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JUN 23 1975

THE WHITE HOUSE
WASHINGTON

June 16, 1975

MEMORANDUM FOR: JACK MARSH

FROM: TED MARRS *ad*

For your information, Willard Marriott called to tell me Helen Boehm will present to the President a specifically created ceramic bald eagle during the July 3rd Bicentennial activities. This should be considered -- as other Bicentennial gifts are -- a birthday gift to the nation.

bc: Bob Hartmann
Terry O'Donnell

THE WHITE HOUSE

WASHINGTON

July 30, 1975

MEMORANDUM FOR:

DAVE HOOPES

FROM:

JACK MARSH

The White House Bicentennial Office, of which is under my supervision, is in desperate need of storage space for Bicentennial gifts which are being both presented to the President personally and mailed in.

The office is located in Room 191 OE0B. There are three offices which five people work out of and the gifts are piling up everywhere.

I would appreciate it very much if you would give some type of storage space to this office for temporary use -- until an appropriate display is located for the gifts.

Thank you for any assistance you may be able to render in this matter.

Bicentennial

August 30, 1975

MEMORANDUM FOR:

TED MARRS

FROM:

JACK MARSH

SUBJECT:

Foreign Bicentennial Stamps

As you are aware, the President is a stamp collector. This is a hobby that goes back to childhood.

Further, as you know, one of the things that a number of foreign countries are doing to observe the Bicentennial is to issue a series of special Bicentennial stamps. My thought is to see if we can assemble each of these issues, country-by-country, and then present them to the President as a Bicentennial package, emphasizing the international interest in the Bicentennial programs.

You might wish to touch base with our appropriate contacts in NSC and State to see how this might be developed.

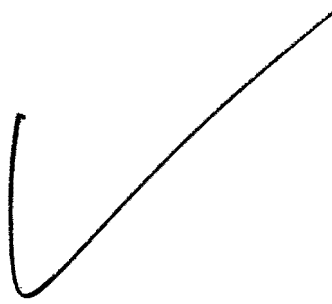
Many thanks.

JOM/dl



THE WHITE HOUSE
WASHINGTON

September 29, 1975



MEMORANDUM TO: JACK MARSH

FROM: RUSS ROURKE *R*

Jack, FYI, Ted advises me today that there could be a real problem (because of the cost of these stamps and the "gift prohibitions"). He is sending us some further information on this.



R- T might
THE WHITE HOUSE
WASHINGTON
like this

Russ --

Ted Marrs called with the following message
several days ago.

"Stamps for the President. It appears
that gifts of stamps from foreign countries have
to be handled as other foreign gifts are handled.
After I return from this trip, we will talk about
whether we might arrange for the President to
purchase these. Jack sent me a memo." (attached).

Thanks.

donna

Jack -
I will pursue this
further w/ Ted when
he returns -

R.

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JOM/dl



O'NEILL, JAMES E.
HOLD FILE

October 19, 1975

MEMORANDUM FOR: DEPARTMENT OF STATE
FROM: DR. THEODORE C. MARRS

I would appreciate your comments on the attached proposal from Dr. James E. O'Neill, Acting National Archivist, concerning a possible Bicentennial gift for heads of state.

Attachment

MEM/sjd

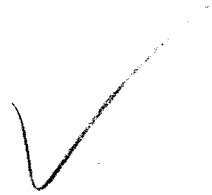
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THE WHITE HOUSE

WASHINGTON

November 13, 1975



MEMORANDUM TO: JACK MARSH

FROM: RUSS ROURKE

A handwritten signature, likely "Russ", is written over the name "RUSS ROURKE".

Jack, Milt Mitler advises me that they plan to set up the display of ~~Bicentennial~~ gifts in the East Room on December 14. That is a Sunday, but will permit viewing by the President and any other interested White House Personnel on Monday, the 15th. This is only a tentative schedule, and will be coordinated with Bill Nicholson and Rex Scouten.



THE WHITE HOUSE

WASHINGTON

December 30, 1975

MEMORANDUM TO: JACK MARSH

FROM: RUSS ROUSKIE

Russ

Jack, Milt Mitler called to advise that the Bicentennial Office has received a phone call from a New England Telephone Company executive, offering a red, white and blue Bicentennial telephone to the President. The Telephone Company executive hopes that the telephone, if accepted, would be used by the President on his desk in the Oval Office. The telephone in question is one of the old fashioned, stand up, cord types.

Your reaction?

negative

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JAN 29 1976

THE WHITE HOUSE
WASHINGTON

January 28, 1976

MEMORANDUM FOR: JACK MARSH

FROM: WILLIAM W. NICHOLSON *WWN*

SUBJECT: Approved Presidential Activity

Please take the necessary steps to implement the following and confirm with Mrs. Nell Yates, ext. 2699. The appropriate briefing paper should be submitted to Dr. David Hoopes by 4:00 p.m. of the preceding day.

Meeting: View Bicentennial Gift Display with Mrs. Ford

Date: Mon., Feb. 2, '76

Time: 10:00 a.m.

