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THE WHITE HOUSE

WASHINGTON

August 19, 1974

MEETING WITH REP. GEORGE E. BROWN, JR. (D-CA)

12:05 - 12:10 p. m. (5 min)

Tuesday, August 20, 1974

The Oval Office

Via: William E. Timmons *WET*

From: Powell A. Moore *P.A.M.*

I. PURPOSE

For Representative Brown to have his photograph taken with the President when he signs a private bill to confer United States citizenship posthumously upon Lance Corporal Federico Silva of San Bernardino, California.

II. BACKGROUND, PARTICIPANTS AND PRESS PLAN

A. Background:

1. The late Corporal Silva was born in Mexico in 1946 and admitted to the United States for permanent residence in April 1956. His mother and several of his 15 brothers and sisters have become citizens and his application was pending when he was killed in Vietnam in December of 1965. He postponed becoming a missionary in order to enlist in the Army and he received six decorations and awards, including the Purple Heart.
2. The bill was suggested to Rep. Brown by the San Bernardino Junior Chamber of Commerce, the editors of the local newspaper and other civic leaders.



He introduced it and herded it through Congress. Rep. Brown asked to be present when the bill was signed and he also asked to be allowed to invite several others , including Silva's parents. In order to minimize the risk of being accused by Republicans in his District of giving a boost to Brown politically, we turned down his request for other participants in the thought that we should not raise the visibility of the event more than necessary. The brief time available for this appointment prohibits the inclusion of a large delegation.

B. Participants:

The President
Rep. George E. Brown, Jr. (D-Ca)
Max L. Friedersdorf

C. Press Plan:

Announce to press only. White House photographer to be present.

III. TALKING POINTS

George, I have heard about your efforts to get the worthwhile private bill passed and I know your work is greatly appreciated in San Bernardino.

Corporal Silva must have been a fine young man and it makes one sad that he lost his life in the service of this country before he had an opportunity to become a citizen, especially in view of the apparent importance of American citizenship to him and his family. Anyone who takes citizenship for granted should hear the story of Corporal Silva. He represents the finest of his generation.

George, it is a privilege for me to sign this bill and and I want you to have this pen.

August 22, 1974

Dear George:

Enclosed are some pictures from your meeting with the President on Tuesday when he signed your private bill conferring citizenship posthumously upon Lance Corporal Federico Silva.

We are pleased that this ceremony could be arranged.

With kind regards.

Sincerely,

Max L. Friedersdorf
Deputy Assistant to
the President

Honorable George E. Brown
House of Representatives
Washington, D. C. 20515

MLF:nk

enclosures: 2 copies of: 20AG74 A0247-20
2 copies of: 20AG74 A0246-16



August 22, 1974

MEMORANDUM FOR THE PRESIDENT

FROM: William E. Timmons
SUBJECT: Right Wing

There is a mini-revolt among congressional conservatives over some of this week's activities such as

- Amnesty
- Rockefeller announcement
- Black Caucus
- Public Service Employment
- Rhodesian chrome
- Equal Rights for Women

The House funny-farm rumors are that you will come out soon for basing, gun control and abortion.

Therefore, I recommend you schedule separate meetings upon Congress' return with the Senate and House "Steering Committees" (Carl Curtis and Lamar Baker are chairmen). If you approve we'll prepare some conservative issues to discuss at these meetings.

SCHEDULE BOTH "STEERING" GROUPS _____

DO NOT SCHEDULE _____

SEE ME _____



THE WHITE HOUSE
WASHINGTON

August 23, 1974

MEMORANDUM FOR: BILL TIMMONS
FROM: MAX FRIEDERSDORF *mf.*
SUBJECT: Retiring Congressmen

Those GOP Members of the House who are retiring at the close of the 93rd Congress are envious of their colleagues who were photographed with the President yesterday.

The retirees would like individual photos with the President as keepsakes.

Furthermore, we will still need their votes between now and January 3, 1975.

What think?



SCHEDULE PROPOSAL

Date: August 23, 1974
From: William E. Timmons
Via: David N. Parker

PURPOSE: Private signing ceremony for H. R. 6485, the "Maryland Tobacco Bill".

DATE: Week of August 26th, preferably Friday, August 30th.

FORMAT:
- 5 minutes
- The Oval Office

PARTICIPANTS:
The President
Rep. John Breckinridge (D-Ky)
Rep. Tim Lee Carter (R-Ky) *
Rep. Carl Perkins (D-Ky) *
Rep. Gene Snyder (R-Ky) *
William E. Timmons

* These Members are co-sponsors of this bill and should be invited to the signing ceremony, but will probably be out-of-town due to recess.

BACKGROUND:

1. Rep. John Breckinridge has requested this private signing ceremony for H. R. 6485 which he introduced. The bill is very significant to the State of Kentucky.
2. Rep. Breckinridge has specifically requested the signing occur on Friday, August 30th, because of his schedule recess.
3. H. R. 6485 is a "clean" bill, having been changed to concur with recommendations of the Department of Agriculture.



ACTION

August 23, 1974

MEMORANDUM FOR: GENERAL ALEXANDER HAIG
FROM: WILLIAM E. TIMMONS
SUBJECT: Presidential Meetings

Will you see if there is any legislative follow-up required by this office from President's meetings with:

- Wilbur Mills**
- Mike Mansfield**
- Thursday night private dinner**

As you know, no staff was present on these occasions and therefore we don't know if there are action items to be pursued.



SCHEDULE PROPOSAL

Date: August 24, 1974
From: William E. Timmons
Via: David N. Parker

WHO: Jack M. Straight, Q. C.

PURPOSE: Courtesy Call

DATE: Anytime on September 4, 5 or 6.

FORMAT:
- 5 minutes
- The Oval Office

PARTICIPANTS: The President
Jack M. Straight, Q. C.
William E. Timmons

PRESS PLAN: To be announced as courtesy call. White House photographer only.

BACKGROUND:

1. Straight is the Imperial Potentate for the Shrine for all North America (A.A.O.N.M.S.). He heads up millions of Freemasons who belong to this fan group. (They are the guys with the fed fences.)
2. His address is P. O. Box 2260, New Westminster, British Columbia, U3L 5A5
3. Rep. John Rhodes' office called to request this brief appointment. Mary Murphy in Rhodes' office is our contact.



