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THE WHITE HOUSE

WASHINGTON

December 7, 1974

MEETING WITH REPRESENTATIVE DELBERT L. LATTA (R-OHIO)

Monday, December 9, 1974

4:30 p.m. (5 minutes)

The Oval Office

From: Max L. Friedersdorf *M.L.F.*

I. PURPOSE

Opportunity for Representative Latta to introduce the Springer family to the President. Mr. Springer has hand carved a wooden replica of the Presidential Seal which he will present to the President.

II. BACKGROUND, PARTICIPANTS AND PRESS PLAN

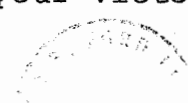
A. Background:

1. Mr. Dell Springer, a constituent of Congressman Latta's from Van Wert, Ohio, has carved a replica of the Presidential Seal from Ohio walnut. The seal is 26-3/8 inches in diameter, and took him 90 hours to complete.
2. Mr. Latta, from Ohio's 5th Congressional District, was re-elected on November 5 to a ninth term in the House of Representatives.

B. Participants: The President
Rep. Del Latta
Mr. Dell Springer
Mrs. Betty Springer (wife)
Miss Jill Springer (daughter)
Max Friedersdorf (staff)

C. Press Plan: Announce to the press only - White House photos

III. TALKING POINTS

1. Del, many thanks for bringing the Springers in to see me.
 2. Mr. Springer, thank you for this beautiful carving of the Presidential Seal, which I understand you made from an Ohio walnut tree.
 3. Del, I want to congratulate you again on your victory on November 5th.
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THE WHITE HOUSE

WASHINGTON


December 9, 1974

MEETING WITH REP. CHARLES SANDMAN (R-NJ)

4:50 - 5:05 p.m. (15 minutes)

Monday, December 9, 1974

The Oval Office

From: William E. Timmons 

I. PURPOSE

To permit the Congressman to express his views on the economy.

II. BACKGROUND, PARTICIPANTS AND PRESS PLAN

A. Background:

1. The Congressman requested the meeting and believes he may have some helpful ideas on the economy to share with the President.
2. Sandman, 53 years old, was defeated in his bid for re-election for a 5th term. He represents the 2nd District (Atlantic City, etc) and is not looking for a federal job.
3. Charlie serves on the Committee on the Judiciary which has Rockefeller's nomination under consideration.

B. Participants:

The President, Rep. Sandman, Bill Seidman and Max Friedersdorf.

C. Press Plan:

Press Office to announce the meeting. White House photographer only.

III. TALKING POINTS

- A. Recommend the President listen to Sandman's views and ask Bill Seidman to follow-up if necessary.
- B. Ask Sandman for his thoughts on Rockefeller's nomination; Committee and floor votes.

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SCHEDULE PROPOSAL

Date: December 9, 1974
Thru: William E. Timmons
Max L. Friedersdorf
From: Vern Loen VL
Via: Warren S. Rustand

M/G

EVENT: Meeting with M. C. Ancher Nelsen, R-Minn.

DATE: Any Congressional Hour before adjournment

PURPOSE: To request Presidential intercession in locating a suitable position for his long-time Minority Counsel on the House D. C. Committee, John Hogan.

PARTICIPANTS: The President
Rep. Ancher Nelsen
Vern Loen (Staff)

FORMAT: - The Oval Office
- 5 minutes

PRESS
COVERAGE: White House photographs only

BACKGROUND: 1. Mr. Nelsen is retiring and would like to help his Minority Counsel find a new job out of appreciation for his good service.

2. The Personnel Office has been trying for some time to find something for Mr. Hogan. Originally, he wanted to be on the D. C. Superior Court; however, under Home Rule those selections will be made by a special commission.

3. Director of the new Federal enclave or Congressional Relations for the enclave may be possibilities.

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THE WHITE HOUSE

WASHINGTON

SCHEDULE PROPOSAL

Date: December 9, 1974
Thru: William E. Timmons
Max L. Friedersdorf
From: Vern Loen
Via: Susan A. Porter

EVENT: To receive the Candlelighters, a local organization of parents of children who have had cancer.

DATE: As soon as possible (early evening)

PURPOSE: To express the appreciation of this group for the Federal government's work in the field of cancer research and to request continued support.

PARTICIPANTS: The First Lady (or the President or his representative)
Mr. Dick Sullivan, President of the Candlelighters
50-60 parents and children bearing candles
Dr. Jim Cavanaugh (Staff)

FORMAT: - The North Portico Entrance
- 10 minutes

PRESS
COVERAGE: White House photographs; Press Office announce

BACKGROUND: 1. For the past several years the Candlelighters and their children have made an annual pilgrimage to the White House for the above purpose.

2. The group is headed by Dick Sullivan, himself the father of a daughter who died several years ago of cancer. He is the Chief Counsel of the House Committee on Public Works.

3. In view of the First Lady's recent experience, this proposal is being routed first to her office for consideration.

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THE WHITE HOUSE SCHEDULE PROPOSAL

WASHINGTON

Date: December 9, 1974

Thru: William E. Timmons

From: Max L. Friedersdorf

Via: Warren S. Rustand

MEETING: Representative William G. Bray (R-Ind)

DATE: Anytime before December 21, 1974

PURPOSE: Opportunity for Representative Bray, defeated in the general election, to discuss job possibilities with the President.

PARTICIPANTS: The President
Rep. Bill Bray
Max Friedersdorf (staff)

BACKGROUND:

1. Representative Bray, ranking Republican on the House Armed Services Committee, was upset in the November 5 election. He has served 24 years in Congress and is not interested in running again. He is interested in a part time commission appointment in the area of defense or security.
2. Mr. Bray requested an appointment with the President.

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gift question

THE WHITE HOUSE
WASHINGTON

SCHEDULE PROPOSAL

Date: December 10, 1974
Thru: William E. Timmons
Max L. Friedersdorf
From: Vern Loen ✓
Via: Warren S. Rustand

M.B.

EVENT: Presentation of a handmade golf putter to the President from a constituent of Rep. Bill Scherle, R-Iowa.

DATE: Before adjournment of Congress around December 19 (he will be out of town on December 13)

PURPOSE: Rep. Scherle mentioned this gift to the President at the recent breakfast for Congressional members defeated in the November election. The President expressed interest.

