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February 17, 1975

MEMORANDUM FOR:

JACK MARSH

FROM:

RON NESSEN

As I mentioned at the senior staff meeting this morning, I feel strongly about not letting the President get pushed and pulled into committing himself to a lot of separate Bicentennial events all over the country around the July 4, 1976 period. Everyone will want the President at his event, and since many of the sponsors are friends of his, he is likely to let himself be talked into it. I am thinking of the Billy Graham/Willard Marriott event as one example.

This is an historic opportunity for the President to say something very, very important to the Nation about the past and the future, and to have him racing all over the country to appear at various Bicentennial events I think will dilute his message and his participation. It seems to me that the maximum impact and exposure would be obtained from a single Presidential appearance and speech on July 4, 1976 in Philadelphia.

cc: Dick Cheney
Jim Connor
Warren Rustand

RN:jg

February 17, 1975

MEMORANDUM FOR:

WARREN RUSTAND

FROM:

RON NESSEN

Further as regards the President's Miami trip:

As for the Jackie Gleason's reception and dinner, I would hope that the President and Mrs. Ford would attend only the reception briefly and then head back to Washington and not stay for the dinner and entertainment. I am told the dinner and entertainment get very boozey and raunchy and go on until 4:00 or 5:00 a.m.

RN:jg



February 17, 1975

MEMORANDUM FOR:

**WARREN RUSTAND
PAUL THEIS**

FROM:

RON NESSEN

Frank Stanton, the Chairman of the American Red Cross, has requested that the President film a brief TV commercial for the Red Cross. March is Red Cross Month and Stanton would like the commercial filmed in time to use during the month.

Attached find samples of suggested scripts sent in by Stanton.

I have no strong feeling one way or the other about this proposal, except I can foresee a proliferation of causes wanting the President to do their TV commercial. On the other hand, it is exposure for the President in support of a worthy cause.

ATTACHMENT



PRESIDENT FORD --TV ADDRESS--60 SECOND VERSION

MCU PRES. FORD

My fellow Americans. The voluntary way has always been the American way. We have always believed in neighbor helping neighbor. Today no organization typifies this voluntary spirit better than the American Red Cross.

When disasters occur, the Red Cross...you "Good Neighbor"...furnishes the assistance that helps mend broken lives. When blood needed, volunteer donations of this precious fluid collected in Red Cross centers are relied on by over half of our medical facilities. Veterans and service personnel turn to the Red Cross for help also.

March is Red Cross Month. Red Cross chapters will be asking you to help with financial contributions and by becoming a volunteer yourself.

I urge you. do so.

Be a Good Neighbor.

Help your Good Neighbor...the American Red Cross.

Thank you.

MCU PRES. FORD

My fellow Americans.

The voluntary way has always been the American way. And no organization typifies this voluntary spirit better than the American Red Cross. Disaster relief, voluntary blood donations, help to our veterans and service personnel are just three areas where the Red Cross is a dominant factor.

March is Red Cross Month. I urge you, give a little of your time and money.

Be a Good Neighbor.

Help your Good Neighbor...

the American Red Cross.

Thank you.

MEMORANDUM

THE WHITE HOUSE
WASHINGTON

February 18, 1975

MEMORANDUM FOR:

DONALD RUMSFELD
ROBERT HARTMANN
JACK MARSH
→ RON NESSEN
DICK CHENEY

FROM:

WARREN RUSTAND

SUBJECT:

Proposed Meeting between the President
and the Administrative Committee of the
National Conference of Catholic Bishops
on March 4 or 5


We would appreciate having your comments and recommendation on the
attached proposal from Bill Baroody.

*I think he should
do it.*

RHN.

SCHEDULE PROPOSAL

DATE: February 14, 1975

FROM: William J. Barody, Jr. 

VIA: Warren S. Rustand

MEETING: Between the President and the 30 members of the Administrative Committee of the National Conference of Catholic Bishops.

DATE: March 4 or 5, 1975.

PURPOSE: To hear their views on several issues of concern to the Catholic community in the United States.

FORMAT: -location: Cabinet Room.
-participants: Members of the Administrative Committee.
-expected length of participation requested: 30 minutes.

TALKING POINTS: To be provided in briefing paper prior to the meeting.

PRESS COVERAGE: White House Photo.

STAFF: William J. Barody, Jr.
Theodore C. Marrs
Donald A. Webster

RECOMMEND: William J. Barody, Jr.

PREVIOUS PARTICIPATION: No previous meetings. However, the President attended a Mass on January 26th at St. Matthew's Church here in Washington where he heard a sermon delivered by the General Secretary of the National Conference, Most Reverend James Rausch.

BACKGROUND: The 30 bishops who serve on the Administrative Committee of the Catholic Conference will convene for a meeting in Washington on the above

BACKGROUND

(cont):

mentioned dates. This would seem to present an opportune time for a meeting with the President, especially since it would occur fairly soon after his January 30th meeting with a delegation from the National Council of Churches.

We believe it is important that the President see this group because the Catholic community in the United States is large, influential and actively concerned with certain issues. One of the topics sure to be raised by the bishops is the urgency of the world food crisis, and their plan for alleviating it. They want to focus national attention on the plight of the hungry and generate support among the public for efforts to aid these people.

APPROVE _____ DISAPPROVE _____

MEMORANDUM

THE WHITE HOUSE
WASHINGTON

February 18, 1975

MEMORANDUM FOR: RON NESSEN

FROM: WARREN RUSTAND *WRM*

SUBJECT: Invitation to the Spring Convention of
 the Illinois Press Association in
 Decatur, Illinois on April 4, 1975

Please note Jerry Warren's recommendation here that the Vice President be asked to do this.

If you agree, we will check it out with him as to his availability before you give a final response on the invitation.

*I agree
RHN*

*copy
sent to
W. Rustand
2/20
(+ to J. Warren)
FYI.*

MEMORANDUM

THE WHITE HOUSE

WASHINGTON

February 12, 1975

MEMORANDUM FOR: WARREN RUSTAND

FROM: JERRY WARREN



I understand this invitation will be turned down shortly. I suggest the event be recommended to the Vice President.

April 4
December 18, 1974

Dear Mr. Ferstl:

Don Rumsfeld passed along to me a copy of your letter suggesting that President Ford hold a press conference during the spring convention of the Illinois Press Association in April, 1975, at the Holiday Inn in Decatur, Illinois.

It is too early to know for certain what the President's schedule will be at that time. However, it sounds like a good idea, and we will certainly keep your kind invitation in mind. I will be back in touch with you after the first of the year when I have a better idea of how the President's schedule is shaping up.

