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THE WHITE HOUSE
WASHINGTON

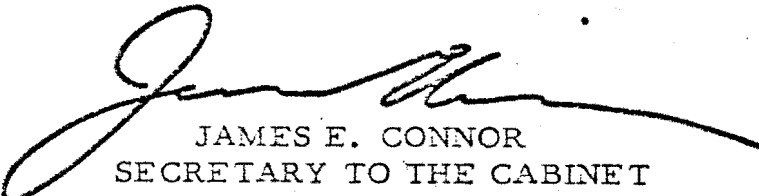
January 6, 1976

MEMORANDUM FOR
THE CABINET

SUBJECT: AGENDA FOR CABINET MEETING
JANUARY 7, 1976 - 11:00 A.M.
THE CABINET ROOM

The President has approved the following agenda for the Cabinet meeting scheduled for Wednesday, January 7th, at 11:00 a.m.

Introduction	<u>The President</u>	10 minutes
Review of Arab Boycott Issues	<u>Edward Schmults</u>	15 minutes
Budget Review	<u>James Lynn</u>	10 minutes
Economic Review	<u>Alan Greenspan</u>	15 minutes
Spokesmen's Program	<u>Richard Cheney</u>	30 minutes


JAMES E. CONNOR
SECRETARY TO THE CABINET



*Ron
saw
no action*

THE WHITE HOUSE
WASHINGTON

January 6, 1976

ADMINISTRATIVELY CONFIDENTIAL

MEMORANDUM FOR:

RON NESSEN

FROM:

JIM CONNOR *JEC*

The President reviewed your memorandum of January 5 concerning the major stories in Florida newspapers on comments made by the President about Cuba and made the following notation:

"Looks good. Reaction?"

Please follow-up with appropriate action.

cc: Dick Cheney



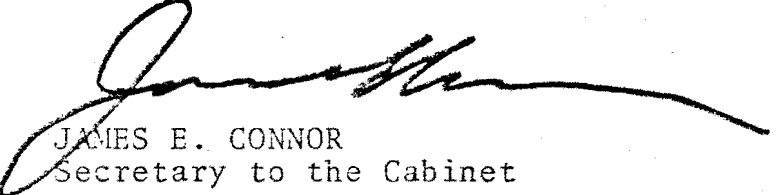
THE WHITE HOUSE

WASHINGTON

January 7, 1976

TO WHOM IT MAY CONCERN

This is to confirm that Ronald H. Nessen is Press Secretary to the President of the United States, employed at the White House at a salary of \$44,600 annually.



JAMES E. CONNOR
Secretary to the Cabinet



THE WHITE HOUSE
WASHINGTON

NOTE FOR:

Connie G.

FROM

: RON NESSEN

Referred to

Burkin



RDN

QUESTIONS FROM BILL SAFIRE

1. Why was no copy left in the NSC files?
2. Did Al Haig take the transcripts of his own telephone conversations with him too?

If no, where are they?

3. To whom do these transcripts belong, in the light of the recent court of appeals decision on the Nixon papers.

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DEADLINE: 3:15 p.m.



Date: January 21, 1976

Time:

FOR ACTION:

cc (for information):

Phil Buchen

Bob Hartmann

Bill Seidman

Jack Marsh

Ron Nessen

FROM THE STAFF SECRETARY

DUE: Date: Friday, January 23 Time: 3 P.M.

SUBJECT:

CONFIDENTIAL

Brent Scowcroft memo 1/19/76
re: USSR/Warsaw Pact Contacts
with White House Staff

ACTION REQUESTED:

☐ For Necessary Action☒ For Your Recommendations☐ Prepare Agenda and Brief☐ Draft Reply☒ For Your Comments☐ Draft Remarks

REMARKS:

Obviously, this should not
be leaked to the press by anyone,
or the press will make a big
thing of a "new," hostile policy

RAN

PLEASE ATTACH THIS COPY TO MATERIAL SUBMITTED.