PARTICIPANTS: The President
Rep. Bill Scherle
Vern Loen (Staff)

FORMAT: - The Oval Office
- 5 minutes

PRESS
COVERAGE: White House photographs

- BACKGROUND:
1. The handmade golf putter has the President's name inscribed upon it.
 2. The craftsman is Mr. Edward Lehman of Atlantic, Iowa.
 3. Mr. Lehman has made putters for a number of public figures such as Bob Hope and Governor Ray of Iowa.

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DISAPPROVE _____



December 10, 1974

MEMORANDUM FOR: MAJOR GENERAL LAWSON
FROM: MAX L. FRIEDERSDORF
SUBJECT: Medal of Honor Ceremony
Thursday, December 12

**Attached is the list of Members of Congress who will
be attending the Medal of Honor Ceremony in the East
Room on Thursday, December 12, at 3 p.m.**

Attachment



CONGRESSIONAL Acceptances for Medal of Honor Ceremony 12/12/74

House

Honorable Victor Veysey, House of Representatives (Calif.)

Honorable Manuel Lujan, Jr., House of Representatives (New Mexico)

Representative William G. Bray, Committee on Armed Services

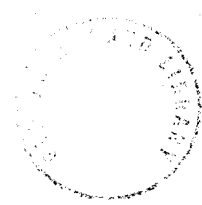
Representative William Jennings Bryan Dorn, House Veterans' Affairs
Committee

Representative John P. Hammerschmidt, House Veterans' Affairs Comte.

Representative John J. McFall, Committee on Appropriations

Senate

Senator Peter V. Domenici (R-New Mexico)



CONGRESSIONAL GUEST LIST FOR 12 DECEMBER 1974
MEDAL OF HONOR CEREMONY (LIVE)

Congressmen from States of Recipients:

- ✓ Honorable Victor Veysey, House of Representatives (California)
- ✓ Honorable Manuel Lujan, Jr., House of Representatives (New Mexico)
- ✗ Honorable Robert Mathis, House of Representatives (California)
- Honorable Joseph M. Montoya, US Senate (New Mexico)
- Honorable Peter V. Domenici, US Senate (New Mexico)
- Honorable Alan Cranston, US Senate (California)
- Honorable John Tunney, US Senate (California)

Other Congressional Invitees:

- Senator Russell B. Long — (Added by Defense) —
- Senator Michael J. Mansfield, Senate Majority Leader
- Senator Robert P. Griffin, Minority Whip of the Senate
- Senator Harry F. Byrd, Committee on Armed Services
- Senator Vance Hartke, Senate Veterans' Affairs Committee
- Senator Clifford P. Hansen, Senate Veterans' Affairs Committee
- Senator John C. Stennis, Chairman, Committee on Armed Services
- Senator John L. McClellan, Chairman, Committee on Appropriations
- Senator Strom Thurmond, Committee on Armed Services
- Senator Milton R. Young, Committee on Appropriations

- ✗ Representative F. Edward Hebert, Chairman, Committee on Armed Services
- ✗ Representative George H. Mahon, Chairman, Committee on Appropriations
- ✓ Representative William G. Bray, Committee on Armed Services
- ✗ Representative Elford A. Cederberg, Committee on Appropriations
- ✓ Representative William Jennings Bryan Dorn, House Veterans' Affairs Committee
- ✓ Representative John P. Hammerschmidt, House Veterans' Affairs Committee
- ✗ Representative Carl B. Albert, Speaker of the House
- ✗ Representative Thomas P. O'Neill, Jr., House Majority Leader
- ✗ Representative Leslie C. Arends, Committee on Armed Services
- ✗ Representative John J. Rhodes, House Minority Leader
- ✓ Representative John J. McFall, Committee on Appropriations
- ✗ Representative William E. Minshall, Committee on Appropriations

Dec. 12 — 3:00pm — Medal of Honor to two U.S. s/men
East Room

S.W. Gate

→ Diplomatic Recept. Room — 2:45



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~~YES~~ ✓ Honorable Peter V. Domenici, US Senate (New Mexico)
~~NO~~ ✓ Honorable Alan Cranston, US Senate (California)
~~NO~~ ✓ Honorable John Tunney, US Senate (California) *in Calif that day.*

Other Congressional Invitees:

~~NO~~ ✓ *Sen. Russell Long*
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THE WHITE HOUSE

WASHINGTON

MEDAL OF HONOR AWARDS to presented to:

Warrant Officer Louis R. Rocco, USA

Staff Sergeant Jon R. Cavaiani, USA

MEMORANDUM

THE WHITE HOUSE
WASHINGTON

December 3, 1974

To Max Friedensdorf -
Will you please
handle?
- BT

MEMORANDUM FOR MR. ~~WILLIAM TIMMONS~~

FROM: MAJ GEN LAWSON *B-J.*

The President is scheduled to present Medals of Honor to two U. S. servicemen in a ceremony to be held in the East Room of the White House on Thursday, December 12, 1974, at 3:00 p. m.

It is anticipated that present will be members of the immediate families, officials from the Department of Defense and Congressional representation. The ceremony will have live press coverage.

The Department of Defense has recommended that the members of Congress listed on the attached sheet be invited to the ceremony.

Those accepting your invitation should arrive at the Southwest Gate, proceeding to the Diplomatic Reception Room, at 2:45 p. m.

Please provide Major Barrett, the Army Aide to the President, with a list of acceptances by 12:00, 10 December 1974.



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MEDAL OF HONOR CEREMONY (LIVE)

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MEMORANDUM FOR THE PRESIDENT

SUBJECT: Proposed Award of the Medal of Honor

The Secretary of the Army has recommended, and I concur in the award of the Medal of Honor to Staff Sergeant Jon R. Cavaiani, United States Army, for conspicuous gallantry in action as described in the attached citation and supplementary summary.

In 1971, when the recommendation to award the Medal of Honor to Sergeant Cavaiani was initiated, it was believed that he had been killed in action. Subsequently, it was learned that he had been captured and the recommendation was delayed, without action, until such time as the Sergeant was returned to U.S. control, or there were other significant changes in his status. Sergeant Cavaiani was repatriated on July 10, 1973, as part of Operation Homecoming.