With best wishes for the holidays,

Sincerely,

Ron Nessen
Press Secretary
to the President

Mr. Joseph L. Ferstl
Executive Vice President
Lerner Home Newspapers
7519 North Ashland Avenue
Chicago, Illinois 60626



bcc w/ copy of incoming: Tom DeCair, Eric Rosenberger, Jerry Warren,
Donald Rumsfeld

RN/EMO/mw

December 10, 1974

Dear Joe:

Thanks so much for your interest in writing. I have passed along to the Scheduling Office your comments and suggestions about presidential press conferences so that they can make a determination of the merit of your ideas in conjunction with the many other demands on the President's time.

Best regards.

Sincerely,

Donald Rumsfeld
Assistant to the President

Mr. Joseph L. Forati
Executive Vice President
Lanner News Newspapers
7519 North Ashland Avenue
Chicago, Illinois 60626

cc: Ron Nesson w/copy of incoming
Warren Rustand w/copy of incoming

DR:MD:mlg

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Ron Nesson



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November 27, 1974

Hon. Donald Rumsfeld
Assistant to the President
White House
Washington, D. C. 20501

Dear Don:

Thank you for your recent kind note of thanks. I thought of you again this morning upon receiving my copy of "Publishers' Auxiliary".

If memory serves me correctly just a short time ago the President mentioned that he would be interested in holding press conferences in locations across the country from time to time rather than holding them primarily in Washington as is the current practice.

In my new role as President of the Illinois Press Association it strikes me that our Spring convention would be an ideal spot for such a conference. I am thinking of a luncheon address with a question and answer period on Friday, April 4, 1975, at the Holiday Inn in Decatur, Illinois. The Illinois Press Association is the largest such association in the country with 711 newspaper members comprised of daily, weekly, suburban, urban and rural publications.

If you think the idea has merit (and if the President's schedule permits) I'd appreciate your ideas on this matter at which time I would then get off a formal letter of invitation on Illinois Press Association stationery.

Best wishes,

Joseph L. Ferstl
Executive Vice President

JLF:fd
Encl: clipping



THE WHITE HOUSE
WASHINGTON

Date: ~~December 13, 1974~~

MEMORANDUM FOR:

RON NESSEN

FROM:

WILLIAM W. NICHOLSON

SUBJECT:

Joseph L. Forstl, Executive Vice President,
Lerner Home Newspapers

The attached is for your appropriate handling.

Thank you.



February 18, 1975

MEMORANDUM FOR: WARREN RUSTAND ✓
JIM CONNOR

FROM: RON NESSEN

SUBJECT: Presidential interview with Los Angeles Times

The President has been doing one or more press interviews a week. We don't have any scheduled for this week. I would like to recommend that during the free time the President has Thursday afternoon at 4 p.m. he agree to a 30-45 minute interview with five reporters and editorial officials of the Los Angeles Times.

The President has done no interviews with newspapers west of the Mississippi River. The Times has a very large circulation -- not only in Los Angeles, but throughout the West. They also would distribute the interview to the 343 other newspapers which subscribe to the Los Angeles Times-Washington Post News Service.

It would be a general interview -- not limited to any one subject, but it would give the President an opportunity to make another strong pitch for his economic and energy programs just before Congress votes on his vote of the oil tariff.

I recommend that he do this interview.

RN/cg



MEMORANDUM

THE WHITE HOUSE

WASHINGTON

February 20, 1975

MEMORANDUM FOR:

BILL CASSELMAN
ROBERT T. HARTMANN
→ RON NESSEN
STAN SCOTT

FROM:

WARREN RUSTAND *WR*

SUBJECT:

Meeting with the Civil Rights Commission

As you know, the President has not as yet met with Dr. Arthur Flemming and the Civil Rights Commission.

We were thinking of proposing such a meeting soon and would appreciate your comments and recommendation as to the advisability of adding this to the schedule and the best timing.

*I think he
should meet with
them at some point.
R.W.
2-21-75*

February 21, 1975

MEMORANDUM FOR WARREN RUSTAND

FROM: RON NESSEN

I have no particular recommendation one way or another on this. Perhaps you should get some input from staff people who would know whether the President wants to make a statement on farm matters around this period of time.

**Attachment: Letter from William M. Blair
 2 inviting President to speak to
 Newspaper Farm Editors of America**

RN/cg



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The New York Times

WASHINGTON BUREAU
1920 L STREET, N.W.
WASHINGTON, D.C. 20036
(202) 293-3100

February 17, 1975

Dear Ron:

I write as President of the Newspaper Farm Editors of America. This year we shall hold our annual Spring meeting April 20-22 in Washington.

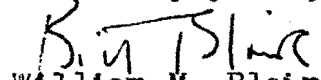
We would welcome an opportunity to meet with President Ford at that time. We have had such meetings with former Presidents annually for the past decade or more. These meetings usually have been informal, sometimes in the White House or, if the Spring weather is favorable, in the Garden.

Our group is not large in numbers but we do have a wide and diversified coverage and enjoy a good reputation as a professional organization. Our Spring meeting usually attracts 30 to 40 persons, including some wives, at a time when the emphasis is on Spring plantings and prospects for the crop year ahead. We meet with officials of the Department of Agriculture, members of Congress and others, both on technical and political aspects of agricultural matters.

I would appreciate an opportunity to talk with you directly in the hope that a meeting with the President can be arranged.

Kindest personal regards,

Sincerely yours,


William M. Blair

Mr. Ron Nessen
The White House

Enc: NFEA letterhead

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THE WHITE HOUSE

WASHINGTON

February 21, 1975

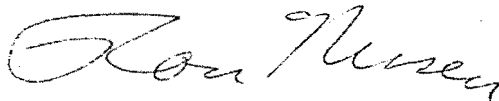
Dear Bill:

I have received your request that the President meet with the Newspaper Farm Editors of America during their spring meeting in Washington in April.

The President's schedule for that period is not firm yet, and so I cannot give you a definite answer. However, such a meeting with your group might give the President an opportunity to speak to a specialized group of journalists with whom he has not had very much contact.

I will be back in touch when I have a more definite answer.

Sincerely,

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

Ron Nessen

Press Secretary to the President

Mr. William M. Blair
President
Newspaper Farm Editors
of America
The New York Times
1920 L Street, N. W.
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BY FRANCES LEVINE

WASHINGTON (AP) -- PRESIDENT FORD CONSIDERS HIS WIFE'S HEALTH TO BE "A VERY IMPORTANT FACTOR" IN WHETHER HE RUNS FOR THE PRESIDENCY IN 1976, A CLOSE PERSONAL AIDE SAID TODAY.

APPOINTMENTS SECRETARY WARREN S. RUSTAND POINTED OUT THAT THE FIRST LADY HAS BEEN SUFFERING FROM OSTEOARTHRITIS IN HER BACK AND NECK AND HAS BEEN UNDERGOING "AN EXHAUSTING PROCESS" OF CHEMOTHERAPY TREATMENT SINCE HER SEPTEMBER BREAST CANCER OPERATION.

