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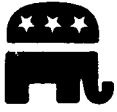
TO Robert Hartman

Counselor to the President

The White House

Washington, D. C.

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October 6, 1975

Mr. Robert Hartman
Counselor to the President

Mr. Douglas Bennett
Presidential Appointments

Mr. James Cannon, Executive Director
The Domestic Counsel

Miss Gwenn Anderson
Special Assistant to the President

Dear Messrs. Hartman, Bennett, Cannon and Miss Anderson:

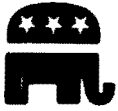
Thank you for your patience last Wednesday re: the
Republican National Hispanic Assembly meeting.

We were delighted with the courtesies and the attention
given to our presentation re: the 1976 Presidential
Campaign; the hopes and aspirations of Hispanic Repub-
licans; and the immediate and long-term plans of the
RNHA.

The following critique will serve as a reminder of the
various subjects discussed at the meeting, urging that
all feasible aspects of our request be implemented
immediately by the Administration.



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A. Presidential Appointments. In order for an Administration to earn credibility among Hispanic Americans, it must report accomplishments which can be quantified; which can be announced through the normal means of mass communications. To date, the Administration's performance in the appointment of Hispanic Americans to supergrade positions is poor. The best figures available to us at this time indicate that President Kennedy appointed three Hispanos to supergrade positions (GS 17 - 18); President Johnson appointed six; and President Nixon fifty five. To date, President Ford has appointed two!. Fernando C. de Baca, Special Assistant to the President and Fernando Oaxaca, Associate Director, the office of Management and Budget. Ricardo Nunez's appointment as Director, Cuban Refugee Program, Health, Education and Welfare is pending.

We believe that a concerted effort on the part of the Administration must be made to appoint qualified Hispanic Republicans to higher positions within the Ford Administration. For example, Hispanos should be appointed to positions of Secretary, Under-Secretary, and Assistant Secretaries. To the best of our knowledge, Hispano Americans have never served at these levels.

Presidential appointments should be made to commissions, boards, and advisory counsels, and, as suggested by Mr. Bennett, positions at the secretarial level also could be filled by qualified Hispano Republicans.





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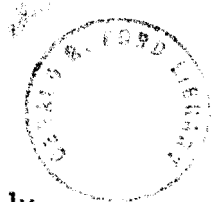
Let us not forget the independent agencies such as the Controller of the Currency, the Federal Home Loan Bank Board, the Federal Communication Commission, the Federal Reserve Banks, etc., and regional positions within these independent organizations. In short, gentlemen, we want to participate at every level of the Ford Administration believing that we have earned it. We will continue to work for future Republican administrations as we have in the past.

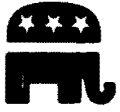
Doug Bennett was particularly hopeful when he suggested that:

- (1) We submit resumes of qualified Hispanos directly to him for the development of an inventory of resumes;
- (2) He would notify my office of positions opening within the administration which could be filled by Hispanos;
- (3) He would be receptive to our submitting of resumes for positions known to us but unknown to his office; and
- (4) He would assume full responsibility for the implementation of this program.

We have already started this program with the submission to his office of Alex Armendariz's resume for an Assistant Secretarial position.

- B. The Judiciary. Our research indicates that there are 564 federal judges appointed by the President throughout the United States. Of this number, only seven have been designated to Americans of Hispanic origin. Geographically, there are four in Puerto Rico, two in Texas, and one in Guam.





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B. The Judiciary (continued).

This share of the market is deplorable, and the only way that it can be rectified is with the commitment by an American President to identify and appoint qualified Hispanos for these positions. Indeed, President Ford should move aggressively at the appropriate time, to appoint the first Hispanic American in the history of the United States to the Supreme Court bench.

The RNHA would welcome the opportunity to recommend individuals qualified to sit on the federal bench at every level.

- C. Special Assistant. The Special Assistant to the President, one of the most important positions to our community within the Ford Administration, is that of Special Assistant to the President for Spanish Speaking Affairs, a post held by Fernando C. de Baca. It is important to us, for it gives us instant visibility and establishes in the eyes of the community the eagerness of President Ford to give Hispanos a voice in his Administration.