If you have any questions or if you anticipate a delay in submitting the required material, please telephone the Staff Secretary immediately.

Jim Connor
For the President



THE WHITE HOUSE
WASHINGTON

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~~CONFIDENTIAL~~ACTION

January 19, 1976

MEMORANDUM FOR THE PRESIDENT

FROM:

Brent Scowcroft *BS*

SUBJECT:

USSR/Warsaw Pact Contacts with
White House Staff

Recently, there has been an increase in the level of activity by officials of the USSR and other Eastern European embassies seeking meetings with various members of the White House staff.

In order to keep track of these contacts and to facilitate the consideration of matters of national security interest that may arise in the course of such meetings, I believe it would be useful to renew an earlier White House instruction advising each member of the staff accepting an invitation for a meeting with a representative of one of the communist countries to provide my office with notification and a brief report on the meeting.

With your approval, I will sign the memorandum at Tab A providing the necessary guidance.

APPROVE _____

DISAPPROVE _____

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E.O. 12356, Sec. 3.4 (b)

White House Guide Lines, Feb. 24, 1983

By Jan D NARS, Date 7/1/85

THE WHITE HOUSE

WASHINGTON

CONFIDENTIAL

MEMORANDUM FOR: The White House Staff

SUBJECT: Contacts with Diplomatic and Official
Representatives of Soviet, East European,
and PRC Governments in the United States

The President has instructed that the following procedures be observed by White House Staff officers in making contacts within the United States with diplomatic and other official representatives of the USSR, Poland, Czechoslovakia, Hungary, Romania, Bulgaria, and the People's Republic of China.

-- In advance of each proposed contact, the submission of written notification to the Assistant to the President for National Security Affairs, indicating the national advantage or other purpose expected to be derived from the contact, and specifying the hour, date and place of the contemplated meeting.

-- After a contact has been made, the submission of a memorandum of conversation to the Assistant to the President for National Security Affairs, covering any policy-related matters of substance that may have been discussed.

Brent Scowcroft

Information Copies:

Office of Management and Budget
Council of Economic Advisers
Domestic Council
Office of the Special Representative
for Trade Negotiations
Council on International Economic Policy

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E.O. 12356, Sec. 3.4 (b)

White House Guide Lines, Feb. 24, 1983

By 200 NARS. Date 7/1/85



February 27, 1976

MEMORANDUM FOR: JIM CONNOR
FROM: RON NESSEN
SUBJECT: RESTORATION OF ANNUAL LEAVE -
JANICE A. BARBIERI

This is to request that 160 hours of annual leave forfeited for 1975 be restored to Janice A. Barbieri.

During the first 6 months of 1975, Jan worked for Ed Savage of my staff in the EOB. Because Ed was preparing to depart and this was a one-girl office, it was impossible for her to take leave during this period, and she did not.

Jan came to work in my office on July 5. Because of our heavy travel schedule during the balance of the year and the workload generated by the China and Paris trips, she was unable to use her leave before the end of 1975.

RN/jb



February 28, 1976

MEMORANDUM FOR JIM CONNORS

FROM: RON NESSEN

SUBJECT: Restoration of annual leave to Constance M. Gerrard

This is to request that 160 hours of annual leave forfeited for 1975 be restored to Constance M. Gerrard.

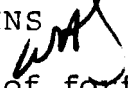
She was unable to take the leave to which she was entitled because of the long hours and heavy workload of the Press Office. She also traveled on almost all of the Presidential domestic trips, and all of the trips abroad.

Thank you.



2/11/76

MEMORANDUM FOR THE WHITE HOUSE STAFF

FROM: WILBUR JENKINS 
SUBJECT: Restoration of forfeited
annual leave for the
1975 leave year

Each head of a Staff Office or Operating Unit has received a computer print-out showing the leave balances as of January 3, 1976, for all personnel in his or her office. The print-out includes the amount of annual leave that was forfeited at the end of the 1975 leave year.