August 24, 1974

MEETING WITH SPEAKER ALBERT

11:05 - 11:15 a. m. (10 minutes)

Saturday, August 24, 1974

The Oval Office

From: William E. Timmons

I. PURPOSE

To urge speedy confirmation of Rockefeller and no lame duck session of Congress.

II. BACKGROUND, PARTICIPANTS AND PRESS PLAN

A. Background:

1. The Speaker will attend the 11:00 a. m. signing of the Cost of Living Council monitoring organization. The President should ask him to remain for a few minutes.
2. The President can use this occasion to once again thank the Speaker for his courtesies and cooperation and to request prompt consideration of Governor Rockefeller's nomination (Rocky has already pledged not to campaign against incumbent Democrats).
3. The President may wish to tell the Speaker that he will have a message to Congress asking for a few realistic bills before adjournment, and hopes there will not be a lame duck session.

B. Participants:

The President and Speaker Albert alone.

C. Press Plan:

The White House Press Office to announce the private meeting with the Speaker on legislative issues. White House photograph only.



THE WHITE HOUSE

WASHINGTON

August 28, 1974

MEMORANDUM FOR: WILLIAM E. TIMMONS
THRU: MAX L. FRIEDERSDORF *m.f.*
FROM: VERN LOEN *VL*
SUBJECT: MC Ed Derwinski, R-III.

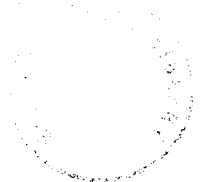
Ed called yesterday to renew his request (for the umpteenth time) that he and seven American spokesmen for the Baltic States (Lithuania, Latvia, Estonia) be granted an early audience with the President.

Main purpose would be to urge the President, like his predecessors, to deny recognition of the Soviet incorporation of the Baltic States. A verbal expression of sympathy from the President for those enslaved peoples is all they want.

Ed, of course, is director of the Nationalities Division of the Republican National Committee. He sees political benefit among these ethnic groups from such a brief meeting.

They never did get to see President Nixon. Their last audience was with President Johnson.

Ed also endorses the written request of Postmaster General Klassen to see the President in the near future. He feels there has been too little communication between the White House and Postal Service in the past couple of years.



THE WHITE HOUSE

WASHINGTON

SCHEDULE PROPOSAL

Date: August 28, 1974

From: William E. Timmons *BT*

Via: David N. Parker

PURPOSE: To meet with Republican Members of Ways and Means Committee to urge support for Comprehensive National Health Insurance Legislation.

DATE: September 12 or 13, 1974.

FORMAT: - 30 minutes
- Cabinet Room

PARTICIPANTS: In attached list.

BACKGROUND: A. Ways and Means Committee Members are split over three plans: Administration, American Medical Association and Senator Kennedy's. If Republicans could get together, there is a chance of enacting a compromise plan this year.

B. Chairman Wilbur Mills has requested the President's assistance with GOP Members.

PRESS PLAN: Meeting to be announced by Press Office. White House photographer only.

PARTICIPANTS

The President

Rep. Herman Schneebeli (R-Pa)
Rep. Harold Collier (R-Ill)
Rep. Joel Broyhill (R-Va)
Rep. Barber Conable (R-NY)
Rep. Charles Chamberlain (R-Mich)
Rep. Jerry Pettis (R-Ca)
Rep. John Duncan (R-Tenn)
Rep. Donald Brotzman (R-Colo)
Rep. Donald Clancy (R-Ohio)
Rep. Bill Archer (R-Tex)

William E. Timmons



THE WHITE HOUSE
WASHINGTON

Date: August 30, 1974

MEMORANDUM FOR: ~~GWEN ANDERSON~~
~~ROBERT HARTMANN~~
~~BILL TIMMONS~~

WARREN RUSTAND

FROM: ~~XXXXXXXXXX~~

RE: Suggestions that the President attend
a celebration for Les Arends in Illinois
on a Sunday afternoon in October.

The attached is being sent to you for your advice and
recommendation.

Would you advise as soon as possible.

Thank you.

COMMENTS:

Warren 8/30

This is worthwhile event +
concur in recommendation.
has worked closely with Ford
when Minority Leader + this
respect is proper + deserved if
schedule can be arranged.

R.T.



ILLINOIS REPUBLICAN



STATE CENTRAL COMMITTEE

JOHN DUFF
320 EAST MULBERRY STREET
WATSEKA, ILLINOIS 60970

PHONE: 815 / 432-2045

17TH CONGRESSIONAL DISTRICT STATE CENTRAL COMMITTEEMAN

*Invitation
(cc7.)*

August 24, 1974

ACTION
T/D _____
SCHEDULE BD. _____
DATE RECEIVED
AUG 27 1974
RMN MESSAGE _____
SPEAKERS BUREAU _____
OTHER _____
APPOINTMENT OFFICE

The Honorable Gerald R. Ford
President of the United States
The White House
Washington, D. C. 2000

Dear Mr. President:

Being State Central Committeeman for Les Arends' old 17th Congressional District and having spent most of a lifetime under his special form of Heartland Republicanism, I feel that his retirement deserves a very particular occasion of note and most respectfully urge that you arrange to appear in Ford County to properly distinguish the celebration of the fulfillment of these many years of faithful service by this very lively legend in our Grand Old Party.

I join with the other members of our Republican family who are writing on this matter in the hopeful expectation that it may be accomplished, and suggest that a Sunday afternoon in October would be most propitious.

In the New Spirit of 74

John W. Duff
John W. Duff



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Invitation



ILLINOIS STATE SENATE

EDWARD MCBROOM

SENATOR

43RD LEGISLATIVE DISTRICT

PHONE 933-5541
820 SOUTH MAIN STREET
KANKAKEE, ILLINOIS 60901

August 24, 1974

Subject: Honorable Leslie C. Arends
Member of Congress
Melvin, Illinois ACTION

T/D	_____
SCHEDULE BD.	_____
DATE RECEIVED	_____
AUG 27 1974	
RMN MESSAGE	_____
SPEAKERS BUREAU	_____
OTHER	_____
APPOINTMENT OFFICE	

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

Dear Mr. President:

It has occurred to many of us in the 15th and 17th Congressional Districts, that some type of farewell tribute should be offered to Congressman Arends. I know that you will be receiving other letters on this subject. This is my personal invitation to you.