Available information indicates that Sergeant Cavaiani adhered to the Code of Conduct to the best of his ability during his captivity. Additionally, there are no charges pending against Sergeant Cavaiani for violation of the Uniform Code of Military Justice (UCMJ) during his captivity.

The file of correspondence supporting this recommendation is available, should you wish to see it.

H. P. Clement
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The President of the United States of America, authorized by Act of Congress, March 3, 1863, has awarded in the name of The Congress the Medal of Honor to

STAFF SERGEANT JON R. CAVAIANI
UNITED STATES ARMY

for conspicuous gallantry and intrepidity in action at the risk of his life above and beyond the call of duty:

Staff Sergeant Jon R. Cavaiani, United States Army Vietnam Training Advisory Group, distinguished himself by conspicuous gallantry and intrepidity at the risk of life above and beyond the call of duty in action in the Republic of Vietnam on 4 and 5 June 1971 while serving as a platoon leader to a security platoon providing security for an isolated radio relay site located within enemy-held territory. On the morning of 4 June 1971, the entire camp came under an intense barrage of enemy small arms, automatic weapons, rocket-propelled grenade and mortar fire from a superior size enemy force. Sergeant Cavaiani acted with complete disregard for his personal safety as he repeatedly exposed himself to heavy enemy fire in order to move about the camp's perimeter directing the platoon's fire and rallying the platoon in a desperate fight for survival. Sergeant Cavaiani also returned heavy suppressive fire upon the assaulting enemy force during this period with a variety of weapons. When the entire platoon was to be evacuated, Sergeant Cavaiani unhesitatingly volunteered to remain on the ground and direct the helicopters into the landing zone. Sergeant Cavaiani was able to direct the first three helicopters in evacuating a major portion of the platoon. Due to intense increase in enemy fire, Sergeant Cavaiani was forced to remain at the camp overnight where he calmly directed the remaining platoon members in strengthening their defenses. On the morning of 5 June, a heavy ground fog restricted visibility. The superior size enemy force launched a major ground attack in an attempt to completely annihilate the remaining small force. The enemy force advanced in two ranks, first firing a heavy volume of small arms automatic weapons and rocket-propelled grenade fire while the second rank continuously threw a steady barrage of hand grenades at the beleaguered force. Sergeant Cavaiani returned a heavy barrage of small arms and hand grenade fire on the assaulting enemy force but was unable to slow them down. He ordered the remaining platoon members to attempt to escape while he provided them with cover fire. With one last courageous exertion, Sergeant Cavaiani recovered a machine gun, stood up, completely exposing himself to the heavy enemy fire directed at him, and began firing the machine gun in a sweeping motion along the two ranks of advancing enemy soldiers. Through Sergeant Cavaiani's valiant efforts with complete disregard for his safety, the majority of the remaining platoon members were able to escape. While inflicting severe losses on the advancing enemy force, Sergeant Cavaiani was wounded numerous times. Staff Sergeant Cavaiani's conspicuous gallantry, extraordinary heroism and intrepidity at the risk of his life, above and beyond the call of duty, were in keeping with the highest traditions of the military service and reflect great credit upon himself and the United States Army.



Summary of recommendation for award of Medal of Honor

Name: Jon R. Cavaiani

Status: Staff Sergeant, United States Army - Missing in action - returned to military control

Organization: United States Army Vietnam Training Advisory Group, APO 96349

Next of kin: Ugo Cavaiani (Father)
12640 First Avenue, North
Ballico, California 95303

Persons who assisted: Captain John A. Valersky
First Lieutenant George C. Holland
Sergeant Ralph A. Morgan
Sergeant Lawrence M. Page
Sergeant John R. Jones
Sergeant Roger L. Hill
Specialist Four Walter G. Milsap

Conditions under which act performed

Location: Classified

Date: 4 and 5 June 1971

Terrain: The terrain was jungle covered and mountainous. The vegetation consisted of dense undergrowth with a double canopy.

Weather: The weather was hot and humid with temperatures ranging from the eighties to one hundred degrees. During the nights and early mornings a heavy fog set in, restricting visibility.

Enemy conditions: The enemy force was well disciplined, well trained and in excellent physical condition. Morale was high. The enemy force consisted of approximately two battalions of very well armed troops. The enemy effectively used small arms, automatic weapons, rocket-propelled grenades and mortar fire to his great advantage.

Friendly conditions: Morale was high and physical condition was excellent. The friendly force consisted of a reinforced platoon of Commandos along with American advisors tasked with the mission of providing security for an isolated radio relay site deep within enemy-held and denied territory. These individuals were highly trained and well equipped.

Narrative description of gallant conduct

Sergeant Cavaiani was serving as a platoon advisor to a platoon providing security for an isolated radio relay site deep within enemy-held territory. On the morning of 4 June 1971, the entire camp came under an intense barrage of



enemy small arms, automatic weapons, rocket-propelled grenade and mortar fire from a superior size enemy force. The relentless enemy barrage continued through the morning and afternoon, increasing in intensity and accuracy as the battle wore on. During this period Sergeant Cavaiani acted with complete disregard for his own personal safety as he repeatedly exposed himself to the heavy enemy fire to move about the camp's perimeter directing the platoon's fire and rallying the platoon in its desperate fight for survival. Sergeant Cavaiani also returned heavy suppressive fire upon the assaulting enemy force during this period with a variety of weapons. All attempts at suppressing the heavy enemy fire failed as the rocket and mortar barrage steadily reduced the camp's defenses. On one occasion, Sergeant Cavaiani ignored the fire directed at him as he fought his way through a hail of enemy fire and safely removed a resupply of ammunition from the helicopter pad to an area where it would be secure.