Mr. de Baca, despite the lack of staff and budget, has been enormously effective in the marketplace. He has been extremely cooperative with the leadership of the RNHA, responding swiftly and in a positive way to all of our requests. We want the Administration to know that Mr. de Baca is highly respected in the Hispanic community, and urge that he be given more support by the Adminis-





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Special Assistant (continued)

tration in those areas which he deems critical to the benefit of all Hispanic Americans. He is supported fully and completely by the RNHA.

D. Employment. The last administration developed an employment program entitled "The 16 Point Program" for the purpose of identifying, recruiting, and training Hispanic Americans in the field of public service via the federal government. There are two areas of concern to us with regard to this program; viz.,

- (1) Intensification of the program could be done by asking each of the agencies to implement the goals of this program at once. A follow-up program should be started to insure the success of this excellent plan.
- (2) Upgrading among the present federal employees should be reviewed very carefully and publicized where such upgradings are in order.

The Ford Administration already has a body of Hispano Americans in its employ who could move up the ladder of government.

In every instance we do not ask special consideration; however, we do ask for an equitable opportunity. The appointment of Hispanic Americans to positions indicated above is the swiftest way to earn credibility with the people. We urge that these requests be adopted immediately.

E. The Republican National Hispanic Assembly. The RNHA of the United States, located in the Dwight D. Eisenhower Building, Washington, D. C. is asking to obtain permanent affiliate status next year with the Republican National





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The Republican National Hispanic Assembly (continued)

Committee similar to that of the Young Republicans and the Women's Federation.

We already have 16 states in organization, including the District of Columbia. It is our goal to become fully involved in all matters Republican; to participate as full and equal partners within the political process. We are not asking for "handouts" as evidenced by the fact that 100% of our operating expenses are being funded by the volunteers who conceived the idea of an Assembly and who administer its operations. The concept of an Hispanic organization of Republican volunteers is absolutely essential in all future Presidential, Senatorial, and Congressional campaigns.

We bring to your attention that in 1972, some 2% of the people who voted for the Republican candidate was attributed to Hispano Americans; that for the first time in history, Hispanic Americans organized to raise some \$400,000 for a Republican candidate.

We urge you to review the basic statistics of the 1968 and 1972 campaigns. In 1968 only 6% of the Hispanic Americans who voted in the presidential election, voted for the Republican candidate. In 1972, however, the figures rose dramatically to 36%. We were organized; we had been invited to participate, the Administration had identified with our people.





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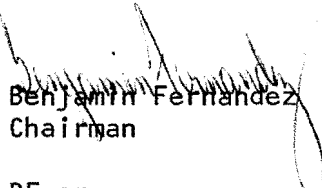
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The Republican National Hispanic Assembly (continued)

We urge that you respond to the requests of a noble people, of a gracious people, of decent Americans who wish only the right to participate as Americans and as Republicans.

- F. Presidential Meeting. We requested a meeting with President Ford in The White House, wherein all members of the National Executive Committee and all State Chairmen would be invited to meet the President and for the President to meet them. We would present to him a request for participation similar to the one submitted to you. We respectfully request again that a specific date be designated for said meeting, and that sufficient lead time be allowed to permit as many people as possible to attend.

Con todo respeto,

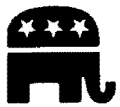


Benjamin Fernandez
Chairman

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cc: Mary Louise Smith, Chairman, Republican National Committee
Gary Engebretson, Co-Chairman, Republican National Committee
Delfin H. Pupo, Executive Committee Member,
Republican National Hispanic Assembly
Gilbert Pompa, Executive Committee Member,
Republican National Hispanic Assembly
Monte F. Montez, Executive Committee Member,
Republican National Hispanic Assembly
Jay Garcia, Director, Office of Spanish Speaking Affairs, RNC
Richard Thaxton, Director, Political Research Division, RNC
Joe Gaylord, Director, Special Voter Groups Division, RNC





Republican
National
Committee.