Please let me underscore the fact that this idea was not initiated by Congressman Arends. Of course, the final determination will be your judgment and I don't have to sell you on Les' attributes.

We are thinking about a huge farewell tribute on a Sunday afternoon in October. I would greatly appreciate hearing from you.

My sincere and heartfelt congratulations.

Very truly yours,

Edward McBroom
Edward McBroom

EM:B
cc: Cong. Arends
Cong. O'Brien





THOMAS M. ANDERSON, JR.
308 West Elm Street
Earlville, Illinois 60513

Off: 815 / 246-8121
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15TH CONGRESSIONAL DISTRICT STATE CENTRAL COMMITTEEMAN

August 23, 1974

ACTION
T/D _____
SCHEDULE BD. _____
DATE RECEIVED
AUG 27 1974
MAIN MESSAGE _____
SPEAKERS BUREAU _____
OTHER _____
APPOINTMENT OFFICE

President Gerald R. Ford
The White House
1600 Pennsylvania Avenue
Washington, D. C.

Dear President Ford:

This year marks the retirement of Leslie C. Arends after 40 years of distinguished service in the United States House of Representatives. We of the 15th Congressional District of Illinois are justly proud of his service and dedication to our nation and wish to honor Congressman Arends upon his retirement.

Republican leaders of the 15th Congressional District intend to host a testimonial event in honor of Congressman Arends on a Sunday afternoon this forthcoming October at Melvin, Illinois, home of Mr. Arends. I fully realize the tremendous demands upon your time and energies but we do hope that you might be present at this event. Consequently, we have purposely not set a definite date so that you might advise us as to when it might be possible for you to attend.

Your presence will be a rallying point for all Illinois Republicans and would serve as a fitting tribute to Les Arends.

I earnestly request that you give this invitation your most serious consideration. Thanking you in advance, I am,

Sincerely yours,

Thomas M. Anderson, Jr.

JR:lr



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REPRESENTATIVE COMMITTEEMAN

RAY R. DAVIS
Paxton

President Gerald R. Ford
The White House
Washington, D. C.

Dear Mr. President:

The people Les Arends has served so well for 40 years in the 15th and 17th Congressional Districts of Illinois feel that he should be given an outward expression of the honor he so richly deserves.

In 1960 Vice President Richard M. Nixon came to Melvin, Illinois to honor Congressman Arends for his dedicated service to our great country.

In the 14 years since then his service has reached a pinnacle unique in American history.

Therefore, we feel that upon his retirement only the President of the United States could pay him the honor he has earned.

As County Chairman of his home county and on behalf of the people in the 15th and 17th Congressional Districts, I ask you to please come to Ford County a Sunday afternoon of your choosing in October this year, and help us show him our appreciation.

I know you are busy, but you will get busier and this is the only time Les Arends will retire from 40 years in Congress.

I await your reply with best wishes for your continued success.

Sincerely,

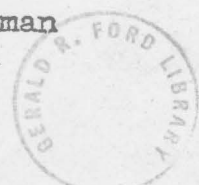
Chas. S. Hamm

Charles S. Hamm, Chairman
Ford County Republican
Central Committee

CSH:V

cc: Les Arends

P. S. We well remember when you spoke at our Lincoln Day Dinner in 1972.



SCHEDULE PROPOSAL

Date: September 4, 1974
From: William E. Timmons
Via: Warren Rustand

PURPOSE: Banquet honoring retiring GOP Whip Les Arends.

DATE: 2nd week in October.

FORMAT: Washington, D. C. hotel
One hour - or 15 minute dropby

BACKGROUND:

1. Mark Evans (244-5151) called to say he and Bill Marriott would like to put together a party of Les' friends to pay tribute to him on his retirement this year from Congress.
2. They hope it can be as close to October 11th as possible but will set a date convenient to the President's schedule if he can attend - even briefly.
3. The President and Mr. Arends are close friends and were working partners in Congress for years.
4. Please let Bill Timmons know if President's willing to participate and date selected.



SCHEDULE PROPOSAL

Date: September 4, 1974
From: William E. Timmons
Via: Warren Rustad

WHO: Rep. Les Arends (R-Ill), Governor Dan Walker
and official from University of Illinois

PURPOSE: To extend personal invitation to President to
attend the University of Michigan versus University
of Illinois football game on October 19th.

DATE: Anytime week of September 16th.

FORMAT: - 5 minutes
- Oval Office

STAFF: Bill Timmons

BACKGROUND: A. This request comes from Les Arends who
recognizes it may be impossible for the
President to actually attend the game.

B. This event is 50th anniversary of opening of
the University's Football Stadium. Red Grange
played that game (and Arends was there too!).

*Arends declined - no longer
weds mtg - 10-9-74*



Max - FYI

THE WHITE HOUSE

WASHINGTON

SCHEDULE PROPOSAL

Date: September 5, 1974

From: William E. Timmons

Via: Warren Rustand

BT

WHO: Rep. Don Riegle (D-Mich).

PURPOSE: To discuss his economic study with the President personally.

DATE: Anytime week of September 9 except Friday.

FORMAT: - 15 minutes.
- Oval Office.

PARTICIPANTS: The President
Rep. Don Riegle
William E. Timmons

BACKGROUND: A. Riegle has been a Michigan friend of the President for many years.

B. Don has worked on an economic study with economists and business-labor leaders.

C. He called Mildred Leonard to request a brief appointment with the President to discuss the report.

came in 9/19/74 at 4:30 pm.



September 9, 1974

MEMORANDUM FOR: WARREN RUSTAND
FROM: WILLIAM E. TIMMONS
SUBJECT: Congressional Hour

I would like very much to schedule a Congressional Hour for Thursday, September 12th, and bring in the following Members:

Rep. Earl Landgrebe - 5 minutes - memo of Sept. 6

Rep. Don Riegel - 15 minutes - memo of Sept. 5

~~Sen. George McGovern - 10 minutes - memo of Aug. 10~~

Sen. J. Glenn Beall - 5 minutes - memo of Sept. 5

Rep. David Satterfield (Bill Eagle) - 5 minutes - memo of Aug. 16

Rep. Orval Hansen - 10 minutes - memo of August 31

Rep. Don Clawson (Seas Conference) - 10 minutes - memo of Aug. 23

Please advise if this will be possible. September 11th is too soon to put this together as the House does not reconvene until that day.



