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THE WHITE HOUSE

WASHINGTON

May 22, 1975

MEMORANDUM FOR: MR. RICHARD B. CHENEY

FROM: TERRY O'DONNELL *TD*

SUBJECT: Senator Ted Stevens' Request  
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MEMORANDUM FOR: DON RUMSFELD  
FROM: DICK CHENEY  
SUBJECT: Senator Ted Steven's Request  
to Visit Camp David

As you can see from the attached memo, Senator Ted Stevens has asked to tour Camp David this weekend. I strongly recommend that we not do it. I think we can simply say that the Camp will be used this weekend and it simply isn't feasible to work anything out.

There are two reasons for denying the request:

1. A highly classified nature of some of the facilities at Camp David that you may not even be aware of.
2. Once we start Congressional tours at Camp David, we may end up with yet another series of issues about the prerequisites of the White House.

I need an answer tonight from you and the President concerning this request.

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Attachment

MEMORANDUM

THE WHITE HOUSE  
WASHINGTON

May 22, 1975

DR

MEMORANDUM FOR: TERRY O'DONNELL  
FROM: CAPTAIN L. S. KOLLMORGEN   
SUBJECT: Senator Ted Steven's Request to Tour  
Camp David

The Military Office position in restricting access to Camp David in the past has been based primarily on the extensive, and visible security and communications facilities there. Also, of course, we consider it in the same category as the First Family's quarters here at the White House, i. e., not a proper subject for the idly curious.

Requests are constantly being received from individuals and groups for tours of the Camp which have been denied for the above reasons. We believe that an exception to this policy would only invite more requests, which would then be that much harder to turn down. (We are still paying a toll for the Harry Reasoner interview last Fall.)

While this particular request may be harmless, a like one -- for whatever reason -- from a less discreet member of Congress would be extremely difficult to reject. Further, it is not fair to expect Senator Stevens to remain silent about his exclusive entree.

Of course, the President's wishes will be honored. However, we would prefer to maintain the present restrictive policy.

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THE WHITE HOUSE  
WASHINGTON

January 6, 1976

MEMORANDUM FOR: MR. RICHARD B. CHENEY  
FROM: TERRY O'DONNELLI *TD*  
SUBJECT: Camp David Steward

By the attached hand-written note, the President asked you to determine why a steward by the name of Chris was transferred from duty at Aspen cabin at Camp David.

Per your request, I contacted Bill Gulley who told me that the Camp Commander contacted Ron Jackson to advise that Chris was becoming 'too familiar with the family and perhaps taking advantage of the situation.' Therefore, he was rotated to other duty at Camp David.

Bill also mentioned that the standard policy was to rotate the stewards and that in the normal course of things, Chris would be reassigned periodically to Aspen.

Gully reiterated, of course, that if the President would like him there, he will be reassigned to Aspen immediately.

THE WHITE HOUSE  
WASHINGTON

Dick Cheney)

Our family  
Thought a great deal of  
Chris (one of the stewards at  
Camp David)

We have noticed he  
has been bumped from

again.  
What is story?



Dick Cheney /

Can my son,  
Mike + his wife, with 3 other  
couples go to Camp David on  
Dec 30<sup>th</sup> + Dec 31<sup>st</sup> as my  
guests?

I hope it can be arranged.  
I will of course pay whatever  
the costs.

MR

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