Mary Louise Smith
Chairman

*copy to
JTC & GA*

October 6, 1975

MEMORANDUM

To: Robert T. Hartmann

From: Mary Louise Smith *MSL*

Subject: Presidential Political
Invitations - update

For your information, attached is an updated list of requests for Presidential political travel and current status from my memo to you of September 10, which have been processed to date by the Republican National Committee.



#	Event	Date	State	Status
* 2	Republican St. Central Comm. of Calif. Fundraisers (L.A. & San Francisco)	Oct. 29, 30	CA	ACCEPTED
* 38	Connecticut Republican State Finance Comm. Fundraiser	Oct. 14	CONN	ACCEPTED
* 40	Rep. State Exec. Committee of W. Virginia Fundraiser	Nov. 11	WV	ACCEPTED
* 61	N.C. Republican Party Fundraiser luncheon	Nov. 14	NC	ACCEPTED
+ 67	Republican St. Comm. of Pennsylvania Fundraiser	Feb. 12	PA	Rec/Pending
73	Republican Party of Kentucky Fundraiser	Oct. 16	KY	ACCEPTED
74	Livingston County Rep. Comm. Fundraiser	Oct. 11	MICH	Regretted
75	New Mexico Federation of Republican Women St. Convention	Oct. 31	NM	Rec/Regretted
76	Midwest Republican Conference Conference Address	Jan. 30, 31	MICH	Hold
77	Republican Party of Virginia Fundraiser	Spr.	VA	Hold
78	Republican Party of Wisconsin Fundraiser	Oct. 30	WIS	ACCEPTED
79	Republican Party of Georgia Fundraiser	Nov. 14	GA	ACCEPTED
80	Henrico County Republican Committee Fundraiser	Oct.	VA	Regretted
81	Republican Central Comm. of Riverside Co. Fundraiser	Winter	CA	Hold
82	Bob Price Fundraiser	Feb	TX	Hold

* Invitations previously pending

+ Change in date



THE WHITE HOUSE
WASHINGTON

TO:

Mr Hartmann

FROM: PAUL THEIS

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THE WHITE HOUSE
WASHINGTON

October 8, 1975

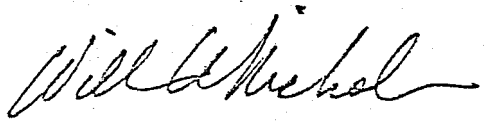
Dear Chairman:

This is to confirm my earlier conversation that the President has accepted your invitation to attend the Massachusetts Republican Committee's "Evening with President Ford" on Friday, November 7 in Boston.

The President will arrive at the event at approximately 6:30 p. m. and he will spend two and one-half hours participating in the fundraiser.

The President has asked me to express his thanks for your invitation. He is looking forward to a successful and enjoyable occasion.

Sincerely,



William W. Nicholson
Deputy Director
Scheduling Office

Honorable Mary Louise Smith
Chairman
Republican National Committee
310 First Street, S. E.
Washington, D. C.

- Mr. Hartmann
- Mr. Marsh
- Mr. Friedersdorf
- Mr. Calkins
- Mr. Cavaney
- Mr. O'Donnell
- Mr. Rosenberger
- Mrs. Rosenberger
- ✓ Mr. Rousek



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THE WHITE HOUSE
WASHINGTON

June 30, 1975

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MEMORANDUM FOR: ROBERT HARTMANN
THRU: MAX FRIEDERSDORF
FROM: PATRICK O'DONNELL *POD*
SUBJECT: Senator Edward W. Brooke (R-Mass)

Senator Brooke has asked us to lend assistance in securing a finalized date for our already approved Presidential fund-raising appearance on behalf of the Massachusetts Republican State Committee. As you know, the President agreed to do a similar event last winter, but it conflicted with his New England bicentennial appearance. He has, since that time, reiterated his willingness to Senator Brooke to reschedule the event for this fall.

State Chairman John Sears and Mrs. Donald Cutler who are organizing the fund-raiser, have asked the Senator to strongly urge that we tentatively lock in the Presidential appearance for either October 4 or October 11, 1975.