THE WHITE HOUSE

WASHINGTON

September 10, 1974

MEETING WITH REP. JOHN RHODES (R-ARIZ)

1:00 - 1:30 p.m. (30 min)

Dubb, ~~Thursday~~, Thursday, September 10, 1974
The Oval Office

From: William E. Timmons *BT*

I. PURPOSE

Meeting at Mr. Rhodes' request.

II. BACKGROUND, PARTICIPANTS AND PRESS PLAN

A. Background:

1. Rhodes asked Timmons to arrange this meeting to cover several issues (unspecified).
2. John originally was going to explore the President's intentions regarding former President Nixon but that will not now be necessary.

B. Participants:

The President
Rep. John J. Rhodes
William E. Timmons

C. Press Plan:

Press Office to announce meeting as one to discuss legislative issues. No photograph required.

III. TALKING POINTS

In Tab A.



TALKING POINTS

- A. John, thanks for your public support for my decision to pardon Richard Nixon. While there is criticism, I felt it is the best course to follow.
- B. I want you to know some Congressional activities I have planned this week:
1. Republican Leaders on Wednesday to review the pre-summit inflation conferences and legislation for the fall term.
 2. Bipartisan Leaders on Thursday to discuss Foreign Aid and international developments.
 3. Wayne Hays on Thursday afternoon to talk about Campaign Reform.
 4. The leaders of the Joint Budget Committee -- you, Ullman, Muskie and Dominick -- on Friday with Roy Ash.
- C. John, I asked my staff to review with you the first draft of a Message to Congress which we will explore at tomorrow's GOP meeting. What were your general observations? (NOTE: his views are attached.)

THE WHITE HOUSE

WASHINGTON

September 7, 1974

MEMORANDUM FOR: BILL TIMMONS

FROM: GENE AINSWORTH

SUBJECT: Comments of Rep. John Rhodes on
Draft #3 of the Presidential Message
to Congress

In general, John suggests that the message be reduced in the number of specific pieces of legislation mentioned, the idea being that the President should in no way encourage the lame duck session of the 93rd Congress. By sending up a message containing a large number of non-critical legislative items, the President gives the Democrats ready made justification for a lame duck session. For our guidance, John offers these specific comments:

- (1) Page 9 - Foreign Policy - only mention Ex-Im Bank authorization. He is especially disturbed that emphasis is placed on defending an increased foreign aid assistance budget, while asking the taxpayers to tighten their belts and recommending cutbacks in domestic spending.
- (2) Page 10 - Completely omit any mention of Illegal Alien legislation.
- (3) Page 11 - Omit any reference to the three health authorizations that require extension this year. Also omit reference to the Comprehensive Health Insurance Plan.

Regarding the recently House-passed Federal Mass Transportation Act. John is unsure of what we mean be certain structural changes in that bill are necessary. John recommends that we be specific about the changes that are needed.

- (4) Page 12 - Hit Energy Research and Development Administration harder. Mention Project Independence and the need to ensure that energy costs are brought under control. Include reference to Deep Water Ports legislation in this section.

(5) Last Page - Omit any reference to the Federal District Judges Act.

Milt Friedman should not proceed under the assumption that we think these suggestions of John Rhodes are mandatory changes in the text of the message but are only offered for his consideration and guidance.

cc: Milt Friedman

THE WHITE HOUSE

WASHINGTON

September 10, 1974

MEMORANDUM FOR: GENE AINSWORTH
FROM: WILLIAM E. TIMMONS *BT*
SUBJECT: Rep. Wayne Hays (D-Ohio)

Subject had asked Max to arrange a meeting with the President before he goes to conference on Campaign Reform legislation. Wayne repeated this request to Jack Marsh.

The President has agreed to see Wayne on Thursday, September 12th, at 2:30 p. m. Will you call the Chairman to see if he can make this meeting and let me know?

Thanks.

cc: Ken Cole
Geoff Shepard

*4 pm is OK - per Toni
Thursday 9/12*

Confirmed and Toni advised

THE WHITE HOUSE

WASHINGTON

September 12, 1974

MEETING WITH REP. WAYNE HAYS (D-OHIO)

4:00 - 4:15 p. m. (15 minutes)

Thursday, September 12, 1974

The Oval Office

From: William E. Timmons *WET*

I. PURPOSE

To discuss campaign reform legislation now ready for conference.

II. BACKGROUND, PARTICIPANTS AND PRESS PLAN

A. Background:

1. Both Senate and House have passed objectionable bills. Wayne Hays -- the House manager -- wants to meet with the President before he goes to conference to see "what the President will accept".
2. Hays was forced into reporting an election bill but is un-enthusiastic about reform legislation. It is believed he would like to forget the bill this year -- but needs someone else to blame!
3. There seems little hope of getting an acceptable bill out of conference. Rather than suffer the high visibility of a veto in the wake of Watergate, the President may elect to take some temporary criticism now by asking Hays not to pass a bill.

B. Participants:

The President, Wayne Hays and Bill Timmons.

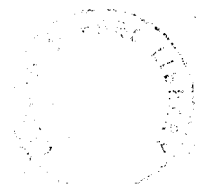


C. Press Plan:

The meeting to be announced by the Press Office.
White House photographer only.

III. TALKING POINTS

- . In Tab A is a brief summary of the two bills in conference.



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CAMPAIGN REFORM

I. Public Financing

The Administration proposal opposed any form of public financing for elections. Public financing, even in the form of matching funds, is said to favor incumbents at the expense of lesser known challengers. Current legislation would either resort to a matching system for Presidential elections (House bill) or Congressional and Presidential elections (Senate bill). The House bill would depend on the tax check-off device for matching funds for Presidential elections.

II. Spending Limitations on Candidates

Expenditure restrictions are said to favor incumbents and hinder the flow of information necessary for the exercise of free choice. Both Congressional bills restrict spending. (Media expenditure limitations exist in current law.) The Administration proposal (S. 3261) had no limitations, and relied upon disclosure for the remedy.

III. Campaign Contributions

Both Congressional bills and the Administration bill limited campaign contributions, but the Administration proposed limits were higher. (House limit: \$1,000 to any candidate; Senate: \$3,000 to any candidate; Administration: \$3,000 for Congress, \$15,000 for Presidential race.) The higher limits were designed to avoid giving an additional advantage to the incumbent.