In accordance with the Staff Secretary's memorandum of May 14, 1975, each Staff Office head must submit a written request addressed to the Staff Secretary indicating the reasons why the leave was forfeited. In cases of exigencies of the public business, the dates of and reasons for the exigencies must be stated. Operating Units will address requests to the Chief Executive Clerk. All requests should be sent to the Payroll Section, Mrs. Jo Reddy, Room 8, EOB, not later than March 1, 1976. All questions regarding leave balances or problems concerning restored leave should be addressed to the Payroll Section, Extension 7080.



Each employee will be notified of the action taken on the request for restoration. Employees are reminded that restored leave must be used within two years or it will be forfeited again with no further rights for restoration. Furthermore, supervisors and employees are reminded that leave plans for 1976 must include the orderly use of restored balances as well as leave accumulated during the current year.



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THE WHITE HOUSE

WASHINGTON

March 15, 1976

ADMINISTRATIVELY CONFIDENTIAL

MEMORANDUM FOR:

RON NESSEN

FROM:

JIM CONNOR *JEC*

The following notation was received in the President's outbox:

"HAK just called - Sadat has broken with Soviets.
He suggests we make no comment, but it will be
another plus when discussing foreign policy."

Please follow-up with appropriate action.

cc: Dick Cheney

THE WHITE HOUSE
WASHINGTON

March 15, 1976

MEMORANDUM FOR: THE WHITE HOUSE STAFF
FROM: JAMES E. CONNOR
SUBJECT: Montreal Olympic Games

Attached for your information is a memorandum from Jeanne Davis of the National Security Council concerning tickets and accommodations for the 1976 Summer Olympic Games in Montreal.

Attachment



March 12, 1976

MEMORANDUM FOR: JAMES CONNOR

FROM: Jeanne W. Davis *WJ*

SUBJECT: *JW* Montreal Olympic Games

The Department of State advises that tickets and accommodations for the 1976 Summer Olympic Games in Montreal will not be available through either the U. S. Embassy in Ottawa or the Consulate General in Montreal. State advises further that a limited number of tickets and hotel reservations may still be obtained through commercial sources such as travel agencies.

You may wish to bring this information to the attention of members of the White House staff so that they will be fully aware of the limited capability of US government offices in Canada to assist US visitors in making arrangements for the Olympics this summer. This may minimize disappointments and misunderstandings resulting from last minute requests for tickets to Olympic events and accommodations in Montreal which we will not be in a position to meet.

By separate action, State will be making this information known to Government departments and agencies in the Washington area, Members of Congress, State Governors, and other appropriate groups and individuals.



RH-Follow-up

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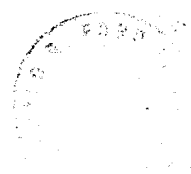
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TO: Jim Connor.

FROM : RON NESSEN

*What do I
do about
this?*

RHN



JACK ANDERSON

1401 Sixteenth Street, N. W. Washington, D. C. 20036

March 10, 1976

Dear Ron:

It is my understanding that the military assistant to the President issues flight orders for the "Executive Flight Detachment" based at Fort Belvoir.

I would appreciate your providing me with a record of each and every flight of this detachment authorized by the White House during the calendar year 1975 and the first two months of 1976. This list should include the names of all passengers on such flights and their destinations.

Thank you for your assistance in this matter.