HE SAID HE DID NOT MEAN TO IMPLY THAT MRS. FORD'S CONDITION WAS A PROBLEM AT THIS TIME. "IT WOULD HAVE TO BE SOMETHING MORE SERIOUS," RUSTAND SAID.

BUT, HE NOTED THAT "MRS. FORD'S HEALTH IS VERY, VERY IMPORTANT TO THE PRESIDENT AND WOULD BE A VERY IMPORTANT FACTOR IN HIS DECISION" ON RUNNING IN 1976.

RUSTAND BROUGHT UP THE ISSUE OF MRS. FORD'S HEALTH IN RESPONDING TO A QUESTION ABOUT FORD'S CANDIDACY IN 1976 DURING AN APPEARANCE AT THE UNIVERSITY OF ARIZONA.

ASKED ABOUT HIS REMARKS THERE, RUSTAND SAID IN A TELEPHONE INTERVIEW TODAY THAT HE HAD NO PARTICULAR INFORMATION ABOUT MRS. FORD'S CONDITION EXCEPT THAT HER HEALTH HAS CAUSED HER TO CANCEL SOME APPOINTMENTS RECENTLY AND HE SAID SHE SUFFERS FROM FATIGUE CAUSED BY THE CHEMOTHERAPY.

BUT, MRS. FORD'S WHITE HOUSE PHYSICIAN, DR. WILLIAM LUKASH, WHEN ASKED ABOUT RUSTAND'S COMMENTS, SAID THE FIRST LADY WAS HAVING "NO ILL EFFECTS" FROM THE CHEMOTHERAPY.

DR. LUKASH ALSO SAID THAT MRS. FORD HAS UNDERGONE LABORATORY TESTS DURING THE PAST MONTH AND SHOWS NO SIGNS OF RECURRENCE OF THE CANCER.

THE FIRST LADY HAS BEEN HAVING SOME DISCOMFORT RECENTLY FROM THE OSTEOARTHRITIS THAT HAS CAUSED HER TO HAVE NECK AND BACK PAINS FROM TIME TO TIME OVER THE PAST 12 YEARS. SHE RECENTLY HAD TO WEAR A NECK BRACE BRIEFLY TO EASE THE PAIN.

FORD HAS SAID THAT HE WILL RUN IN 1976. HIS PRESS SECRETARY, RON NESSEN, HAS RULED OUT THE STATE OF THE NATION'S ECONOMY AS A FACTOR THAT MIGHT POSSIBLY INFLUENCE FORD'S DECISION.

BUT NEITHER FORD NOR NESSEN HAS PUBLICLY ADDRESSED THE QUESTION OF MRS. FORD'S HEALTH RECENTLY.

RUSTAND COMMENTED THAT IF MRS. FORD "IS NOT UP TO A CAMPAIGN," IT MIGHT INFLUENCE FORD'S ULTIMATE DECISION ABOUT SEEKING ANOTHER TERM IN OFFICE.

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THE WHITE HOUSE
WASHINGTON

February 27, 1975

MEMORANDUM FOR:

→ RON NESSEN
WILLIAM SEIDMAN

FROM:

for WARREN RUSTAND *WR*

SUBJECT:

Presidential Appearance Before
New York Financial Writers
Association

I would appreciate your thoughts on a Presidential appearance before this group on a future New York trip. The dates mentioned in the attached letter are not relevant; we are most interested in your reaction to the New York Financial Writers Association.

3/1/75
To: *Warren*
Thank you.

I think he should do it.
The Security Analysts speech
was a great success. And he
is impressive in his grasp of
financial matters.

RAN



New York Financial Writers Association, Inc.

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Mr. William Nicholson
Deputy Appointments Secretary
The White House
Washington, D. C. 20500

February 11, 1975

Dear Mr. Nicholson:

In line with our telephone conversation last Friday, I would like to invite President Ford to address the annual Spring Dinner of the New York Financial Writers' Association.

The dinner, which usually attracts about 1,000 top echelon members of the business and financial community, would present a unique opportunity for corporate executives and the financial press to get a first hand briefing on the President's economic programs.

Within the time frames you suggested, I have arranged with the Americana Hotel to hold open the following dates for us:

Monday, April 28 and Tuesday, April 29
Monday, May 12, Thursday, May 15,
Wednesday, May 21 and Friday, May 23

The Banquet Manager at the Americana also advised me that he was prepared to shuffle his schedule around if those dates are not convenient for the President.

With the state of the economy so much on the minds of the American people, communication between Government and business leaders is vital to successfully solve the many recession-inflation spawned problems.

If you need any further information about our organization or the dinner arrangements, please call me at the office -- (212) 741-4212. I am looking forward to hearing from you.

Sincerely yours,

Sidney Rutberg
Sidney Rutberg
President

March 3, 1975

MEMORANDUM FOR: WARREN RUSTAND
FROM: RON NESSEN

Art Wood, the President of the Association of American Editorial Cartoonists, left the attached with me today and expressed the hope that the President will be able to attend this convention. Notice that it is more than a year off.

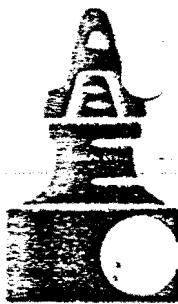
I am sure he will send a more formal letter of invitation when we get closer to the event.

cc: Jack Marsh

Attachment

RN:jg





association of american editorial cartoonists

- ART WOOD
U.S. INDEPENDENT
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RON NESSEN - LUNCH
MAY 6

BRIEFING BY CABINET
DURING DAY OF
MAY 7

PRESIDENT - DINNER
MAY 8

THE WHITE HOUSE,
WASHINGTON

3/4

TO: WARREN RUSTAND

FR: RON NESSEN

For necessary action.



UNITED STATES COMMITTEE SPORTS FOR ISRAEL, INC.

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March 3, 1975

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

Dear Ron;

Attached is a press release for your information. On Sunday March 16th the Israeli basketball team will be playing at the Naval Academy. It should be a very exciting day and any publicity that you can give to the game would be appreciated.

On Saturday morning March 15th we would like to bring the team to the White House for a VIP tour and possible hello by President Ford. It would be a tremendous thrill for them and we would appreciate it to no end.

It's been a long time since all the Sherman's have seen you, but we have been following your career with interest. Some day when you are on Connecticut Avenue we hope that you will stop by. I can be reached at the store most all the time - 223-1550.

Sincerely yours;

Alan Sherman
Regional Vice President

March 4, 1975

MEMORANDUM FOR: WARREN RUSTAND
FROM: RON NESSEN

Attached is a request from Governor Judge of Montana for the President to attend the Western Governors' Conference on Agriculture at the end of the month.

Would you respond directly to the Governor, and copy me on the letter?

Thank you.



THE WHITE HOUSE
WASHINGTON

March 4, 1975

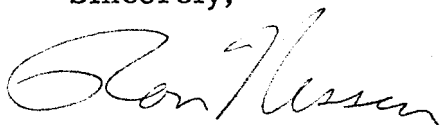
Dear Governor Judge:

I wanted you to know I have your thoughtful letter and invitation to the President to attend the Western Governors' Conference on Agriculture, and appreciate it and your telephone call to me.