IV. Federal Election Commission

An institutional body is thought to be necessary to administer campaign reform legislation. It should be independent to be truly effective. The Congressional bills would have the Commission composed of one or more officers of the Congress plus a bipartisan group nominated by the majority and minority leaders of Congress. The Administration proposal would have the board composed of the two Chairmen of the national committees (non-voting) and five members appointed by the President and confirmed by the Senate.

STATE AUTHORIZATION

NOTE: If time permits, the President may wish to ask Hays to help on the State Department authorization bill which is now in conference.

The State Department authorization bill passed the Senate by a voice vote containing several objectionable amendments. Forecast among these are the Case Amendment requiring submission for Congressional approval of all overseas base agreements and a Diego Garcia amendment precluding expenditures of funds for that facility until the agreement had received Congressional approval. The Administration has strongly opposed these amendments in the past based upon the principle of separation of powers and the long standing authority of the President to conclude Executive agreements autonomously. The bill passed the House just before the recess and conferees will meet shortly after their return in September. Chairman Hays has indicated his willingness to help in removing most of the objectionable amendments in the Senate bill but has been reluctant to commit himself on the Case amendment and Diego Garcia. Your personal intervention would be extremely helpful in making clear the depth of Administration concern.

Talking Points

1. In reviewing the status of the State authorization bill, I have noted the large number of amendments which restrict the President's authority to conduct our foreign policy. I am particularly concerned over the Case amendment and the restriction against going ahead with a modest facility on Diego Garcia.
2. The authority of the President to conclude base agreements is a matter of long standing and of particular importance in preserving an effective defense posture. The ability to negotiate these agreements successfully, hinges greatly on maintaining flexibility and is not a process which the Congress is very well disposed to control. It is absolutely not my purpose to make any major increases in our overseas force posture -- quite the contrary. I do believe, however, -- and strongly -- that it is important to our interests in the Middle East and the Indian Ocean to have a modest facility for supporting Naval operations at Diego Garcia.

3. I intend to consult closely with the Congress as we move in this direction and very much want to take your views into consideration. I believe, however, that to allow Congressional modification and control over what are extremely complex political and technical issues would seriously compromise the conduct of our foreign and defense policies. Can I count on your support to help eliminate these two amendments?

THE WHITE HOUSE

WASHINGTON

September 11, 1974

MEMORANDUM FOR: WARREN RUSTAND
FROM: WILLIAM E. TIMMONS *WT*
SUBJECT: Schedule Proposals

Please take steps to ensure that I receive copies of all Schedule Proposals for the President which involve Members of Congress for my recommendations.

For example, today I received from you three memos for which I haven't seen the Schedule Proposals. Please get them to me quickly. They are:

- Buchen - Congressman Moorhead and Congressman Erlenborn, Request for Appointment
- Scowcroft - Request by Congressman Flood and Congressman Crane to see the President re Panama Canal Policy
- Rush/Cole - Congressman Mathis' Request for an Appointment

Thanks.

*Warren -
all these really should
be routed to me for a
recommendation. I may know
fact or circumstances to
support or oppose Presidential
meetings. Also it's helpful
to know what's going on.
WT*



SCHEDULE PROPOSAL

Date: September 4, 1974
From: William E. Timmons
Via: Warren Rustand

PURPOSE: To meet with Rep. Wayne Hays (D-Ohio) and discuss campaign reform legislation.

DATE: Anytime on September 11, 12 or 13, 1974.

FORMAT:
- Oval Office
- 15 minutes

PARTICIPANTS:
The President
Rep. Wayne Hays
Bill Timmons

BACKGROUND:

1. Rep. Hays requested meeting with the President before he goes to conference on Senate and House passed legislation.
2. The President has serious objections to both bodies' versions of measure.
3. The President has agreed to meet with Wayne Hays.
4. **NOTE:** Timmons will prepare a Presidential telephone call request for Rep. Bill Frenzel to be made just prior to Hays meeting.

PRESS PLAN: Meeting to be announced by the Press Office. White House photographer only.

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THE WHITE HOUSE

WASHINGTON

August 23, 1974

MEMORANDUM FOR: BILL TIMMONS
FROM: MAX FRIEDERSDORF *mf*
SUBJECT: M.C. Hays (D-Ohio)

Chairman Hays called to say he was very anxious to meet with the President soon after the recess to discuss the House and Senate versions of the Election Campaign Reform Bills.

Hays said he would like to have the President's views before going to Conference.

Bill Frenzel, who is our chief spear carrier on the House Administration Committee insofar as campaign reform is concerned, believes a Presidential meeting with Hays would be useful.

I still believe Hays doesn't want a bill this year (unless he can write it himself), but will probably go through the motions to appease Common Cause, et al.

The probable issues that would arise would be attitudes toward public financing, expenditure and contribution limitations, and make-up of the supervisory commission board.

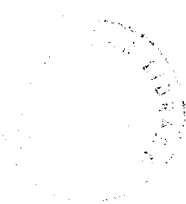
I would suggest Geoff Shepard get a position paper into the President for his views (if we don't already know them), and then schedule a meeting about September 11, 12 or 16.

I have also been told by other Members that Hays is very anxious to take advantage of the President's popularity with a substantive meeting.

However, Hays is key on this issue and could be helpful in getting responsible legislation.

I recommend the meeting.

cc: Korologos
Ainsworth
Loen



SCHEDULE PROPOSAL

Date: September 12, 1974
From: William E. Timmons
Via: Warren Rustand

EVENT: Tea

HOSTESS: First Lady

DROP BY: The President

DATE: Around October 1, 1974.

PARTICIPANTS: Republican Women of Capitol Hill (around 175 regular members - mostly Hill staffers)

WHERE: White House "open house" including some of living quarters.

BACKGROUND:

1. These ladies are the back bone of GOP congressional offices and deserve to be recognized.
2. The President is hosting a reception about that time for selected Republican staff groups but space limitations prevent including the "Republican Women of Capitol Hill".

RECOMMENDED BY: William E. Timmons



THE WHITE HOUSE

WASHINGTON
September 12, 1974

MEETING WITH REP. LESLIE ARENDS (R-ILL)

3:30 - 3:45 p.m. (15 minutes)

Thursday, September 12, 1974

The Oval Office

From: William E. Timmons *BT*

I. PURPOSE

To permit Les Arends to give the President his views on amnesty for military deserters.