When the entire platoon was to be extracted, Sergeant Cavaiani unhesitatingly volunteered to remain on the ground and direct the extraction aircraft into the landing zone. Through his expert guidance and high degree of professionalism, Sergeant Cavaiani was able to direct the first three aircraft in extracting a major portion of the platoon. The fourth aircraft aborted due to an intense increase in the enemy fire. Forced to remain at the camp overnight, Sergeant Cavaiani calmly directed the remaining platoon members in strengthening their defenses. As the fierce battle continued throughout the night, the camp's wall was completely demolished, leaving the small force in a highly vulnerable position. As first light approached on the morning of 5 June, a heavy ground fog greatly restricted visibility. The numerically superior enemy launched a major ground attack in an attempt to annihilate the remaining small force. The enemy advanced in two ranks, the first firing a heavy volume of small arms, automatic weapons, and rocket-propelled grenade fire while the second rank continuously threw a steady barrage of hand grenades at the beleaguered force. Sergeant Cavaiani returned a heavy barrage of small arms and hand grenade fire on the assaulting enemy personnel but was unable even to slow them. Quickly he ordered the remaining platoon members to attempt escape while he provided covering fire. With one last futile effort, Sergeant Cavaiani picked up a machine gun, stood completely exposing himself to the heavy enemy fire directed at him, and began firing the machine gun in a sweeping motion along the two ranks of advancing enemy soldiers. Through his valiant efforts, with complete disregard for his personal safety, the majority of the remaining platoon members were able to escape safely. While inflicting severe losses on the advancing enemy force Sergeant Cavaiani was wounded numerous times. When the extraction aircraft arrived on station later that morning, they found the entire outpost completely overrun. Sergeant Cavaiani's courageous actions, high degree of professionalism, and untiring efforts were a great inspiration to the entire platoon throughout the battle.

The facts as contained in the proposed citation and this narrative account have been substantiated by the statements of eyewitnesses.





THE UNITED STATES OF AMERICA

TO ALL WHO SHALL SEE THESE PRESENTS, GREETING:

THIS IS TO CERTIFY THAT
THE PRESIDENT OF THE UNITED STATES OF AMERICA
AUTHORIZED BY CONGRESS
HAS AWARDED IN THE NAME OF THE CONGRESS

THE MEDAL OF HONOR

TO

STAFF SERGEANT JON R. CAVAIANI, UNITED STATES ARMY

FOR

CONSPICUOUS GALLANTRY AND INTREPIDITY IN ACTION AT THE
RISK OF HIS LIFE ABOVE AND BEYOND THE CALL OF DUTY

IN THE REPUBLIC OF VIETNAM ON 4 AND 5 JUNE 1971

GIVEN UNDER MY HAND IN THE CITY OF WASHINGTON
THIS DAY OF 19

Howard H. Callaway
SECRETARY OF THE ARMY



PRESIDENT OF THE UNITED STATES OF AMERICA

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THE SECRETARY OF DEFENSE
WASHINGTON, D. C. 20301

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SECRETARY OF THE ARMY

21 MAR 1974

MEMORANDUM FOR THE PRESIDENT

SUBJECT: Proposed Award of the Medal of Honor

The Secretary of the Army has recommended and I concur in the award of the Medal of Honor to Warrant Officer (then Sergeant First Class) Louis R. Rocco, United States Army, for conspicuous gallantry in action as described in the attached citation and supplementary summary.

The recommendation to award the Medal of Honor to Warrant Officer Rocco was initiated in 1971. Administrative action on the recommendation was delayed due to the loss of statements setting forth the gallant acts performed by Warrant Officer Rocco and subsequent actions necessary to secure information to clarify discrepancies contained in the recommendation.

The file of correspondence supporting this recommendation is available should you wish to see it.

H. P. Clement

Deputy

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UNITED STATES ARMY

for conspicuous gallantry and intrepidity in action at the risk of his life above and beyond the call of duty:

Warrant Officer (then Sergeant First Class) Louis R. Rocco, United States Military Assistance Command, Vietnam, Advisory Team 162, distinguished himself on 24 May 1970, northeast of Katum, Republic of Vietnam, when he volunteered to accompany a medical evacuation team on an urgent mission to evacuate eight critically wounded Army of the Republic of Vietnam personnel. As the helicopter approached the landing zone, it became the target for intense enemy automatic weapons fire. Disregarding his own safety, Warrant Officer Rocco identified and placed accurate suppressive fire on the enemy positions as the aircraft descended toward the landing zone. Sustaining major damage from the enemy fire, the aircraft was forced to crash land, causing Warrant Officer Rocco to sustain a fractured wrist and hip and a severely bruised back. Ignoring his injuries, he extracted the survivors from the burning wreckage, sustaining burns to his own body. Despite intense enemy fire, Warrant Officer Rocco carried each unconscious man across approximately twenty meters of exposed terrain to the Army of the Republic of Vietnam perimeter. On each trip, his severely burned hands and broken wrist caused excruciating pain, but the lives of the unconscious crash survivors were more important than his personal discomfort, and he continued his rescue efforts. Once inside the friendly position, Warrant Officer Rocco helped administer first aid to his wounded comrades until his wounds and burns caused him to collapse and lose consciousness. His bravery under fire and intense devotion to duty were directly responsible for saving three of his fellow soldiers from certain death. His unparalleled bravery in the face of enemy fire, his complete disregard for his own pain and injuries, and his performance were far above and beyond the call of duty and were in keeping with the highest traditions of self-sacrifice and courage of the military service.



Summary of Recommendation for Award of Medal of Honor

Name: Louis R. ROCCO

Status: Warrant Officer (then Sergeant First Class) United States Army

Organization: United States Military Assistance Command Advisory Team 162

Next of kin: Mrs Carol A. Rocco (wife)
309 Pine Mountain Road
Clarksville, Tennessee 37040

Persons who assisted: None

Location: In a remote region northeast of Katum, Republic of Vietnam

Date: 24 May 1970

Terrain: Open terrain near tree line

Weather: Hot

Enemy conditions: Appeared to be excellent and in control of the landing zone.

Friendly conditions: Exposed in downed-burning helicopter with little chance of survival.

Narrative description of gallant conduct

On 24 May 1970 at approximately 1100 hours, the medical evacuation aircraft in which Warrant Officer Rocco was a crew member, was shot down by hostile fire. The crew's mission was to medically evacuate soldiers of the 9th Airborne Brigade, Army of the Republic of Vietnam, who were operating in a remote region northeast of Katum, Republic of Vietnam. The primary gunner of the aircraft was killed before the aircraft was shot down. During this encounter, Warrant Officer Rocco placed effective suppressive fire on the enemy. After crashing, the five living crew members were wounded and all but Warrant Officer Rocco were incapacitated.

