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THE WHITE HOUSE

WASHINGTON

February 18, 1975

MEMORANDUM FOR: DONALD RUMSFELD

VIA: JIM CONNOR *JSC*

FROM: *RC* RED CAVANEY *RCM*

SUBJECT: THE PRESIDENT'S VISIT TO THE  
RESERVE OFFICERS ASSOCIATION  
MID-WINTER CONFERENCE  
Washington Hilton Hotel  
Friday, February 21, 1975

Attached at TAB A is the Proposed Schedule for the President's participation at the Reserve Officers Association Mid-Winter Conference. Attendance for the Black Tie event will be 2500.

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BACKGROUND

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THE ROA MINUTE MAN AWARD

The Minute Man Award has been presented annually since 1958 to the 'citizen who contributed the most to the national security in these times.' Past recipients include the following:

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1964	Sen. Margaret Chase Smith
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- 8:10 pm            ROA National Bicentennial Banquet begins in  
                         International Ballroom.
- 9:10 pm            The President boards motorcade on South Grounds.
- MOTORCADE DEPARTS South Grounds en route  
                         Washington Hilton Hotel.
- [Driving time: 7 minutes]
- 9:17 pm            MOTORCADE ARRIVES Washington Hilton Hotel  
                         (VIP entrance).

The President will be met by:

BGEN Ted W. Sorensen, USAFR, National  
President, ROA  
Cmdr. John Kwekel, Past Vice President, ROA

PRESS POOL COVERAGE

The President, escorted by General Sorensen and  
Commander Kwekel, proceeds to offstage holding  
area, via elevator, and pauses for announcement  
to the ROA National Bicentennial Banquet.

- 9:20 pm            Dinner concludes.
- 9:20 pm            "Ruffles and Flourishes"  
                         Announcement  
                         "Hail to the Chief"

9:21 pm The President, escorted by General Sorensen and Commander Kwekel, proceeds to head table and is seated.

OPEN PRESS COVERAGE  
ATTENDANCE: 2500

9:22 pm General Sorensen introduces Senator John C. Stennis (D-Miss.).

9:24 pm Remarks by Senator Stennis, concluding in the introduction of the President and the presentation of the ROA's Minute Man Award to the President.

9:30 pm Presidential remarks.

FULL PRESS COVERAGE

9:37 pm Remarks conclude.

9:38 pm Thank you remarks by General Sorensen.

9:40 pm The President, escorted by General Sorensen, departs head table en route motorcade for boarding.

NOTE: General Sorensen will bid farewell at the Ballroom entrance.

9:43 pm MOTORCADE DEPARTS Washington Hilton Hotel en route South Grounds.

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