II. BACKGROUND, PARTICIPANTS AND PRESS PLAN

A. Background:

Arends is opposed to any form of amnesty and wants opportunity to explain his views to the President personally.

B. Participants:

The President, Rep. Arends and Bill Timmons.

C. Press Plan:

Meeting to be announced as one to discuss legislative issues. White House photographer only.

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SCHEDULE PROPOSAL

Date: September 12, 1974
From: William E. Timmons
Via: Warren Rustad

EVENT: Meeting with Mr. Joe Benites.

PURPOSE: Mr. Benites wants to ask the President to hold a White House Conference on Spanish-Speaking People.

DATE: Anytime on September 16 through September 19 (inclusive).

FORMAT:

- The Oval Office
- 5 minutes

BACKGROUND:

1. Mr. Benites is from Phoenix, Arizona, and is a good friend of Rep. John Rhodes (R-Aris) who requests this meeting for Mr. Benites.
2. Mr. Benites is active in the League of Latin American Citizens.

RECOMMENDED BY: William E. Timmons

PARTICIPANTS: The President
Mr. Joe Benites
Anne Armstrong



SCHEDULE PROPOSAL

Date: September 12, 1974
From: William E. Timmons
Via: Warren Rustad

EVENT: Meeting with Rep. Bill Frenzel (R-Minn)

DATE: Either Friday, September 13, or Monday, September 16.

PURPOSE: To discuss campaign reform legislation, and to review Senate and House versions of subject legislation and decide on President's position.

PARTICIPANTS: The President
Rep. Frenzel
George Bush
Dean Burch
Ken Cole
Geoff Shepard
Bill Timmons

FORMAT:

- The Oval Office
- 20 minutes


BACKGROUND:

1. Conference committee meets Tuesday, September 17, on this proposal.
2. The President met with House manager Wayne Hays on Thursday, September 12, and promised to take a closer look at the House bill.
3. No commitment was given but President did promise to focus on issue and give Hays guidance on bill the President could accept.



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THE WHITE HOUSE

WASHINGTON

September 13, 1974

CONGRESSIONAL MEMBERS GOLF TOURNAMENT

Monday, September 16, 1974

1:15 p.m. Arrival Time

Andrews Air Force Base Golf Course

From: Vern Loen *VL*

I. PURPOSE

Opportunity for the President to play a relaxing round of golf with old Congressional friends.

II. BACKGROUND, FORMAT, PARTICIPANTS & PRESS PLAN

- A. Background: This is the 3rd annual Congressional golf tournament. The President, as House Minority Leader, played in 1972, but was unable to do so last year. It is a private affair in response to an official invitation from the Secretary of the Air Force, Dr. John L. McLucas. Rep. Burt Talcott, R-Calif., is chairman. Reps. Charles Wiggins, R-Calif., and Joe Karth are team captains for their respective political parties. The Democrats won in match play in 1972, the Republicans won last year.
- B. Format: The President and his partner, Rep. Les Arends, R-Ill., (14 handicap) will engage in match play (best ball) in the overall competition for the Challenger's Cup awarded to the winning party. Play is 18 holes on the West Course (68.2 stroke rating).

Also in the President's foursome will be Reps. John Rhodes, R-Ariz, and Tip O'Neill, D-Mass., the Minority and Majority Leaders (not as partners).

Upon arrival, the President will be met at the new clubhouse by Reps. Talcott, Wiggins, Karth and Air Force representatives. He will be offered food and refreshments before dressing in the locker room. The President will be asked to make brief remarks on loudspeaker just prior to a "shotgun start" in which players will be transported by golf cart to their assigned starting tees. The President's foursome will begin on Tee No. 1 and he will ride in Cart No. 1.

Handicaps will be discarded in favor of the Callaway scoring system. The "President's Cup" will be awarded for low gross score and the "Speaker's Cup" will go to low Callaway winner at the awards dinner in the clubhouse starting at 7 p.m. After completing play, the President is to mingle with the players during the social hour on the clubhouse patio beginning about 6 p.m., but not stay for dinner.

- C. Participants: As of today, 41 Republicans and 24 Democrats were entered to play. Official host is Brig. Gen. Ralph (Maggie) Maglione, Director of Air Force Congressional Liaison at the Pentagon. Former M. C.'s playing will be Fletcher Thompson (flying up from Georgia), John Byrnes and Page Belcher. Registrar-scorer who did much of the planning is Ms. Beryl von Praagh of Rep. Wiggins' staff. Air Force Coordinator is Col. Mike Sorrentino of the AFB.
- D. Press Plan: White House press pool to cover arrival and departure only. Official White House photographer and one Air Force photographer

III. TALKING POINTS

1. I want to thank the Air Force for making available these new and beautiful facilities and Secretary McLucas for his kind invitation.
2. Fletcher Thompson should get some type of award before we start, just for flying all the way from Georgia to be with us.
3. I understand I'll be playing with Les Arends, who can almost "shoot his age," along with John Rhodes and Tip O'Neill. Maybe my partner, Les, can "whip" me into playing some respectable golf.
4. Since the Democrats have won one and the Republicans have won one, this is something of a playoff. I see there are many more Republicans playing than Democrats. If you'll pardon a partisan comment, it sure would be nice if it were that way in Congress! For today, at least, if we can't beat them, we at least outnumber them!

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SCHEDULE PROPOSAL
Date: September 14, 1974
Thru: William E. Timmons
From: Vern Loen *VL*
Via: Warren Rustand

EVENT: Meeting with Rep. John Dellenback, R-Oregon

DATE: As soon as possible

PURPOSE: To discuss extremely critical situation confronting the timber and housing industries in the Northwest and elsewhere.

PARTICIPANTS: The President
Rep. Dellenback
Mike Duval
Vern Loen

FORMAT: - The Oval Office
- 10 Minutes

BACKGROUND:

1. Congressman Dellenback has just returned from Oregon and called personally to make this request. It is extremely important to him.
2. He has already discussed the situation with Counsellor Rush, Secretary Simon and Secretary Lynn.
3. He has some specific recommendations which he feels could be implemented prior to the Economic Summit.
4. Mr. Dellenback is extremely agitated about this situation and called to see the President over the weekend if possible. Told him no chance until Tuesday at the earliest.

