20006

THE WHITE HOUSE
WASHINGTON
Dec. 9

Shirley --

This is the letter I was talking about.
Ron Nessen would like to have a message
sent. However, he does not want
included the mention of Chevrolet for
sponsoring the awards or recognition
~~the~~ luncheon.

Will you let me know what happens on
this?

Thanks.

connie



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December 9, 1974

Ron:

I apologize for the fact that Mutual is peppering you with requests and suggestions, but Ed Little, Pres. of Mutual, has asked me to do one more thing. He had sent a letter, inviting President Ford to appear at the Black College All-American football awards luncheon in New York, Dec. 18. I understand the President cannot do that, so now Mr. Little wonders if the President would be willing to send a letter that would be included in the press kit, and would be sent to all Black Colleges.

It would be a letter in the nature of expressing regret for not being able to attend the luncheon, and complementing the Black Colleges of the U.S. for their contribution, not only to athletics, but also to all areas of American life. Incidentally, I'm sure Mr. Little would be happy about a mention of Mutual Black Network and Chevrolet for sponsoring the awards or recognition luncheon.

I had thought of direct contact with Warren Rustand on this, but I would rather go to you first. Again, with apologies, thank you.

Forrest Boyd

THE WHITE HOUSE

WASHINGTON

Date: November 19, 1974

MEMORANDUM FOR: RON NESSEN
FROM: WILLIAM W. NICHOLSON
SUBJECT: National Black Media Coalition

The attached is for your appropriate handling.

Thank you.

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gmd
Audience

NATIONAL BLACK MEDIA COALITION

1816 T STREET N.W.

WASHINGTON, D.C. 20009

---BLACK COMMUNICATIONS FOR BLACK FREEDOM---

716-325-5116

ACTION
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DATE RECEIVED
NOV 18 1974
MESSAGE
SPEAKERS BUREAU
OTHER *Em nessen*
APPOINTMENT OFFICE

James McCuller
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Northeast

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Vice-Chairperson,
Southeast

Harold Lee
Vice-Chairperson,
Midwest

Alvin Chambliss
Vice-Chairperson,
Southwest

Marcus Wilcher
Vice-Chairperson
West

Leanne S. Keys
Board Member
At Large

Warren Graves
Washington
Coordinator

November 15, 1974

The Honorable Gerald Ford
President of the United States
Executive Office Building
Washington, D. C.

Dear President Ford:

I wrote to you in February shortly after your confirmation as Vice-President. I referred to your meeting with the network executives. You replied saying you welcomed my comments and suggestions concerning meetings with persons involved in the communications field. Your closing paragraph indicated that a meeting with representatives of some of the public interest groups might be beneficial and it would be possible to work something out. I interpreted this paragraph as an indication that we could arrange a meeting and begin an important and necessary dialogue on our interests in broadcast communications.

The National Black Media Coalition represents fifty-four (54) media and communication groups in twenty-three (23) states. We are extremely interested in media, especially print, airwave and cable. We are prepared to meet with you and discuss our concerns in several communication areas: citizen participation, ownership, legislation, research, and cable. We have worked diligently in the last two years in these areas. We coordinated and participated in two very fruitful meetings with the Federal Communications Commission. Recently, our Networks Committee met with representatives of ABC; other meetings are planned with CBS and NBC.

We would appreciate a meeting with you in the immediate future. The staff aide we talked to in your office was Mr. Bill Roberts. A copy of your letter is attached for reference. We appreciate your enlightened attitude on communications issues. We look forward to your reply.

Sincerely yours,

James McCuller
James McCuller
Chairman

THE VICE PRESIDENT

WASHINGTON

March 20, 1974

Mr. James McCuller
Chairman
National Black Media Coalition
244 Plymouth Avenue South
Rochester, New York 14608

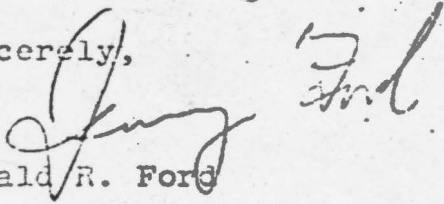
Dear Mr. McCuller:

Thank you very much for your thoughtful letter of February 24, which has just reached my desk. I appreciate your good wishes and I welcome your comments and suggestions concerning meetings with persons involved in the communications field. I said recently, in a speech in Boston, Massachusetts, that I think it is important to have a good relationship with the news media who I feel have been helpful in trying to preserve some of the great liberties of our nation. The importance of broadcast communications, in particular, cannot be over-emphasized. It was in that spirit that I met recently with the executives of the three commercial television networks -- a meeting, incidentally, at which they were the hosts and I the guest -- and discussed some of their concerns.

If you feel that a meeting with representatives of some of the public interest groups might be beneficial, perhaps we might be able to work something out. I would be interested in suggestions from you and representatives of other groups in the area.

With kindest regards.

Sincerely,


Gerald R. Ford

GRF/PAM



THE WHITE HOUSE

WASHINGTON

November 25, 1974

MEMO FOR: BILL ROBERTS

FROM: Connie Gerrard

Bill - I see you are familiar with this group - they refer to you in the last paragraph.

Could you and Stan Scott get together a recommendation on whether it should be done, and draft an appropriate letter for Ron?

Thanks.

cc: Stan Scott, along with copy of incoming file.

free copy

THE WHITE HOUSE
WASHINGTON

Date: January 28, 1975

MEMORANDUM FOR: DICK CHENEY
ROBERT T. HARTMANN
RON NESSEN

FROM: WILLIAM W. NICHOLSON

SUBJECT: Harold E. Stassen

The attached is being sent to you for your advice and recommendation.

Would you advise as soon as possible.

Thank you.

COMMENTS:

No comment.

RHN.

2/1/75 returned to W.N.

Interviewed

HAROLD E. STASSEN
2300 TWO GIRARD PLAZA
PHILADELPHIA, PENNSYLVANIA 19102
LOCUST 9-4830

ACTION
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DATE RECEIVED
JAN 27 1975
MESSAGE -
SPEAKERS BUREAU
OTHER
APPOINTMENT OFFICE

*Warren
Pittsford*

January 24, 1975

Dear Mr. President:

I would like to come to see you at your
early convenience, as I believe I can be helpful to
a major extent in the current situation.

With personal best wishes,

Sincerely,

Harold E. Stassen
Harold E. Stassen

Honorable Gerald Ford
The President
The White House
Washington, D.C.

*Staff to: RTH
DC
RN*



MEMORANDUM

THE WHITE HOUSE
WASHINGTON

October 21, 1975

MEMORANDUM FOR: RON NESSEN
FROM: W. W. NICHOLSON *WWN*
SUBJECT: Request by Frank Johnston and Haynes
Johnson to present the President with
their book "The Working White House."

We would appreciate having your comments and recommendation
on the attached.