They hope to raise \$250,000 and want to get away from the standard sit-down, \$1000 per plate format. Instead, there will be a fat cat reception, immediately followed by several brief appearances which will be gradually scaled down to \$10 a head for the President's formal address.

Brooke indicates that the newly reorganized State party is now in reasonably good condition, but that they desperately need funds and are most anxious to secure as firm a timing commitment as possible.

Many thanks for any expeditious handling this matter may receive. I will be happy to act as the go-between with Brooke.

cc: Rustand ✓
Cheney
Kendall



to WSR ✓

April 23, 1975

The Honorable Edward W. Brooke
United States Senate
Washington, D.C. 20510

Dear Senator:

As you may be aware, your recent invitation to the President to visit Boston May 12 or 19 has been forwarded to the Republican National Committee for processing.

As you are also aware, because of a heavily committed schedule, the President will be unable to be in Boston on the days you suggested. I realize that you have spoken to the appropriate people at the White House, as well as to the President himself about this invitation, but I did want to confirm this information with you in writing. I understand that an invitation for the Fall is being considered and you may be assured as soon as it is received, it will be given our prompt attention.

Best regards.

Sincerely,

Mary Louise Smith

bcc: ✓ Warren Rustand
Gwen Anderson

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THE WHITE HOUSE

WASHINGTON

April 5, 1975

MEMO OF PHONE CALL FROM CHARIMAN JOHN SEARS, REPUBLICAN STATE
COMMITTEE, APRIL 4, 1975

Sears knew of my conversation with Anne Witherby of the day before but called to express his thanks for our efforts in trying to work something out and to further express his own opinion that, given his druthers, he would prefer to have the President in late September or October. This would put good distance between the Reagan appearance on May 30 and the Presidential appearance in Massachusetts and, further, would give Sears and his troup ample opportunity to plan the event and to sell the tickets starting right after Labor Day.

However, he said that if there was any doubt that the President might be able to accept later in the year, then he would much prefer to do a quickie on May 12 or in late June. In short, he wants the bird in hand.

My own view is that if we could virtually assure him of a Presidential appearance in September-October, we could cool this for the moment, and they would be perfectly happy to make long-range plans. Sears feels that Senator Brooke (who is out of the country at present) would agree with him.



Jack Calkins



Memo of Phone Call from Mrs. Witherby, Republican State Finance
Chairman of Massachusetts. (Telephone: (617) 723-3330) April 3, 1975

President had agreed with Senator Brook to do a fund raiser in Massachusetts, probably in May. Dates suggested by Brook were May 12 and 19. Now it develops that Ronald Reagan is signed up to do a fund raiser for Middlesex County Republican group in Lexington on May 30 at \$100 per head. Their goal is to raise \$100,000.

Mrs. W. opines that May 12 is not far away and probably too short a lead time to crank up a full blown fund raising dinner. Also, it might look as though the President had jumped in to compete with Reagan (Invitations to Reagan affair are now out).

She offered several factors for consideration -

If May 12 is good for President, would he mind having an informal reception instead of a sit down dinner?

May 19 (other date offered by Brook) is much too close to Reagan appearance and would probably cause both events to lose money that otherwise could be raised.

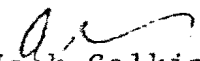
How about late June for either informal reception or dinner with President as main speaker?

If June unlikely, how about October?

I sense what she would really prefer would be an event in late June which would give them adequate time for preparation and ticket selling but would not be right on top of Reagan's appearance. However, she is anxious to get the President under any circumstances and is pressing for some sort of commitment. Recall that he had committed to a date up there last October but had to cancel.

She would like to get a resolution on this as soon as possible for planning purposes. Can we do?

Incidentally, she says new Massachusetts GOP Chairman, John Sears, is doing "a magnificent job."


