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May 12, 1975

Dear Don:

Enclosed are two pictures taken with the President when he autographed the baseball at the Baseball Hall of Fame meeting at the White House on February 24th.

Sincerely,

**Charles Leppert, Jr.
Special Assistant
to the President**

**Honorable Donald J. Mitchell
U. S. House of Representatives
Washington, D. C. 20515**

Enclosures: #27FE75A3466-10

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April 28, 1975

MEMORANDUM FOR:

PHOTO OFFICE

THRU:

**MAX FRIEDERSDORF
VERN LOEN**

FROM:

CHARLES LEPPERT, JR.

Rep. Don Mitchell (R-NY) has requested two copies of the picture he had taken with the President at the Baseball Hall of Fame meeting at the White House on February 24th. The number of the picture is 27FE75A3466-10.

Thanks for your attention to this request.



February 27, 1975

Dear Don:

Here are the photographs which were taken today during the Congressional Hour and I am happy to send them to you with the best wishes of the President.

With kindest regards.

Sincerely,

Douglas P. Bennett
Special Assistant for
Legislative Affairs

Honorable Donald J. Mitchell
House of Representatives
Washington, D. C. 20515

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THE WHITE HOUSE
WASHINGTON

February 26, 1975

MEETING WITH REPRESENTATIVE DONALD J. MITCHELL, (R-N. Y.)

Thursday, February 27, 1975
11:30-11:35 a.m. (5 minutes)
The Oval Office

Via: Max L. Friedersdorf
Vern Loen *VL*

From: Douglas P. Bennett *DPB*

I. PURPOSE

To present a baseball, on behalf of the National Baseball Hall of Fame, and to secure the President's signature on another baseball which will be placed in the Hall of Fame in Cooperstown, New York.

II. BACKGROUND, PARTICIPANTS AND PRESS PLAN

A. Background:

1. The Baseball Hall of Fame has a collection of baseballs which have been autographed by Presidents of the United States but to date it doesn't have one with President Ford's signature.
2. The baseball, which Rep. Don Mitchell will present, has been autographed by the members of the Hall of Fame who were in attendance at last year's anniversary game at Cooperstown, New York.

B. Participants: The President
Rep. Don Mitchell
Douglas P. Bennett (Staff)



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

III. TALKING POINTS

1. Don, thank you for this baseball which has been autographed by the members of the Baseball Hall of Fame and please express my appreciation to each member and to the Hall of Fame's director, Mr. Ken Smith.
2. I'll be happy to autograph the other baseball for display in the Hall of Fame.

NOTE:

Rep. Mitchell may mention that the Department of Air Force made a decision to move the Rome Air Development Center, a major mission of Griffiss Air Force Base, to a different location.

Rep. Mitchell is contending that the cost effectiveness figures used in making the decision are erroneous. The Air Force is now re-studying their decision and will be making a final determination very soon.

30 File
February 7, 1975

Dear Don:

Thank you for your February 3 letter about your desire to present the President with the autographed baseball from members of the National Baseball Hall of Fame who were at the game in Cooperstown last year.

I will be pleased to check to see if a meeting can be arranged the week of February 24 as you suggested. You will hear further as soon as possible. Regardless of whether a meeting can be arranged at this time, I know the President will be pleased to autograph a baseball for the Hall of Fame.

With kindest regards,

Sincerely,

Max L. Friedlander
Assistant to the President

The Honorable Donald J. Mitchell
House of Representatives
Washington, D.C. 20515

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MLF:EF:VO:vo

bcc: w/incoming to Nancy Kennedy for pending file



DONALD J. MITCHELL
31ST DISTRICT, NEW YORK

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Congress of the United States
House of Representatives

FEB 6 1975 Washington, D.C. 20515

February 3, 1975

Mr. Max L. Friedersdorf
Assistant to the President
The White House
Washington, D.C.

Dear Max:

I don't think I have to remind you that the Baseball Hall of Fame in Cooperstown, New York is in my District and it is in connection with my desire to cooperate with the Hall of Fame that I am writing you today.