Thank you.

*OK. No press photo.
Mr. Ford possible.
alternative.*

RHA

MEMORANDUM

THE WHITE HOUSE
WASHINGTON

October 21, 1975

TO: BILL NICHOLSON

FROM: DAVID KENNERLY 

Frank Johnson[†], the Washington Post photographer, and Haynes Johnson, want to present the President with their book "The Working White House".

The President has already agreed to do this at a time mutually convenient. I think the appointment would only need to be for 5 or 10 minutes at the most. I don't know whether or not we should have a press picture. I rather doubt it as we haven't in the past when it came to other books, although you may want to check with Nessen on that.

THE WHITE HOUSE
WASHINGTON

10/27/75

NOTE FOR: *Bill Nicholson*

FROM : RON NESSEN

*For your appropriate
action.*

RAN



FOUNDED NOV. 1, 1958

JOE WOLFF, Vice President
(Detroit News)

FRANK ANGELO
(Detroit Free Press)

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(WWJ and WWJ-TV)

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516 HOWARD STREET
DETROIT, MICHIGAN 48201
Telephone: 962-3

October 23, 1975

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

Dear Ron:

Members of the Detroit Press Club are still talking about the great event you helped make possible. Please feel free to do it again anytime!

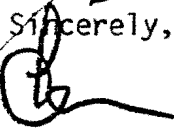
And before it slips my mind, let me make this an official invitation to the President and you to attend the Detroit Press Club Steakout on Thursday, March 4. It will be held at the Raleigh House in Southfield, easily reached from the airport.

Should it seem the thing to do, the Press Club would very much like to host a luncheon for the public, or whatever group seems appropriate for the President to speak to, and be covered by the press of Michigan on the same day, or the next day.

As I explained to you, the Steakout is similar to the Washington Gridiron, only not quite so serious. The Governor of Michigan and Mayor of Detroit make five-minute off-the-record talks of a humorous nature poking fun at themselves and the press. The President is invited to do the same should he desire.

There are about an hour of skits live, and filmed bloopers in the news, roasting the auto companies, Detroit, politicians, and the press itself. Social hour begins at 5:30, dinner is served at 7:30 (a steak, always), and the program goes on about 8:30 p.m. In recent years, we have been averaging 1,200 of Michigan's finest and most important citizens in all walks of life for the affair.

Sincerely,


Leonard R. Barnes
President

THE WHITE HOUSE

WASHINGTON

October 29, 1975

MEMORANDUM FOR:

TED MARRS
~~RON~~ NESSEN
JAMES CANNON
ROBERT GOLDWIN

FROM:

WILLIAM NICHOLSON *WNN*

SUBJECT:

Request that the President do a 3-minute film
clip to be incorporated in a film of an exhibit of
political cartoons on the American Presidency

I would appreciate your thoughts and recommendation on the attached f.
request from Chancellor Bowker of the University of California-Berkeley.

Thank you.

COMMENTS:

*No. Not important
enough to justify the time
R.H.N.*





OFFICE OF THE CHANCELLOR

BERKELEY, CALIFORNIA 94720

October 20, 1975

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OCT 21 1975

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BUREAU

President Gerald R. Ford
The White House
Washington, D.C. 20500

Dear President Ford:

The most original ~~contribution~~ which the University of California, Berkeley, is making to the nation's Bicentennial Celebration is the assembling of an exhibition of almost 200 political cartoons depicting the American Presidency from George Washington to yourself. The exhibition ~~will open~~ in Berkeley in January, 1976, with a lecture by the dean of political cartoonists, Herbert Block (Herblock), and then ~~will be shown~~ at selected galleries throughout the nation, ending at the National Portrait Gallery, Washington, D.C., October 18-November 28, 1976.

In order to share this unique exhibition with schools and colleges throughout the nation--most of which will not be able to view the original exhibit--we are making a film of the exhibit with appropriate commentary by cartoonists and historians. However, to balance the presentation and to give it distinction, we need comments from one of the subjects of the cartoons, that is, from an American President. Would you be generous enough to give us a few minutes of your time in order to make a three minute segment to be incorporated in the final film? Your comments would consist, mostly, of answers to questions submitted to you in advance, and the necessary technical crew, which would come to Washington at your convenience, would consist of three people only. If the filming could be done between now and January, 1976, it would be advantageous to us.

While I am fully aware of the overwhelming demands on your time, I hope this invitation is unique enough and attractive enough to make you wish to accept it. A film on how the American Presidents have looked in cartoons would not be complete without a comment or a rebuttal from an American President!



We shall await your reply with interest and optimism.

Yours sincerely,

Albert H. Bowker

Albert H. Bowker
Chancellor

10e October 23, 1975

MEMORANDUM FOR: RON NESSEN

FROM: ~~WARREN S. BUSTAND~~ ~~XXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXX~~ BILL NICHOLSON

SUBJECT: Request from K. Puskarz of the 1976 Harvard Business School
Yearbook for the President's thoughts (written) on the greatest challenges
facing the American system of free-enterprise.
The attached is for your appropriate handling.

Thank you.

THE WHITE HOUSE

WASHINGTON

10-24-75

NOTE FOR:

Paul Thais

FROM

: RON NESSEN

Could you provide
a short written
statement in the
President's name
to fulfill this
request.

RHN



October 6, 1975

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REGARD
MEMBERS BUREAU
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APPOINTMENT OFFICE

The President
The White House
Washington, D.C. 20500

Dear Mr. President:

As editors of the 1976 Harvard Business School Yearbook, we are exploring, for use in this year's lead section, problems facing American businessmen in the coming decade. What new roles and responsibilities will he have to assume? How can business, large and small, help meet this country's growing social and economic needs? In short, what are the greatest challenges facing the American system of free-enterprise?

We are inviting a few of the nation's top leaders in business and government to comment on the above questions. We feel that your thoughts in particular would be valuable to our degree candidates.


Although we have scheduled interviews with other national leaders, we are aware of your unique time constraints. If an interview would be difficult, we would be pleased to have your written thoughts. In addition, realizing the possible sensitivity of comment issuing from the Presidential Office, we would be happy to allow you and your staff review and revision rights on any copy you may deem appropriate.

The Harvard Business School trains leaders. This is an opportunity for you to provide guidance to a significant proportion of the future business leadership of this country.

Sincerely yours,


D. Harding


R. Harris


K. McCarter


K. Puskarz

Editors: 1976 ANNUAL REPORT

THE ANNUAL REPORT

HARVARD BUSINESS SCHOOL, SOLDIERS FIELD, BOSTON, MASSACHUSETTS 02163

(617) 495-6499

THE WHITE HOUSE
WASHINGTON
10-24-75

NOTE FOR: *Bill Nicholson*
FROM : RON NESSEN

Why don't you
ask Ted Harris to
give a recommenda-
tion before
responding.
RAH

Date October 22, 1975

MEMORANDUM FOR: RON NESSEN

FROM: ~~XXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXX~~ RUSTAND BILL NICHOLSON

SUBJECT: Request for the President to film or video tape "Kentucky-My H^Ome"
for use on July 4, 1976. From RALPH W. GABBARD

The attached is for your appropriate handling.