Jack Calkins

Date May 12 or 19

Action _____

Sponsor: Massachusetts Republican Committee

Place: _____ City: Boston State: Massachusetts

Type of Event: Fundraiser
"An evening with President Ford" Attendance: _____

Requested by: Senator Brooke

Address: _____ Phone: _____

Congressional district: 7 - 9, 11 Republican Congressman: _____

Number of Conv. delegates: 43 Media coverage: _____

Recommendations: 617/523-7535

State Chairman: John Sears - doesn't feel timing is good. Too close to Apr. 18 Presidential visit (bicentennial). Also, Gov. Reagan coming in May 30. Sears will be out of country May 16. Would prefer Oct. 12 May is doable but to do right by the President, they'd like more time.

Sponsoring organization: (financial position)

Fieldman: Bill Baltaks - would like to see combined trip to N.H. or other N.E. states. May may not be a good time for Presidential visit in that Gov. Reagan will be in Middlesex for fundraiser May 30.

Charlie Peckham: I tend to agree with the State Chairman that the President would be better off going in the Fall. However, in view of Senator Brooke's interest and the fact that it's a state committee event, I believe we should recommend the trip but leave the date up to the White House.

Chairman Smith: _____

Should be accepted if at all possible _____

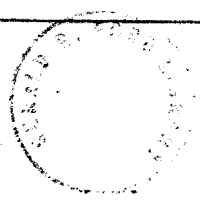
Strongly recommended _____

Recommended X

Worth considering if consistent with future schedules _____

Not recommended _____

Rejected _____ reason: _____



March 20, 1975

Mrs. Frederick R. H. Witherby
Chairman
Massachusetts Republican Finance Committee
73 Tremont Street
Boston, Massachusetts 02108

Dear Mrs. Witherby:

As you know, your invitation to the President to attend a fund raising event in Boston April 19 has been forwarded to the Republican National Committee for response.

Kathy Plowman has told me of her conversations with you concerning this invitation as well as others, and I do understand your disappointment in the President's not being able to accept your invitation for this particular event on the 19th of April. Please be assured that we will do all we can on behalf of the Massachusetts Republican Party regarding any requests for Executive travel to your state.

Again, I'm sorry the President must regret this invitation for April 19 because of prior commitments. We will be in touch with you regarding the status of any other requests for the President to visit Massachusetts.

In the meantime, my best personal regards to you.

Sincerely,

Mary Louise Smith

bcc ✓ Warren Rustand

kp



March 13, 1975

Dear Senator:

This will acknowledge receipt and thank you for your March 10 letter to the President about the possibility of his attending the Republican State Committee's fund-raiser in Boston on May 12 or 19.

I do want to assure you that I shall call your letter to the President's attention without delay. I know you will hear further as soon as possible.

With warm regards,

Sincerely,

William T. Kendall
Deputy Assistant
to the President

The Honorable Edward W. Brooke
United States Senate
Washington, D. C. 20510

~~bcc:~~ w/incoming to Warren Rustand for further handling.
bcc: w/incoming to Bob Hartmann - FYI
bcc: w/incoming to Nancy Kennedy for pending file

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UNITED STATES SENATE
WASHINGTON, D. C.

EDWARD W. BROOKE
MASSACHUSETTS

March 10, 1975

Mr. President:


Revitalization of the Republican Party has begun in Massachusetts. Reorganization and rebuilding have moved from the blueprint to the implementation stage.

A visit by you to Boston on May 12th or 19th would bring from \$150,000 to \$200,000 into the Republican State Committee treasury enabling us to rebuild and gear up for the 1976 elections.

We want to scale the ticket price from \$100 to \$10 per person to maximize participation. We suggest an informal format of "An Evening with President Ford" rather than the more traditional sit-down dinner.

I have assured Bob Hartmann we are prepared to co-operate in any and every way to accommodate your taxing schedule. Your visit would be a boon for our Party in Massachusetts. I truly hope it will be possible for you to accept.

Sincerely yours,


Edward W. Brooke

The President
The White House
Washington, D.C.



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THE WHITE HOUSE

WASHINGTON

February 10, 1975

MEMORANDUM TO: Warren Rustand

FROM: Jack Calkins 

Bob Hartmann asked me to feed you the following information.