Duration: 15 mins.

Location: State Dining Room

Press Coverage:

Purpose:

Melt is preparing briefing paper.

cc: Mr. Cheney
Mr. Hartmann
Mr. Jones
Dr. Connor
Dr. Hoopes
Mr. Nessen
Mr. O'Donnell
Mrs. Yates
Mr. Orben
Miss Porter
Mr. Scouten

Mr. Mitler
Dr. Marrs



Calendar

THE WHITE HOUSE
WASHINGTON

January 29, 1976

WALK-THROUGH DISPLAY OF
BICENTENNIAL GIFTS RECEIVED
ON BEHALF OF THE NATION
Monday, February 2, 1976
10:00-10:30 AM (30 Minutes)
State Dining Room
White House

From: Milton E. Mitler

I. PURPOSE

To view a sampling of the many Bicentennial gifts which are being received at the White House on behalf of the Nation.

II. BACKGROUND, PARTICIPANTS AND PRESS PLAN

A. Background: The Bicentennial has brought an avalanche of gifts to the White House from individuals, groups, organizations and commercial enterprises. Each of these is received on behalf of the Nation.

1. The range of gift items is as wide as imagination will permit. Each donor, whether individual or commercial enterprise, has used this means to participate in Bicentennial commemoration.
2. Many of the gifts from individual donors represent personal talent.
3. None of the gifts have been solicited and those received from commercial enterprises are accepted with the provision that acceptance does not indicate White House endorsement and may not be used in that manner.
4. The gifts will go on permanent display during this year, starting in March, at the Visitor's Center located in the Great Hall of the Commerce Building.
5. It is estimated at this time that between 300-400 gifts have been received with more coming in daily.



6. Only a few are of Foreign origin but none in this collection are from Foreign governments.

- B. Participants: Assisting with the tour will be Counsellor John O. Marsh, Jr., Dr. Theodore C. Marrs and Milton E. Mitler. Also among participants will be the staff of the Bicentennial Office (Sandra Drake, Annita Holland, David Snyder and Bonnie Dreyer who is a temporary college internée). The Designers of the display who are also designing the Great Hall exhibit, Mr. Russell Hendrickson and Ms. Helen Schreider, both of the Interior Department will be in attendance.
- C. Press Plan: A pool of White House reporters will proceed through the display with the President. Other White House Press will be invited to view the display after the President leaves.

III. TALKING POINTS

To be provided by Bob Orben.



MAR 12 1976

March 11, 1976

Dear Senator:

This will acknowledge receipt and thank you for your March 8 letter to the President, on behalf of the People of Zuni, regarding the possibility of their making a Bicentennial presentation to him in either Washington, D. C. or Philadelphia.

I wish to assure you I shall make certain the President receives your letter at the earliest opportunity. You will hear further as soon as possible.

With kindest regards,

Sincerely,

William T. Kendall
Deputy Assistant
to the President

The Honorable Pete V. Domenici
United States Senate
Washington, D.C. 20510

bcc: w/incoming to Bill Nicholson for further handling

bcc: w/incoming to John Marsh, Rogers Morton, Max Friedersdorf
Milt Mitler - for your information

WTK:JEB:VO:vo



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United States Senate

COMMITTEE ON
AERONAUTICAL AND SPACE SCIENCES
WASHINGTON, D.C. 20510

March 8, 1976

*Interview
to make presentation*

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

Dear Mr. President:

MP

The Pueblo of Zuni, New Mexico, has contacted me with regard to their desire to make a presentation to you at their Bicentennial Project.

The people of Zuni Pueblo plan to exhibit Indian arts and crafts to the visitors at the Philadelphia Bicentennial, as this will be the only manned exhibit representing New Mexico and the Indian way of life.

The children of the schools in Zuni, New Mexico, competed in the design of a Bicentennial Coin which would represent the sentiments of a Zuni child, whose ancestors were some of the first Americans, in the birth of our country. Two entries were chosen for the front and the back of the coin and are now being prepared by a well known Zuni artist; upon completion, they will be sent to a mint to be processed for collector's items.

Because this will be the first Indian Bicentennial Coin in the history of our country, and a wonderful peace offering on our country's 200th Birthday, it is the hope of the people of Zuni Pueblo that they might make a presentation to you, Mr. President, of the Zuni Bicentennial Coin. It is their wish to make this presentation a very warm and rewarding experience, also symbolizing peace, strength, and pride in the land by the first Americans.

The presentation could be made in ten minutes, or, if you would prefer, it could be more elaborately dramatized with colorful Zuni dancers, the Zuni Tribal Band in concert, and covered by a national broadcasting station. Also, depending upon your schedule, Mr. President, the presentation could be arranged either in Washington, D. C., or in Philadelphia.

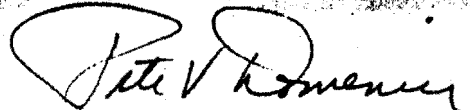
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The President
March 8, 1976
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On behalf of the Pueblo of Zuni, I hereby respectfully urge your consideration of this matter. I would appreciate advisement as to the possibility of the Zuni people making this presentation at a time convenient to your schedule.

