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# AMERICA AT THE MOVIES

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# AMERICA AT THE MOVIES

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"The movies," writes Librarian of Congress Daniel J. Boorstin, "were an American invention which, more than any before, focused the vision of the world. And motion pictures became the great democratic art, which naturally enough, was the characteristic American art."

It is for this reason that the American Revolution Bicentennial Administration in association with The American Film Institute offers a film for the American people and the world as we celebrate our Bicentennial in 1976.

"America at the Movies" traces how the United States has been portrayed on the screen for over three-quarters of a century. Compiled of great scenes drawn from nearly a hundred films, it shows the boundless diversity of the American experience—a national family album.

This motion picture was made possible by the enthusiastic participation of all segments of the American motion picture industry—the producing companies, the unions,

the guilds and the many individual artists.

I am grateful to the American Film Institute, an independent non-profit organization serving the public interest which was established by The National Endowment for the Arts in 1967 to advance the art and preserve the heritage of film in America. I am especially grateful to its Director, George A. Stevens, Jr., whose creativity guided this project throughout.



**John W. Warner**  
Administrator

*American Revolution  
Bicentennial Administration*



America, America



Plymouth Adventure

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# THE LAND

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The frontier was the great American legend. Across the screen moved mountain men and settlers, cowboys and sodbusters struggling to subdue the land. . . .



My Darling Clementine



Sergeant York



The Grapes of Wrath

Rio Grande



# THE CITIES

For the movies, the city was the place where the action was. Here, you could slam your way to fame, sell an idea, meet a girl. In streets that never slept walked the casts of a thousand movies. . . .



The Crowd



On the Waterfront



San Francisco



Modern Times



Citizen Kane



Life with Father



Claudine



A Place in the Sun



Love Finds Andy Hardy

America was built on the family, and so were the movies. The family was the nation in miniature and from it the movies portrayed a gallery of sweethearts, parents, grandparents and children—all part of the oldest, the most intimate human drama. . . .

## THE FAMILIES



It Happened One Night



A Raisin in the Sun

During two hundred years, the nation fought wars in different places for different reasons. The places changed, the reasons changed, but not the fighting men—and it was their story the movies told. . . .

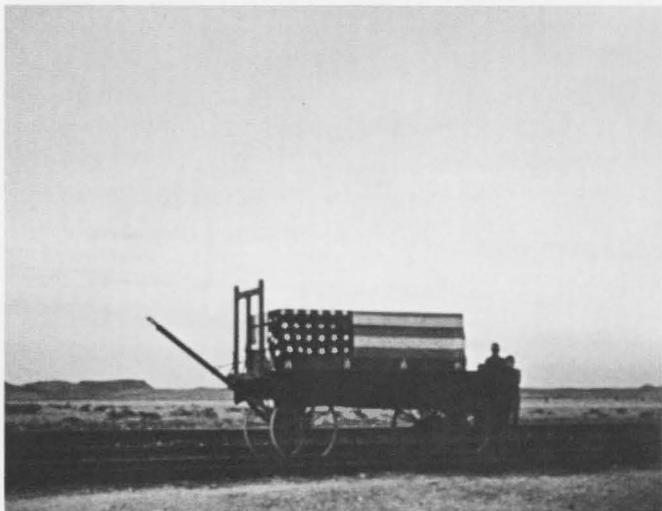
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# THE WARS

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Friendly Persuasion



Giant



Since You Went Away



Sergeant York

Drums Along the Mohawk

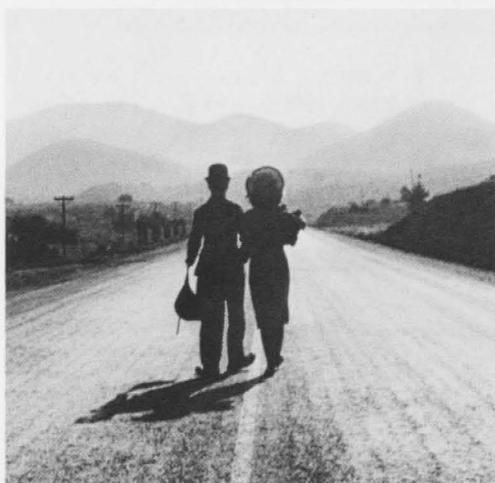


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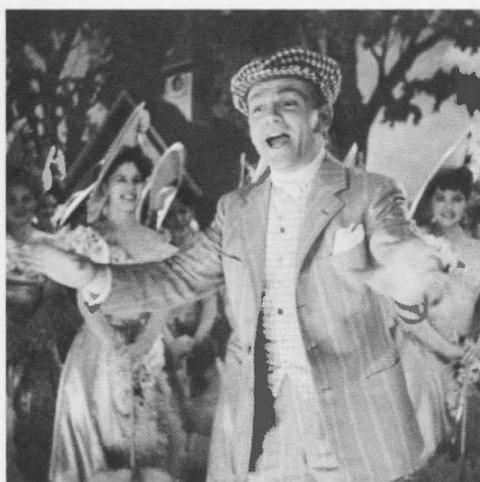
The movies shared with us a great and simple secret—that often there is more truth in the dream than in the facts. And the movies conveyed a special spirit to audiences around the world. . . .



The Miracle Worker



Modern Times



Yankee Doodle Dandy



Treasure of the Sierra Madre



Way Out West

# AMERICA AT THE MOVIES

The American Revolution  
Bicentennial Administration  
Presents  
America At The Movies  
A Production of  
The American Film Institute

*Film Design by*  
James R. Silke

*Produced by*  
George Stevens, Jr.

*Narration Written by*  
Theodore Strauss

*Narration Spoken by*  
Charlton Heston

*Associate Producer*  
Harrison Engle

*Film Editor*  
David Saxon, A.C.E.

*Title Music Arranged and Conducted by*  
Nelson Riddle

*Historical Consultant*  
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Ivan Chermayeff

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Dency Nelson  
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# THE FILMS

Alamo, The  
America, America  
Asphalt Jungle

Battleground  
Birth of a Nation, The  
Bright Eyes  
Buccaneer, The  
Bumping Into Broadway

Carnal Knowledge  
Catch 22  
Cheyenne Autumn  
Cimarron  
Citizen Kane  
Claudine  
Crowd, The

Dinner At Eight  
Dr. Strangelove  
Drums Along the Mohawk

East of Eden

Father of the Bride  
Five Easy Pieces  
Fort Apache  
French Connection, The  
Friendly Persuasion  
From Here to Eternity

Giant  
Go West  
Godfather, II  
Gold Diggers of 1935  
Graduate, The  
Grapes of Wrath, The

High Noon  
How the West Was Won  
Hustler, The

It Happened One Night  
It's a Wonderful Life

Jesse James

Life with Father  
Little Caesar  
Love Finds Andy Hardy

Maltese Falcon, The  
M.A.S.H.  
McCabe and Mrs. Miller  
Midnight Cowboy  
Miracle Worker, The  
Modern Times  
Mr. Smith Goes to Washington  
My Darling Clementine

On the Waterfront  
Once Upon a Time in the West  
Out-of-Towners, The

Paint Your Wagon  
Patton  
Pharmacist, The  
Place in the Sun, A  
Plymouth Adventure  
Pony Express

Raisin in the Sun, A  
Red Badge of Courage, The  
Red River  
Ride the High Country  
Rio Grande  
Run Silent, Run Deep

San Francisco  
Searchers, The  
Sergeant York  
Shane  
Since You Went Away  
Spirit of St. Louis, The  
Steamboat Bill, Jr.  
Streetcar Named Desire, A

Take the Money and Run  
They Were Expendable  
Treasure of the Sierra Madre  
True Grit  
2001: A Space Odyssey

Way Out West  
West Side Story  
Who's Afraid of Virginia Woolf?  
Woman Rebels, A

Yankee Doodle Dandy



# THE FILMMAKERS

America At The Movies includes the work of a great range of artists and crafts-people, including the following performers, directors, writers and producers.