Sen. Edward Brooke called Bob on February 7 expressing his strong interest in having the President appear at a State Committee Fundraiser in April or May. The Senator knew that the President is likely scheduled for Massachusetts in April as part of the Bicentennial Celebration. Bob explained that it is White House policy to keep political appearances and Bicentennial events entirely separate and Brooke agreed and understood. Therefore, he began talking about a Presidential appearance at a GOP Fundraiser in May. Hartmann agreed to informally discuss the matter with the President. He did so, and the President expressed a willingness to go if a date can be agreed upon.

Senator Brooke will send a letter of formal invitation giving several alternate dates in May. Please keep this memo as backup information for the arrival of that letter.

Political note: Senator Brooke has in the past remained rather apart from the State Republican organization because he believed them to be out of step with the times. However, the former State Chairman was deposed two weeks ago and the Senator apparently now wants to cooperate fully with the State Committee in revitalizing it including of course in fundraising. Hence his great interest in the above matter.

cc: Pat O'Donnell



Please see attachment

December 3, 1974

Dear Mrs. Witherby:

The President has asked me to thank you for your kind letter of November 1, which you sent to him through me, inviting him, on behalf of the Massachusetts Republican Finance Committee, to come to Boston next April during its three-day Bicentennial Celebration and, if while he is there, attend a Republican event.

While, as I am sure you will fully appreciate, the President cannot make a commitment this far ahead, your suggestion, particularly with reference to doing something for the Republican Party in Massachusetts, will be carefully considered and we will be back in touch with you just as soon as it is possible early in the new year.

With the President's very best wishes.

Sincerely,

Warren S. Rustand
Appointments Secretary
to the President

Mrs. Frederick R. H. Witherby
Chairman
Massachusetts Republican Finance Committee
73 Tremont Street
Boston, Massachusetts 02108



cc and incmg to Helen Donaldson for early 1975 cal. cons.

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MASSACHUSETTS REPUBLICAN FINANCE COMMITTEE

73 TREMONT STREET, BOSTON, MASSACHUSETTS 02108, 723-3330

NOV 14 1974
November 9, 1974

Dear Mr. Rustand:

I have held up the enclosed letter to President Ford so that I could write this note to you to go along with it. I understand that you have moved from the Executive Offices to the White House along with the President. Congratulations.

Since writing the enclosed letter and talking with the people in your office, we have had the discouraging election returns. We have lost our incumbent Governor which is a real blow and the only other Statewide office which had a chance of going Republican was fought for hard and well and was very close because of a great candidate. But they are all down and out now.

Somehow we in the Party will have to survive. It has not been easy in the last few years anyway and we, at least in Finance, have actually made progress by cutting our debt and financially supporting Republican candidates this fall.

Can you please give our invitation to the President some thought and let me know in the near future what your thinking is about it? April is only five months away and it is important for us in our planning for the new year to know if the President might be in Boston for a Republican event. I do believe that the President will really want to be here for this Nationally important Bicentennial occasion. We all hope so. It would make such a tremendous difference.

Sincerely yours,



Mrs. Frederick R. H. Witherby
Chairman

Mr. Warren Rustand
The White House
Washington D.C.



11/19/75
MASSACHUSETTS REPUBLICAN FINANCE COMMITTEE

73 TREMONT STREET, BOSTON, MASSACHUSETTS 02108, 723-3330

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Mrs. Frederick R. H. Witherby

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Andrew A. Hunter

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November 1, 1974

Dear Mr. President:

We in the Republican Party here in Massachusetts would like to extend an invitation to you to come to Boston during our three-day Bicentennial Celebration in April of next year. The dates of the Celebration are Saturday, Sunday and Monday, April 19, 20 and 21, 1975.

I am sure that you will be urged to participate during that period which commemorates such an important time in our history. If, while you are here, you can plan to help our Republican treasury it would be greatly appreciated and also a great pleasure.

We think that if there is a choice of date and time, that Saturday, the 19th, would be the best day and luncheon the best time for a Republican Event. There will be a parade in Boston that day.