The Hall has a collection of baseballs on display which have been autographed by Presidents of the United States but to date it doesn't have one with President Ford's signature. I have communicated with the director of the Hall of Fame, Mr. Ken Smith, to advise him of my willingness to serve as the intermediary and he has agreed to forward a ball to me which he would like me to personally present to the President for his signature and ultimate return to Cooperstown. Of course, we would like to get some appropriate attention for this little ceremony. As you know, Spring training will be starting in just a few weeks and it's my thought that later this month would be a good time for the ceremony to focus attention on the start of a new baseball year.

I would appreciate it if you would schedule a few minutes of the President's time at some time during the week of February 24th so that I could present the ball to him and secure the requested autograph. At the same time, I will be presenting to the President, in behalf of the National Baseball Hall of Fame, a ball autographed by the members of the Hall of Fame who were in attendance at last year's anniversary game at Cooperstown.

It would also be helpful to me if you would talk to Ron Nessen to make any arrangements necessary for photographers to record the



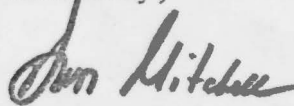
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presentation. I'm anxious to complete the arrangements for
this event.

With kindest personal regards.

Sincerely,



Donald J. Mitchell
Member of Congress

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OFFICE OF THE SECRETARY OF DEFENSE
WASHINGTON, D. C. 20301

26 February 1975

MEMORANDUM FOR Mr. Russ Rourke
Deputy to Presidential Counsellor John Marsh
The White House

THROUGH: Major General Richard L. Lawson
Military Assistant to the President

Russ:

Attached is the information you asked for regarding the Rome Air Development Center situation. Please note the paragraph on the second page of the memorandum which refers to studies underway and the possible retention of some functions at RADC previously announced for movement to other locations.

Tom
Thomas K. Latimer
The Special Assistant

Attachment



BACKGROUND

The 22 November 1974 DoD public announcement of unit realignments and base closures included the transfer of the majority of the functions of the Rome Air Development Center (RADC), Griffiss AFB, Rome, N.Y., to Wright-Patterson AFB, Ohio, and Hanscom AFB, Massachusetts.

RADC is an Air Force R&D activity on Griffiss AFB. As of 30 June 1975, approximately 1410 manpower authorizations (including 1100 civil servants) were programmed for RADC. The total Griffiss AFB manpower authorizations for 30 June 1975 was programmed to be 7400. If the planned transfer of RADC functions is implemented as originally envisaged without any new missions being assigned to Griffiss, the 30 June 1976 manpower strength would be approximately 6000.

Of RADC's programmed manpower strength, as of 30 June 1976, 65 authorizations were to remain at Griffiss; approximately 500 were to be transferred to Wright-Patterson AFB, Ohio; approximately 545 authorizations were to be transferred to Hanscom AFB, Mass.; and approximately 300 authorizations were to be eliminated.

The principal objective in realigning Air Force R&D activities was to achieve managerial improvements while accommodating manpower reductions of some 2600 authorizations between now and June 1976, to realize associated cost avoidances, and to improve the management and acquisition of advanced electronic systems.

CONGRESSMAN MITCHELL'S RESPONSE

Since the November 1974 public announcement, Congressman Mitchell has had some six meetings with senior DoD and Air Force officials, has met with the Vice President, and has submitted some 18 letters to DoD officials and the GAO protesting the transfer of RADC functions.

The congressman also had a local community economic impact assessment of RADC's closure developed and submitted several counter-proposals.

AIR FORCE RESPONSE TO MR. MITCHELL

In response to Mr. Mitchell's request, the Air Force has held in abeyance all implementing actions except planning. A team from the Office of the Chief of Engineers, U.S. Army, has



surveyed the local housing market in the Rome area and concluded that some \$2 million may be expended under the Homeowner's Assistance Act vice the \$15 million Mr. Mitchell estimated.

With Mr. Mitchell's concurrence, a contract has been awarded to Battelle Columbus Laboratories of Columbus, Ohio, to develop an independent economic impact analysis of the possible closure of RADC upon the Rome-Utica-Oneida County area. Battelle's field assessment team currently is in Rome, N.Y.. Battelle's final report will be submitted to the Air Force (with a copy provided Congressman Mitchell) on 7 March.