## *The Players*

Woody Allen  
Alan Arkin  
Jean Arthur  
Martin Balsam  
Anne Bancroft  
Wallace Beery  
Richard Benjamin  
Joan Bennett  
Candice Bergen  
Humphrey Bogart  
Marlon Brando  
Walter Brennan  
Richard Burton  
James Cagney  
Diahann Carroll  
George Chakiris  
Charlie Chaplin  
Montgomery Clift  
Claudette Colbert  
Walter Connolly  
Elisha Cook, Jr.  
Gary Cooper  
Jane Darwell  
James Dean  
Ruby Dee  
Sandy Dennis  
Patty Duke  
Douglas Fairbanks, Jr.  
W.C. Fields  
Henry Fonda  
Clark Gable  
Arthur Garfunkel  
Judy Garland  
Paulette Goddard  
Gene Hackman  
Jean Harlow  
Julie Harris  
Sterling Hayden  
Van Heflin  
Katharine Hepburn  
Dustin Hoffman  
Kim Hunter  
Walter Huston  
Van Johnson  
James Earl Jones  
Jennifer Jones  
Buster Keaton  
Burt Lancaster  
Laurel & Hardy  
Jack Lemmon  
Harold Lloyd  
The Marx Brothers  
Jeanette MacDonald

Joel McCrea  
Dorothy McGuire  
Rita Moreno  
Audie Murphy  
Paul Newman  
Jack Nicholson  
Warren Oates  
Gregory Peck  
Anthony Perkins  
Slim Pickens  
Sidney Poitier  
William Powell  
Tyrone Power  
John Qualen  
Donna Reed  
Edward G. Robinson  
Mickey Rooney  
Katharine Ross  
George C. Scott  
Randolph Scott  
George Segal  
Rod Steiger  
James Stewart  
Elizabeth Taylor  
Shirley Temple  
Spencer Tracy  
Jon Voight  
Robert Walker  
John Wayne  
Orson Welles  
James Whitmore  
Jane Withers

## *The Directors*

Woody Allen  
Robert Altman  
Busby Berkeley  
Clarence Brown  
David Butler  
Edward Buzzell  
Frank Capra  
Charlie Chaplin  
Francis Ford Coppola  
John Cromwell  
George Cukor  
Michael Curtiz  
John Ford  
William Friedkin  
D.W. Griffith  
Henry Hathaway  
Howard Hawks  
Arthur Hiller  
Jerry Hopper  
James W. Horne  
John Huston  
Elia Kazan  
Henry King  
Stanley Kubrick  
Sergio Leone  
Mervyn LeRoy  
Joshua Logan  
Anthony Mann  
George Marshall  
Vincente Minnelli  
Mike Nichols  
Sam Peckinpah  
Arthur Penn  
Daniel Petrie  
Anthony Quinn  
Bob Rafelson  
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Arthur Ripley  
Jerome Robbins  
Robert Rossen  
Mark Sandrich  
Franklin J. Schaffner  
John Schlesinger  
George B. Seitz  
George Stevens  
W.S. Van Dyke  
King Vidor  
John Wayne  
Orson Welles  
William Wellman  
Billy Wilder  
Robert Wise  
William Wyler  
Fred Zinnemann

## *The Screenwriters*

Felix Adler  
Woody Allen  
Robert Altman  
Albert Band  
Harry Behn  
William Bowers  
Irving Brecher  
Harry Brown  
Sidney Buchman  
Robert Buckner  
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Sidney Carroll  
Harry Chandlee  
Charlie Chaplin  
Borden Chase  
Arthur C. Clarke  
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Julius J. Epstein  
Philip G. Epstein  
Francis Farough  
Jules Feiffer  
W.C. Fields  
Abem Finkel  
Carl Foreman  
John Gay  
Peter George  
William Gibson  
Frances Goodrich  
James Edward Grant  
D.W. Griffith  
Fred Guiol  
A.B. Guthrie, Jr.  
Albert Hackett  
Lorraine Hansberry  
Carl Harbaugh  
Buck Henry  
Robert Hopkins  
John Huston  
William Indwig  
Nunnally Johnson  
Edmund Joseph  
Adrien Joyce  
Elia Kazan  
Howard Koch  
Stanley Kubrick  
Ring Lardner, Jr.  
Jesse L. Lasky, Jr.  
Charles Lederer  
Ernest Lehman  
Sergio Leone  
Alan J. Lerner  
Sonya Levien  
Anita Loos  
Robert Lord  
Ben Maddow  
Herman J. Mankiewicz  
Frances Marion  
Wendell Mayes  
James Kevin McGuinness  
Brian McKay  
Winston Miller

Peter Milne  
Ivan Moffat  
Berenice Mosk  
Edmund H. North  
Frank S. Nugent  
Paul Osborn  
James Parrott  
Sam Peckinpah  
Lester Pine  
Tina Pine  
Robert Pirosh  
Mario Puzo  
Robert Riskin  
Marguerite Roberts  
Charles Rogers  
Mickey Rose  
Robert Rossen  
Waldo Salt  
Budd Schulberg  
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William Sellers  
David O. Selznick  
Jack Sher  
Neil Simon  
Terry Southern  
Donald Ogden Stewart  
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Lamar Trotti  
Ernest Vajda  
Anthony Veiller  
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## *The Producers*

Buddy Adler  
Pandro S. Berman  
Henry Blanke  
Mitchell Brower  
Robert Buckner  
John Calley  
Frank Capra  
Charlie Chaplin  
Fred Coe  
Harry Cohn  
Merian C. Cooper  
Francis Ford Coppola  
Jack Cummings  
Philip D'Antoni  
John Emerson  
Samuel G. Engel  
Charles K. Feldman  
John Ford  
David Foster  
Gary Frederickson

Henry Ginsberg  
Edmund Grainger  
D.W. Griffith  
Raymond Griffith  
Howard Hawks  
Leland Hayward  
Harold Hecht  
Jerome Hellman  
Nat Holt  
Arthur Hornblow, Jr.  
Bernard H. Hyman  
Charles Joffe  
Nunnally Johnson  
Elia Kazan  
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9. Ken Lazarus

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THE WHITE HOUSE  
WASHINGTON

Phil - 12/13

For your  
information.

Jack



May 29, 1974

The Honorable John W. Warner  
Administrator  
American Revolution Bicentennial  
Administration  
736 Jackson Place, Northwest  
Washington, D. C. 20276

Dear John:

I am aware that representatives of the Cultural Laureate Foundation have been in touch with you. They have also visited with me.

Our office would be very grateful if you would meet personally with these people for the purpose of evaluating their program. I would want to mention to you that there has been some question raised by them in reference to past contacts they have had with staff members of the Commission in which they raise a question as to possible conflict of interest.

I am not completely aware of the latter charge. In your conversation with them it would warrant consideration by you. Just what might be the proper course of action in this regard I am not certain. The proposal Don Miller and Allen Turner have in mind as to their project seems to have had considerable thought and is a rather unusual idea.

Thanking you, I am

Sincerely,

Signed - John O. Marsh, Jr.

John O. Marsh, Jr.

Assistant to the Vice President  
for Defense Affairs.



"Bicentennial"

JOM/ncc

THE WHITE HOUSE

ACTION MEMORANDUM

WASHINGTON

LOG NO.:

Date: December 20, 1974

Time:

FOR ACTION: Roy Ash  
Ken Cole  
Alan Greenspan  
Max Friedersdorf  
Phil Buchen

cc (for information):

FROM THE STAFF SECRETARY

DUE: Date: Tuesday, December 24, 1974

Time: noon

SUBJECT:

Armstrong memo (12/19/74) re: Bicentennial  
and Longer Range Potential of Excess Federal  
Land in the Vicinity of Beltsville, Maryland

ACTION REQUESTED:

For Necessary Action

For Your Recommendations

Prepare Agenda and Brief

Draft Reply

For Your Comments

Draft Remarks

REMARKS:

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.

Jerry H. Jones  
Staff Secretary



THE WHITE HOUSE

WASHINGTON

December 19, 1974

MEMORANDUM FOR THE PRESIDENT

FROM: ANNE ARMSTRONG *ala*

SUBJECT: Bicentennial and Longer Range Potential of Excess Federal Land in the Vicinity of Beltsville, Maryland

This memorandum relates to my duties in both the Federal Property Council and Bicentennial areas.

Approximately 3,600 acres of land at the Agricultural Research Center in Beltsville, Maryland, have been reported to the General Services Administration as excess to the needs of the Department of Agriculture.

The land is worth about \$13 million but has been essentially unused since 1971. It constitutes one of the few remaining undeveloped large-acreage areas in the Baltimore-National Capital area, a region which has a shortage of land set aside for recreation and conservation purposes.

There are numerous groups and individuals who are pressing the Federal government to decide what is to be done with this valuable land. Some have requested that portions or all of it be made available to the State of Maryland, Prince George's County, or certain educational institutions. Others, including Senators Mathias and Beall and Congressman Hogan, favor Federal retention of the property as an entity, with it being used for recreation, conservation, and wildlife preservation activities.

The National Capital Bicentennial celebration also has a bearing upon the utilization of the Beltsville property. First, the Department of the Interior hopes to obtain approximately 900 of the 3,600 excess acres for inclusion in its Patuxent Wildlife Research Center. The Department has funds earmarked for a visitor's center which can be ready in 1976 provided work can commence soon.