The downed helicopter was burning and receiving heavy enemy fire. The crew chief, although in a state of shock, did manage to reach friendly lines.



Warrant Officer Rocco, disregarding his personal safety, pulled the other crew members, two of whom were unconscious, from the burning wreckage. He then managed to drag each of them, on separate trips, across twenty meters of exposed terrain to friendly Army of the Republic of Vietnam positions. He received no help from the Army of the Republic of Vietnam soldiers. After completing these tasks, he continued to administer first aid to his comrades until he, himself fell unconscious. After regaining consciousness, he continued to give medical aid and advice to his comrades. Specifically because of Warrant Officer Rocco's actions, the lives of three of his comrades were saved.

The facts as contained in the proposed citation and this narrative account have been substantiated by the statements of eyewitnesses.





THE UNITED STATES OF AMERICA

TO ALL WHO SHALL SEE THESE PRESENTS, GREETING:

THIS IS TO CERTIFY THAT
THE PRESIDENT OF THE UNITED STATES OF AMERICA
AUTHORIZED BY CONGRESS
HAS AWARDED IN THE NAME OF THE CONGRESS

THE MEDAL OF HONOR

TO

WARRANT OFFICER (THEN SERGEANT FIRST CLASS) LOUIS R. ROCCO, UNITED STATES ARMY

FOR

CONSPICUOUS GALLANTRY AND INTREPIDITY IN ACTION AT THE
RISK OF HIS LIFE ABOVE AND BEYOND THE CALL OF DUTY

IN THE REPUBLIC OF VIETNAM ON 24 MAY 1970

GIVEN UNDER MY HAND IN THE CITY OF WASHINGTON
THIS DAY OF 19

Howard H. Callaway
SECRETARY OF THE ARMY



PRESIDENT OF THE UNITED STATES OF AMERICA



MEMORANDUM

THE WHITE HOUSE
WASHINGTON

December 3, 1974

*SJ -
all we to
invite?
BJ*

MEMORANDUM FOR

WHCA	Usher's Office	Miss N. Lammerding
EPS	Visitor's Office	Mrs. S. Weidenfeld
GSA	WH Physician	Miss S. Porter
USSS	✓ Congressional Liaison	Mrs. N. Yates
Press Office	Photo Office	WH Garage

FROM: MAJ GEN LAWSON *[Signature]*

The President is scheduled to present Medals of Honor to two U. S. servicemen in a ceremony to be held in the East Room of the White House on Thursday, December 12 at 3:00 p. m.

It is anticipated that present will be members of the immediate families, officials from the Department of Defense and Congressional representation. The ceremony will have live press coverage.

The following are needed in connection with the ceremony:

- a. A list of recommended Congressional invitees submitted to the Congressional Liaison Office by my office no later than 3 December.
- b. Refreshments will be served to guests after the ceremony in the State Dining Room. This event will be hosted by Mrs. Ford.
- c. A special tour of the White House for the recipients and families.
- d. Parking for VIP cars on the South Grounds.

Major Barrett, the Army Aide to the President, is the project officer for this ceremony.

cc:
Mr. Cuff
MSgt Collins



THE WHITE HOUSE

WASHINGTON

SCHEDULE PROPOSAL

Date: December 10, 1974
Thru: William E. Timmons
Max L. Friedersdorf
From: Vern Loen ✓
Via: Warren S. Rustand

M.B.

EVENT: Presentation of a handmade golf putter to the President from a constituent of Rep. Bill Scherle, R-Iowa.

DATE: Before adjournment of Congress around December 19 (he will be out of town on December 13)

PURPOSE: Rep. Scherle mentioned this gift to the President at the recent breakfast for Congressional members defeated in the November election. The President expressed interest.

PARTICIPANTS: The President
Rep. Bill Scherle
Vern Loen (Staff)

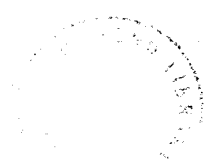
FORMAT: - The Oval Office
- 5 minutes

PRESS
COVERAGE: White House photographs

BACKGROUND: 1. The handmade golf putter has the President's name inscribed upon it.
2. The craftsman is Mr. Edward Lehman of Atlantic, Iowa.
3. Mr. Lehman has made putters for a number of public figures such as Bob Hope and Governor Ray of Iowa.

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THE WHITE HOUSE

WASHINGTON

December 12, 1974

MEETING WITH REPRESENTATIVE WILLIAM WIDNALL (R-NJ)

Friday, December 13, 1974

9:15 a.m. (15 minutes)

The Oval Office

From: Max L. Friedersdorf

I. PURPOSE

Opportunity for Representative Widnall to discuss the economic situation with the President.

II. BACKGROUND, PARTICIPANTS AND PRESS PLAN

A. Background:

1. Mr. Widnall, ranking Republican on the House Banking and Currency Committee, was defeated in his re-election bid on November 5.
2. At the President's breakfast for defeated Members on December 5, the Congressman asked the President for a brief meeting to give the President the benefit of his views on the economy.
3. Mr. Widnall stressed the point that he is not seeking a job.

B. Participants: The President
Rep. Bill Widnall
Max Friedersdorf (staff)

C. Press Plan: Announce to press only - White House photos

III. TALKING POINTS

1. Bill, I truly regret your defeat on November 5. Your many years of experience will be greatly missed here.
2. I would appreciate having your views on the current economic situation, and would like to know if you have any suggestions toward solution of these problems.
3. What are your plans for the future?

SCHEDULE PROPOSAL

Date: December 5, 1974
From: William E. Timmons
Via: Warren Rustand

EVENT: Meeting with Rep. William Widnall (R-NJ)

DATE: Anytime before Congress adjourns

PURPOSE: To discuss economic situation

FORMAT:
- 10 minutes
- The Oval Office

RECOMMENDED BY: William E. Timmons

BACKGROUND:

1. Widnall was defeated in his re-election bid for Congress. He is ranking Republican on the Committee on Banking and Currency.
2. Widnall asked the President for a brief appointment during this morning's breakfast for the defeated Members. The President told him to have Timmons set it up.
3. Widnall says he wants to give the President benefit of his views on the economy and points out he is not job hunting.