Furthermore, the Air Force has initiated several technical assessments by both governmental and private advisors to identify how its management and acquisition of advanced electronic systems can be improved. The findings of these technical assessments could result in the retention at Griffiss AFB of some elements of RADC previously planned for transfer to Ohio or Massachusetts.

The Air Force has also initiated an assessment of alternative uses by other Air Force activities of the Griffiss AFB facilities now occupied by RADC.

The above assessments will be completed about 1 April 1975. Depending on the outcome of these assessments, ample time is available to adjust the RADC November proposal since completion of the 22 November Air Force realignments was not envisaged until 30 June 1976.

OTHER CONSIDERATIONS

The over-all realignment of Air Force R&D activities contained in the 22 November 1974 announcement involves interactions and the transfer of R&D functions among Air Force installations in New York, Ohio, Massachusetts, New Mexico, California, and Florida.



THE WHITE HOUSE
WASHINGTON

May 12, 1975

MEMORANDUM FOR: MAX FRIEDERSDORF
THRU: VERN LOEN
FROM: CHARLES LEPPERT, JR. *CLJ*
SUBJECT: House Republican Study Committee

Rep. Marjorie Holt (R-Md.) has asked me to pass on the fact that the Members of the House Republican Study Committee felt that their meeting with President Ford was excellent. Many of the Members expressed interest for other meetings with the President in the future, perhaps on a quarterly basis, purely for the purpose of exchanging views on issues of major concern.



THE WHITE HOUSE

WASHINGTON

April 29, 1975

MEETING WITH THE EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE,
HOUSE REPUBLICAN STUDY COMMITTEE

Wednesday, April 30, 1975

11:00 - 11:30 a.m. (30 minutes)

The Cabinet Room

Thru: Max L. Friedersdorf
Vern Loen *VL*

From: Charles Leppert, Jr. *CLj.*

I. PURPOSE

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(e) Land Use will be discussed by Rep. Bob Bauman (R-Md.). He will express their support and gratitude for the Administration's opposition to the land use bill which has been reported out of subcommittee in the House. Bauman will emphasize the need to have the people in various Departments aware of the reasons and need to oppose this legislation.

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(g) Appointments will be discussed by Rep. William Dickinson (Ala). Rep. Dickinson will express the Committee's opposition to the appointment of Neil Staebler to the Federal Election Commission and request participation in future appointments as they come up including openings on the Council of Economic Advisors and the U. S. Supreme Court.

B. Participants: (See Tab A)

C. Press Plan:

Announce to Press
White House photographer only

III. TALKING POINTS

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3. I know there are some specific areas you wish to discuss, and I hope we can have an open and frank exchange on these and any other matters of interest.
4. Members of my senior staff are here and will also be available to respond to your comments and inquiries.
5. So, Marjorie, please let us proceed.

PARTICIPANTS

The President

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Representative William L. Armstrong (Colo)	-
Representative Robert E. Bauman (Md.)	
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Representative Del Clawson (Calif)	
Representative Edward J. Derwinski (Ill)	
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Representative Charles E. Grassley (Iowa)	
Representative Jack F. Kemp (NY)	
Representative Trent Lott (Miss.)	
Representative Floyd Spence (SC)	
Representative David C. Treen (La.)	

Mr. Robert T. Hartmann
Mr. John O. Marsh
Mr. Max L. Friedersdorf
Mr. William Seidman
Mr. James Cannon
Mr. Vern Loen
Mr. Charles Leppert, Jr.
Mr. Douglas Bennett
Mr. Paul O'Neill
Mr. James Cavanaugh
Mr. William Walker

THE WHITE HOUSE

WASHINGTON

April 21, 1975

MEETING WITH THE EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE,
HOUSE REPUBLICAN STUDY COMMITTEE

~~WEDNESDAY, Tuesday~~, April 30, 1975

11:00-11:30 A.M. (30 minutes)

The Cabinet Room

Thru: Max L. Friedersdorf
Vern Loen *UL*

From: Charles Leppert, Jr. *CLg*

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4/22 - 11:30
no schedule
for breakfast*

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(g) Appointments - same.