Second, the Beltsville property has the potential for alleviating the projected Bicentennial shortages in both campsites and fringe parking spaces. More than 50% of the visitors to the National Capital Bicentennial celebration are expected to arrive through the Baltimore-Washington highway



corridor, and the Beltsville property is located near the Baltimore-Washington Parkway. The land has the potential to provide 600 mobile camper sites, which would reduce the estimated campsite deficit by more than 10%. Similarly, it could accommodate parking for 1,000 cars and be useful in meeting some of the fringe parking needs on those special days when abnormally large visitor influxes overload the normal fringe parking lots.

For those reasons, and because current parking plans could go awry, the White House Interagency Bicentennial Task Force does not want to preclude making camping and parking facilities available on the Beltsville property.

Here are three options for your consideration:

- Option 1: The excess land at Beltsville is committed to long-range recreation, conservation, wildlife preservation, and related scientific and educational purposes; the Patuxent Wildlife Research Center receives approximately 900 of the 3,600 excess acres; the Department of the Interior undertakes a study to recommend the long-term management of the excess property, what investments will be required, and who (Federal, state, or local agency or combination thereof) should be assigned that responsibility; and, in the interim, the property remains available as a potential supplement to the Bicentennial celebration camping and fringe parking plans.
- Option 2: The same as Option 1 except that a specific camping project would be launched and would be Federally-sponsored, and a supplemental \$1.5 million FY 75 appropriation would be sought to construct Bicentennial facilities.
- Option 3: Transfer about 900 of the 3,600 excess acres to the Department of the Interior for inclusion in the Patuxent Wildlife Research Center; forego all other Bicentennial potential and, without additional analysis, abandon further Federal consideration of integrated long-range planning for the remaining 2,700 excess acres; and immediately make the property or portions thereof available to Federal agencies, the State of Maryland, or local jurisdictions for a variety of potential uses.

In considering these three options and others, two criteria have been uppermost in my thinking. First, there is a real need to preserve the recreation and conservation potential of the Beltsville property. Second, the value of the land is due to its location and size, and every effort should be made to avoid a piece-meal disposition of the property. These two principles have been the common threads running through most of the proposals we have considered, and have been explicitly supported by the two Maryland Senators and the Congressman.

Option 3 does not meet these two criteria, while Options 1 and 2 do. However, Option 2 necessitates an immediate Federal outlay of about \$1.5 million, and neither reprogramming the Department of Interior budget nor seeking an FY 1975 supplemental appropriation seem advisable at this time.

Therefore, as Chairman of the Federal Property Council and as Chairman of the White House Interagency Bicentennial Task Force, I recommend that you select Option 1. Rog Morton and the members of the Federal Property Council (Roy Ash, Philip Buchen, Dean Burch, Alan Greenspan, Bill Timmons, and Russ Peterson) concur in this recommendation. While Ash supports Option 1, he strongly believes that the development and operation of a Beltsville recreation area on this property should not be a Federal government responsibility. Therefore, he believes and I agree, that in the implementation of Option 1, we should assure that State or local jurisdictional responsibility receive high consideration.

\_\_\_\_\_ Agree; implement Option 1.

\_\_\_\_\_ Disagree; prefer Option 2.

\_\_\_\_\_ Disagree; prefer Option 3.

Comments: \_\_\_\_\_



THE WHITE HOUSE

WASHINGTON

12-17-74

PHIL:

Attached is letter to AG re ARBA.

Also attached is a copy of letter to ARBA from counsel to the Cultural Laureate Foundation requesting appearance of White House personnel and availability of White House documents incident to hearing tomorrow.

Gene Skora (General Counsel, ARBA) advises ARBA has no subpoena power and congressional leaders are not anxious to assume responsibility. He is discussing with Justice and will keep us advised.

KEN



*Justice*

THE WHITE HOUSE

WASHINGTON

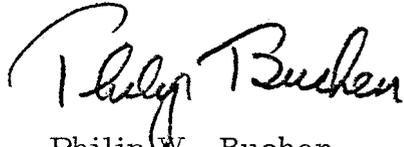
December 17, 1974

Dear Larry:

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This is to request that, to the extent you deem appropriate, my office be advised of any developments in this matter to the extent they reflect on the suitability for office of any member of the White House staff or other Presidential appointee.

Sincerely,



Philip W. Buchen  
Counsel to the President

The Honorable Laurence Silberman  
Deputy Attorney General  
Department of Justice  
Washington, D. C.



December 27, 1974

*American  
Revolution  
Bicentennial*

Dear Miss McCoy:

Thank you very much for your letter of November twenty-first, in which you asked me to make a statement concerning the Bill of Rights for use by your Bicentennial Club. I am enclosing a statement which you may use for your project. Additionally, I am enclosing an autographed picture for use in your exhibit.

You and all your fellow students should be congratulated for your effort and study. I hope your project is successful and rewards you with greater knowledge of the principles upon which our Nation was founded.

Most sincerely yours,

Philip W. Buchen  
Counsel to the President

Enclosures

Miss Nancy Lee McCoy  
Memorial High School 7-6  
Bicentennial Club  
River Drive  
Elmwood Park, New Jersey 07407



THE WHITE HOUSE  
WASHINGTON

DATE: 12/27/74

TO: Philip Buchen

FROM: JAY FRENCH *JF*

Would you please autograph a picture  
to the "Memorial High School  
Bicentennial Club."



Department of Justice  
Washington, D.C. 20530

DEC 13 1974

MEMORANDUM FOR THE HONORABLE JAY T. FRENCH  
Assistant Counsel to the President

Re: The Bill of Rights and the 200th Anniversary  
of our Independence

In accordance with your request of December 10,  
there is enclosed a statement on the above for your use.

  
Leon Ulman  
Deputy Assistant Attorney General  
Office of Legal Counsel 2051

Enclosure



## S T A T E M E N T

The Bill of Rights has been an integral part of our Constitution since 1791. It was embodied in the Constitution to prevent that document from being misconstrued and abused, and to assure public confidence that the Government could not exceed its constitutional powers. And it has served those purposes admirably.

The Bill of Rights is the basic guarantee of the rights and freedoms of the American people. It reflects the high place of the individual in our way of life. It represents the Nation's safeguard against the many grievances and wrongs which culminated in the Declaration of Independence.

The American Revolution Bicentennial Administration was established by the Congress to commemorate the historic events associated with the American Revolution. Through our nationwide observance of the 200th anniversary birth of the United States of America, we hope to reaffirm our belief in the dignity and worth of the individual and to demonstrate what it means to live in a free world under a truly representative government.



THE WHITE HOUSE OFFICE

REFERRAL

To: Office of Legal Counsel  
Department of Justice  
Washington, D. C. 20530

Date: Dec. 10, 1974

ACTION REQUESTED

- Draft reply for:
  - President's signature.
  - Undersigned's signature.
  - Mr. Buchen's signature.
  - Memorandum for use as enclosure to reply.
- Direct reply.
- Furnish information copy.
- Suitable acknowledgment or other appropriate handling.
- Furnish copy of reply, if any.
- For your information.
- For comment.

NOTE

~~Prompt action is essential.~~

~~If more than 72 hours' delay is encountered, please telephone the undersigned immediately, Code 1450.~~

~~Basic correspondence should be returned when draft reply, memorandum, or comment is requested.~~

REMARKS:

Description:

Letter;  Telegram; Other: \_\_\_\_\_

To: Mr. Philip Buchen

From: Nancy Lee McCoy, Memorial High School, Bicentennial Club, River Drive  
Elmwood Park, N.J. 07407

Date: Nov. 21, 1974

Subject: Bill or Rights

By direction of the President:

Jay T. French  
Assistant Counsel



(Copy to remain with correspondence)



Counsellor to the President  
The White House Office  
1600 Pennsylvania Ave.  
Washington, D.C. 20500

11/21/74

Sir: We are students at Elmwood Park Memorial High School and also members of the Junior High Bicentennial Club. As one of our projects we have selected the topic Bill of Rights Day 1974. Our nation has recently seen the Bill of Rights violated. We pray that the Bill of Rights will never again be violated.

Sir, may we please have a statement by you for our project on "The Bill of Rights Reborn" as a result of the recent Washington scandals. May we also have an autographed copy of your picture for our exhibit.

Bicentennial year is coming soon and we would like to know how your state is going



To celebrate it.

