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THE WHITE HOUSE

WASHINGTON

April 20, 1976

MR PRESIDENT:

Request for Equal Time Waiver

The question of publicity on the attached letter was discussed with Ron Nessen. Ron commented as follows:

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

Jim Connor

THE WHITE HOUSE

WASHINGTON

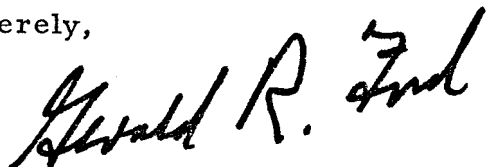
April 20, 1976

Dear Mr. Weiss:

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

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

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in dark ink, reading "Gerald R. Ford". The signature is written in a cursive, flowing style with a large, stylized "F" and "D".

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

THE WHITE HOUSE

ACTION MEMORANDUM

WASHINGTON

LOG NO.:

Date: April 17, 1976

Time:

FOR ACTION:

cc (for information):

Ron Nessen

FROM THE STAFF SECRETARY

DUE: Date: Monday, April 19

Time: 2 P. M.

SUBJECT:

Memo from Phil Buchen re Request for
Equal Time Waiver

ACTION REQUESTED:

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

REMARKS:

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

4/19/76

Yes. I recommend we sign
the waiver and give me
a full set of correspondence
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RAN

PLEASE ATTACH THIS COPY TO MATERIAL SUBMITTED.

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

K. R. COLE, JR.
For the President

THE WHITE HOUSE
WASHINGTON

April 16, 1976

ACTION

MEMORANDUM FOR THE PRESIDENT

FROM: PHILIP W. BUCHEN *P.*

SUBJECT: Request for Equal Time Waiver

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

Recommendation

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

THE WHITE HOUSE

WASHINGTON

April 16, 1976

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President Ford Committee

1628 L STREET, N.W., SUITE 250, WASHINGTON, D.C. 20036 (202) 457-6400

April 15, 1976

MEMORANDUM

TO: Philip Buchen
Legal Counsel

FROM: Tim Ryan 

RE: Request for Waiver -- Adrian Weiss Productions

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

T.T.R.

DRAFT OF LETTER TO
ADRIAN WEISS PRODUCTIONS

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Sincerely,

Gerald R. Ford

THE WHITE HOUSE

WASHINGTON

March 30, 1976

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Dear Bob:

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

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

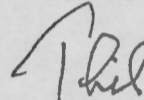
"Cattle Queen of Montana"
"Tennessee's Partner"

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

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

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

Sincerely,



Philip W. Buchen
Counsel to the President

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

Enclosures