Sincerely,

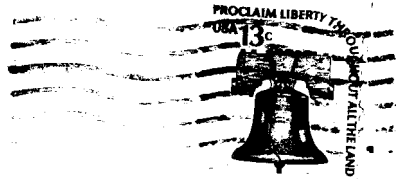
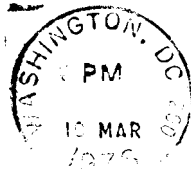

Jack Anderson

Mr. Ron Nessen
The White House
Washington



JACK ANDERSON

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Mr. Ron Nessen
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Washington

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WASHINGTON

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NOTE FOR: *Jim Connor.*

FROM : RON NESSEN

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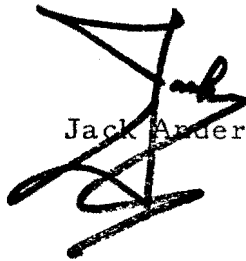
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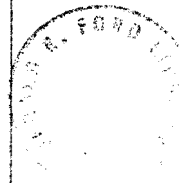
Thank you for your assistance in this matter.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in dark ink, appearing to be 'Jack Anderson', written over a printed name.

Jack Anderson

Mr. Ron Nessen
The White House
Washington



Date: April 2, 1976

Time:

FOR ACTION:

Phil Buchen

Jerry Jones

Jim Cannon

Jack Marsh

Max Friedersdorf

Ron Nessen

Bob Hartmann

Bill Seidman

cc (for information):

FROM THE STAFF SECRETARY

DUE: Date:

Tuesday, April 6

Time:

Noon

SUBJECT:

Bob Mead's memorandum of April 2
Suggestion for Televised Speech

ACTION REQUESTED:

☐ For Necessary Action☒ For Your Recommendations☐ Prepare Agenda and Brief☐ Draft Reply☒ For Your Comments☐ Draft Remarks

REMARKS:

I'm apposed:

- 1. We can't tell the TV nets what to show.*
 - 2. Too distracting.*
 - 3. Not enough impact on the deaf to make it worthwhile.*
- RAN*

PLEASE ATTACH THIS COPY TO MATERIAL SUBMITTED.

If you have any questions or if you anticipate a delay in submitting the required material, please telephone the Staff Secretary immediately.

Jim Connor
For the President



THE WHITE HOUSE

WASHINGTON

April 2, 1976

MEMORANDUM FOR: THE PRESIDENT

FROM: BOB MEAD *BM*

SUBJECT: Televised Speech

Prior to the November election, I'm sure that you will be making a nationwide address to the American people -- political or non-political. On that occasion, I would like to institute a format whereby we would provide off stage of your podium an interpreter for the deaf community.

As you may know, 20 million Americans who need and want to hear you on television are not able to. Other administrations have ignored them as a part of our hearing community and as voters. I feel we can no longer afford to do so.

There are pros and cons to this idea. It would be another first for the Ford Administration, showing great compassion, and, realistically, showing your awareness of and concern for this eight percent of the American population. I believe it would also provide you with additional support in the November election.

The drawbacks are fewer. The television networks would resist on surface this proposal as it may begin a precedent. Boxing off the interpreter's picture on the television screen would be somewhat of a distraction at first, but all would adjust to this visually after a few minutes.

As President of all the people you would need to preface your remarks on the importance and need of doing such a unique format which would also show warmth and compassion to those Americans who are fortunate to hear.



THE WHITE HOUSE
WASHINGTON

April 8, 1976

MEMORANDUM FOR:

JIM CONNOR ✓
ALAN GREENSPAN
BILL SEIDMAN
BILL SIMON

FROM:

RON NESSEN RAN

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May I have your views on this, keeping in mind that the New York City matter is not over yet and may come up as an issue in the campaign.

I'd appreciate having your response as soon as possible.



THE WHITE HOUSE
WASHINGTON

April 9, 1976

TO RON NESSEN

FROM Bill Seidman

I believe the President should give a
short interview (30 minutes maximum).
Should have those of us who worked
on the issue with him at the interview.

LWS

(per handwritten note)



THE WHITE HOUSE
WASHINGTON

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THE WHITE HOUSE
WASHINGTON

4/9/76

TO: RON NESSEN

FROM: JIM CONNOR

No objection, but let's prepare a damn
good briefing book.