Thanking you for your attention, and with warmest regards, I remain

Very truly yours,



Pete V. Domenici
United States Senate

PVD:mp

cc: Governor Edison Laselute
Pueblo of Zuni
Post Office Box 338
Zuni, New Mexico 87327

Mr. Jim Martin, Coordinator
Zuni Arts Foundation



THE WHITE HOUSE

WASHINGTON

March 22, 1976

MEETING WITH GRAND LODGE OF MASONS IN D. C.

March 22, 1976

12:15 p.m. (10 minutes)

Rose Garden

From: Jack Marsh

I. PURPOSE

To receive a silver Masonic Medallion with likeness of Presidents Washington and Ford. (850 serially numbered silver coins have been minted and thousands also of bronze medallions which will be distributed nationally through Grand Lodge networks.)

II. BACKGROUND, PARTICIPANTS AND PRESS PLAN

- A. Background: The Grand Lodge of the District of Columbia invited you to deliver an address which was to have been held this Spring. You could not accept.

You received your initial Masonic degrees in the District of Columbia as a courtesy to your Michigan home Lodge.

- B. Participants: See Tab A

- C. Press Plan: Full photo opportunity for press corps. White House photographers to take photos of presentations for use in various national Masonic magazines.

III. FORMAT AND TALKING POINTS

- A. Format: Guests will be assembled in the Rose Garden and will be introduced to you by the current Grand Master, John Layton (former D.C. Police Commissioner).

Layton and Deputy Grand Master Charles Brewer will present silver coin number one to you. They will describe its Bicentennial meaning. They will also give you a bronze coin neckless for Mrs. Ford.,

You will respond with brief informal remarks.


B. Suggested Talking Points:

Most Worshipful Layton, distinguished officers of the Grand Lodge, Honorable Past Grand Masters:

I am grateful for the privilege of receiving the number one Silver Medallion commemorating the Bicentennial of our Nation. I appreciate being a part of your celebration. As you know, I received my Masonic degrees in the District of Columbia as a courtesy to my home Lodge in Grand Rapids, Michigan. Therefore, I have a special fondness for my brethren here.

There were only about three thousand Masons in our population of some three million back in 1776. Yet those brothers were leaders in our fight for freedom and independence. Many signers of the Declaration of Independence were Masons. Patriots like Benjamin Franklin, Paul Revere, John Hancock, George Washington and others, were in the fraternity. In fact, fourteen of our Presidents, nineteen Vice Presidents, hundreds of distinguished Congressmen, Judges, military leaders, as well as leaders in business and labor, have been proud members of the craft.

The two hundred years of progress and growth of this Nation are cause for celebrating our birthday. But as we celebrate our Nation's Bicentennial, we will actually be laying the cornerstone of America's third century. I am confident that the inspired leadership which Masons have given this country for the past 200 years will continue throughout the closing years of this century and into the next.



*Dave
Gergen good
fwd*

MAY 28 1976

THE WHITE HOUSE
WASHINGTON

April 28, 1976

*Jack March off
This event never came off
before the primary, but it
might still be worth trying
the President to this
series of new books.
They are WPA series
on the state -*

Bob

*Dave
5/28/76*

MEMORANDUM TO:

DAVE GERGEN

FROM:

ROBERT GOLDWIN

SUBJECT:

Presentation to the President of a
Bicentennial History of Michigan by
Bruce Catton

NEH has sponsored a 51-volume series, The States and the Nation: Bicentennial Histories, which consists of histories of each of the States and the District of Columbia. Several weeks ago I represented the President in accepting the first three volumes of the series on behalf of the nation at a ceremony at the National Press Club.

One of the completed volumes is a history of Michigan by the distinguished Pulitzer Prize-winning historian, Bruce Catton.

I recommend that, prior to the Michigan primary, Catton be invited to present to the President, personally, a copy of his history of Michigan. The presentation could take place at the White House or, if convenient for the President, in Michigan. A copy of the Catton book is attached.

I send this suggestion to you because of your role in arranging the presentation of the Medal of Freedom to Artur Rubenstein.

Attachment



Bicentennial

September 7, 1976

MEMORANDUM FOR:

RUSS ROURKE

FROM:

JACK MARSH

I want you and Milt to pull together for me by noon today the following information on the Italian Bicentennial presentation to Mrs. Ford scheduled for this afternoon.

- Time of event.
- Place of event.
- How many people are involved.
- Who are the Italian participants to include the pronunciation of their names to include the Ambassador's wife, Mrs. Leone.
- What remarks am I expected to make.
- How long are these remarks to be.
- Do I speak at the beginning or the end or both.
- Is there a podium.
- What should the subject of the remarks be.
- What is the gift that is being given
- Any background on how this gift was selected.
- What was the Bicentennial program in Italy. You will recall there were very large programs in Germany, France and England. Let's get ARBA to tell us what was the scope of the Italian program.

JOM/d1