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September 19, 1974

MEMORANDUM FOR:

BILL TIMMONS

THROUGH:

MAX FRIEDERSDORF

FROM:

GENE AINSWORTH *GA*

SUBJECT:

Rep. John Dellenback (R-Oregon)

Rep. John Dellenback is most anxious to see the President on the subject of the economic plight of the forest products industry. As you know, John made a desparate, last-minute appeal to see the President today before he left for Oregon, which we had to deny because of time constraints on the President and because of John's flight departure time.

I did assure John that a meeting would be arranged with the President as soon as possible during the week of September 23rd. Because of John's insistence to see the President, I strongly urge that a meeting be arranged either on Monday, September 23rd or Tuesday, September 24th. A schedule proposal for such a meeting has already been submitted to Warren Rustand.

cc: Vern Loen

THE WHITE HOUSE

WASHINGTON

September 16, 1974

MEETING WITH GOP STEERING COMMITTEE

8:00 - 8:30 a.m. (30 minutes)

Tuesday, September 17, 1974

The Oval Office

From: William E. Timmons *WET*

I. PURPOSE

To discuss issues of concern to House Republican conservatives with representatives of the "Steering Committee".

II. BACKGROUND, PARTICIPANTS AND PRESS PLAN

A. Background:

1. The "Steering Committee" is an active group of about 60 conservative Republicans. LaMar Baker is current chairman and the committee has a small staff in its effort to become as effective as DSG for liberal Democrats.
2. The committee is basically friendly to the President but has been offended by what they claim are Presidential overtures to liberal groups and neglect of old friends.

B. Participants:

The President, Representatives LaMar Baker (R-Tenn), Ken Robinson (R-Va), Del Clawson (R-Cal), Bob Huber (R-Mich), Bill Dickinson (R-Ala), and Bill Timmons..

→ (no show)

C. Press Plan:

Meeting to be announced as one to discuss legislative items of mutual concern. White House photograph only at start of meeting.

III. ISSUES

While no formal agenda has been recommended, the following issues are likely to be raised:

- Amnesty; any more to come?
- Nixon Pardon; why move made so rapidly?
- Welfare Reform; plans?
- Rockefeller; justify?
- Black Caucus; can't count on support there!
- Rhodesian Chrome; terrible issue!
- Inflation Summit; why not more conservatives included?
- Communication; how does group communicate to the President and get results?

SCHEDULE PROPOSAL

Date: August 14, 1974
From: William E. Timmons
Via: David N. Parker

- PURPOSE:** A meeting with representative group of the House Steering Committee.
- DATE:** Soon after Congress returns from its Labor Day recess - September 11, 1974.
- FORMAT:**
- one hour
 - The Cabinet Room
- BACKGROUND:**
1. Lamar Baker (R-Tenn) is current chairman of group but Ed Derwinski (R-Ill) called to request meeting.
 2. About 60 Republican conservatives belong to the Steering Committee but this will be a representative group.
 3. The Members will want to pledge their support to the President and "kick around" issues of interest to them. They will also have suggestions about ways to help re-elect GOP Congressmen this fall.



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September 14, 1974

MEMORANDUM FOR: MR. WILLIAM E. TIMMONS

FROM: WARREN RUSTAND

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.

Event: Meeting with representative group for the conservative House GOP "Steering Committee"

Date: Tuesday, August 17, 1974 Time: 8:00 a.m. Duration: 30 minutes

Location: The Oval Office

Participants: Congressmen LaMar Baker, Ed Derwinski, Ken Robinson, Del Clawson, Bob Huber, and *Bill Dickinson*
William E. Timmons

Press Coverage: White House Photographer

cc: Mr. Hartmann
Mr. Marsh
Dr. Hoopes
Mr. Jones
Mr. O'Donnell
Mr. Hushen
Mr. Wardell
Mrs. Yates

*Max -
Pls put together
paper on items
that could be
raised. BT
I have invited already.*



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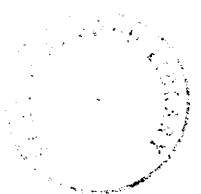
September 16, 1974 .

MEMORANDUM FOR: BILL TIMMONS
FROM: MAX FRIEDERSDORF *m.f.*
SUBJECT: Meeting with GOP Steering Committee

The group attending tomorrow will be LaMar Baker, Ken Robinson, Del Clawson, Bob Huber and Bill Dickinson.

Items that will likely be raised:

1. AMNESTY - This will be brief with the group wanting to know if there is anymore to come, or is today's announcement the final say.
2. Nixon Pardon - Why did the President move so rapidly in terms they can relate to constituents?
3. Welfare Reform - Usual bitching about food stamps and strong emphasis on no FAP wanted.
4. Communication - How does the Steering Committee communicate with the President; they will say this was their chief complaint with President Nixon. They will complain about submitting a list of 15 for the economic summit and only one, Milton Friedman, being selected. Ken Robinson will complain about Jack Marsh not being permitted to campaign for Robinson.
5. The group is coming as basically friendly, but will insist that Presidential overtures to liberal groups not transcend relations to old friends. The conservatives will say they don't want to be left out in the cold.



SCHEDULE PROPOSAL

Date: September 16, 1974
From: William E. Timmons
Via: Warren Rustand

EVENT: Meeting with Rep. Chet Holifield (D-Cal)

PURPOSE: To give the President his views on ERDA and the energy crisis generally.

DATE: Anytime

FORMAT:

- 15 minutes
- The Oval Office

BACKGROUND:

1. He is Chairman of Government Operations and serves on the Joint Atomic Energy Committee.
2. He is retiring from Congress this year.

PARTICIPANTS: The President
Rep. Holifield
Bill Timmons



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SCHEDULE PROPOSAL

Date: September 16, 1974
Thru: William E. Timmons
From: Max L. Friedersdorf
Via: Warren S. Rustand

MEETING: Congressional Delegation to the Peoples Republic of China

DATE: Week of September 16, 1974

WHERE: The Cabinet Room

PURPOSE: To receive report from the delegation which visited China.

PARTICIPANTS: The President
Senator Fulbright
Rep. Frelinghuysen
Rep. Zablocki
Rep. Broomfield
Senator Fong
Senator Humphrey
Rep. Jordan
Secretary Kissinger
Dick Solomon (NSC staff)
Max Friedersdorf (staff)

BACKGROUND: 1. You named a seven-member Congressional delegation to visit the Peoples Republic of China from September 2 to September 14, 1974, at the invitation of the Chinese Peoples' Institute of Foreign Affairs.