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See
New
List

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- ~~Mr. Max L. Friedersdorf~~
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land use bill



RE: Republican Study Comte.

Max has added the following

additional participants

for the above meeting with the P.

on 4/22 at 2:00 p. m.:

Paul O'Neill	Bill Seidman
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MEMORANDUM



THE WHITE HOUSE
WASHINGTON

SCHEDULE PROPOSAL
Date: March 22, 1975
Thru: Max L. Friedersdorf
From: Vern Loen *VL*
Via: William W. Nicholson

MEETING: Requested by Executive Committee of the House Republican Study Committee

DATE: Wednesday, April 23, 1975 in the morning
(to end no later than 11:45 a. m. per my telephone discussion with you)

PURPOSE: To provide the President with information on issues of major concern to the House Republican Study Committee.

FORMAT: Cabinet or Roosevelt Room
Minimum of thirty (30) minutes

PARTICIPANTS: The President
Executive Committee of GOP Study Committee (See Tab A)
Max Friedersdorf (Staff)
Charles Leppert, Jr. (Staff)

SPEECH MATERIAL: Talking points, Charles Leppert will submit briefing paper and attend meeting.

BACKGROUND: 1. President met with the Senate counterpart, the Senate GOP Steering Committee.
2. This proposal supersedes that of Charlie Leppert of March 12th.

PRESS COVERAGE: Announce to Press
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WASHINGTON

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THE WHITE HOUSE
WASHINGTON

Mrs Holt and group
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THE WHITE HOUSE
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Intro - Holt - 2 min

Welfare Dep. - Boyer - 6 min

Food Stamp - Armstrong - 3 min.

Land Use - Brown - 3 min

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THE WHITE HOUSE

WASHINGTON

April 21, 1975

MEETING WITH THE EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE,
HOUSE REPUBLICAN STUDY COMMITTEE

Tuesday, April 22, 1975

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III. TALKING POINTS

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2. Marjorie (Holt), I appreciate your assistance in arranging this meeting and I am hopeful we can meet on a regular basis.
3. I know there are some specific areas you wish to discuss, and I hope we can have an open and frank exchange on these and any other matters of interest.
4. Members of my senior staff are here and will also be available to respond to your comments and inquiries.
5. So, Marjorie, please let us proceed.



Vern

THE WHITE HOUSE

WASHINGTON

April 21, 1975

MEETING WITH THE EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE,
HOUSE REPUBLICAN STUDY COMMITTEE

Tuesday, April 22, 1975
2:00-2:45 p. m. (45 minutes)
The Cabinet Room

Thru: Max L. Friedersdorf
Vern Loen *VL*

From: Charles Leppert, Jr. *CLJr*

I. PURPOSE

To exchange information and views with the President on issues of major concern to the Members of the House Republican Study Committee.

II. BACKGROUND, PARTICIPANTS AND PRESS PLAN

A. Background:

1. The House Republican Study Committee (formerly the House Republican Steering Committee) was organized in February 1973 by Representatives Crane (Ill.), Spence (S. C.), Blackburn (Ga.), Derwinski (Ill.) and Rousselot (Calif.) and formally organized upon adoption of a Statement of Purpose and bylaws in February, 1974.
2. The Committee is composed of approximately 70-75 Republican Members of the House of Representatives who espouse a distinctly conservative philosophy of government. Leadership of the Committee is provided by the Officers and the Executive Committee. (See Tab A)

3. The Committee through its Chairwoman, Rep. Marjorie Holt, has requested this meeting to present issues of major concern to the Committee as follows:

(a) Opening Statement by Rep. Holt stating that the conservatives are the President's national base of support. A number of Presidential actions have disappointed the Committee members, and that better lines of communication between the President and Committee members should be established and maintained.

(b) Welfare Reform will be discussed by Rep. Clair Burgener (Calif.) and requesting support for the Committee's sponsored bill, H. R. 5133, the National Welfare Reform Act of 1975. In addition, this discussion will include food stamps and OMB cooperation.