THE WHITE HOUSE

WASHINGTON

April 8, 1976

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JIM CONNOR ✓
ALAN GREENSPAN
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THE SECRETARY OF THE TREASURY

WASHINGTON 20220

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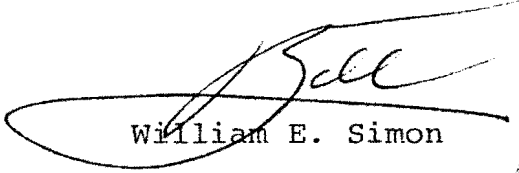
MEMORANDUM FOR RON NESSEN

SUBJECT: Fred C. Shapiro - Proposed Interview with
the President on New York City

On balance, I believe the President should agree to an interview with Shapiro. The President's handling of the New York City situation is a prime example of the substantive, merits-oriented, approach to problems which characterizes this Administration. Throughout the crisis, the President took a firm, but balanced, stand, demanding only that New York City and New York State do everything that could be done at those levels of government before considering a Federal role. When he received satisfactory proof that everything had been done, he agreed to support a Federal role.

Notwithstanding this consistent pattern of conduct, the suggestion that the President was "out to get" New York City -- that he was pandering to an antipathy toward New York City which allegedly existed elsewhere in the country -- did develop. This misconception was enhanced by Presidential comments on three occasions: in Yugoslavia, in Des Moines, and in California on the trip immediately following the Press Club speech. The Shapiro interview could give the President the opportunity personally to set the record straight with respect to his position and actions.

On the other side, I can see at least two risks. First, based on my own interview with Shapiro, it is clear to me that Shapiro is personally biased against our firm stand and may reflect the bias in his treatment of the President's comments. Second, Shapiro did not appear to be as knowledgeable about the facts as one would have expected, given the scope of his undertaking. Accordingly, there is the risk that whatever statements the President may make during the interview may be placed in an incorrect context. As I noted at the outset, however, it is my view that the potential benefits outweigh these risks.


William E. Simon



THE WHITE HOUSE

ACTION MEMORANDUM

WASHINGTON

OG NO.:

Date: April 17, 1976

Time:

FOR ACTION:

cc (for information):

Ron Nessen

FROM THE STAFF SECRETARY

DUE: Date: Monday, April 19

Time: 2 P. M.

SUBJECT:

Memo from Phil Buchen re Request for
Equal Time Waiver

ACTION REQUESTED:

☐ For Necessary Action☐ For Your Recommendations☐ Prepare Agenda and Brief☐ Draft Reply☒ For Your Comments☐ Draft Remarks

REMARKS:

Do you think we could or should use this for any
publicity?

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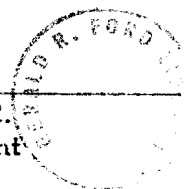
Yes. I recommend we sign
the waiver and give me
a full set of correspondence
memos, etc., for "leaking."

R.H.

PLEASE ATTACH THIS COPY TO MATERIAL SUBMITTED.

If you have any questions or if you anticipate a
delay in submitting the required material, please
telephone the Staff Secretary immediately.

K. R. COLE, JR.
For the President



THE WHITE HOUSE

WASHINGTON

April 16, 1976

ACTION

MEMORANDUM FOR THE PRESIDENT

FROM: PHILIP W. BUCHEN *P.*
SUBJECT: Request for Equal Time Waiver

Adrian Weiss Productions has requested that you waive your rights under Section 315 of the Communications Act to permit the television broadcast of two of Ronald Reagan's old movies -- "Cattle Queen of Montana" and "Tennessee's Partner."

Recommendation

Stu Spencer, Bob Visser and I recommend that you sign the attached waiver.



THE WHITE HOUSE

WASHINGTON

April 16, 1976

Dear Mr. Weiss:

It is my understanding that Adrian Weiss Productions has requested that I waive my rights for equal time under Section 315 of the Communications Act so that it may broadcast a number of Mr. Ronald Reagan's old films. This waiver would eliminate any claim for equal time that might arise from the showing of "Cattle Queen of Montana" and "Tennessee's Partner".