THE WHITE HOUSE

WASHINGTON

December 12, 1974

MEETING WITH REPRESENTATIVE WILLIAM G. BRAY (R-IND)

Friday, December 13, 1974

9:30 a.m. (15 minutes)

The Oval Office

From: Max L. Friedersdorf

I. PURPOSE

Opportunity for Representative Bray to discuss job possibilities with the President.

II. BACKGROUND, PARTICIPANTS AND PRESS PLAN

A. Background:

1. Mr. Bray, ranking Republican on the House Armed Services Committee, was upset in the November 5 election. Having served 24 years in the Congress, he is not interested in running again.
2. The Congressman indicated an interest in a part time commission appointment in the areas of security or defense.
3. Mr. Bray talked to Brad Patterson, indicating an interest in the Foreign Intelligence Board. However, Brad advised Max Friedersdorf it would be highly unlikely he would be appointed to that board. Mr. Bray was offered an appointment on the Battles Monument Commission, but turned it down.

B. Participants: The President
Rep. Bill Bray
Max Friedersdorf (staff)

C. Press Plan: None - White House photographs only.

III. TALKING POINTS

1. Bill, I truly regret your defeat on November 5. This was a great loss for all of us.
2. I know your many years of experience can still be of use.
3. What are your plans for the future.

December 13, 1974

Dear Chuck:

Enclosed is a picture from your meeting
last Monday with the President.

I am pleased we were able to arrange
this for you.

With kindest regards.

Sincerely,

Max L. Friedersdorf
Deputy Assistant to
the President

Honorable Charles E. Chamberlain
House of Representatives
Washington, D. C. 20515

MLF:nk

enclosure: (1) 9DE74 A2364-30A



December 13, 1974

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with the President last Monday.

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for you.

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Max L. Friedersdorf
Deputy Assistant to
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House of Representatives
Washington, D. C. 20515

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enclosure: (1) 9DE74 A2365-25



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I am pleased we were able to arrange
this for you.

With kindest regards.

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Deputy Assistant to
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Honorable Charles W. Sandman, Jr.
House of Representatives
Washington, D. C. 20515

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enclosure: (1) 9DE74 A2365-13



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last Monday with the President.

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Honorable James R. Grever, Jr.
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Washington, D. C. 20515

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Sincerely,

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Deputy Assistant to
the President

Honorable Robert Price
House of Representatives
Washington, D. C. 20515

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enclosure: (1) 9DE74 A2364-02A



December 13, 1974

Dear Del:

Enclosed are two pictures from Monday's meeting when you brought the Dell Springer family in to see the President.

I am pleased we were able to arrange this for you and your constituents.

With kindest regards.

Sincerely,

Max L. Friedersdorf
Deputy Assistant to
the President

Honorable Delbert L. Latta
House of Representatives
Washington, D. C. 20515

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enclosures: (2) 9DE72 A2364-18A



THE WHITE HOUSE

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SCHEDULE PROPOSAL

Date: December 13, 1974

Thru: William E. Timmons

From: Max L. Friedersdorf *m.l.*

Via: Warren S. Rustand

MEETING: Representatives W. R. Poage (D-Tex), Thomas Foley (D-Wash), and William Wampler (R-Va)

DATE: Before December 21, 1974

PURPOSE: Opportunity for the Members to discuss with the President farm problems, particularly in the areas of cattle and dairy producers.

PARTICIPANTS: The President
Rep. Bob Poage
Rep. Tom Foley
Rep. Bill Wampler
Norm Ross (staff)
Max Friedersdorf (staff)

BACKGROUND: 1. Congressman Wampler, the ranking Republican on the House Agriculture Committee, contends the President agreed, during his visit to the Hill this week for the Mahon portrait unveiling, to meet with Agriculture Chairman Poage, Congressman Wampler and Congressman Foley.

2. Wampler said the meeting would be helpful for the agriculture leaders in the House to discuss dairy and cattle problems.

RECOMMENDATION: That the President be checked on Wampler's report that a meeting was agreed to at the Mahon event. I would not press for the meeting unless a commitment was made.

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MEETING: Drop-by at the Madison Hotel birthday party for House Majority Leader Thomas P. "Tip" O'Neill, Jr.

DATE: Monday, December 16, 1974, between 7:30 and 8:30 pm

PURPOSE: To greet the Majority Leader on the occasion of his 62nd birthday.

PARTICIPANTS: The President
Rep. "Tip" O'Neill
Numerous Members of Congress
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BACKGROUND: 1. Congressman John McFall (D-Ca), the Majority Whip, phoned to invite the President to drop-by the O'Neill party at the Madison on Monday evening.

2. Tongsun Park, owner of the Georgetown Club, is hosting the party and numerous Members of Congress will attend.

3. Cocktails will be at 7:30 p.m., with dinner at 8:30 p.m. Mr. McFall suggested if the President's schedule is tight, he could stop by before 8:30 p.m. for a few minutes.

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Max L. Friedersdorf *mf*
From: Vern Loen *VL*
Via: Warren S. Rustand

EVENT: Meeting with Rep. Harold Froehlich, R-Wis.

DATE: Before adjournment of Congress around December 19

PURPOSE: To discuss his possible appointment to the new Federal Elections Commission.

PARTICIPANTS: The President
Rep. Harold Froehlich
Vern Loen (staff)

FORMAT: - The Oval Office
- 5 minutes

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BACKGROUND: 1. Mr. Froehlich was defeated in the November election after one term in the Congress.

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Date: December 13, 1974
Thru: William E. Timmons
From: Max L. Friedersdorf *M.L.*
Via: Warren S. Rustand

MEETING: On Strip Mining Legislation

DATE: As soon as possible

PURPOSE: Opportunity for proponents of the Strip Mining Legislation to present their views to the President.

PARTICIPANTS: The President
Rep. Morris Udall
Rep. Patsy Mink
Rep. Phil Ruppe
Rep. Wayne Hays
Rep. John Melcher
Sen. Henry Jackson
Sen. Lee Metcalf
Sen. Floyd Haskell
Mike duVal (staff)
Max Friedersdorf (staff)

BACKGROUND:

1. The President's veto signal on the Strip Mining bill was made on the House Floor this afternoon.
2. Shortly thereafter, Mr. Udall instructed his aide to call Max Friedersdorf and request a meeting with the President for the sponsors of the Strip Mining bill, so their views might be heard. Mrs. Mink also called Friedersdorf urging such a meeting.