Sincerely yours,

Nancy-Lee McCoy

Nancy-Lee McCoy 7-6

Memorial High School 7-6

Bicentennial Club

River Drive

Elmwood Park, N.J. 07407



January 7 1975

Mr. Philip W. Buchen  
Counsel to the President  
The White House  
Washington, D. C.

Dear Mr. Buchen:

This is in response to your December 17, 1974 letter concerning the recent referral to this Department by the American Revolution Bicentennial Administration of a matter involving possible violations of federal criminal laws by government officials and employees.

To further clarify the allegations which have been made, the Criminal Division requested, on December 20, 1974, that the Federal Bureau of Investigation interview the individual who made these allegations. When the interview has been conducted, the Criminal Division will determine what further investigation is appropriate.

If the investigation develops information sufficient to reflect upon the suitability for office of any member of the White House staff or other Presidential appointee, you will be advised accordingly.

Sincerely,

LAURENCE H. SILBERMAN  
Deputy Attorney General





OFFICE OF THE DEPUTY ATTORNEY GENERAL  
WASHINGTON, D.C. 20530

*Amer. Revolution  
Bicentennial  
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*For filing*

December 21, 1974

Mr. Philip W. Buchen  
Counsel to the President  
The White House  
Washington, D. C. 20500

Dear Phil:

I received your note of December 17 regarding the American Revolution Bicentennial Administration and will keep you advised of developments in this matter.

Sincerely,

*Laurence*  
Laurence M. Silberman  
Acting Attorney General



**December 17, 1974**

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**Sincerely,**

**Philip W. Buchen  
Counsel to the President**

**The Honorable Laurence Silberman  
Deputy Attorney General  
Department of Justice  
Washington, D. C.**

**PWBuchen:ed**



*Bicentennial*

Monday 1/13/75

11:20 Norman Gisclair was referred to us by another office in the White House.

(504) 293-4991

Mr. Gisclair filed sut in Baton Rouge last Friday for the return of a statue of George Washington -- suit filed against Abraham Lincoln, which will be served on President Ford.

He has had newspaper and TV coverage and is trying to drum up interest in the bicentennial and has had some ideas come in from the newspaper coverage.

I called John Warner's office in the Bicentennial Administration and they referred me to Eugene Skora, General Counsel. I asked if Mr. Skora could call Mr. Gisclair. Mr. Skora will let us know the result of the call.

382-1776

634-1897



*Ann R.*  
*B...*  
JANUARY 20, 1975

Office of the White House Press Secretary

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THE WHITE HOUSE

The President today announced the appointment of twenty-five persons to be Members of the American Revolution Bicentennial Advisory Council. The Council was established by Public Law 93-179 of December 11, 1973 for the purpose of advising the Administrator on all matters relating to the purposes of this Act which also established the Administration and abolished the American Revolution Bicentennial Commission.

They are:

Maya Angelou, of Sonoma, California, Writer, Poet, Gerrard Purcell Association of New York, New York.

William J. Baroody, Sr., of Alexandria, Virginia, President, American Enterprise Institute, Washington, D. C.

Laura Bergt, of Fairbanks, Alaska, Homemaker and Community Representative, Fairbanks, Alaska.

The Most Reverend Joseph L. Bernardin, of Cincinnati, Ohio, Archbishop of Cincinnati, Cincinnati, Ohio.

Anna Chennault, of the District of Columbia, Vice President, International Affairs, Flying Tiger Line, Washington, D. C.

Joan Ganz Cooney, of New York, New York, President, Children's Television Workshop, New York, New York.

Martin Diamond, of Geneva, Illinois, Professor of Political Science, Northern Illinois University at DeKalb, Currently Woodrow Wilson Fellow at International Center for Scholars, Smithsonian, Washington, D. C..

Richard Gambino, of Port Washington, New York, Associate Professor of Educational Philosophy, Queens College, Flushing, New York.

David L. Hale, of Little Rock, Arkansas, President, United States Jaycees, Tulsa, Oklahoma.

Alex P. Haley, of San Francisco, California, Author, San Francisco, California.

Martin S. Hayden, of Grosse Pointe, Michigan, Vice President and Editor, The Detroit News, Detroit, Michigan.

Ann Hawkes Hutton, of Bristol, Pennsylvania, Author /Historian and Chairman of the Board, Washington Crossing Foundation, Washington Crossing, Pennsylvania.

Mrs. Lyndon B. Johnson, of Stonewall, Texas, Former First Lady, Member, Board of Regents, University of Texas, Honorary Chairman, LBJ Memorial Grove on the Potomac, Stonewall, Texas.

Hobart D. Lewis, of Bedford Hills, New York, Chairman of the Board and Editor-in-Chief, Reader's Digest, Pleasantville, New York.

(MORE)



F. David Mathews, of Tuscaloosa, Alabama, President, University of Alabama, Tuscaloosa, Alabama.

James A. Michener, of Pipersville, Pennsylvania, Writer, Pipersville, Pennsylvania.

Lyle M. Nelson, of Stanford, California, Professor and Chairman of the Department of Communications, Stanford University, Stanford, California.

L. Tom Perry, of Bountiful, Utah, Member of the Council of the Twelve Apostles, The Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints, Salt Lake City, Utah.

Jacinto J. Quirarte, of San Antonio, Texas, Dean, School of Fine and Applied Arts, University of Texas, San Antonio, Texas.

Betty Shabazz, of Mt. Vernon, New York, Ph.D. candidate-student at the University of Massachusetts, Mt. Vernon, New York.

Frank Stanton, of New York, New York, Chairman, The American National Red Cross, New York, New York.

Jana E. Sutton, of Parrottsville, Tennessee, Student, College of Agriculture, University of Tennessee, Knoxville, Tennessee.

Harry Van Arsdale, Jr., of Flushing, New York, President, New York City Central Labor Council, New York, New York.

David L. Wolper, of Los Angeles, California, President, Wolper Organization, Los Angeles, California.

Anne Armstrong, of Armstrong, Texas, Former Counsellor to the President, Armstrong, Texas.

In addition to those being named today the Administrator of the American Revolution Bicentennial Administration is an ex officio member. The Administrator of the Administration is John W. Warner who was appointed on April 9, 1974.

The Chairman and Vice Chairman will be elected by the members from among their own membership other than the Administrator.

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*Bicentennial*

THE WHITE HOUSE  
WASHINGTON

February 12, 1975

Dear Mr. Broberg and Miss McClellan;

On behalf of the President, I wish to acknowledge and thank you for your recent letter regarding your plans to produce a motion picture based on the life of George Washington, to be released in the summer of 1976.

The President was interested to learn of this project, which coincides with the celebration of our Nation's Bicentennial next year, and he very much appreciated your thoughtfulness in inviting him or any of his colleagues, to back this production. However, because of his numerous official commitments, he must necessarily limit his participation in outside activities and organizations. Further, I am sure you will understand that it would not be appropriate for the President to personally endorse or back a commercial venture.

The President has asked me to extend his best wishes to you and your associates for every success in carrying out your plans for this production.

Sincerely,

*Philip W. Buchen*  
Philip W. Buchen  
Counsel to the President

Mr. Wallace E. Broberg, Jr.  
Miss Vyonne McClellan  
Meridian Pictures  
420 North 750 East  
Orem, Utah 84057



*Bicentennial*

February 12, 1975

MEMORANDUM FOR:

ROBIN WEST

FROM:

PHILIP BUCHEN

SUBJECT:

Medal of Freedom Award

Attached is a copy of a letter I have been holding which poses one way in which the Medal of Freedom can be used in connection with the Bicentennial program.

I would appreciate your giving it your careful attention and to reply to Mr. Marks on the subject.

Attachment

PBuchen:sk 2/12/75



February 12, 1975

Dear Leonard:

After our lunch last month I have learned that Robin West at the White House is in charge of developing procedures for making Medal of Freedom awards.

Therefore, I have sent him a copy of your letter of January 13 and have asked him to respond as soon as possible.

I have received several copies of Dorothy's splendid article on Sally Seidman. It made delightful reading and the only possible fault I could find with it came from Sally's mistake about my being a poet.

With best wishes.

Sincerely,

Philip W. Buchen  
Counsel to the President

Mr. Leonard H. Marks  
Vice Chairman  
Honor America  
1920 L Street, N. W.  
Washington, D. C.

PBuchen:sk 2/13/75



Office of the White House Press Secretary

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THE WHITE HOUSE

EXECUTIVE ORDER

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WAIVER OF CERTAIN PROVISIONS OF LAW  
AND LIMITATIONS OF AUTHORITY

The American Revolution Bicentennial Board has requested that the American Revolution Bicentennial Administration be authorized to perform, without regard to certain provisions of law or limitations of authority, the functions authorized under the act to establish the American Revolution Bicentennial Administration (Public Law 93-179 87 Stat. 697, hereinafter referred to as the act). I have determined that it would be in furtherance of the purposes of the act to provide such authorization.