I know the President would very much like to attend if it is at all possible, and have asked the office that works on his schedule to consider it actively in the days ahead. They will be back in touch with you directly as they give attention to his activities at the end of the month. I hope that it can be worked out.

Best wishes, and again thank you for your letter and for your interest.

Sincerely,

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

Ron Nessen
Press Secretary to the
President

The Honorable Thomas L. Judge
Governor
State of Montana
Helena, Montana 59601



THOMAS L. JUDGE
GOVERNOR

State of Montana
Office of The Governor
Helena 59601

February 27, 1975

Mr. Ron Nessen
News Secretary to the President
White House
Washington, D. C. 20001

Dear Ron:

I enjoyed the opportunity to meet you at the White House and to visit with you on the phone relative to the possibility of President Ford addressing the Western Governors' Conference on Agriculture, March 31 through April 3.

In my opinion, there are no more pressing issues facing the states, the nation and the world than energy and food.

In view of the policy being developed and implemented by the Administration and the Congress it is important that the Governors have a voice in decisions which could have a profound impact on our states.

It is my hope that the Governors of the west can express our concerns and the concerns of our people and work with the Administration rather than at cross purposes.

The subject of this years Conference "Agriculture and Energy in the Western United States" is of great concern to many of our Western Governors.

The Conference is sponsored by the Western Governors' Conference, the Old West Regional Commission, the Four Corners Regional Commission and the Pacific Northwest Regional Commission.

My suggestion would be to combine the President's talk with a private meeting with the Western Governors, as he has held in the south and midwest.

We will, of course, adjust our program to the President's schedule should he be able to attend on either April 1st, 2nd or 3rd.

Billings has an excellent airport, so there would be no problem there.

Mr. Ron Nessen

February 25, 1975

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If he could take a day and go skiing there are three areas that I would put up against Vail--Red Lodge which would be minutes away in a helicopter and Chet Huntley's Big Sky and Bridger Bowl in Bozeman.

I can assure you that the President would receive an enthusiastic and warm welcome should he visit the Big Sky Country.

If you need any further information, please call me.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in dark ink, appearing to read "Thomas L. Judge". The signature is fluid and cursive, with a large, stylized "J" and "D".

THOMAS L. JUDGE
Governor

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TENTATIVE
PROPOSED AGENDA

WESTERN GOVERNORS' CONFERENCE ON AGRICULTURE

NORTHERN HOTEL
BILLINGS, MONTANA

MARCH 31 - APRIL 1, 2 & 3, 1975

"AGRICULTURE AND ENERGY IN THE WESTERN UNITED STATES"

MARCH 31, 1975

7:00 a.m. - 6:00 p.m.

REGISTRATION
Lobby, Northern Hotel

8:00 a.m. - 5:00 p.m.

TOUR
Colstrip Strip Mining Area

6:00 p.m. - 7:00 p.m.

RECEPTION
Assembly Room

7:00 p.m. - 8:30 p.m.

DINNER/OPENING SESSION
Carter - Rimrock Room

Honoring: Honorable Clinton P. Anderson
Past Secretary of Agriculture, U.S.D.A.

Honorable Charles Brannan
Past Secretary of Agriculture, U.S.D.A.

Honorable Ezra Taft Benson
Past Secretary of Agriculture, U.S.D.A.

Honorable Orville L. Freeman
Past Secretary of Agriculture, U.S.D.A.

Honorable Clifford Hardin
Past Secretary of Agriculture, U.S.D.A.

Honorable Earl Butz
Secretary of Agriculture, U.S.D.A.

Invocation: Reverend Kenneth J. Mitchell

Presiding & Welcome: Honorable Thomas L. Judge
Governor, State of Montana;
Chairman, Western Governors'
Conference On Agriculture

Speaker:

Suggested
Topic: "Agriculture Production and
Energy Development In The
Western United States"

Entertain-
ment: Crow Indian Dancers & Singers-
Coordinator Bill Old Hand

April 1, 1975

7:00 a.m. - 8:45 a.m.

INDIVIDUAL STATE BREAKFAST MEETINGS
Golden Bell Room

9:00 a.m. - 10:00 a.m.

WESTERN FOOD PRODUCTION IN RELATION TO ENERGY
REQUIREMENTS AND THE WORLD FOOD CRISIS
Carter - Rimrock Room

Presiding: Honorable Richard Kneip,
Governor, State of South Dakota

Welcome: Honorable Joseph Leone
Mayor, City of Billings, Montana

Speaker: Honorable Thomas L. Judge
Governor, State of Montana;
Chairman, Western Governors'
Conference On Agriculture

Suggested
Topic: "Agriculture and Energy Development-
Are They Compatible?"

Speaker: Honorable Pete V. Domenici,
United States Senate
State of New Mexico

Suggested
Topic: "Results Of The World Food
Conference In Rome"

APRIL 1, 1975 (Continued)

10:00 a.m. - 10:15 a.m.

RECESS

10:15 a.m. - 12:15 a.m.

IMPACT OF ENERGY DEVELOPMENT ON FOOD PRODUCTION
IN THE WESTERN UNITED STATES
Carter - Rimrock Room

Presiding:

Panel

Chairman: Honorable Jerry Apodaca
Governor, State of New Mexico

Panel

Members: Honorable Richard Lamm
Governor, State of Colorado

Mr. Jerry Twedt, President,
CENEX, St. Paul, Minnesota

Honorable Don Young
U. S. House of Representatives
State of Alaska

Mr. Joe A. McElwain, Executive
Vice President, Montana Power Co.,
Butte, Montana

Mr. Frank Zarb, Energy Chief,
Federal Energy Office,
Washington, D.C.

12:15 p.m. - 1:45 p.m.

LUNCHEON

Assembly - Rimrock Room

Presiding: Honorable Raul Castro,
Governor, State of Arizona

Invocation: Rabbi Samuel Horowitz

Speaker: Mr. Stewart Udall, Author and
Consultant, McLean, Virginia

Suggested

Topic: "Environment-Energy-Economy"

Entertain-
ment:

"Trepp Singers" - Billings Senior
High School, under the direction
of Paul Halpine

1:45 p.m. - 3:15 p.m.

WESTERN FOOD PRODUCTION IN RELATION TO ENERGY
DEVELOPMENT AND THE WORLD FOOD CRISIS
Rimrock - Carter Room

Presiding: Honorable Arthur A. Link
Governor, State of North Dakota

Panel

Topic: "The Future of Animal Agriculture
In The West"

Panel

Chairman: Honorable John Melcher
U.S. House of Representatives
State of Montana

Panel

Members: Mr. Gordon Van Vleck, President
American National Cattlemen's
Association, Denver, Colorado

Mr. Clark Schenkenberger, Executive
Editor, Western Livestock Reporter,
Billings, Montana

Mr. Pete Jackson, President,
American Society of Range Management,
Helena, Montana

Mr. Floyd Marsh, President
National Association of Wood
Growers, Williams, California

Mr. W. D. Farr, Farr Farm Company,
Greely, Colorado

3:15 p.m. - 3:30 p.m.