Thank you.

5. *Print to 7-4-76*

*Ron Neessen
to handle*



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SPECIAL AGENTS
OTHER *Ron Neessen*

APPOINTMENT OFFICE

October 15, 1975

Mr. Gerald R. Ford
President Of The United States
White House
Washington, D.C.

Dear Mr. President:

Since January we have been airing a series titled "Kentucky....My Home." It is fashioned very much like the "CBS Bicentennial Minutes." It is unique because it deals with the heritage of Kentucky. We are the only station in the state to attempt such a series and we will air these 60 second pieces of the Commonwealth's history three times per day through July 4, 1976.

My reason for writing is to ask you to film or video tape a "Kentucky....My Home" at your convenience. It would be very much appreciated by me and by the thousands of your loyal supporters in the Bluegrass.

The script that I would send you to do would be the one we will air on July 4, 1976. It would be the climax of this great series as "Kentucky celebrates the birthday of our great nation."

Mr. President, thank you very much for being kind enough to consider this special request.

My warmest regards

Ralph W. Gabbard
Vice President and General Manager

RWG/ef

WKYT-TV

THE WHITE HOUSE
WASHINGTON
10-28-75

NOTE FOR: *Bill Nuholson*

FROM : RON NESSEN

*For your
appropriate
handling*

RAN



The Gridiron Club
Washington, D. C.

OFFICE OF THE PRESIDENT

LUCIAN C. WARREN
1286 NATIONAL PRESS BUILDING
WASHINGTON, D. C. 20045

202/737-3188

October 28, 1975

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

Dear Ron:

You were very, very good to get me in on what I think must be the most delightful and most historic dinner the Fords will be giving all year.

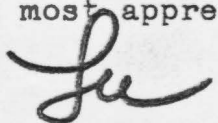
Please see to it that the enclosed letter comes to the attention of the President and Mrs. Ford.

You will note the third paragraph brings up the subject I recently spoke to you about. If the Fords stay in town the week-end of December 13, I'm sure they would enjoy the fun we will be having on that evening. We would also be delighted if Mrs. Nessen and yourself could also join us.

You have been so nice to me that I hesitate to mention that a few weeks back you were receptive to the thought I might get into to see the President sometime both for an interview and to present him with that new Buffalo tie.

My cup would then indeed run over, and I'm all for the spillage.

Sincerely and most appreciatively,


Lucian C. Warren



The Gridiron Club
Washington, D. C.

OFFICE OF THE PRESIDENT

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October 28, 1975

The President and Mrs. Gerald R. Ford
The White House
Washington, D. C. 20500

My dear Mr. President and Mrs. Ford:

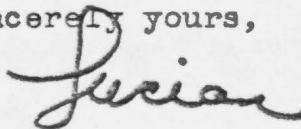
It was very gracious and thoughtful of you to include Mrs. Warren and me on the guest list at last night's dinner honoring President and Mrs. Sadat.

In our 30 years in Washington we have been fortunate enough to be able to attend a few White House dinners, but we can't recall one in which the hospitality, the dinner, the setting and the entertainment combined in such a delightful way. That you were also making diplomatic history by entertaining the first Egyptian head of state ever in the White House at an important point in the developing Mideast peace negotiations made it additionally a great privilege for us.

I would like to take this opportunity to invite you both to the Gridiron Club's winter dinner on December 13 in the Statler-Hilton Hotel. It is a black tie event at which we are expecting the 1964 Republican National ticket (Barry Goldwater and Bill Miller) to be in juxtaposition with the 1968 Democratic ticket (Hubert Humphrey and Edmund Muskie) for brief speeches introduced by appropriate Gridiron songs. It is a smaller somewhat more relaxed event than our spring dinner with only our wives and a few outside guests invited to the latter. I am sure the Fords would enjoy it if they could fit it into their schedule, presumably between the return from China and your annual trip to Vail.

In the meantime let me thank you again very much for such a pleasant evening.

Sincerely yours,



Lucian C. Warren



THE WHITE HOUSE

WASHINGTON

October 28, 1975

MEMORANDUM FOR:

RON NESSEN

FROM:

BILL NICHOLSON *WNN*

SUBJECT:

The President's trip to Boston,
Friday, November 7

The Republican National Committee has invited the President, and he has accepted their invitation, to participate in a fundraising event for the Massachusetts Republican Committee on Friday evening, November 7, in Boston.

THE WHITE HOUSE

WASHINGTON

October 31, 1975

MEMORANDUM FOR:

RON NESSEN
BILL BAROODY

FROM:

WILLIAM NICHOLSON *WUN*

The President has expressed interest in playing golf with a more diversified group. I would appreciate any suggestions you might have on possible partners and foresomes.

Thanks.

THE WHITE HOUSE
WASHINGTON

11-19-75

NOTE FOR: *Bill Nicholson*

FROM : RON NESSEN

I recommend
against.

Please handle.

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C. Edward Little
President

November 13, 1975

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

Dear Mr. Nessen:

The Mutual Broadcasting System would deeply appreciate your cooperation in bringing to the President's attention an invitation to be the guest of honor at the Third Annual Black College All-American Awards Dinner. The only national recognition for Black Football champions, it will be held in Washington on December 10th.

I am attaching a copy of the letter sent to the President by the Mutual Black Network's Executive Vice President, Mr. Thom Gatewood.

The awards dinner is heavily attended by leaders of the sports industry. Black college coaches, players and the national news media. Sharing the dais with the President would be Mutual sportscaster, Tom Harmon, a fellow University of Michigan alumnus and Heisman Trophy winner. As this event has consistently received the enthusiastic support of America's Black community, we know that this important segment of our society would applaud the President's participation.

Sincerely,

C. Edward Little
President

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Enclosure

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Thom Gatewood
Executive Vice President

November 11, 1975

The President
The White House
Washington, D.C. 20500

My dear Mr. President:

There are several movements evolving about us each year, but the one I am most familiar with is the Black pride and dignity movement. If you take that pride and dignity coupled with awareness you'll find a Black populace rallying around the common bond of positive thinking - but most of all - positive doing.

Today, more than at any other time in American history, Black people are seeking to further their education, to acquire the skills necessary to make the grade in our labor force, to appreciate the arts, and to extend their vistas through travel. These are but a few of the many facets of life now being experienced by Black people who just a few years ago were too withdrawn to express their feelings.

Three years ago the Mutual Black Network set out to eliminate that withdrawn lethargic attitude and has attempted to bring the total experience to the Black community through entertainment, news and sports, special events and educational programming.