NOW, THEREFORE, by virtue of the authority vested in me by section 11 of the act, and as President of the United States of America, it is hereby ordered as follows:

Section 1. The American Revolution Bicentennial Administration is authorized to perform the functions authorized by the act without regard to the following specified provisions of law and limitations of authority:

(a) section 638(a) of title 31 of the United States Code to the extent that it pertains to hiring passenger motor vehicles.

(b) section 13 of title 41 of the United States Code.

(c) section 501 of title 44 of the United States Code.

(d) Any provision of law or limitation of authority to the extent that such provision or limitation would limit or prohibit:

(1) selection of, and award of contracts to, a State or local government agency or non-profit organization on a sole-source basis.

(2) expenditure of not to exceed \$10,000 annually of funds received pursuant to contracts under section 2(f) of the act for official receptions and representation, and

(3) expenditure of appropriated funds for transportation and subsistence of volunteers.

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Sec. 2. It is directed that each specific use of the waivers of statutes and limitations of authority authorized by the foregoing provisions of this order shall be made only with the advice of the General Counsel of the Administration, and only when determined in writing by the Administrator (or in his absence by the Deputy Administrator) that such use is specifically in furtherance of the purposes of the act and in the public interest.

GERALD R. FORD

THE WHITE HOUSE,  
FEBRUARY 18, 1975

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OFFICE OF THE WHITE HOUSE PRESS SECRETARY

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## THE WHITE HOUSE

REMARKS OF THE PRESIDENT  
TO THE  
NATIONAL BICENTENNIAL CONFERENCEINTERNATIONAL BALLROOM  
WASHINGTON HILTON

9:35 A.M. EDT

Thank you very much, John, distinguished Members of the Congress, members of the Continental Army, it is a great privilege and pleasure to join you this morning and to launch this extremely important conference of representatives from the Federal Government, the State Bicentennial Commissions and the staff of the American Revolution Bicentennial Administration.

All of you have contributed most significantly thousands and thousands of hours of work preparing for events during the next 21 months. Your dedication will make this Bicentennial into a profound renewal for our great country, the United States of America. Your sense of having participated will be your best reward.

This group comes from many occupations in many different parts of our Nation, and I was privileged, yesterday, to meet so many of you personally. You reflect what I find most exciting about the Bicentennial activities -- they flow from the spirit of all of our people -- they are truly national in scope and truly non-partisan. The Bicentennial involves all sections of our country and yet represents a unity of purpose. As all of you know, perhaps better than I, over 6,000 projects are now planned with more being added everyday and every month. They represent the diversity of our national heritage and the imagination of our citizens.

There are beautification programs, restoration projects, educational efforts and medical research, all under the Bicentennial banner.

In New York City, the South Street Seaport with a museum and rejuvenated sailing ships will commemorate the Bicentennial.

Third graders in Riceville, Iowa, sold cookies and Christmas trees to finance a Bicentennial mini-park. And in the Texas towns of Howardswick, Clarendon and Hedley, a community Bicentennial amphitheater is being built of bricks hand-made by the school children of those three towns.

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I think these projects show there is not just one way, but many, many ways to observe the Nation's 200th birthday, and I vividly recall, as a young lad, being taught that the beauty of Joseph's coat is its many, many colors.

Just as the strength of the Nation comes from the richness of its many ideas, so does the strength of the Bicentennial.

This celebration period is an important opportunity for this Nation to reflect on the past and even more so, to look to the future. John Adams envisioned the celebration of the Declaration of Independence in a letter to his wife, Abigail, in July of 1776. John Adams wrote the following:

"I am apt to believe that it will be celebrated by succeeding generations as the great anniversary festival. It ought to be commemorated as the day of deliverance, by solemn acts of devotion to Almighty God. It ought to be solemnized with pomp and parade, with shows, games, sports, guns, bells, bonfires and illuminations, from one end of this continent to the other, from this time forward forevermore."

John Adams, who would later be the first Vice President and the second President of the United States, did not know, at that time, what the outcome of the Declaration of Independence would be, nor did he realize that the day would come when the United States would stretch across the continent and across the distant seas.

But, like other revolutionary leaders, he had faith in the future of the unformed Nation. Those were exciting, those were frustrating and those were confusing times.

Letters and newspapers were carried by horseback, or by ship, but the ferment of the ideas was strong enough to overcome the limited means of communication.

The Continental Congress, composed of representatives from different States, oftentimes with conflicting interests, faced the almost insurmountable job of agreeing long enough to fight a war with limited funds and limited manpower.

It was a tough job, because it is always difficult to unite clashing demands. But the job was done, the Revolution was successful, and a unique Constitution was written. Those Americans did not fail us.

As Thomas Jefferson wrote Lafayette: "We are not to be expected to be translated from despotism to liberty in a featherbed."

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And the Americans who inherited the new form of government knew what Jefferson meant. They did not fail us.

We are here today because no ensuing generation of our fellow Americans found self-government to be a "featherbed."

Now, as we commemorate the deeds of the first citizens of the Nation, we must look, as they did, to the future. We must ask ourselves what will we leave to the next generation? What will America be in another 200 years?

I concede it is almost beyond our ability to foresee. Jefferson, Franklin, Washington and others, could not know what their efforts would produce, neither can we. But we can act to honor our highest obligation, to leave the Nation free and secure, as it has been passed down to us.

Each generation has been called on to accept the challenge of a different crisis, and each generation has lived up to its responsibility.

In 1812, our young Nation faced its first war -- another struggle with Britain. The Capitol and the White House were burned, and President James Madison and his wife, Dolly, fled the City. But the fledgling Nation pulled itself together and survived. The Capitol and the White House were rebuilt -- this country continued to grow. Those Americans did not fail us.

When the debate over slavery and union erupted into war, Americans fought Americans, but the end of the war brought renewal, and the task of settling the continent went on. Those Americans did not fail us.

When a great crisis of spirit caused by the Depression struck the Nation, millions of Americans living today did not fail us. They pulled themselves together and kept the Nation going.

In two World Wars, Americans gave their time, talent, resources, yes, and many their lives, to keep the cause of freedom alive. They did not fail us.

In unhappy times and unpopular wars, Americans accept the challenge. No generation of Americans has failed to accept the necessary sacrifices of the day. I am convinced we will not fail ourselves or future generations.

Today, we face new challenges -- our economic and energy problems. New perceptions, yes, and new priorities are required to meet new difficulties.

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We are engaged in a great national debate on how to solve economic and energy problems of very serious proportions. Solutions will require the same hard work and tenacity required to wage a successful revolution, establish a working government, carve a civilization out of the wilderness, produce the greatest industrial machine ever developed and to also produce the highest standard of living of any Nation in the world.

In another 200 years, in 2175, Americans will prepare to celebrate the Nation's 400th birthday. We must act now so that they can say of us: "Americans in the 1970s did not fail us."

We can remember the past with flags and parades and fireworks as President Adams envisioned in the first summer of our independence, but to honor the past, we must hand this magnificent experiment in self-government on to future generations, free and strong.

As we prepare for our Bicentennial, we must join together to make sure that America's past is truly the prologue to a greater future. We must not fail. We will succeed.

Thank you very much.

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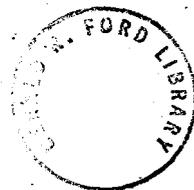
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THE WHITE HOUSE  
WASHINGTON

Phil A:

In your absence  
Anne Armstrong asked  
me to check on this  
matter. The President  
met with the Freedom  
Train group this  
morning & I merely  
cautioned his aides  
to avoid photographs  
or statements that might  
too closely identify  
the President with Foust.

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THE WHITE HOUSE  
WASHINGTON

Phil - 2/19

FYI

Jed  
For Bill  
Casselman

Am. Rev.  
Bicentennial  
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FEB 18 1975

February 12, 1975

Dear Mr. Adam,

It was of special interest to learn of plans for the restoration of historic Gadsby's Tavern in Alexandria. Although I am unable to have an active role in this project, it would be a pleasure to have my name listed as Honorary Chairman of the Friends of Gadsby's Tavern reflecting my encouragement for these efforts to preserve this historic meeting place. The real meaning of the Bicentennial lies in the hearts and minds of the people of this country. This project captures this spirit.