RECESS

3:30 p.m. - 4:10 p.m.

WESTERN FOOD PRODUCTION IN RELATION TO ENERGY
DEVELOPMENT AND THE WORLD FOOD CRISIS
Rimrock - Carter Room

Presiding: Mr. Tony Dechant, President
National Farmers Union,
Denver, Colorado

Speaker:

Suggested
Topic:

APRIL 1, 1975 (Continued)

4:10 p.m. - 5:00 p.m.

Presiding: Mr. Gordon Van Vleck, President,
American National Cattlemen's
Association, Denver, Colorado

Speaker: Honorable Ed Herschler,
Governor, State of Wyoming

Suggested
Topic: "Water-Fuels-Land Uses"

5:00 p.m. - 6:00 p.m.

RECEPTION
Assembly Room

6:00 p.m. - 7:00 p.m.

DINNER
Carter -Rimrock Room

Invocation: Monsignor Andrew J. Zarek

Master of
Ceremonies

& Welcome: Honorable Calvin L. Rampton,
Governor, State of Utah;
Chairman, National Governors'
Conference; Co-Chairman, Four
Corners Regional Commission

Speaker: Honorable Gerald Ford, President,
United States of America

Suggested
Topic: "United States At The Crossroads"

Entertain-
ment: "The Pedro Pistoleros Trio"

APRIL 2, 1975

8:30 a.m. - 9:15 a.m.

WESTERN FOOD PRODUCTION IN RELATION TO ENERGY
REQUIREMENTS AND THE WORLD FOOD CRISIS
Carter Room

Presiding: Honorable Cecil Andrus
Governor, State of Idaho

Speaker: Honorable James C. H. Shen,
Ambassador, Embassy of the Republic
of China

Suggested
Topic:

9:15 a.m. - 10:00 a.m.

Presiding: Honorable Cecil Andrus
Governor, State of Idaho

Speaker: Ms. Carol Foreman, Executive
Director, Consumers Federation
of America, Washington, D.C.

Suggested

Topic: "The Contribution of Consumers
To The World Food Crisis"

10:00 a.m. - 10:15 a.m.

RECESS

10:15 a.m. - 12:15 p.m.

WORKSHOP SESSIONS:

I. WESTERN FOOD PRODUCTION IN RELATION TO
ENERGY REQUIREMENTS AND THE WORLD FOOD CRISIS

Coordinating

Chairman: Mr. Thomas W. Ballow, Executive
Director, Department of Agriculture,
State of Nevada

Topic A: "World Food-Problems & Needs-
Requirements"

Room: Carter Room, Northern Hotel

Co-Chairmen: Mr. L. D. McCorkindale, Director,
Commission of Agriculture,
State of Arizona

Mr. Glen Kreuscher, Director,
Department of Agriculture,
State of Nebraska

Secretary:

Resource
People:

Topic B: "Tools For Production"

Room: Carter Room, Northern Hotel

Co-Chairmen: Mr. Roy Romer, Commissioner,
Department of Agriculture,
State of Colorado

Mr. Tim Wallace, Director
Department of Food & Agriculture,
State of California

APRIL 2, 1975 (Continued)

10:15 a.m. - 12:15 p.m.

WORKSHOP SESSIONS (Continued)

Topic B (Continued):

Secretary:

Resource

People:

Topic C: "Trade and Trade Barriers"

Room: Wedgewood Room, Northern Hotel

Co-Chairmen: Mr. Stewart Bledsoe, Director,
Department of Agriculture,
State of Washington

Mr. Glenn "Jack" Hertzler,
Commissioner, Dept. of Agriculture,
State of Wyoming

Secretary:

Resource

People:

Topic D: "Livestock-Grains-Future of
Animal Agriculture"

Room: Town Room, Northern Hotel

Co-Chairmen: Mr. Myron Just, Commissioner,
Department of Agriculture,
State of North Dakota

Mr. Donal Johnson, Dean, College
of Agriculture, Colorado State
University, Fort Collins, Colorado

Secretary:

Resource

People:

10:15 a.m. - 12:15 p.m.

WORKSHOP SESSION (Continued)

Topic E: "National Rangeland & Pasture
Improvement Program - Rangeland
Development"

Room: Ponderosa Inn

Co-Chairmen: Mr. Joseph H. Francis, Commissioner,
Department of Agriculture,
State of Utah

Mr. Dave Smith, Executive Secretary
Society For Range Management,
Denver, Colorado

Secretary:

Resource
People:

Topic F: "Constricting Government Regulations"

Room: Manor Room, Northern Hotel

Co-Chairmen: Mr. George Lackman, Commissioner,
Department of Agriculture,
State of Montana

Mr. William P. Stephens, Director
Department of Agriculture,
State of New Mexico

Secretary

Resource
People:

II. IMPACT OF ENERGY DEVELOPMENT ON FOOD
PRODUCTION IN THE WESTERN UNITED STATES

Coordinating

Chairman: Mr. Wilson "Bill" Kellogg,
Commissioner, Dept. of Agriculture,
State of Idaho

10:15 a.m. - 12:15 p.m.

WORKSHOP SESSIONS (Continued)

Topic A: "Water-Fuels-Land Uses"

Room: Billings Chamber of Commerce

Co-Chairmen: Mr. William H. Schroeder, Secretary,
Department of Agriculture,
State of South Dakota

Mr. Bill Groff, Chairman,
Western States Water Council
Helena, Montana

Secretary:

Resource

People:

Topic B: "Social & Economic"

Room: Billings Chamber of Commerce

Co-Chairmen: Dr. Mark Buchanan, Director-At-
Large, Western Agricultural
Experiment Station Directors,
Berkeley, California

Mr. Fred Honsinger, Acting Director,
Division of Agriculture,
State of Alaska

Secretary:

Resource

People:

Topic C: "Transportation"

Co-Chairmen: Mr. Charles E. Logsdon, Associate
Director, Institute of Agricultural
Sciences, University of Alaska,
Palmer, Alaska

Dr. Morris Taylor, Utah State
University, Logan, Utah

10:15 a.m. - 12:15 p.m.

WORKSHOP SESSIONS (Continued)

Topic C (Continued):

Secretary:

Resource

People:

12:15 p.m. - 2:00 p.m.

LUNCHEON

Assembly-Rimrock Room

Invocation: Mr. Robert Fardley

Presiding: Mr. Jack Campbell, President,
Federation of Rocky Mountain
States, Denver, Colorado

Speaker: Honorable Henry "Scoop" Jackson,
United States Senate,
State of Washington

Suggested
Topic:

Entertain-
ment:

"Westwinds" - Billings West High
School, under the direction of
Russell L. Creaser

2:00 p.m. - 3:00 p.m.