One of our programs of particular interest in the Black community is Black College Football. We began our 14 game schedule on September 6, 1975 from the Superdome in New Orleans and have taken our listeners to Washington, D.C., Houston, Texas, Nashville, Tennessee, Portland, Oregon, Jackson, Mississippi, and our audience continues to grow.

The President
November 11, 1975
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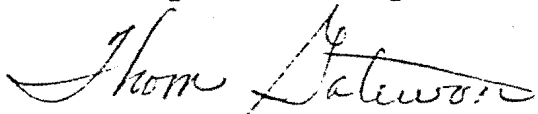
Black College Football generates positive aspirations into the Black community because it gives the young and the old heroes whose accomplishments can be admired - and this new found pride and dignity brings strength and unity to a people who desperately need something to hold on to.

Black College Football needs help to survive. It needs support and what greater support than from the Highest Office in the Land.

Mr. President, please accept our invitation to attend the 3rd Annual Black College All American Dinner which will honor the best 22 Black College Football players as well as the "Outstanding Offensive and Defensive Players of the Year."

The dinner will be held at the Washington Hilton Hotel in the Grand Ballroom West on December 10, 1975. Our reception begins at 6:30PM and dinner will be served at 7:30PM. Your presence would be inspirational and truly a moment to remember in the hearts of Black people all over our great country.

We wish you the very best,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Thom Gatewood". The signature is fluid and stylized, with a large initial 'T' and a long, sweeping underline.

Thom Gatewood
Executive Vice President
Mutual Black Network

THE WHITE HOUSE
WASHINGTON

11-19-75

NOTE FOR:

Bill Nelson

FROM

: RON NESSEN

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**THE WASHINGTON ASSOCIATION
OF BLACK JOURNALISTS**

Box 2088

WASHINGTON, D. C.

November 14, 1975

Mr. Ron Nesson
White House
1600 Pennsylvania Avenue
Washington, D. C. 20500

Dear Ron:


On behalf of the Washington Association of Black Journalists and the Interim Committee of the National Association of Black Journalists, it is our pleasure to invite the President of the United States to attend our jointly sponsored dinner, Saturday, December 13, 1975, at 8:00 p.m., at the Washington Shoreham Hotel.


That weekend will be an historic event in the expanding role of Black journalists, since it also represents the first annual meeting of the NABJ. It is particularly fitting that the nation's number one newsmaker be the association's first guest.


The distinguished syndicated columnist Carl T. Rowan will introduce the President.

We look forward to having the President with us to discuss the important issues of the day.

Respectfully,


Max Robinson
WABJ


Chuck Stone
NABJ


Paul Brock
WABJ - NABJ

THE WHITE HOUSE
WASHINGTON

Margita

Date: November 21, 1975

MEMORANDUM FOR: RON NESSEN

FROM: WILLIAM W. NICHOLSON

SUBJECT: Invitation to President to participate in the National Federation of Press Women convention June ~~23-27~~ 23-26 at Cherry Hills, N.J., along with Mrs. Ford, Margita White and Ron Nessen.

The attached is for your appropriate handling.

Thank you.

TO MARGITA WHITE FOR
ACTION - 11/22/75

Date: November 25, 1975

MEMORANDUM FOR: RON NESSEN

FROM: WILLIAM W. NICHOLSON

SUBJECT: William R. Shover, Director of Public
 Relations & Personnel, PHOENIX REPUBLIC
 AND GAZETTE

The attached is for your appropriate handling.

Thank you.

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to handle
THE WHITE HOUSE
WASHINGTON

Date 11/24/75

TO: BILL NICHOLSON

FROM: *[Signature]* JERRY R. JONES

For your handling.

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U.S. BUREAU
Ron Nissen

DEPARTMENT OFFICE

Phoenix
REPUBLIC and GAZETTE

WILLIAM R. SHOVER
DIRECTOR OF PUBLIC RELATIONS & PERSONNEL

120 EAST VAN BUREN STREET
POST OFFICE BOX 1950
PHOENIX, ARIZONA 85001
PHONE: (602) 271-8561

November 20, 1975

Mr. Jerry Jones
Presidential Scheduling
c/o The White House
Washington, D. C. 20005

Dear Mr. Jones,

My former work associate and friend, Max Freiderstorf has asked that I direct a request that I had sent to him.

On behalf of International Newspaper Promotion Association, I am writing to request President Ford host a tea and greet members of INPA meeting in Washington May 16-20, 1976.

INPA is composed of publishers, research, marketing, promotion, advertising, etc. executives. We anticipate approximately 400-500 members from newspapers all over the world to be in attendance.

We are looking at Tuesday, or Wednesday, May 18 or 19 as a possible date but we are very flexible on the period from May 16-20.

Mr. Jones, I would appreciate anything you can do to help us arrange a meeting with President Ford. If you need further information, please call me.

Sincerely,

Bill Shover

William R. Shover
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THE WHITE HOUSE

WASHINGTON

November 28, 1975

MEMORANDUM FOR: THE PRESIDENT
VIA: RICHARD CHENEY
FROM: WILLIAM NICHOLSON *WVN*
SUBJECT: Presidential Spokesman Activity

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

cc: Richard Cheney

THE VICE PRESIDENT

Dec	4	GOP Dinner	Pittsburgh
Dec	5	National Association of Manufacturers	New York
Dec	9	Domestic Council Hearing	Los Angeles
Dec	10	Boosters Club	Washington, D. C.
Dec	11	GOP Fundraiser	Nashville
Dec	12	Southern Republican Conference	Houston

SECRETARY SIMON

Dec	1	National Press Club Roast	Washington, D. C.
Dec	2	Pacem In Terris	Washington, D. C.
Dec	3	Chowder & Marching Society Breakfast	Washington, D. C.
Dec	3	NBC Management Group	New York
Dec	3	Tax Foundation Dinner	New York
Dec	4	Readers Digest Luncheon	New York
Dec	4	National Institute of Social Sciences	New York
Dec	8	Meeting w Labor Leaders	New York
Dec	8	Dinner w Congressman DuPont	Wilmington
Dec	10	American Council for Capital Formation	Washington, D. C.
Dec	11	Southern Republican Conference	Houston
Dec	11	Chamber of Commerce	Houston
Dec	15	Arizona Association of Industry	Phoenix
Dec	18	Princeton & Harvard Clubs Lunch	Washington, D. C.
Jan 5- 10		IMF Mtgs.	Jamaica
Jan	20	Chamber of Commerce	Columbia
Jan	20	Raleigh Chamber of Commerce	Raleigh

ATTORNEY GENERAL LEVI

Dec	2	Sulzbacher Lect at Columbia U Law Schl	New York
Dec	6	Distinguished Citizen Awd from Ill St. Andrew Soc	Chicago
Dec	11	Administrative Conference of US Courts	Washington, D. C.
Dec	28	American Association of Law Schls	Washington, D. C.