(c) Veto Strategy will be discussed by Rep. William Armstrong (Colo.) and concern "when is a pledge to veto not a pledge", when and how are straight veto signals to be transmitted, vetoes of the tax bill, farm bill, strip mining bill, land use and consumer protection legislation.

(d) Economy will be discussed by Rep. Jack Kemp (N. Y.) concerning sound capital creation and general economic philosophy.

(e) Appointments will be discussed by Rep. William Dickinson (Ala.). Rep. Dickinson will express the Committee's opposition to the appointment of Neil Staebler to the Federal Election Commission and request participation in future appointments as they come up including openings on the Council of Economic Advisors and the U. S. Supreme Court.

B. Participants:

(See Tab A)

C. Press Plan:

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Mr. Robert T. Hartmann
Mr. Max L. Friedersdorf
Mr. Alan Greenspan
Mr. Vern Loen
Mr. Charles Leppert, Jr.

GOP study group stuff

Gallup poll - more willing to be Cons. than GOP -

H - GOP must bear burden of Watergate

- must broaden base

- not enough time to 3rd party in 76 unless
it comes out. Dems party, log
one Cons. party

Campaign org. > 76?

H - making plans, not firmed up

C - Separate comm. > pre-camp activities -

no alt. - RNC must be neutral even

> incumbent. P - could be pulled into

^{reg.}
~~gen~~ RNC > gen election

Tax cut - - why did he sign

H - - must consider in context of entire econ

policy in SOU - quick tax cut &

stim. ec. incl ITC > plant exp.

+ indiv rebates - can't get one w/o other

Draw line on new spending, cut F1 & B

2 programs already auth.

Sign than he wanted, but accomplished

1st part - we are not free - debt of old

sustain with (old)

Evans - noah left & lose 15 so + border sto -

Order of events from hell?

If so,

Ask Bing to reaffirm commitments around world -
NATO, SEATO



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cc: ~~Jack Marsh~~
~~Charles Leppert~~
~~Doug Bennett~~
~~Bob Wolthuis~~

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SCHEDULE PROPOSAL

Date: Open

3/12/75 March 18-26, 1975

Thru: Max Friedersdorf

From: Charles Leppert, Jr. *CLJ*

VIA: Warren Rustand

MEETING: Requested by Executive Committee of the House Republican Study Committee

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C. Leppert
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April 9, 1975

MEMORANDUM FOR: BILL NICHOLSON
THROUGH: MAX FRIEDERSDORF
FROM: VERN LOEN VL
SUBJECT: House Republican Study Committee

Mrs. Holt (R-Md) grudgingly accepted my explanation that the April 23 date would have to be shifted because the President was going to New Orleans for Eddie Hebert. She made pointed mention of the fact that their group, too, has been highly supportive of the President and were getting nothing in return. Currently, they are offended at the President's signing of the tax cut bill.

I assured her that we attach very high priority to this request and would keep pressing for it to be rescheduled at the earliest possible date.

She also mentioned that other groups such as the Senate GOP Steering Committee and the Black Caucus seem to be able to get in to see the President "on a moment's notice," and said this would be very embarrassing for her to report to her executive committee.

cc: Charles Leppert
Doug Bennett
Bob Wolthuis

Charlie

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Vern:

Max asks that you call Mrs. Holt and tell her STRICKTLY OFF THE RECORD that Cantrell was taken out of the meeting some minutes after it began.

Between us, Max, against his better judgement, let Cantrell in (he came uninvited) to the meeting.....sat in the back taking copious notes, which Rumsfeld noticed, passed Max a note and told him to get him the %*\$)%&\$ out of the room.

~~THANKS~~ Thusly, Max says "NEVERMORE"

* w call Tues

~~Ed Fealner - was @ Bull's
reception here~~

* (Hold) briefing paper

March 27, 1975

Dear Marjorie:

We are pleased that the Executive Committee of the Republican Study Committee will be meeting with the President on April 23.