Since the nature and context of these two films do not relate to or affect the political process, I am willing to grant such waiver of my rights to equal time provided under Section 315 of the Communications Act.

Sincerely,

Mr. Adrian Weiss
Adrian Weiss Productions
186 North Canon Drive
Beverly Hills, California 90210



Executive Order 12812

Reagan Film Waiver

April 15, 1976

MEMORANDUM

TO: Philip Buchen
Legal Counsel

FROM: Tim Ryan 

RE: Request for Waiver -- Adrian Weiss Productions

After conversations with Stu Spencer of this office and Mr. Adrian Weiss, we agree with your decision to recommend a waiver of "equal time" under Section 315 of the Communications Act for the two Reagan films noted on the draft letter to the President. If you have any comments or changes, please contact us.

T.T.R.



DRAFT OF LETTER TO
ADRIAN WEISS PRODUCTIONS

Mr. Adrian Weiss
Adrian Weiss Productions
186 North Canon Drive
Beverly Hills, California 90210

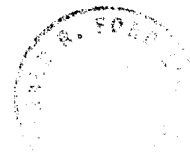
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Sincerely,

Gerald R. Ford



THE WHITE HOUSE

WASHINGTON

March 30, 1976

Dear Bob:

As I discussed with you over the telephone, Adrian Weiss Productions would like to receive a waiver from President Ford of his rights under Section 315 of the Communications Act. The purpose of this waiver is to eliminate any claim to equal time on the part of the President that might arise from the use of broadcast facilities to show two of Ronald Reagan's old movies which are owned by Adrian Weiss Productions.

Enclosed are copies of letters received from the Productions firm. The information sheet describing the two pictures was not enclosed, but I learned by telephone that the titles of the two films are:

"Cattle Queen of Montana"
"Tennessee's Partner"

I assume the titles say enough about the nature of the films. I would think it appropriate to grant the requested waiver, but I think this is a matter for the President Ford Committee to dispose of by an appropriate recommendation to the President and, if a waiver is recommended, a form of letter for the President to sign.

Enclosed also is a copy of a 1966 Federal Communication Commission's letter which deals with the subject of Section 315 waiver.

I believe Mr. Weiss would appreciate a prompt response from you.

Sincerely,



Philip W. Buchen
Counsel to the President

Mr. Robert Visser
General Counsel
President Ford Committee
1828 L Street, N. W.
Washington, D. C. 20036

Enclosures

March 3, 1976

Philip W. Buchen, Esquire
Personal Counsel to President Gerald R. Ford
White House
1400 Pennsylvania Avenue
Washington, D. C.

Dear Mr. Buchen:

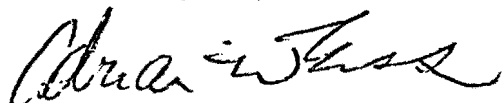
It has been brought to my attention through the enclosed newspaper article that you or your staff will take it upon yourselves to view the two (2) Ronald Reagan motion pictures we own, to determine whether or not there are any political overtones contained therein.

We respectfully request your immediate attention to this matter, in order that we may freely make use of our property rights to which we are legally and morally entitled, and hope that President Ford will waive any demand for equal time.

I shall thank you for a prompt reply and your favorable consideration.

Very truly yours,

ADRIAN WEISS PRODUCTIONS



Adrian Weiss

AW/g
Enclosures

P.S. We are enclosing for your interregnum information, a press sheet on each of the two (2) motion pictures, from which it can be determined that the scope of each film is not political in nature.

adrian weiss productions

186 North Canon Drive, Beverly Hills, California 90210
(213) 274-9991 Cable: Weisspiet

*Earl
Pant*

March 17, 1976

Philip W. Buchen, Esquire
Personal Counsel to President Gerald R. Ford
White House
1400 Pennsylvania Avenue
Washington, D.C.

Dear Mr. Buchen:

I am quite concerned regarding your delay in not answering my letter of March 3, 1976 inasmuch as the certified mail return receipt shows that said letter was delivered to you on March 8th.