SECRETARY BUTZ

Nov 11- 29		Europe & Mid-East	
Dec	1	Am Soc Farm Mgrs & Rural Appraiser Awd	Dallas
Dec	8	Mo. Farm Bur Ann Mtg	Jefferson City
Dec	8	Kansas Farm Bureau	Kansas City
Dec	9	Arkansas Farm Bureau	Little Rock
Dec	9	Economic Club	Chicago
Dec	11	Kentucky Farm Bureau	Louisville
Dec	13	Southern Republican Conference	Houston
Jan	6	National War College	Washington, D. C.

SECRETARY BUTZ

Jan	13	White House Consumer Conference	Chicago
Jan	15	National Council Farmer Cooperatives	Washington, D. C.
Jan	16	Purdue Ag Alumni Fish Fry	W. Lafayette, Ind
Jan	17	Cong Del Latta Fundraiser	Wauseon, Ohio
Jan	19	Ann Economic Seminar	W. Lafayette, Ind
Jan	23	Cong Bill Goodling Breakfast	York, Pa.
Jan	23	Ann Agribusiness Seminar	York, Pa.

SECRETARY MORTON

Nov	29	Queenstown Md. Lions	Kent Isl., Md.
Dec	3	15th Ann Fed Womens Awd. Dinner	Washington, D. C.
Dec	5	Mid America Committee	Chicago
Dec	11	President Ford Committee Fundraiser	Nashville
Dec	15	National Minority Purchasing Council	Washington, D. C.
Dec	18	Dedication of NOAA's marine sanctuary	Key Largo
Dec	27	Town Hall	Los Angeles
Dec	28	Greater Irvine Industrial Lg Dinner	Irvine, Ca.
Dec	30	Ruritan National Convention	Philadelphia
Jan	19	WH Consumer Conference	Atlanta
Jan	23	Victoria Chamber of Commerce	Victoria, Tx.

SECRETARY DUNLOP

Dec 8-	9	Domestic Council Conference	Los Angeles
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SECRETARY HILLS

Dec	3	National League of Cities	Miami
Dec	9	Domestic Council Conference	Los Angeles
Dec	10	Federal Home Loan Bank Board	San Francisco
Jan	19	Home Builders	Dallas

SECRETARY COLEMAN

Dec	1	Legal Defense Fund	New York
Dec	5	Middlesex Club	Boston
Dec	8	The Socialegal Club	Philadelphia
Dec	15	Legal Defense Fund	San Francisco
Dec	16	Town Hall	Los Angeles
Jan	8	Advanced Management Research Conf	Washington, D. C.

SECRETARY COLEMAN - continued

Jan	12	Ann Civil Rights Workshop	Silver Spring
Jan	20	Cumberland School of Law	Birmingham
Jan	23	City Club	Cleveland
Jan	28	Savannah Forum	Savannah, Ga.

SECRETARY MATHEWS

Dec	1	Ala Farm Bureau	Mobile
Dec	4	Smithsonian, Natl Museum of History	Washington, D. C.
Dec	8	S. Assn of Colleges & Schools	Atlanta
Dec	11	Johns Hopkins Univ- Williams Lecture	Baltimore
Dec	19	Am Pub Welfare Assn Roundtable	New Orleans

SECRETARY KLEPPE

Dec	12	Chamber of Commerce	Anchorage
	13	Chamber of Commerce	Fairbanks

MR. ZARB

Nov	29	Accompany President	Anchorage
Dec	1	Institutional Investors 5th European Conf	London
Dec	5	Wyoming State Central Committee	Casper
Dec	8	Mfgs. Assn of Delaware	King of Prussia, Pa
Dec	9	Young President's Organization	New York
Jan	15	Beavers	Los Angeles

MR. GREENSPAN

Dec	4	Dinner for Governor	Jackson, Ms.
Dec	8	Boys Club	New York
Dec	11	Business Council	Washington, D. C.

MR. SEIDMAN

Dec	1	Intl Mgmt & Develop Inst	Washington, D. C.
Dec	4	Synthetic-Organic Chem Mfgs Assn	New York
Dec	7	British -North American Cmte	Boca Raton
Dec	15	Detroit Economic Club	Detroit
Dec	15	Conference Board	Washington, D. C.

DR. SEAMANS

Dec	8	Chief Executive Officers
Jan	16	Electronic Industries Assn

Washington, D. C.
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Saturday, November 29

Secretary Butz	Return from Europe & Mid East	
Secretary Morton	Queenstown Lions	Queenstown, Md.
Mr. Zarb	Accompany President to Alaska	

Sunday, November 30

Monday, December 1

Secretary Simon	National Press Club Roast	Washington, D. C.
Secretary Butz	American Soc Farm Managers	Dallas
Secretary Coleman	Legal Defense Fund	New York
Secretary Mathews	Alabama Farm Bureau	Mobile
Mr. Zarb	Institutional Invest 5th European Conf	London
Mr. Seidman	Intl Mgmt & Devel Inst	Washington, D. C.

Tuesday, December 2

Secretary Simon	Pacem In Terris	Washington, D. C.
Attorney General	Sulzbacher Lecture- Columbia U	New York

Wednesday, December 3

Secretary Simon	Chowder & Marching Soc Breakfast	Washington, D. C.
Secretary Simon	NBC Mgmt Group	New York
Secretary Simon	Tax Foundation Dinner	New York
Secretary Morton	15th Ann Fed Womens Awd Dinner	Washington, D. C.
Secretary Hills	National League of Cities	Miami

Thursday, December 4

Vice President	GOP Dinner	Pittsburgh
Secretary Simon	Readers Digest Luncheon	New York
Secretary Simon	Natl Inst Soc Sci	New York
Secretary Mathews	Smithsonian	Washington, D. C.
Mr. Greenspan	Dinner w Governor	Jackson, Ms.
Mr. Seidman	Synthetic-Organic Chemical Mfgs Assn	New York

Friday, December 5

Vice President	National Assn of Mfgs	New York
Secretary Morton	Mid America Committee	Chicago
Secretary Coleman	Middlesex Club	Boston
Mr. Zarb	Wyoming State Central Cmte	Casper

Saturday, December 6

Attorney General	Distinguished Citizen Awd Ill. St. Andrews Society	Chicago
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Sunday, December 7

Mr. Seidman	British- North American Cmte	Boca Raton
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Monday, December 8

Secretary Simon	Mtg w Labor Leaders	New York
Secretary Simon	Dinner w Cong DuPont	Wilmington
Secretary Butz	Mo Farm Bureau	Jefferson City
Secretary Butz	Kansas Farm Bureau	Kansas City
Secretary Dunlop	Domestic Council Conference	Los Angeles
Secretary Coleman	Socialegal Club	Philadelphia
Secretary Mathews	S. Assn of Colleges & Schools	Atlanta
Mr. Zarb	Manufacturers Assn of Delaware	King of Prussia, Pa
Mr. Greenspan	Boys Club	New York
Dr. Seamans	Chief Executive Officers	Washington, D. C.