With warmest best wishes,

Sincerely,

/s/ Betty Ford

Mr. William Robert Adam  
Curator  
Gadsby's Tavern  
138 North Royal Street  
Alexandria, Virginia 22314

c: Clem Conger  
✓ John Marsh  
BF Honorary Affiliations (accept)  
Bicentennial Folder

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THE WHITE HOUSE  
WASHINGTON

*Ans.  
Bicentennial*

March 1, 1975

Dear Mr. Eschels:

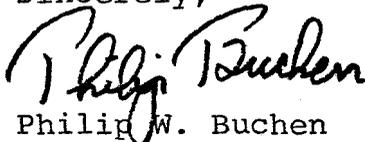
When we returned from Nepal I found your card and your note of greetings from Jerry Hazzard, Bob Burnap, and Marian Black.

I am sorry I was not here to see you but the period I was away from the White House proved to be a most unusual and fascinating experience.

I wish you and your Committee every success in planning for the Bicentennial celebration in Grand Rapids.

Best wishes.

Sincerely,



Philip W. Buchen  
Counsel to the President

Mr. Carl W. Eschels  
Executive Director  
The Bicentennial Sesquicentennial  
Committee  
Public Museum  
54 Jefferson S.E.  
Grand Rapids, Michigan 49502



JOE A. BROWN  
9715 BURDINE  
HOUSTON, TEXAS 77035  
(713) 729-1544

*Our  
Bicentennial*

March 8, 1975

Mr. Philip Buchen  
The White House  
Washington, D. C.

Dear Phil:

I know how busy you are and certainly do not want to impose on our friendship, however, I would like to ask two favors of you. If they are an imposition, please let me know and I will understand.

First, I intend to visit Washington with Nina and the children. Because of the Ford administration and the Bicentennial, there will never be another opportunity to have a trip that will mean as much during our lifetimes. My problem is that of not knowing if the summer of 1975 or the summer of 1976 would be the best time for the trip. I would appreciate your advice on this as well as your telling me what agencies to contact in order that I will know what to do and where to go.

My second problem is that I have a close personal friend in Houston who is an avid collector of autographed first editions of books. He has a first edition volume of the President's book, "Portrait of the Assassin". It would mean a great deal to me personally if there were some way to get the volume autographed for him.

Thank you for whatever help you can give me. I am looking forward to seeing and hearing about your experiences.

Sincerely,

*Joe*

Joe A. Brown



March 14, 1975

*Am Burlington  
Bicentennial*

Dear John:

I enjoyed talking with you recently about your personal involvement in the forthcoming Bicentennial Commemoration.

The four points of the Bicentennial Declaration are indeed fundamental to building a firm foundation for the future.

I was pleased to learn of the close working relationship which you have established with John Warner, of the American Revolution Bicentennial Administration, and of your joint efforts to bring the Declaration effectively to the American public.

May I express again my warm thanks to you for your contribution to the Bicentennial and the nation.

Sincerely,

Mr. John D. Rockefeller 3rd  
30 Rockefeller Plaza  
New York, New York 10020

CRF:Haasek/Lukstajinc  
cc: D.E. Downton/J. Marsh/P. Buchen/D. Lukstaj/R. Neesen/P. Thiele/E. Haese



3/7/75

Rockefeller  
J.D. III

To: Dick Lukstat

From: Eva Daughtrey

Mr. Buchen asked me to  
send you this -- as a result  
of your phone conversation  
with him yesterday.



Friday 2/28/75

9:50 Eliska mentioned yesterday that the President had cut a tape on this bicentennial package. I told her we had received a letter from John D. Rockefeller, 3rd, with a draft letter for the President's signature -- so she suggested calling Dick Lukstadt. Mr. Lukstadt said 2800 he got in on all this ex post facto -- he would have recommended to the President not to even do the taping if he had been in on it earlier. It is a very fine program but ----- these things could be interpreted as an endorsement by the President ---- and then all the groups everywhere would expect theirs to be endorsed also.

Feels it might be wise to talk with you about the whole thing -- so you could decide what to do with the Rockefeller letter.

(Dick has talked with John Marsh about all this too)

FOR Rm 191

Jim Adams

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30 Rockefeller Plaza  
New York, N.Y. 10020

Room 5500

Circle 7-3700

February 19, 1975

Dear Mr. Buchen:

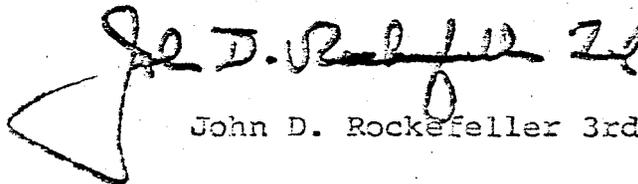
It was good to see you again at the dinner for the Vice President last week.

My warmest thanks to you for your help in connection with our Bicentennial Declaration. You indicated that it was not practical for the President to sign the Declaration personally but that you felt sure he would be glad instead to sign a personal letter in support of our efforts.

Attached is a draft of such a letter which from our point of view would be helpful.

With warm best wishes, I am

Sincerely,

  
John D. Rockefeller 3rd

Mr. Philip W. Buchen  
Counsel to the President  
The White House  
Washington, D. C.



DRAFT LETTER FROM PRESIDENT FORD

2/19/75

Dear Mr. Rockefeller:

I appreciated the opportunity of talking with you recently about the forthcoming Bicentennial.

Particularly, I was interested in the Bicentennial Declaration which you brought to my attention believing that the four points which it makes are fundamental in this critical period of our history. You have my wholehearted support in your efforts to bring the Declaration effectively to the American public. [As you know, I was pleased to tape a statement for the closed circuit program concerning the Declaration.]

Recognizing the magnitude of the communications problem involved, I was gratified to learn of the close working relationship which you have established with Mr. Warner and the American Revolutionary Bicentennial Administration (ARBA), [as well as the support which you have been receiving in the private sector, particularly from the mass media and major business corporations.]

In closing, may I express again my warm thanks to you for the <sup>efforts</sup> ~~leadership~~ which you are ~~making~~ making on behalf of the Bicentennial. The hour is late and efforts such as yours are important to the final result.

Yours sincerely,



Walter

Tuesday 2/13/75

9:55 Russ Rourke wanted you to see this -- feels you will undoubtedly be asked about this at the dinner this evening in New York ----- by John D. Rockefeller, 3rd.



THE WHITE HOUSE  
WASHINGTON

*Bicentennial*

February 14, 1975

MEMORANDUM FOR: PAUL THEIS

FROM: PHILIP BUCHEN *P.W.B.*

Attached is a copy of a Bicentennial declaration prepared under the auspices of John D. Rockefeller, III and signed in the original form by persons whose names appear at the end of the declaration, along with a copy of a letter from Mr. Rockefeller to the President.

Mr. Rockefeller has urged the President to become an additional signer of the declaration on the theory that he would be doing so as a citizen and not in an official capacity. I did talk to Mr. Rockefeller on February 13 and explained to him that it is not advisable as a practical matter to have the President separate himself from his official role on a matter of this sort. I also pointed out that although Presidents have traditionally endorsed worthy causes or proposals initiated by people in the private sector, I would not think it appropriate for any President to do so by joining with others in signing a particular document.

I would suggest, however, that it would be appropriate for the President to write a letter to Mr. Rockefeller commending him on the declaration and expressing his appreciation for the theme of the document. Accordingly, I would appreciate having someone in your office draft for my preliminary review a proposed letter from the President.

Attachment

cc: Jack Marsh  
Don Rumsfeld



This great country of ours stands at a crucial turning point in its history. We face new and serious problems and uncertainty as to the future.

Two hundred years ago, our founding fathers stood at a similar crossroads. Beset then by grave doubts, they ultimately resolved to stake everything on a handful of ideas and ideals.

They forged those ideas and ideals into founding principles and then fought to uphold them. The American Revolution brought forth a new system of government based on freedom, justice, and individual rights.

Today we are called upon to maintain and improve that system and to fulfill those principles. We are called upon to resolve our problems in such areas as the economy, equal opportunity, the quality of life in our cities and rural areas, education, the environment, and many others.

We, the undersigned, believe - and we feel confident we reflect the sense of the American people - that we have reached the point in our history when a second American Revolution is called for, a revolution not of violence, but of fulfillment, of fresh purposes, and of new directions.

We believe that the Bicentennial of our founding offers just such an opportunity. To realize this potential, we believe the Bicentennial must be based on four fundamentals.

POINT I

Let us be inspired by our origins,  
and by the challenges we face.

If we are not today an inspired people, we need to be reminded that we once were, and must be again. There is high inspiration to be found in the great ideals that created our country. The phrases that have been worn smooth by use have fresh and urgent meaning for us today - "government by consent of the governed," "the blessings of liberty," "all men are created equal," "a nation of laws." The Bicentennial can and must become a time to celebrate those ideals, not just in a festive sense, but in the more profound sense of renewal and rededication.