RECOMMENDATION: I strongly recommend against such a meeting because your position has been announced; Udall and Jackson would play Presidential politics, and the result of such a meeting would be a strong blast at the President.

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Via: Warren S. Rustand

EVENT: Meeting with Rep. Harold Froehlich, R-Wis.

DATE: Before adjournment of Congress around December 19

PURPOSE: To discuss his possible appointment to the new Federal Elections Commission. *— no way*

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FORMAT: - The Oval Office
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Date: December 16, 1974

Thru: William E. Timmons

From: Max L. Friedersdorf

Via: Warren S. Rustand

M.L.

MEETING: Representative Samuel Young (R-Ill)

DATE: Before adjournment of the 93rd Congress

PURPOSE: Opportunity for the Congressman to meet with the President privately before he leaves Washington.

PARTICIPANTS: The President
Rep. Sam Young
Max Friedersdorf (staff)

BACKGROUND:

1. Mr. Young alleges that the President said he wanted to see Mr. Young when they spoke after the President's breakfast for defeated Members of Congress on December 5.
2. None of the staff who attend the breakfast recall this conversation.
3. Mr. Young has made no contact with White House staff as to interest in a job.
4. Mr. Young, a freshman Republican from Illinois, was defeated in his bid for re-election on November 5.

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SCHEDULE PROPOSAL

Date: December 16, 1974
Thru: William E. Timmons
From: Max L. Friedersdorf *ML*
Via: Warren S. Rustand *W.S.*

MEETING: Representative Robert Steele (R-Conn)

DATE: Before adjournment of the 93rd Congress

PURPOSE: Opportunity for the Congressman to have his picture taken with the President.

PARTICIPANTS: The President
Rep. Bob Steele
Max Friedersdorf (staff)

BACKGROUND:

1. Congressman Steele was not able to attend the President's breakfast for defeated Members of Congress, when, he understands, individual pictures were taken.
2. As he does not have a picture of himself with the President, he would like the opportunity to have one made.
3. Mr. Steele was defeated in his bid for Governor of Connecticut in the November election.

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THE WHITE HOUSE

WASHINGTON

December 17, 1974

MEETING WITH BARRY M. GOLDWATER, JR., R-CALIF.

December 18, 1974

11:05 a.m. (5 minutes)

The Oval Office

Via: William E. Timmons

Max L. Friedersdorf *M.L.F.*

From: Vern Loen *VL*

I. PURPOSE To present a plaque from the Newhall-Saugus-Valencia Chamber of Commerce

II. BACKGROUND, PARTICIPANTS & PRESS PLAN

- A. Background:
1. The President had planned, when he was Vice President, to address this Chamber of Commerce in August. Events during that period made it necessary to cancel the engagement.
 2. It had planned to present the Vice President with a plaque making him an Honorary Member of the Chamber.
 3. Representative Goldwater has been requested to present the plaque to the President on behalf of the Chamber of Commerce which is in his District.

B. Participants: The President
Rep. Barry M. Goldwater, Jr.
Vern Loen (Staff)

C. Press Plan: White House photo

III. TALKING POINTS

1. Barry, I appreciate very much this thoughtful gesture on the part of your constituents in the business community.
2. I regret that I was unable to address the Chamber last August.
3. Please convey to the Chamber my appreciation for being made an Honorary Member.



THE WHITE HOUSE

WASHINGTON

December 18, 1974

MEMORANDUM FOR: WILLIAM N. WALKER
THRU: MAX L. FRIEDERSDORF *m.l.*
FROM: VERN LOEN *VL*
SUBJECT: M. C. Robert H. Steele, R-Conn.

When Congressman Steele visited the President during the Congressional Hour today, he mentioned his interest in an ambassadorship. Mr. Steele, who was defeated in his race for Governor of Connecticut in November, speaks Russian and Spanish and served on the House Foreign Affairs Committee. Earlier he served in the Central Intelligence Agency.

The President directed me to bring Mr. Steele's interest to your attention but made no commitment.

I believe Steele already has been offered a position within the Administration, perhaps in the New Fire Prevention and Control Administration, but turned it down.

He has future political aspirations for the Senate or Governorship of Connecticut, but not for four to six years if then.

THE WHITE HOUSE

WASHINGTON

December 17, 1974

MEETING WITH REP. ROBERT H. STEELE, R-CONN.

December 18, 1974

11:25 a.m. (2 minutes)

The Oval Office

Via: William E. Timmons
Max L. Friedersdorf *MLF*

From: Vern Loen *VL*

I. PURPOSE An opportunity for the Congressman to have his picture taken with the President.

II. BACKGROUND, PARTICIPANTS & PRESS PLAN

- A. Background:
1. Representative Steele was unable to attend the President's breakfast for defeated Members of Congress.
 2. He does not have a picture of himself with the President and would like the opportunity to have one made.
 3. Representative Steele was defeated in his bid for Governor of Connecticut in the November election.
- B. Participants: The President
Rep. Robert H. Steele
Vern Loen (Staff)
- C. Press Plan: White House photo

III. TALKING POINTS

1. Bob, I'm sorry you lost your bid for the governorship of Connecticut.
2. I wish you the best of luck in your future endeavors.

OK
11.25

THE WHITE HOUSE
WASHINGTON

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Via: Warren S. Rustand

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THE WHITE HOUSE

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SCHEDULE PROPOSAL
FOR THE PRESIDENT

Date: December 19, 1974

From: Max Friedersdorf *m.6*

Thru: Warren S. Rustand

PURPOSE: Reception for new Members of the 94th Congress and their wives.

DATE: January 13 or 14; 7:30-9:30 P.M.

FORMAT: The Residence

PURPOSE: To meet and entertain the Democratic and Republican freshmen Members of the House and Senate during an informal reception.

PARTICIPANTS: See Tab A.