Tuesday, December 9

Vice President	Domestic Council Hearings	Los Angeles
Secretary Butz	Arkansas Farm Bureau	Little Rock
Secretary Butz	Economic Club	Chicago
Secretary Dunlop	Domestic Council Conference	Los Angeles
Secretary Hills	Domestic Council Conference	Los Angeles

Wednesday, December 10

Vice President	Boosters Club	Washington, D. C.
Secretary Simon	Am Council for Cap Formation	Washington, D. C.
Secretary Hills	Fed Home Loan Bank Bd.	San Francisco

Thursday, December 11

Vice President	GOP Fundraiser	Nashville
Secretary Simon	Southern Republican Conference	Houston
Secretary Simon	Chamber of Commerce	Houston
Attorney General	Admin Conf of US Courts	Washington, D. C.
Secretary Butz	Kentucky Farm Bureau	Louisville
Secretary Morton	President Ford Cmt Fundraiser	Nashville
Secretary Mathews	Johns Hopkins U-Williams Lecture Series	Baltimore
Mr. Greenspan	Business Council	Washington, D. C.

Friday, December 12

Vice President	Southern Republican Conference	Houston
Secretary Kleppe	Chamber of Commerce	Anchorage

MEMORANDUM

THE WHITE HOUSE
WASHINGTON

December 5, 1975

MEMORANDUM FOR: RON NESSEN
FROM: BILL NICHOLSON *WN*
SUBJECT: Gridiron Club winter dinner on December 13

Attached for your information is a copy of my letter to Lucian Warren advising him that the President and Mrs. Ford will be unable to attend the dinner on December 13.

I am returning the file to you because it includes an invitation to you from Warren.

I also want to ask your advice and recommendation on both the interview request and the presentation made by Warren.

Thank you.

December 4, 1975

Dear Mr. Warren:

This is to confirm the telephone conversation you had with Mrs. Helen Donaldson of my staff to the effect that the President and Mrs. Ford are very sorry they will be unable to join you on December 13 for the winter dinner of the Gridiron Club, but that they are nonetheless appreciative for your thoughtfulness of them.

With our best wishes,

Sincerely,

William W. Nicholson
Director
Scheduling Office

Mr. Lucian C. Warren
1286 National Press Building
Washington, D.C. 20045



LUCIAN C. WARREN
1286 NATIONAL PRESS BUILDING
WASHINGTON, D. C. 20045

202/737-3188

**The Gridiron Club
Washington, D. C.**

OFFICE OF THE PRESIDENT

November 7, 1975

Mr. William W. Nicholson
Director
Presidential Scheduling Office
The White House
Washington, D. C. 20500

Dear Mr. Nicholson:

Thank you for your letter of November 3 containing the welcome information that President and Mrs. Ford are considering accepting the invitation to the winter dinner of the Gridiron Club on December 13 in the Hotel Statler-Hilton, Washington, D. C.

Please advise the President and Mrs. Ford at your convenience that the format at the winter dinner has now been finally determined.

It will include five minute talks by Senators Howard Baker and Charles Percy for the Republicans, Senators Edmund Muskie and Walter Mondale for the Democrats, and former Senator Eugene McCarthy speaking as an independent. They will be introduced by appropriate Gridiron songs.

There will also be the traditional speech in the dark by myself and brief remarks by Peter Lisagor of the Chicago Daily News, whose election as the new president of the Gridiron Club will take place on noon of that day.

We would be pleased to have the President make brief remarks after our traditional toast to the President at the end of the dinner.

No speeches will be more than five minutes, there will be no major skits, and we believe the President and Mrs. Ford will thoroughly enjoy our program as they have so often in the past.

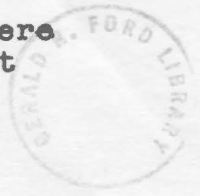
Please feel free to call me if you have any questions.

Sincerely yours,

Lucian C. Warren

cc: Mr. Ron Nessen Lucian C. Warren

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November 3, 1975

Dear Mr. Warren:

Through the courtesy of Ron Wessen, the President and Mrs. Ford have received your kind invitation to attend the Gridiron Club's winter dinner at the Statler-Hilton Hotel on Saturday evening, December 13.

We are carrying this invitation forward for careful consideration and just as soon as it is possible to let you know definitely whether the President and Mrs. Ford can join you on the evening of December 13, I will be back in touch with you.

In the meantime, please know that both the President and Mrs. Ford very much appreciate your thoughtfulness of them.

With our best wishes.

Sincerely,

William W. Nicholson
Director
Scheduling Office

Mr. Lucian C. Warren
1286 National Press Building
Washington, D.C. 20045

> cc: w/incoming to Mary Widner for Dec. 13 cal cons.
cc: 2cys Nancy Gemmell

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THE WHITE HOUSE
WASHINGTON

October 29, 1975

1) MR
2) File Dec 13

NOTE FOR BILL NICHOLSON

Bill --

Ron Nessen has sent on to you for handling a letter from Lucian Warren, President of the Gridiron Club, inviting the President and Mrs. Ford to the Club's Dec. 13 affair (their Winter Dinner).

Warren also asks to see the President sometime for an interview and also to present him with "that new Buffalo tie"

Any possibility on Dec. 13 affair, or regret that for P and Mrs. F _____

What about the interview _____

MR

ACKNOWLEDGE & SAY
WE WILL carry forward
The Dec 13TH DATE.
(ignore interview REQ for now).

THE WHITE HOUSE

WASHINGTON

10-28-75

NOTE FOR:

Bill Nicholson

FROM

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RON NESSEN

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The Gridiron Club
Washington, D. C.



LUCIAN C. WARREN
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OFFICE OF THE PRESIDENT

202/737-3188

October 28, 1975

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

Dear Ron:

You were very, very good to get me in on what I think must be the most delightful and most historic dinner the Fords will be giving all year.

Please see to it that the enclosed letter comes to the attention of the President and Mrs. Ford.

You will note the third paragraph brings up the subject I recently spoke to you about. If the Fords stay in town the week-end of December 13, I'm sure they would enjoy the fun we will be having on that evening. We would also be delighted if Mrs. Nessen and yourself could also join us.

You have been so nice to me that I hesitate to mention that a few weeks back you were receptive to the thought I might get into to see the President sometime both for an interview and to present him with that new Buffalo tie.

My cup would then indeed run over, and I'm all for the spillage.

Sincerely and most appreciatively,

Lucian C. Warren



The Gridiron Club
Washington, D. C.