FUTURE OF AGRICULTURE IN THE WESTERN UNITED
STATES

Presiding: Honorable Thomas L. Judge,
Governor, State of Montana;
Chairman, Western Governors'
Conference On Agriculture

Panel

Chairman: Honorable Richard F. Kneip,
Governor, State of South Dakota;
Co-Chairman, Old West Regional
Commission

Panel

Members: Mr. Tony Dechant, President,
National Farmers Union,
Denver, Colorado

Mr. Orin Lee Staley, President,
National Farmers Organization,
Corning, Iowa

Mr. Don Woodward, President,
National Association of Wheat
Growers, Pendleton, Oregon

Mr. Jack Silvers, Master, Washington
State Grange, Seattle, Washington

3:00 p.m. -- 3:15 p.m.

RECESS

3:15 p.m. - 4:15 p.m.

GOVERNORS' DISCUSSIONS:

Conference Reports & Recommendations:

Presiding: Honorable Calvin Rampton,
Governor, State of Utah;
Chairman, National Governors'
Conference

Honorable Thomas L. Judge,
Governor, State of Montana;
Chairman, Western Governors'
Conference On Agriculture

Honorable Richard Lamm,
Governor, State of Colorado;
Chairman, Federation of Rocky
Mountain States

Honorable Richard F. Kneip,
Governor, State of South Dakota;
Co-Chairman, Old West Regional
Commission

Reports & Recommendations:

WESTERN FOOD PRODUCTION IN RELATION TO
ENERGY REQUIREMENTS & THE WORLD FOOD CRISIS

Coordinating

Chairman: Mr. Thomas Ballow, Executive
Director, Dept. of Agriculture,
State of Nevada

IMPACT OF ENERGY DEVELOPMENT ON FOOD
PRODUCTION IN THE WESTERN UNITED STATES

Coordinating

Chairman: Mr. Wilson "Bill" Kellogg,
Commissioner, Dept. of Agriculture,
State of Idaho

4:15 p.m. -

CONFERENCE SUMMARY

CONFERENCE ADJOURNMENT

Mr. Douglas G. Smith, Conference
Director, Western Governors'
Conference on Agriculture

7:00 p.m. -

FARM ORGANIZATIONS MEETING - With State
Presidents

Coordination of House Agriculture/Interior
Committee Testimony - Informal

April 3, 1975

10:00 a.m. - 6:00 p.m.

HEARING - UNITED STATES HOUSE AGRICULTURAL
and/or HOUSE INTERIOR COMMITTEE
Carter Room

Presiding: Honorable Tom Foley, Chairman
U. S. House Agricultural Committee

(All United States Congressmen/
Senators from the sixteen Western
States are urged to participate
and sit on the committee)

Testimony: Honorable Calvin L. Rampton,
Governor, State of Utah;
Chairman, National Governors'
Conference; Co-Chairman, Four
Corners Regional Commission

Honorable Mike O'Callaghan
Governor, State of Nevada;
Chairman, Western Governors'
Conference

Honorable Thomas L. Judge,
Governor, State of Montana;
Chairman, Western Governors'
Conference on Agriculture

Honorable Richard Lamm,
Governor, State of Colorado;
Chairman, Federation of Rocky
Mountain States

Honorable Daniel J. Evans
Governor, State of Washington;
Co-Chairman, Pacific Northwest
Regional Commission

Honorable Richard F. Kneip,
Governor, State of South Dakota;
Co-Chairman, Old West Regional
Commission

Honorable Jay S. Hammond
Governor, State of Alaska

Honorable Raul C. Castro
Governor, State of Arizona

Honorable Edmund G. Brown, Jr.
Governor, State of California

Honorable George R. Ariyoshi,
Governor, State of Hawaii

Honorable Cecil D. Andrus
Governor, State of Idaho

Honorable J. James Exon,
Governor, State of Nebraska

Honorable Jerry Apodaca
Governor, State of New Mexico

Honorable Arthur A. Link
Governor, State of North Dakota

Honorable Robert Straub,
Governor, State of Oregon

Honorable Ed Herschler,
Governor, State of Wyoming

Congressional Delegations:

National Farm Organizations & Commodity Groups:

Private Sector:

(Testimony may be offered by representatives
of those organizations listed above.)



WESTERN ENERGY COMPANY

GEOLOGICAL DEPARTMENT / 113 NORTH BROADWAY / BILLINGS, MONTANA 59101

PROPOSED SCHEDULE

Colstrip Tour

Western Governors' Conference
March 31, 1975

- 8:00 a.m. Leave Northern Hotel via bus
- 8:00 a.m. - 10:30 a.m. Travel to Colstrip
- 10:30 a.m. - 11:30 a.m. Inspect Colstrip Units 1 & 2, presently under construction by Montana Power and Puget Sound. Drive-through tour of the town of Colstrip.
- 11:30 a.m. - 12:30 p.m. Lunch at Colstrip.
- 12:30 p.m. - 2:00 p.m. Visit the Rosebud Mine operated by Western Energy Company, including the reclaimed areas where coal has been removed in the last 4½ years. During this portion of the tour, participants may also see the voluntary reclamation performed by Burlington Northern on "orphan spoils".
- 2:00 p.m. - 3:00 p.m. Visit the Big Sky Mine, owned by Peabody Coal Company.
- 3:00 p.m. - 5:30 p.m. Travel from the Colstrip area to Billings.



Western Governors' Conference on AGRICULTURE

BILLINGS, MONTANA

APRIL 1-3, 1975

Agriculture and Energy in the Western U.S.

WESTERN GOVERNORS' CONFERENCE ON AGRICULTURE

"LADIES' PROGRAM"

Registration - \$10.00

Chairman, Western
Governors' Conference
Mike O'Callaghan
Governor, Nevada

April 1, 1975 - 2:00 P.M. - FASHION SHOW AND "SHERRY" TEA

Bus will depart from the Northern Hotel to the Yellowstone Country Club at 2:00 P.M.

Styles featuring Leather and Indian Fashions; garments made of Elk, Deer, Sheep, Horse and Cattle Hides; Native Indian Dress.

Chairman, Western
Governors' Conference on
Agriculture
Thomas I. Judge
Governor, Montana

Conference Director
Douglas G. Smith
Intergovernmental Relations
Capitol Station
Helena, Montana 59601
(406) 449-3419

April 2, 1975 - 2:00 P.M. - CITY CIRCLE TOUR

Bus will depart from the Northern Hotel for the "City Circle Tour" at 2:00 P.M. A few of the stops to be made on the "City Circle Tour" are:

YELLOWSTONE ART CENTER - Exhibitions are brought to the Center from throughout the country and from the studios of local and regional artists. Both traveling and local shows in painting, drawing, sculpture, ceramics, prints and photography are a part of the exhibition program. The Center will have a special demonstration of the "Potters Wheel".