BACKGROUND:

1. On November 5, 1974, 103 new Members of Congress were elected, including 92 new Congressmen and 11 new Senators.
2. The new Members will be sworn-in when the 94th Congress convenes at noon on Thursday, January 14.
3. I recommend this event be purely social with the President greeting the freshmen and their wives in the East Room; inviting them to tour the first floor and have refreshments in the State Dining Room.
4. I would defer to Social Secretary on recommendation for music, dancing or other entertainment.

APPROVED _____ DISAPPROVED _____

Date of Submission: December 19, 1974



Tab A

Participants:
Leadership --

The President
Mike Mansfield
Hugh Scott
Robert Griffin
Robert Byrd
Carl Albert
Thomas P. O'Neill
John McFall
John Rhodes
Robert Michel

Members of
Congress

House

Republicans

Richard Kelley - Fla.
George Hansen - Idaho
Henry Hyde - Illinois
Charles C. Grassley - Iowa
W. Henson Moore - La.
David Emery - Maine
Tom Hagedorn - Minn.
Virginia Smith - Neb.
Millicent Fenwick - N. J.
Willis Gradison - Ohio
Thomas Kindness - Ohio
Richard Schulze - Pa.
William Goodling - Pa.
Gary Myers - Pa.
Larry Pressler - S. D.
James Jeffords - Vt.
Robert Kasten, Jr. - Wis.

Democrats

George Miller - Calif.
Norman Y. Mineta - Calif.
John Krebs - Calif.
Henry A. Waxman - Calif.
Mark W. Hannaford - Calif.
Jim Lloyd - Calif.
Jerry M. Patterson - Calif.
Timothy E. Wirth - Colo.
Christopher J. Dodd - Conn.

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Anthony Moffett - Conn.
Elliott H. Levitas - Georgia
Larry McDonald - Georgia
Martin A. Russo - Ill.
Abner J. Mikva - Ill.
Tim L. Hall - Ill.
Paul Simon - Ill.
Floyd J. Fithian - Ind.
David W. Evans - Ind.
Philip H. Hayes - Ind.
Philip R. Sharp - Ind.
Andrew Jacobs, Jr. - Ind.
Michael T. Blouin - Iowa
Tom Harkin - Iowa
Berkley Bedell - Iowa
Martha Keys - Kan.
Carroll Hubbard, Jr. - Ky.
Gladys Noon Spellman - Md.
Joseph D. Early - Mass.
Paul E. Tsongas - Mass.
Bob Carr - Mich.
William M. Brodhead - Mich.
James J. Blanchard - Mich.
Richard Nolan - Minn.
James L. Oberstar - Minn.
Max S. Baucus - Mont.
James Santini - Nev.
Norman E. D'Amours - N. H.
James J. Florio - N. J.
William J. Hughes - N. J.
Andrew Maguire - N. J.
Helen Meyner - N. J.
Thomas J. Downey - N. Y.
Jerome Ambro, Jr. - N. Y.
James H. Scheuer - N. Y.
Stephen J. Solarz - N. Y.
Frederick W. Richmond - N. Y.
Leo C. Zeferetti - N. Y.
Richard L. Ottinger - N. Y.
Matthew McHugh - N. Y.
Edward W. Pattison - N. Y.
John J. LaFalce - N. Y.
Henry J. Nowak - N. Y.

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Stephen L. Neal - N. C.
W. G. Hefner - N. C.
Ronald M. Mottl - Ohio
Theodore M. Risenhoover - Okla.
Glen English - Okla.
Les AuCoin - Ore.
Robert Duncan - Ore.
James Weaver - Ore.
Robert W. Edgar - Pa.
Edward P. Beard - R. I.
Butler Derrick - S. C.
Kenneth L. Holland - S. C.
John W. Jenrette, Jr. - S. C.
Marilyn Lloyd - Tenn.
Harold E. Ford - Tenn.
Jack Hightower - Tex.
Robert Krueger - Tex.
Allan T. Howe - Utah
Herbert E. Harris - Va.
Joseph E. Fisher - Va.
Don Bonker - Wash.
Alvin Baldus - Wis.
Robert J. Cornell - Wis.

Senate

Republicans

Paul Laxalt - Nev.
E. J. Garn - Utah

Democrats

Dale Bumpers - Ark.
Gary W. Hart - Colo.
Richard Stone - Fla.
John C. Culver - Iowa
Wendell H. Ford - Ky.
Robert E. Morgan - N. C.
John H. Glenn - Ohio
Patrick L. Leahy - Vt.

The winner of the New Hampshire Senate race is still in question. Will advise when the winner is determined.

Staff

Donald Rumsfeld
John O. Marsh
Robert Hartmann
Max Friedersdorf
Vernon Loen
William Kendall
Charles Leppert
Douglas Bennett
Patrick O'Donnell
Robert Wolthuis

THE WHITE HOUSE
WASHINGTON

December 16, 1974

NOTE FOR JACK MARSH

You might give some thought to a schedule proposal for the President to meet with the freshmen -- Democrats and Republicans -- and their wives sometime before the session starts in January. I understand that the freshmen Democrats are going to ask for a meeting with the President. We may as well get the jump on them and propose it.

If the wives are included you could let them take a tour of the building, have the President and several Cabinet people meet with the freshmen Congressmen, and then have the wives rejoin.

It's up to you, but I thought I would offer the suggestion.

1. Date - 13, 14, ~~15~~ JAN, or just aft^w State Union
DON RUMSFELD

2. Menu to Warren

A. Evening 7:30 - 9:30

B. Program

1. Briefing for mc's
2. Tour for wives
3. 1 hr. reception first.



THE WHITE HOUSE

WASHINGTON

December 20, 1974

MEETING WITH REPRESENTATIVE AND MRS. CHET HOLIFIELD (D-CA)

Saturday, December 21, 1974

12:00 noon (5 minutes)

The Oval Office

From: Max L. Friedersdorf *mf*

I. PURPOSE

Opportunity for the President to bid a private farewell to his former colleague and his wife.

II. BACKGROUND, PARTICIPANTS AND PRESS PLAN

A. Background:

1. Chet Holifield is retiring after having served 32 years in the House of Representatives.

B. Participants: The President
Rep. Chet Holifield
Mrs. Cam Holifield
Max Friedersdorf (staff)

C. Press Plan: Announce to press - White House photographs