LUCIAN C. WARREN
1286 NATIONAL PRESS BUILDING
WASHINGTON, D. C. 20045

OFFICE OF THE PRESIDENT

202/737-3188

October 28, 1975

The President and Mrs. Gerald R. Ford
The White House
Washington, D. C. 20500

My dear Mr. President and Mrs. Ford:

It was very gracious and thoughtful of you to include Mrs. Warren and me on the guest list at last night's dinner honoring President and Mrs. Sadat.

In our 30 years in Washington we have been fortunate enough to be able to attend a few White House dinners, but we can't recall one in which the hospitality, the dinner, the setting and the entertainment combined in such a delightful way. That you were also making diplomatic history by entertaining the first Egyptian head of state ever in the White House at an important point in the developing Mideast peace negotiations made it additionally a great privilege for us.

I would like to take this opportunity to invite you both to the Gridiron Club's winter dinner on December 13 in the Statler-Hilton Hotel. It is a black tie event at which we are expecting the 1964 Republican National ticket (Barry Goldwater and Bill Miller) to be in juxtaposition with the 1968 Democratic ticket (Hubert Humphrey and Edmund Muskie) for brief speeches introduced by appropriate Gridiron songs. It is a smaller somewhat more relaxed event than our spring dinner with only our wives and a few outside guests invited to the latter. I am sure the Fords would enjoy it if they could fit it into their schedule, presumably between the return from China and your annual trip to Vail.

In the meantime let me thank you again very much for such a pleasant evening.

Sincerely yours,

Lucian C. Warren



THE WHITE HOUSE
WASHINGTON

12/9/75

NOTE FOR: *Bill Nicholson*
FROM : RON NESSEN

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December 4, 1975

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

Dear Sir:

The Newspaper Guild is holding its annual convention in Washington, D. C. this summer, June 27 to July 2. Some 350 delegates representing 34,000 members nationally will be attending to set policy for the Guild, as well as to experience this city's Bicentennial celebration.

The Guild represents newspaper and other communication industry employees, primarily, editorial and advertising throughout the United States, Puerto Rico and Canada.

I would like to invite President Gerald Ford to address the convention at our banquet, Tuesday, June 29. If that time is not workable and he would be free some other time that week, I would be happy to explore rescheduling the banquet or invite him to address the convention during the day-time sessions.

The banquet will likely be held at the Shoreham, where the convention is taking place, but that decision is not yet firm. Along with the delegates and their spouses, George Meany and other national and local labor officials and friends of labor will be invited.

Thank you for your help. I can be reached through the Guild office, 3408 Wisconsin Avenue, N. W. Room 210 - Phone 362-4300 or at The Washington Star - Phone 484-4494.

Sincerely,

Diane Brockett
Diane Brockett
Convention Chairman

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THE WHITE HOUSE

WASHINGTON

12/12/75

MEMORANDUM FOR: THE PRESIDENT
VIA: RICHARD CHENEY
FROM: WILLIAM NICHOLSON *wan*
SUBJECT: Presidential Spokesman Activity

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

cc: Richard Cheney

SECRETARY HILLS

Jan	13	National Consumer Information Center	DC
	14	WH Conference	Kansas City
	19	Home Builders	Dallas

SECRETARY DUNLOP

Dec	8-9	Domestic Council Conference	Los Angeles
Jan	22	Janeway Pub Corp Semianr	New York

SECRETARY COLEMAN

Dec	12	Natl Inst Black Elected Public Officials	DC
	16	Town Hall	Los Angeles
	18	St. Louis Airport Hearings	St. Louis
Jan	8	Advanced Management Research Conf	DC
	12	Ann Civ Rts Workshop	Silver Spring
	20	Cumberland School of Law	Birmingham
	23	City Club	Cleveland
	28	Savannah Forum	Savannah
Feb	13	Urban Studies Center-College of Charleston	Charleston, S. Car.

SECRETARY MATHEWS

Dec	11	Johns Hopkins U- Williams Lecture	Baltimore
	19	Am Public Welfare Assn	New Orleans

SECRETARY KLEPPE

Dec	12	Chamber of Commerce	Anchorage
	13	Chamber of Commerce	Fairbanks
Jan	23	US Industrial Conf	DC
	24	24th Ann Water Tech Conf	DC
	26	WH Conference	Denver

MR. ZARB

Jan	8	Student Exhibition Energy Research	New York
	9	Chairmans Representatives	Washington, D. C.
	15	Beavers	Los Angeles
	16	WH Conf on Consumer Rep	Boston
	31	Midwestern Republican Conference	Dearborn

MR. GREENSPAN

MR. SEIDMAN

Dec	15	Detroit Economic Club	Detroit
	15	Conference Board	Washington, D.C.
	17	Harvard- Princeton Luncheon	Washington, D.C.
Jan	29	Southeastern Poultry Manufacturers	Atlanta

DR. SEAMANS

Jan	13	The Fay Improvement Co. Seminar	Washington, D.C.
	16	Electronic Industries Assn	Boca Raton
	19	Natl Assn Homebuilders	Dallas
	27	Natl Security Indust Assn	Los Angeles
Feb	3	Wash Journalism Center	Washington, D.C.

Friday, December 12

Vice President	Southern Republican Conference	Houston
Secretary Kleppe	Chamber of Commerce	Anchorage
Secretary Coleman	Natl Inst of Black Elected Officials	Washington, D. C.

Saturday, December 13

Secretary Butz	Southern Republican Conference	Houston
Dr. Seamans	Fay Improvement Seminar	Washington, D. C.

Sunday, December 14

Secretary Simon	US Citizens Congress- Rabbi Korff	Washington, D. C.
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Monday, December 15

Secretary Simon	Arizona Assn of Industries	Phoenix
Secretary Morton	Natl Minority Purchasing Council	Washington, D. C.
Mr. Seidman	Detroit Economic Club	Detroit
	Conference Board	Washington, D. C.

Tuesday, December 16

Secretary Coleman	Town Hall	Los Angeles
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Wednesday, December 17

Mr. Seidman	Harvard-Princeton Luncheon	Washington, D. C.
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Thursday, December 18

Secretary Simon	G-10 Mtgs 18 -21	Paris
Secretary Morton	Ded of NOAA's marine sanctuary	Key Largo
Secretary Coleman	St. Louis Airport Hearings	St. Louis

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THE WHITE HOUSE
WASHINGTON

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December 23, 1975

MEMORANDUM FOR: RICHARD CHENEY
FROM: WILLIAM NICHOLSON *WNN*
INFORMATION: JERRY JONES
SUBJECT: Sheika Gramshammer Dinner
December 29th in Vail

It has come to our attention that Sheika's dinner on the 29th is viewed in Vail as a fundraiser. The Denver Post has made inquiries about the event.