As each day goes by I continue to lose revenue and pay bank interest due to the equal time doctrine and resultant television station taboo on exhibiting the two Ronald Reagan pictures thereby negating the small group of nine (9) titles of which the Reagan pictures are part and parcel.

I was brought up to believe that every man's home is his castle, that every citizen has certain definite inalienable rights and since I hope that I fall in the aforementioned category I once more respectfully request your immediate attention to this matter so that we may freely make use of property rights to which we are legally and morally entitled.

After you have screened the two questionable motion pictures and assured yourselves that the scope of each is not political in nature, I feel certain that President Ford will agree with my stand and therefore hope that President Ford will waive any demand for equal time.

Once again, I thank you for a prompt reply and your favorable consideration.

Very truly yours,

ADRIAN WEISS PRODUCTIONS

Adrian Weiss

Adrian Weiss

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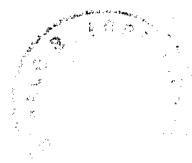
RON NESSEN

FROM:

JIM CONNOR *JEC*

Your memorandum of March 31 on the subject of Tennis was returned in the President's outbox with the following notation:

"Great Stories -- My ranking ↓ "



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WASHINGTON

4/19/70

NOTE FOR:

Jim Connor.

FROM

: RON NESSEN

The President
probably should
read this.

R.H.N.

DAVID BREED LINDSAY

16 April 1976

Dear Mr. President,

Your thoughtfulness in sending me the set of cuff links with the Presidential seal is deeply appreciated. Together with the inscribed and signed photographs taken during our meeting in Sarasota, the cuff links will become heirlooms of the Lindsay family.

It was a particular pleasure to have the opportunity of attending church with you and Mrs. Ford, and the occasion was made even more memorable for me by the surprised looks on the faces of my youngest son, Edward, who was singing in the choir, and my two grandsons, David and Stewart, who were in the congregation.

In my 28 years as editor of the Sarasota Herald-Tribune I have never seen more appreciation of an official act than has been evidenced by the people of this area for your decision to order the Council on Environmental Quality to investigate the need for an interdisciplinary study of the effects of phosphate strip mining and phosphoric acid/uranium processing on the Florida West Coast.

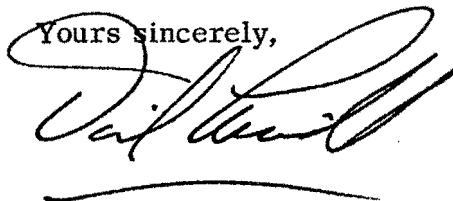
I met with Governor Peterson and his staff immediately after the private meeting with you and Secretary Rumsfeld, and was delighted at their responsiveness and professional concern.

I am sure I can speak for the people in our circulation area when I express my respect and appreciation for your immediate appraisal and action on this issue of regional health and safety, and of national strategic consequence.

I too shall certainly look forward, as you said in your letter, to a future meeting in Sarasota or on the Monterey Peninsula.

With warmest personal regards and with good wishes for continued Campaign '76 success.

Yours sincerely,

A handwritten signature in dark ink, appearing to read 'David Lindsay', with a horizontal line underneath.

The President
The White House
Washington, D. C.

4/21/76

Themes

The President's record, simply explained, can make one of the most effective campaign themes. To date, however, we have not done a good job in laying out the record in a way which advocates can use it. This paper suggests one approach to the task.

I. The situation confronting the President when he took office.

1. Massive national trauma of Watergate and dissillusion with Vietnam.

a. The honesty, decency and even the legitimacy of government being questions.

b. Allies and adversaries unsure of America's will and intentions

2. Economy on the verge of collapse.

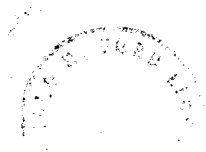
a. decade of overspending leads to ever widening gyrations of inflation and recession.

b. loss of confidence that the government has the political will to take the unpopular steps necessary to bring inflation under control.

c. fear that the demands for stimulus will set off another round of double digit plus inflation leading eventually to even sharper recession.