*Call to  
of President  
here  
response  
for  
of  
Name  
Jack*

Let us make the Bicentennial a great period of achievement, nationally and in every community.

POINT  
II

What our forebears did 200 years ago had never been done before. What we must do today is equally unprecedented. At every level in our society, there is an urgent need for achievement - in education, housing, transportation, the arts, communications, new ways of solving social problems, new methods of setting goals for the future, increased citizen participation in government. We believe that dedicating the Bicentennial to achievement is the way to put the sense of alienation and powerlessness behind us, to become once again the masters of our own destiny.

Let us commit ourselves to a Bicentennial Era, to at least the same time span required for the founding of our nation.

POINT  
III

The first American Revolution neither started nor ended on the Fourth of July, 1776. Thirteen difficult years elapsed between the signing of the Declaration of Independence and the creation of an enduring system of government based on the Constitution. Many of the problems of today are different from those of 200 years ago, but they are at least as grave. Therefore, the second American Revolution will require at least a comparable period of time to grow strong and firm roots. We endorse the concept of a Bicentennial Era from 1976 to 1989, not as a prolonged festival, but as a realistic period for tough-minded planning and accomplishment.

Let us put our trust once again in individual initiative, in the commitment and participation of each individual citizen.

POINT  
IV

Our great experiment in democracy will surely erode unless the Bicentennial Era becomes a time when we once again assert the primacy of individual initiative in moving our country forward. Governmental units at all levels must play their part in a vigorous, open, and supportive way. But the primary responsibility lies with the people, not with government. Let each of us, acting alone and in groups, take our own initiatives. There is work for all - for each individual - in every part of the country, of every color, creed, age, and ethnic background. That work must begin now.

For our part, we, the undersigned, pledge ourselves to spread this message throughout the land, and to undertake our own individual initiatives. We earnestly invite our fellow citizens, all those who share our vision of what the Bicentennial Era can mean and accomplish, to lend their time, their energy, and their spirit to the work that lies ahead.



SIGNERS OF THE DECLARATION

CHARLES F. ADAMS, Chairman, Raytheon Company,  
Lexington, Massachusetts

EDDIE ALBERT, Actor, Los Angeles

MANUEL ARAGON, Deputy Mayor, City of Los Angeles

MONSIGNOR GENO BARONI, President, National Center  
for Urban Ethnic Affairs, Washington, D. C.

BENNY RAY BAILIE, Administrator, East Kentucky  
Health Services Center, Inc., Hindman, Kentucky

CLIFFORD M. CLARKE, Executive Director, Bicentennial  
Council for the Thirteen Original States, Atlanta, Georgia

A. W. CLAUSEN, President, The Bank of America,  
San Francisco, California

JOAN GANZ COONEY, President, Children's Television  
Workshop, New York City

WALTER CRONKITE, CBS News, New York City

VINCENT A. DE FOREST, Chairman, Afro-American  
Bicentennial Corp., Washington, D. C.

WILLIAM C. FRIDAY, President, University of  
North Carolina

JOHN W. GARDNER, Chairman, Common Cause,  
Washington, D. C.

LADONNA HARRIS, President, Americans for Indian  
Opportunity, Washington, D. C.

REVEREND THEODORE M. HESBURGH, President,  
Notre Dame University, South Bend, Indiana

LADY BIRD JOHNSON, Stonewall, Texas

ERIK JONSSON, Chairman, Texas Instruments, Dallas,  
Texas



VERNON E. JORDAN, JR., Executive Director, National  
Urban League, Inc., New York City

BILLIE JEAN KING, U.S. Open Tennis Champion, Los Angeles  
California

ROBERT S. MC NAMARA, President, International Bank for  
Reconstruction and Development, Washington, D. C.

DR. MARGARET MEAD, Anthropologist, American Museum  
of Natural History, New York City

GEORGE MEANY, President, AFL-CIO, Washington, D. C.

RUBEN F. METTLER, President, TRW, Inc., Cleveland, Ohio

ARJAY MILLER, Dean, Stanford Business School, Stanford,  
California

ELEANOR HOLMES NORTON, Chairman, Commission on  
Human Rights, New York City

JOSEPH PAPP, Producer, New York Shakespeare Festival

ESTHER PETERSON, Consumer Advisor, Giant Food, Inc.,  
Washington, D. C.

MERRILL D. PETERSON, Professor of History, University  
of Virginia, Charlottesville, Virginia

ELLIOT L. RICHARDSON, former Attorney General of the U.S.

JOHN D. ROCKEFELLER 3RD, New York City

DR. JONAS E. SALK, Director, The Salk Institute,  
La Jolla, California

DR. FRANK STANTON, Chairman, The American National  
Red Cross, Washington, D. C.

ISAAC STERN, New York City

CYRUS VANCE, President, Association of the Bar of the  
City of New York



GEORGE H. WEYERHAEUSER, President, Weyerhaeuser  
Company, Tacoma, Washington

DOLORES WHARTON, Vice Chairperson, Michigan Bicentennial  
COMMISSION

ROY WILKINS, Executive Director, National Association for  
the Advancement of Colored People, New York City

DR. HELEN WISE, Chairperson, National Education Association  
Bicentennial Committee, Washington, D. C.

LEONARD WOODCOCK, President, United Auto Workers,  
Detroit, Michigan.

WALTER A. HAAS, JR., Chairman of the Board, Levi Strauss  
& Company



30 Rockefeller Plaza  
New York, N.Y. 10020

Room 5600

NOTION  
T/D \_\_\_\_\_  
SCHEDULE BD. \_\_\_\_\_  
DATE RECEIVED  
DEC 25 1974  
Circle 7-3700  
OFFICE \_\_\_\_\_  
SPEAKING BUREAU \_\_\_\_\_  
OTHER \_\_\_\_\_

December 23, 1974

APPOINTMENT OFFICE

Dear Mr. President:

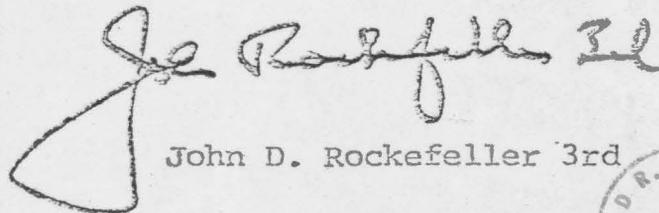
How thoughtful of you to write me concerning the Rockefeller Public Service Awards Luncheon on December fourth. It meant so very much to us and to the occasion to have you present. Your gracious comments about my part in the program were deeply appreciated.

Early last week, I met with your associate, John Marsh, to talk about the Bicentennial. For sometime now I have been concerned that people are thinking of the Bicentennial almost entirely as a birthday party. To me it must not only be based on the inspirational, going back to the spirit of our forebears, but it must focus on achievement--the overcoming of the problems which face us today. And underlying it all must be the recognition of the importance of individual initiative.

By now Mr. Marsh, I am sure, will have shown you the Bicentennial Declaration which we discussed. If the occasion is to have the meaning and the depth, which I believe it can and must have, we need your participation in the presentation of the Declaration to the public. I hope so much that we can meet briefly sometime at your convenience before too long.

With warm best wishes, I am

Sincerely,



John D. Rockefeller 3rd

The President  
The White House  
Washington, D. C.



DEC 27 1974

30 Rockefeller Plaza  
New York, N. Y. 10020

Room 5600

Circle 7-3700

December 20, 1974

*Called  
12/31  
3:45*

Dear Mr. Marsh:

I appreciated the opportunity to talk with you earlier in the week. When I telephoned you asking for the appointment, I had not realized the full extent of your own knowledge about the Bicentennial as well as your interest in it. It is most gratifying.

As you realize, time is running in relation to the Bicentennial. If it is to be accepted by the public as more than a birthday party, it is essential that we move promptly with a communications program such as we outlined to you. Key to this approach would be President Ford's interest and participation.

You stated that you would be glad to discuss with the President the Bicentennial Declaration which we left with you. What I would like to urge is that as soon as possible a follow-up meeting with the President be arranged so that we could present more specifically alternative programs which would result in his effective support.

As I understand it, the President is off this weekend for a week of skiing in Colorado. Might it be possible to get together sometime during the following week--the week of the twenty-ninth? I might mention that I hope to be away the week beginning on January fifth but will be here right along otherwise.

I look forward to working with you in connection with this important matter.