We were so disappointed that you had to cancel your scheduled visit here last month. It meant that our accounts remain in weakened condition and still need a boost. We will survive somehow in Massachusetts but things are not too hopeful for the 5th. We are working hard and keeping our fingers crossed and are glad you are working to help the Party.

Sincerely,

FHW

Mrs. Frederick R.H. Witherby

The Honorable Gerald R. Ford
President of the United States
The White House
Washington, D.C.



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Andrew A. Hunter

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

Dear Mr. Marsh:

I was grateful to have had a chance to talk with you Saturday morning, and also to know that you and Mr. Rustand will communicate on our behalf and get back to me toward the end of this week.

The enclosed will give you an idea of how Boston is preparing itself for the up coming Bicentennial. There will be a whole round of events during the opening 3 day celebration this spring. Many hotels and reception places have already been spoken for and this is only one reason that we must move if we are to honor President Ford at that time.

Other reasons include the fact that this year's scheduling of events, political as well as for fund-raising, will adjust around the visit of the President, if indeed he will visit us. Also, that our Republican fund-raising event could be synchronized with the Massachusetts Federation of Republican Women's. Also, that time is getting short to run the very special type of event worthy of the President's appearance.

April 18th or 19th seems like such a natural for the President to be in Boston and we really think he will want to help us out especially after we were so disappointed in October at "losing" him.

We know some of the people who are helping to run the Bicentennial and would be glad to work out any program with them that you might think advisable.

Many thanks for helping us get started with this effort which could well be not only of historic significance, but also the highlight of the year for the Republican Party and the beginning of its revival in Massachusetts and New England.

Copy: Mr. Warren Rustand
AW:jl

Sincerely,

ACTION

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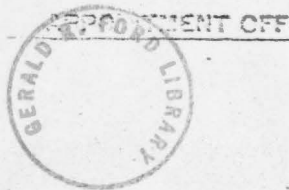
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MESSAGE

SPEAKERS BUREAU

OTHER





Rhode Island Republican State Central Committee

THOMAS E. WRIGHT
CHAIRMAN

87 WEYBOSSET STREET
PROVIDENCE, R. I. 02903
(401) 421-2570

January 22, 1975

T/D _____
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JAN 27 1975

Mr. Warren Rustand
Office of the President
of the United States
White House
1600 Pennsylvania Avenue
Washington, D.C. 20003

Dear Mr. Rustand:

On behalf of the New England Republican Council, I would like to head our endorsement and encouragement to the possibility of the President accepting an invitation from our Massachusetts Finance Committee for an appearance on or about April 18, 1975 in conjunction with the Bicentennial Celebration. In that the Commonwealth of Massachusetts is the birth place of our nation, we find it would be appropriate for the President to kick off our Nation's 200th anniversary.

Any help that you can give us would be greatly appreciated.

Very truly yours,

Thomas E. Wright
Chairman

TEW/dc



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THE WHITE HOUSE

WASHINGTON

October 27, 1975

MEMORANDUM FOR: CHARLIE PECKHAM

FROM: RED CAVANEY *RC*

Recently I have received several letters concerning the GOP Meetings and functions on the President's trips out of town. The party hosts have been disappointed that individual photographs were not taken during these events. Since only one White House photographer travels on each trip, it is our policy to allow and strongly encourage that the GOP bring its own photographer to cover these functions. On several occasions, comments I received referred to guidance from the RNC indicating that the White House photographer would take all the necessary photos. I would appreciate your help in correcting this erroneous information in the future.

✓ cc: R. Hartmann
J. Jones

9-10-75

RNC will notify state to have their own ^{local} photographer on hand to take pictures. Individual states will pick up costs.

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MEMORANDUM

**national
black
republican
council**

TO : NATIONAL, STATE AND LOCAL COUNCIL LEADERSHIP
FROM : DR. HENRY LUCAS, CHAIRMAN
DATE : OCTOBER 31, 1975

Our first national meeting of the council was held on September 13, 1975 in Denver, Colorado. Twenty-two states and the District of Columbia were represented. It was successful as it brought about the feeling of togetherness among our various councils.