MOSS MANSION - Stately 1900 mansion built by one of the earliest Billings residents.

THE CASTLE - An early Billings home transformed into a unique tea shop and antique store.

Participating States:

Alaska
Arizona
California
Colorado
Hawaii
Idaho
Montana
Nebraska
New Mexico
Nevada
North Dakota
Oregon
South Dakota
Utah
Washington
Wyoming

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"CITY CIRCLE TOUR" Continued...

LEVEL THREE - It is the total spectrum of artistry--novices and professionals working in Downtown Billings. You can eat in the Tearoom, shop for art, crafts, antiques, fashions, imports, home furnishings, services and instruction.

- ✓ WESTERN HERITAGE CENTER - The final stop of the tour will be the Western Heritage Center. The Center is dedicated to the preservation of western artifacts and paintings. Ladies dressed in their bi-centennial attire will serve champagne punch and cookies.

Montana, Inc.
Big Sky
Montana 59716
(406) 993-4411
(406) 995-4211

Office of the President

February 5, 1975

The Honorable Gerald R. Ford
President of the United States of America
The White House
Washington, D. C.

Good morning, Mr. President

I recently returned from Vail, Colorado, where Big Sky was successful in being awarded the United States Ski Week for 1976, January 3 - 10, thus being able to stage the first major national sports activity for skiers from all over the United States in the Bicentennial year 1976.

The purpose of this letter, however, is to add our encouragement to your hoped for visit to Montana to address the Western Governor's Conference on Agriculture which will be held around the 1st of April.

In connection with your anticipated visit we have been approached by the Republican organization in Montana about the possibility of having a major fund raising dinner at Big Sky the evening prior to your anticipated address to the Western Governor's Conference in Billings, Montana.

We would be pleased and honored if you would accept this invitation to be our guest at Big Sky for this occasion and we would hope that Air Force One could arrive early enough at the Bozeman airport to allow you to slip into your ski gear and try our excellent ski slopes. Mrs. Chet Huntley, on a recent visit to Washington, D. C., stopped by the White House to extend this invitation personally.

Sincerely


GUSTAV RAAUM

cc. Thomas L. Judge
Governor of the State of Montana



January 20, 1975

**The Honorable Gerald Ford
President of the United States
The White House
Washington, D.C. 20500**

Dear President Ford:

The second annual Western Governors' Conference on Agriculture will be held in Billings, Montana. The conference dates are April 1, 2 & 3, 1975, with registration being conducted on March 31st.

The theme of this year's conference is "Agriculture and Energy in the Western United States." The purpose of the conference is to discuss and recommend a policy for agriculture and energy development in the Western United States, and its effect on land, water, air and people in the production of food and fiber for domestic and international needs.

Potential sponsors of this year's conference are: Western Governors' Conference on Agriculture; Federation of Rocky Mountain States; Old West Regional Commission; Four Corners Regional Commission; Pacific Northwest Regional Commission; Department of Agriculture, U.S.D.A.; Council of State Governments; and Western Association of States Departments of Agriculture.

January 20, 1975

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The states that will be participating are:

Alaska	Nevada
Arizona	New Mexico
California	North Dakota
Colorado	Oregon
Hawaii	South Dakota
Idaho	Utah
Montana	Washington
Nebraska	Wyoming

The two major topics that will be addressed at this conference will be "Western Food Production in Relation to Energy Requirements and the World Food Crisis" and "The Impact of Food Production on Energy Development in the Western United States."

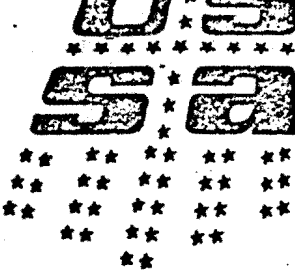
Each of the sixteen western governors will be inviting thirty key agricultural leaders, university personnel and others to attend and participate in this conference. The third day of the conference will be devoted to U.S. House Agricultural or Interior Committee meetings.

I am writing to you in my capacity as Chairman of the Western Governors' Conference on Agriculture to extend an invitation to you to be our dinner speaker on April 1, 1975, at 6:00 P.M. The suggested topic for your speech is "United States at a Crossroads."

Please let us know, as soon as possible, if we can anticipate your presence in Billings, Montana on April 1st so that we may make the necessary arrangements.

Sincerely,

Thomas L. Judge, Governor
State of Montana
Chairman, Western Governors'
Conference on Agriculture



STATES
SKI
ASSOCIATION: NORTHERN DIVISION



January 27, 1975

Honorable Gerald R. Ford
President
United States of America
White House
Washington D.C.

Dear Mr. President:

Your avid interest and ability in skiing is widely known and the Northern Division of the United States Ski Association boasts some of the best ski slopes in the Northwest; these coupled with the planned program for your attendance at the Western Governor's Conference on agriculture, March 31. April 1-3 in Billings, Montana allows you the opportunity to "Ski the Sky" at Big Sky of Montana, near Bozeman, and we most heartily invite you to do so.

Sincerely,

Alice Fryslie
Executive Director

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cc: Governor Judge
Doug Smith
Jim O'Connell
Gus Raaum

THE WHITE HOUSE

WASHINGTON

February 3, 1975

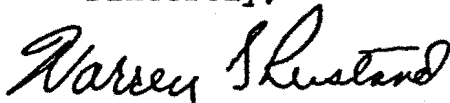
Dear Governor:

On behalf of the President, I wish to acknowledge your letter of January 20 inviting him to keynote the first dinner session of the Second Annual Western Governors' Conference on Agriculture on the evening of March 31 in Billings.

We are carrying your invitation on the forward calendar for careful consideration and will be back in touch with you just as soon as it is possible to let you know if the President can join you on the evening of March 31.

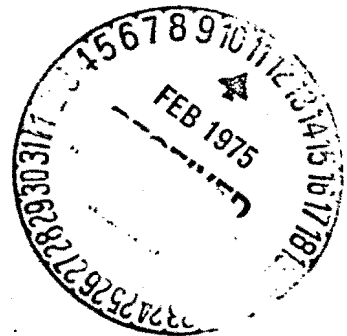
In the meantime, he has asked me to thank you for your thoughtfulness of him and to express his very best wishes.