Sincerely,

*John D. Rockefeller 3rd*  
John D. Rockefeller 3rd



The Honorable John O. Marsh,  
The White House  
Washington, D. C.

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P.S. I am enclosing a copy of a letter which I have just written to the President in reply to a warm and most gracious letter from him about the Rockefeller Public Service Awards luncheon on December 4th.

P.P.S. Because I read in the paper that the President had talked with my brother Nelson about some involvement in the Bicentennial, I talked with him over the weekend about yours and my conversation on the subject. He said would I please write him a memo in regard to the matter so that he would be brought up to date. This I am doing.



THE WHITE HOUSE  
WASHINGTON

*Securitized*

March 15, 1976

MEMORANDUM FOR: BILL KENDALL

FROM: PHIL BUCHEN *P*

Kindly followup on the attached letter to you from Senator Hugh Scott which requests that you arrange with his Special Assistant, Rita Ann Pfeiffer, to have the President's signed authorization (which is also attached) hand delivered to the Senator's office.

Attachment



Text of The Official Bicentennial Declaration of the People of the United States of America:

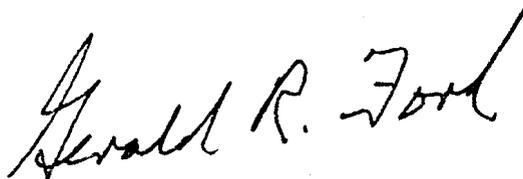
"On the occasion of the Bicentennial Anniversary of the United States of America, we the undersigned do proudly reaffirm our dedication to the principles of Liberty, Justice and Freedom which led our forefathers to proclaim our nation's Independence two hundred years ago, on this day and in this place.

It is our unshakable belief that these principles, applied to the affairs of each generation by a Government which recognizes that it does indeed derive its just powers from the consent of the governed, will continue to secure our rights of Life, Liberty and the Pursuit of Happiness in the centuries to come as it has in the two centuries gone by."

July 4, 1776 - July 4, 1976  
Independence Hall, Philadelphia

I hereby authorize a facsimile of my signature to appear on the Bicentennial Day Declaration.

Signature:



THE WHITE HOUSE

WASHINGTON

March 4, 1976

MEMORANDUM FOR THE PRESIDENT

FROM:

PHIL BUCHEN *P.*

SUBJECT:

City of Philadelphia Bicentennial  
Day Declaration

Senator Scott has requested that you sign the attached authorization to permit your signature to be used on Philadelphia's Bicentennial Day Declaration which reaffirms the principles of Liberty, Justice and Freedom that inspired our Nation's founding. The Philadelphia Bicentennial Commission intends to sell this Declaration with facsimile signatures of the officials who will be participating in the official July 4, 1976, ceremony in Philadelphia.

Recommendation:

Max Friedersdorf, Ted Marrs and I recommend that you sign the attached authorization.



*Handwritten notes and signatures at the bottom of the page, including a signature that appears to be "Max Friedersdorf" and other illegible scribbles.*

THE WHITE HOUSE

WASHINGTON

March 12, 1976

MEMORANDUM FOR:

PHILIP BUCHEN

FROM:

JAMES E. CONNOR *JEC*

SUBJECT:

City of Philadelphia Bicentennial  
Day Declaration

The President reviewed your memorandum of March 4 on the above subject and signed the attached authorization to permit his signature to be used on Philadelphia's Bicentennial Day Declaration.

cc: Dick Cheney



Barry

THE WHITE HOUSE  
WASHINGTON

February 28, 1976

MEMORANDUM FOR: PHILIP BUCHEN

THROUGH: MAX L. FRIEDERSDORF *M. L.*

FROM: WILLIAM T. KENDALL *WTK*

SUBJECT: Authorization to use Presidential signature on "Bicentennial Day Declaration," of the Official Bicentennial Day Commission, City of Philadelphia.

The attached is self-explanatory. I am aware of the stringent restrictions on the use of the President's name in connection with fund-raising projects. However, I would like to ask that this request be examined very carefully and, if at all possible, I would urge it be granted. In the event the reply is negative, I would recommend a Presidential letter of explanation to Senator Scott.

Please advise of action taken.

Many thanks.



# United States Senate

WASHINGTON, D.C. 20510

February 23, 1976

Mr. William T. Kendall  
Deputy Assistant to the President  
The White House  
Washington, D.C.

*AKed by telephone*

Dear Bill:

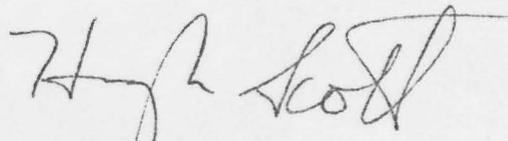
Enclosed is a letter which I have directed to the President to request his signature on a special Bicentennial commemorative.

This one is really important to me, and I would very much appreciate your placing this request in the proper channels.

Please be in touch with Rita Ann Pfeiffer, my Special Assistant, so that arrangements can be made to have the signed authorization personally hand carried back to my office.

With kindest regard,

Sincerely,



Hugh Scott  
United States Senator

HS:rp  
Enclosure  
original letter to President



HUGH SCOTT  
PENNSYLVANIA

## United States Senate

OFFICE OF THE MINORITY LEADER

WASHINGTON, D.C. 20510

The President  
The White House  
Washington, D. C.

February 19, 1976

Dear Mr. President:

On September 6, 1974, at Independence Hall in Philadelphia, you announced that you would return to the city of Philadelphia on the Fourth of July 1976, the culmination of our nation's Bicentennial celebration. We are, of course very honored that you will be in our State on this most historic occasion.

A special ceremony is planned for July 4, 1976 in Philadelphia, to which all the leaders of our government will be invited. They include the Vice President, members of the U.S. Senate and the House of Representatives, the Justices of the Supreme Court, the President's Cabinet and the Governors of the 50 States.

To permanently commemorate this significant event for all Americans, The Official Bicentennial Day Commission, organized under the auspices of the Bicentennial authorities of the City of Philadelphia and the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania, will issue a most appropriate commemorative of Bicentennial Day. This special commemorative, which will be made available to the public, will consist of a sterling silver medal and the "Bicentennial Day Declaration" reaffirming the principles set forth in the Declaration of Independence. It is planned that this historic Bicentennial declaration will bear the signatures of all the distinguished leaders of our nation who have been invited to attend the July Fourth ceremonies in Philadelphia. Any funds received by the Commission will be directed to official Bicentennial activities.

A copy of the full text of the Bicentennial Day Declaration is enclosed for your information. To enable the Commission to include your signature among the other distinguished American leaders whose names will appear on this document, will you please provide your authorization by signing the attached. For reproduction purposes, I am requesting that you sign in black ink. A member of my staff will contact your office to have the signed authorization personally delivered to me.

It is my privilege to participate with you and the Commission in this historic commemoration.

Kindest personal regards.

Sincerely,

  
Hugh Scott  
Republican Leader

HS:fs



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March 25, 1975

*American  
Bicentennial*

Dear Joe:

Thank you for your recent letter of March 8, 1975. Events have indeed kept us very busy. However, I have attached a list of offices that you might contact for general information about the Bicentennial celebration in Washington during 1975 and 1976.

Also, I would like to assist you by asking the President to autograph your friend's copy of Portrait of the Assassin, but the President has been so very busy that I hesitate to ask such a favor.

With best regards,

Sincerely,

Philip W. Buchan  
Counsel to the President

Mr. Joe A. Brown  
9715 Burdine  
Houston, Texas 77035

PWB:JTF:ets



## BICENTENNIAL WASHINGTON OFFICES

### The American Revolution Bicentennial Commission (ARBA):

is the national funding, policy and coordinating agency for the U.S.'s 200th birthday celebration. ARBA establishes guidelines for state and local commissions, and has information on all programs nationwide through its Bicentennial Network computer service (BINET). Director: John Warner. Offices: 2401 E Street, NW., Washington, D.C. 20276

### The District of Columbia Bicentennial Commission (DCBC):

appointed by Mayor Walter Washington in 1971 is the official citizen advisory panel responsible for policy, planning and coordination for D.C. Bicentennial projects, and preparations for hosting 40 million visitors to the capital city in 1976. Commission chairman: James O. Gibson. Offices: 1025 15th Street, NW., Washington, D.C. 20005

### The Washington Area Convention & Visitors Bureau:

is a division of the Metropolitan Washington Board of Trade, and represents an association of area businessmen engaged in the tourist industry. The Convention and Visitor's Bureau offers a variety of information to members, and informative publications about Washington to the public regarding Bicentennial and other items of interest. Offices: 1129 20th Street, NW., Washington, D.C. 20036