3. Public sector growth out of control

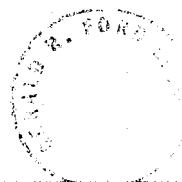
-- - government expenditures consuming an ever larger share of the GNP. Proliferation of grant and entitlement programs creates a bureaucratic nightmare and an uncontrollable budget. These trends worsen the already serious economic problems by limiting the government's ability to take necessary corrective measures.



4. A very liberal Congress elected in Nov. 1974 threatens to compound the problems by further increasing expenditures and inventing a whole new generation of grant programs.
5. Ten year trend toward reducing real defense expenditures combined with rapidly growing Soviet effort during the same period threatens to create a dangerous imbalance in the world political/military balance.
 - a. 94th Congress appears eager to continue and even accelerate the trend toward less real defense expenditures.

II. The Tasks of the President were:

1. Reestablish the legitimacy of government and begin to restore the bond of trust between the people and their President.
2. Reassure allies and adversaries that the U. S. retains the strength and the will to meet its commitments.
3. Restore economic vitality without igniting a new inflationary spiral.
4. Restore a sense of confidence that the economy will behave in a sensible fashion and will not be subjected to short term political manipulation.
5. Reverse the trend toward an even greater share of the GNP going to government expenditures.
6. Emphasize the private sector as the basis for healthy economic growth rather than public expenditures.
7. Begin to gain control over the budget, particularly those items called uncontrollables without causing major economic or social dislocations.
8. Prevent the 94th Congress from worsening the situation by adding new programs and increasing expenditures indiscriminately.
9. Prevent the 94th Congress from further slashing real defense expenditures and reverse the ten year declining trend to ensure U.S. security.



III. The President's Record:

1. He has restored the nation's sense that their President is an honest man with an open Administration. He tells the truth.
2. He has convinced allies and adversaries that the U.S. under his leadership intends to meet its commitments. But given the Congressional record on Vietnam and Angola, he has not yet convinced the Congress.
3. He has by the use of the veto and in his budgets demonstrated the will to get government spending under control. He avoided economic quick fixes and permitted the economy to recover in a healthy way without the threat of a new inflation/recession spiral.
4. He has reversed the trend toward growing governmental share of the GNP. This year federal government expenditures will grow _____% while the GNP will grow _____%.
5. He has forced the Congress to begin to put some limits on the so-called 'uncontrollables.' Last year federal employee raises were limited to 5% as opposed to the 8.6% uncontrollable figure. This step saved \$ _____. This year the Congress has again indicated that it will cap federal salaries at the 5% level. For the first time the Food Stamp program which grew from _____ million in 196__ to _____ billion in 1975 has been curtailed.
6. He has reduced his own White House staff by 10%. The 1977 White House budget is smaller than the 1976 budget. Federal government employment has stopped growing and has begun to decline.
7. He has vetoed 48 bills passed by the 94th Congress which would have swelled the number of federal program and increased government spending by \$13 billion.
8. He has stuck to his commitment that there will be no new spending programs. There were none in 1975 and it is doubtful that there will be any in 1976.
9. He has reversed the ten year trend toward reducing real defense expenditures. The FY 1977 budget will show an increase of 11% for defense spending.
10. He has blocked Congressional attempts to eliminate critical defense programs such as the B-1 bomber and the Trident submarine.

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WASHINGTON

April 22, 1976

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MEMORANDUM FOR:

RON NESSEN

FROM:

JIM CONNOR JEC

The President reviewed your memorandum of April 20 concerning Dick Schaap's article in SPORT magazine concerning the White House Athlete's prayer breakfast he attended and the column written for the INDIANAPOLIS STAR by Tom Keating. He made the following notation:

'Excellent'

cc: Dick Cheney