Sincerely,



Warren S. Rustand
Appointments Secretary
to the President

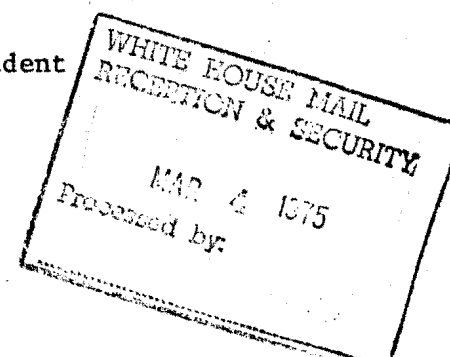
The Honorable Thomas L. Judge
Governor of the State of Montana
Helena, Montana



State of Montana
Office of the Governor
Helena 59601



Mr. Ron Nessen
News Secretary to the President
White House
Washington, D. C. 20001



March 10, 1975

MEMORANDUM FOR:

WARREN RUSTAND

FROM:

RON NESSEN

I recommend against doing this interview. The President spent considerable time a few weeks ago speaking to and dining with religious broadcasters. He has a larger number of requests from the American networks and other television news organizations requesting interviews and I think it would be wrong to grant this interview request to the Christian Broadcasting Network ahead of the many other long-standing TV interview requests.

RN:jg



THE WHITE HOUSE
WASHINGTON

March 6, 1975

MEMORANDUM FOR: → RON NESSEN
JERRY WARREN

FROM: WARREN RUSTAND *WR*

SUBJECT: Request from Christian Broadcasting
Network for Film Interview^h

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

THE WHITE HOUSE

WASHINGTON

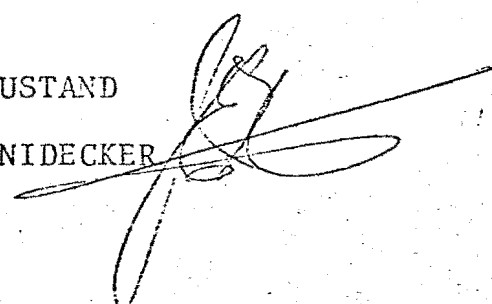
March 5, 1975

MEMORANDUM FOR:

WARREN RUSTAND

FROM:

JOHN E. NIDECKER



I have attached a letter from Pat Robertson who is President of The Christian Broadcasting Network, Inc. He would like to have a film interview with the President which could be used in their air time.

Would you please let me know if this is feasible.

Attach.

The
Christian
Broadcasting
Network
Inc.



February 28, 1975

Pat Robertson
PRESIDENT

Mr. John E. Neidecker
The White House
Washington, D. C. 20500

Dear John:

It was a great pleasure to have the chance to chat with you at the breakfast meeting in Washington yesterday. I am sorry that it was so brief, but I will look forward to seeing more of you I hope at other occasions when we can visit longer. I believe the ambassadors and congressmen gave heed to the message from Habakkuk yesterday. God wants to encourage us all, but I feel He wants to bring some repentance first.

As I mentioned to you, I am very interested in helping the President give his side of the story to our audience, and at the same time eliciting from them a great volume of prayer for him. We could arrange a filmed interview in the White House at his convenience if he would agree to grant about a twenty-minute interview. I plan to go to the Middle East in the next week or two, but I will have all of April open if a convenient date could be arranged.

We are now broadcasting daily in most major American cities such as Chicago, Detroit, Philadelphia, Washington, Baltimore, Houston, Dallas, Pittsburgh, etc., and have a loyal and appreciative television audience.

Again let me thank you for your graciousness in offering to help. Please know that our prayers are with you in the work that God has set for you in this key time. Looking forward to hearing from you, and with all good wishes, I remain

Cordially yours,

Pat Robertson
President

PR:bj

THE WHITE HOUSE
WASHINGTON

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TO: WARREN RUSTAND
FROM: RON NESSEN

For necessary action.





THE COPLEY PLAZA

COPLEY SQUARE, BOSTON, MASSACHUSETTS 02116

ALAN TREMAIN
MANAGING DIRECTOR

March 5, 1975

Mr. Ronald Niessen
Press Secretary
The White House
1600 Pennsylvania Avenue
Washington, D.C.

Dear Mr. Nissen:

The enclosed letter may seem a little presumptuous; however, the opening of this restaurant is a big effort in Boston and will be attended by many, many local politicians and a cross-section of prominent business personalities.

I feel it would be a great occasion for the President to be received in Boston.

Yours sincerely,

ALAN TREMAIN
Managing Director

AT/pb
Enclosure



THE COPLEY PLAZA

COPLEY SQUARE, BOSTON, MASSACHUSETTS 02116

ALAN TREMAIN
MANAGING DIRECTOR

March 5, 1975

The Honorable Gerald R. Ford
The President of the United States
The White House
1600 Pennsylvania Avenue
Washington, D.C.

Dear Mr. President:

I understand you are contemplating visiting Concord on the day of April nineteenth. What are you doing for dinner?

On that same day, we are celebrating the opening of a new restaurant by saluting Boston's business community and their efforts in the Boston Bicentennial endeavor.

I am well aware that every "kook" in the country is writing to you and that you have an extremely busy schedule; however, we are very sensitive in Massachusetts about not seeing the President. Represented that day at the opening will be more than one thousand prominent business men and I feel it would be a good opportunity for you to meet them.

Yours sincerely,

ALAN TREMAIN
Managing Director

AT/pb
cc R. Nissen

March 1, 1975
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Mr. Ron Nessen
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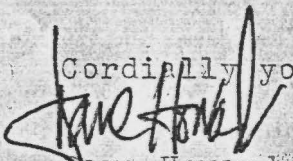
Dear Mr. Nessen:

Thank-you for sending the pictures of President Ford and Vice-President Rockefeller. We have included them in our files for The Collegian, the University of Richmond newspaper.

Presently, the school is on vacation for Spring vacation and we will not resume publication of The Collegian, until March 20. If The White House has made a decision on whether Mr. Ford will speak at the University of Richmond ~~or~~ then, we would appreciate knowing it, for that issue.

I look forward to hearing from you.

Cordially yours:


Dave Howard
NEWS EDITOR
The Collegian

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THE WHITE HOUSE
WASHINGTON

March 12, 1975

TO: WARREN RUSTAND

FROM: RON NESSEN

For necessary action.



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Dear Mr. Nessen,

While we're aware that the President's schedule does not allow numerous photo sessions for charities, we have a special need to arrange a photo with the President for a mentally retarded three year old who will be serving as a poster child for the Association for the Help of Retarded Children for several years to come. As a result, a brief photo session at any time or place would very much help us in our efforts to provide community understanding and support for the mentally retarded.

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In full appreciation of the difficulty involved in arranging for a minute of the President's time, we nevertheless sincerely request your effort in arranging to make this possible. I reiterate, we'll sneak it in at any hour of the day or night and at any location and will keep it less than sixty seconds -- small group seeks big favor.

RLA/cam

Sincerely,

Richard L. Amper, Jr.
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THE WHITE HOUSE
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March 12, 1975

MEMORANDUM FOR: RON NESSEN
FROM: WARREN RUSTAND *WR*
SUBJECT: American Society of Newspaper Editors

This is to advise that the President will address the ASNE and host a White House reception for the organization during their meeting here in Washington in mid-April. We will be in contact as to what the specifics will be after we hear from you about numbers of people involved, etc.

Thank you.