Given the limitations of travel and the need to be concerned about expenses and costs to our individual members, most of the council's work, as you know, is done at the local level. The Denver meeting reflected the work that had been done at all levels and allowed us to feel the strength of being a national body.

The meeting also made clear the tremendous amount of work we must do if we are to have our states complete the organization of the various local groups within their borders. I want to list now, some of the actions taken:

- 1) NBRC will hold a national meeting in March of '76. The location and date yet to be determined.
- 2) NBRC's national convention will be held two days prior to the Republican National Convention. The location will be Kansas City, Kansas so as to being close to Kansas City, Missouri, the site for the Republican National Convention.
- 3) The Regional Chairman should begin to develop regional programs.
 - a) They should name regional standing committees that coincide with the national standing committees. The chairman of the standing committees should then name a person in each state for the committee so that the work of the committee can be carried on at the state level.



Of particular importance is the need for the Issues Committee to hold its meetings and be prepared to report February 2, 1976, so that issues can be presented at our next national meeting in March.

- b) They should begin planning for regional fund-raising events. This should be coordinated through John Wilks, Executive Director and T. M. Alexander, Sr., Chairman of the Finance Committee.
- c) Regional meetings should be held.
- d) Make contact with all of the state chairmen within their region.
- 4) State Chairmen should complete the organization of the appropriate localities within their borders.
 - a) Monthly reports of activities should be mailed to John L. Wilks, Executive Director, so that general circulation of newsletters can proceed.
- 5) Fees are \$10.00. The annual minimum fee of \$10.00 is due January 1, 1976 and membership will be delinquent if not paid by April 30, 1976. The entire fee of \$10.00 must be submitted.
- 6) The state and local portions of fee is available once a state has a hundred members and thus eligible for its charter.
- 7) In order to support the activities of the council Century Club, \$100.00 membership should be encouraged where persons can afford and want to be supportive.
- 8) States having difficulty communicating with the state committee should make this known to the national chairman.
- 9) Each council should set-up a committee to encourage delegate participation.
- 10) Gloria Toote, General Council, agreed to develop an entertainment fund-raising package through her contacts in the record of the theatrical world.
- 11) Councils should anticipate taking part in national registration drives in early '76.
- 12) Committees and councils should be on the lookout for candidates or persons who are interested in becoming a candidate for local, state, and national offices.
- 13) Mayor Ed Bivens, Secretary-Treasurer NBRC and also Vice-Chairman, Mid-Western region relinquished his position of Mid-Western Chairman to George Cathcart of Detroit, Michigan.

- 14) All councils should have the general council advised on the appropriate official procedures for meeting the organizational and reporting requirements in that particular state.
- 15) Appreciation is in order for the excellent job performed by Lou Dodds and associates in Denver for the arrangements for the first national conference.
- 16) The Executive Director recommends that local councils begin to hold monthly NBRC forums.

(Additional information can be provided if necessary)



THE WHITE HOUSE

WASHINGTON

November 4, 1975

MEMORANDUM TO: ROBERT T. HARTMANN

FROM: GWEN ANDERSON

At my suggestion, Gary Engebretson, Executive Assistant to the Chairman, at the RNC met with me today in my office and subsequently with Margita White to implement my idea of having the President's veto messages and fact sheets distributed to all of the members of the National Committee.

A packet of all fact sheets and veto messages will be put together and distributed as soon as possible. Subsequently, as fact sheets and veto messages are prepared, they will also be forwarded to the members as talking papers. These will be reprinted by the RNC before distribution.

It would seem that there would be no problem with this since once the fact sheets and veto messages are distributed by the Press Office, they become accessible to the public.

GAA:rg
cc: JTC



THE WHITE HOUSE

WASHINGTON


November 7, 1975

ADMINISTRATIVELY CONFIDENTIAL

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ROBERT T. HARTMANN

FROM:

JAMES E. CONNOR 

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Republican National Committee
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Please follow-up with appropriate action.

cc: Dick Cheney

Called M L S 11/8
Called Bryce
11/10



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THE WHITE HOUSE
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P. H. - has orig.

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