2. The delegation was headed by Senator Fulbright, Chairman of the Senate Foreign Relations Committee, and the deputy-Chairman, Representative Frelinghuysen, ranking Minority Member of the House Foreign Affairs Committee.

3. The group visited Peking, Ta-Chai, Chang-Sha, Hang-Chou and Shanghai, returning home on Saturday, September 14, 1974.

4. The trip included visits with top national leaders and tours of agriculture and industrial communes, cultural and industrial sites, and numerous banquets.

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September 16, 1974

MEMORANDUM FOR THE PRESIDENT

THROUGH: WILLIAM E. TIMMONS

FROM: MAX L. FRIEDERSDORF *m. f.*

SUBJECT: Congressional Trip to The Peoples Republic of China

DECLASSIFIED
E.O. 12958, Sec. 3.5
NSC Memo, 11/24/98, State Dept. Guidelines
By WJM, NARA, Date 11/2/100

The Congressional trip to China (August 31 to September 14, 1974) came off without major incident.

The Fulbright group was well received; kept a rigorous and carefully planned schedule, meeting with diverse groups of PRC citizens and leaders.

The delegation spent time in Peking; Ta-Chai (a model agricultural commune in central China); Chang-Sha (a large commercial center in central China near Chairman Mao's birthplace); Hang-Chou (the East Coast resort city); and Shanghai.

Several important themes came through during discussions with PRC leaders in Peking and Shanghai:

1. The PRC desires to continue efforts to normalize relations with the U.S. under your new leadership.
2. While stating the U.S. tends to overestimate Soviet military capability, the speed of USSR strategic weapons has been astonishing. The Soviet has not been saying much, but doing a lot. If the U.S. doubts this, ask yourself what the Soviet strength was 20 years ago in the Mediterranean, Middle East, Persian Gulf, Indian Ocean and the Pacific. We think the U.S. should maintain vigilance against the Polar Bear.
3. We are more at ease with the U.S. than the Soviet Union "for the foreseeable future."
4. Since World War II, U.S. has been well fed. The body of the U.S. has been well-maintained; there is much fat within the body of the U.S. Every advance of the Soviet strips a layer of fat off the U.S.
5. Soviet intentions are primarily directed toward Western Europe and the U.S., rather than China as Soviets pretend.

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6. The one million Soviet troops stationed along the Sino-Soviet border are not sufficient for a Soviet invasion of China. They would need two million troops to invade China and they can't spare them from Europe until they have control there.
7. Deep tunnels are being dug in rural and urban centers for civil defense against any Soviet nuclear attack. (An underground Chinese Great Wall.)
8. No diplomatic recognition with the U.S. is possible until resolution of the Taiwan Question. (The Chinese desire U.S. cutting of ties with Taiwan, of course.)
9. Chinese leaders do not believe in "detente" or a "generation of peace." They say they have had too much experience with wars. Wars have not stopped since World War II. Recently there has been war in the Middle East and Cypress.
10. They do not expect nuclear war, however, because "the people won't permit it." They do expect more conventional conflicts.
11. Criticism of the Soviets was frequent and vitriolic. The Soviets are bullying people too much, and the young people of China are full of anger toward the Soviet imperialist revisionists, we were told.
12. Whether the Soviets come by land, sea, or air, they will find China not easy to deal with. China has vast territory and great population, and we are ready at all times to take up weapons, the leaders boast.
13. Great disdain for the U.N. was expressed to repeated questions by Fulbright. "The U.N. is good for speeches, but what wars did the U.N. ever stop?" the Chinese responded to the Senator.
14. Arguments and questions between nations are inevitable. But China will not speak foul words against countries truly friendly to China; we hope the U.S. will criticize us when we are wrong.
15. Their attitude toward trade is one of "self reliance" but they want help in technology. They pointedly stated that their "self reliance" had enabled China to maintain stable prices, currency and financial balance.
16. All nations should withdraw all troops on foreign soil, however, Russia won't withdraw from Eastern Europe. So, as a practical matter, U.S. presence in Europe is a stabilizing force.
17. Chinese participation in the Vietnam War was characterized as restrained. They stated the "affairs of Vietnam will be settled by Vietnam."
18. The Chinese leaders recalled several times your visit to China and they feel a continuity of U.S. policy toward them.

19. Younger leaders in China have same attitude of friendliness toward the U.S. and will continue this policy after Mao and Chou are gone.

These expressions were voiced by Vice Premier Teng (reportedly one of two Vice Premiers running the country in Chou's absence), and Chaiao Kuan-hua, top ranking Vice Minister in the Foreign Ministry during three extended interviews in Peking.

The only minor flap of the trip occurred early during our stay in Peking when Vice Premier Teng Hsiao-ping announced the delegation would be unable to meet with Premier Chou En-lai because he was hospitalized and his condition had worsened.

This got in the press, several delegation members received calls from the United States, and the Chinese within several days announced to another foreign group that Chou was improved. I suspect the earlier medical report was given us to spare the delegation's feelings about not meeting Chou.

Senator Humphrey proved to be the most effective representative of our group. He was forceful in presenting American foreign policy.

Representative Frelinghuysen was also effective in our briefing sessions.

Chairman Fulbright handled his role as delegation leader in exemplary fashion, but his tone was apologetic and somewhat deprecating toward American views and actions during meetings with Chinese leaders.

We received word of your pardon of former President Nixon by short-wave radio via a Phillipine Voice of American relay deep in rural, central China.

Senator Humphrey's reaction was immediate and positive, as was Senator Fulbright. Only Representative Jordan (D-Tex), a Member of the Judiciary Committee, was critical.

It became apparent during the trip that you have a strong foreign policy and national security supporter in Senator Humphrey. I would recommend that you and Dr. Kissinger encourage the Senator.

I think the delegation represented yourself, Congress and the American people in a manner conducive to better relations with the PRC.

Richard Solomon, of the NSC, who has made five trips to China, and accompanied the Magnuson group last year, acted as our interpreter. He expressed the belief that the impact of this group (Fulbright) was much improved over a year ago when there were serious problems.

In general, I believe the Fulbright group was much impressed by many of the PRC achievements, particularly in agriculture. However,

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the delegation's reaction to pronouncements by Chinese leaders ranged from doubtful to skeptical and highly critical.

There was a general feeling among our group that the trip was another step in the long road to normal bi-lateral relations with the Chinese.

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