Following is a chronology of events and letters of which I am aware and can substantiate. However, there were several phone calls from Sheika to staff members outside the scheduling loop so I cannot be sure that Sheika did not receive other and different guidance from White House staff members.

December 11, 1974

Letter from the President acknowledging Sheika's offer of assistance in the 1976 campaign.

October, 20, 1975

Letters to both Ron Nessen and Richard Cheney from Sheika describing the Vail fundraiser and requesting confirmation of the President's attendance.

October 23, 1975

Letter to the President from Sheika requesting confirmation of his attendance.

Late October/
Early November

Telephone conversations by me with Sheika, the Colorado RNC and the RNC. In all instances fundraisers were discouraged. Also, Sheika was told that a Vail trip was in question at this time.

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November 12, 1975

Telephone conversation with Sheika advising that there could be no fundraiser but that the President would attend a reception or dinner.

November 12, 1975

Ed DeBolt of the PFC Finance Committee was in touch with Sheika. DeBolt sent no letters but covered by telephone the fact that no fundraising effort could be tied to the dinner, i. e., no quid pro quo. However, DeBolt did tell her:

1. Send pledge cards but under separate cover.
2. Send pledge cards to arrive after the dinner so there will be no perception of a connection between the solicitation and the dinner. (Ed not clear she understood this.)
3. Invite non-solicited guests.
4. Send pledge cards to many more people than invited for dinner.
5. Have pledges sent to PFC directly so that she cannot have information which would enable her to exclude non-contributors to dinner.
6. Agree that PFC will not tell her who has contributed.

Letter from me to Sheika confirming our telephone conversation. Letter is attached.

Current Status

Sheika handled everything as instructed except she sent out the pledge cards before the dinner, perhaps through a misunderstanding. This is a problem but not unsurmountable. According to Visser, under the current circumstances, she is not having a fundraiser under the legal definition. Therefore the problem we must deal with is one of perception.

The PFC confirms that Sheika did mail out pledge cards separately from the dinner invitation but to a larger group. However, every dinner invitee has received a pledge card. As of December 23, the PFC has received 11 donations totalling \$10,000 from Sheika's mailing.

The PFC proposes that the President send out mailgrams to those dinner guests specifying that the dinner is not a fundraiser and that if one of the guests was under this misconception that their donation will be returned.

Barry Roth of the Counsel's Office feels that the mailgrams should be sent out by Sheika thereby eliminating any involvement by the President or the PFC. Roth suggests that the PFC furnish the mailgram language and that additional guests who have not received solicitations be invited. We concur with Roth that neither the President nor the PFC should be involved.

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DRAFT MAILGRAM

I want to eliminate any possible misconceptions concerning the dinner invitation for December 29th you have received from me. Following the dinner invitations, I also sent out, separately, pledge cards from the President Ford Committee to you as well as to many other friends who have not been invited to this dinner. The December 29th dinner is not a fundraiser but a gathering of my personal friends to honor a man for whom I have the greatest respect and admiration. If you have signed a pledge card through the misconception that this dinner is a fundraiser, then please advise Mr. Robert C. Moot, Treasurer of the President Ford Committee, by January 5, 1976, and he will happily return your contribution.

I look forward to seeing you on December 29.

Sheika Gramshammer

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The following realistic options exist:

1. Ask Sheika to send mailgrams (draft attached).
and be available to the press to discuss the
dinner. (If you want Sheika to discuss the dinner
with the Press, you should have DeBolt brief her
rather than doing it yourself.)
2. Ask Mrs. Ford to attend (in case the dinner is
ruled political),
3. Disapprove attendance for all of Ford family.
4. Return all contributions.
5. Send no mailgrams but insure that Sheika is
briefed on the attached talking points in case the
Press makes inquiry.

Finally, we will have the PFC prepared to handle inquiries on this end. Nessen should limit himself to stating that "the President accepted the invitation to the event only on the condition that there would be no fund-raising. He has been assured by the PFC counsel that this event is not a fundraiser." Ron should refer any other questions to the PFC.

I prefer option 1 with option 5 as the fallback.

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November 14, 1975

Dear Mrs. Gramshammer:

This is to confirm our telephone conversation of November 13th. As I stated, the President is most appreciative of your dinner invitation for December 29th, and he currently plans to attend. As usual, I would add a note of caution that his schedule is always subject to numerous unforeseen pressures which could preclude his attendance.

The President realizes and appreciates your eagerness to aid his 1976 campaign efforts by hosting a fundraising activity while he is in Vail; however, the trip will be a working vacation only. Therefore, the President will not be able to participate in any fundraising activities during his Vail stay.

I have asked Mr. Ed DeBolt of the President Ford Committee, to contact you with reference to campaign contribution guidelines. I am sure he will be able to adequately respond to your questions on this subject.

We all appreciate your willingness to lend a helping hand.

Sincerely,

William W. Nicholson
Director
Scheduling Office

Mrs. Sheila Gramshammer

1 P. O. Box 505

Vail, Colorado 81557

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PROPOSED TALKING POINTS

1. I hope everyone I know contributes to the President Ford Committee.
2. I have sent out pledge cards to over 100 people; many more than I have invited to the dinner.
3. I do not know if people have contributed or not as the contributions go directly to the PFC.
4. These dinner guests are all friends of mine and that is why they were invited. I wanted them all to meet the President.
5. I am an authorized fundraiser for the PFC, there is no connection between the mailing of pledge cards to raise funds which were mailed in my capacity as an authorized fundraiser and the dinner which I am having in my capacity as a friend of the President's.

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THE WHITE HOUSE
WASHINGTON

December 29, 1975

MEMORANDUM FOR:

✓ RON NESSEN
MARGITA WHITE

FROM:

WILLIAM NICHOLSON *WUN*

SUBJECT:

Michigan Association of Broadcasters
request for the President and Mrs. Ford
to attend their Washington dinner May 6

Last year the President met with this group at a Tayloe House reception hosted by Ron Nessen. I would appreciate your comments and recommendation on this year's request.

Thank you.

COMMENTS:

*Recommend the President
go only for the
pre-dinner reception.
RHN*





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December 18, 1975

Mr. William Nicholson
Office of the President
The White House
1600 Pennsylvania Avenue
Washington, D.C. 20036

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APPOINTMENT OFFICE

Dear Mr. Nicholson:

On May 6, 1976, the Michigan Association of Broadcasters will have its annual Washington dinner.

President and Mrs. Ford have attended these dinners for years and we would like to very cordially invite them to attend again this year. The dinner is held at the Madison Hotel at 7:00 P.M.

We are certainly aware of the busy schedule the President has and would appreciate any time that he could spend with us, either at the dinner on May 6 or any time the next day, May 7.

You may recall that he was able to visit with us for a short period of time the day following the 1975 dinner on May 8.

Thank you for your kind consideration of this request.

Cordially,

Michael O. Lareau
General Manager

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