I am sure this will be a beneficial meeting and result in a good exchange of views.

Unfortunately, staff cannot be included in these meetings. Tom Cantrell was not invited. He was admitted without an invitation, to avoid embarrassment because he accompanied the Senators to the meeting.

Please be assured that complete minutes of the meeting will be available to assist in follow-up. |

With cordial regard.

Sincerely,

Max L. Friedersdorf
Assistant to the President

Honorable Marjorie S. Holt
Chairwoman
The Republican Study Committee
House of Representatives
Washington, D. C. 20515

MLF:nk

bcc: Vern Loen w/incoming - FYI



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March 25, 1975

The Honorable Max Friedersdorff
Assistant to the President
The White House
Washington, D.C. 20500

MAR 27 1975

Dear Max:

I know I speak in behalf of the entire Executive Committee of The Republican Study Committee when I say that we appreciate your assistance in arranging the meeting for our Executive Committee with the President on April 23.

As soon as we have decided among ourselves as to the agenda items, we shall forward them on to you well in advance of the meeting.

However, one aspect of the arrangements for the meeting is disturbing to us. That is, the apparent veto of our being accompanied by Ed Feulner, our Staff Director.

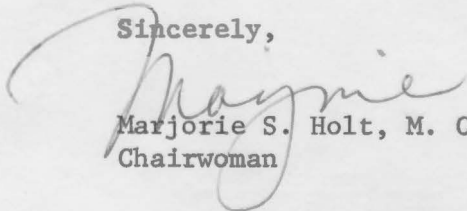
The alleged reason given for this is "Secret Service regulations". As you are aware, Ed formerly served on the personal staff of Secretary Laird in the Pentagon and has held high security clearances.

Another reason which is sometimes mentioned regarding this subject is that "it is just never done". In response I would point out to you that when our colleagues on the Senate side, led by Senators McClure and Helms, the Chairman and Vice Chairman respectively of the Senate Steering Committee, met with the President earlier this month, that they were accompanied by Tom Cantrell, their Staff Director.

Since the President is obviously accompanied by numerous staff members, it seems reasonable that the twenty Members who will be meeting with them have one staff aide among them to take notes and assure the necessary follow-up from our side.

I hope that this matter can be rectified in the near future and that you will let me know that Ed can, in fact, accompany us.

Sincerely,


Marjorie S. Holt, M. C.
Chairwoman



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VIA: Warren Rustand

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morning of Wed, April 23 (no time yet)
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✓ Date: 3-22-75

TO: MAX / SE / ~~DB~~ / ~~BWA~~

FROM: Vern C. Loen VL

PLEASE HANDLE _____

FOR YOUR INFORMATION ✓

OTHER This probably will
come up in Holt mtg.
I am asking Ed Sullivan for
a list of things the Study
Committee want to discuss with
the P.

NEWS RELEASE

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NATIONAL WELFARE REFORM ACT

WASHINGTON, D.C.-- This past week in Washington, I joined with more than fifty of my Colleagues in the House of Representatives (from both sides of the aisle), to introduce The National Welfare Reform Act of 1975. This legislation is aimed at saving the American taxpayers in excess of \$1 billion per year while at the same time providing financial assistance to those who are truly in need. The measure seeks to correct deficiencies in the Aid to Families with Dependent Children program, which is the nation's costliest welfare program as well as the one most subject to abuse.

It took 15 years, from 1940 to 1955, for the AFDC rolls to double. Ten years later, the figure had doubled again and by 1970 the rolls had doubled once more. Federal funding for the program kept pace over the last twenty years by rising from \$545 million to well over \$4 billion annually. The AFDC portion of the Federal budget has risen 6800 percent from 1937 to 1974.

Without going into detail the bill basically seeks to do five things:

Provide welfare benefits only to those who are in legitimate need, eliminating those who receive welfare while earning high income.

Improve substantially efforts to control and eliminate fraud, including improved identification methods and expanded fraud control efforts.

Give new emphasis to the concept of family responsibility by strengthening child support requirements in recognition of the fact that the parent who defaults on his family support responsibilities is at the heart of much of the welfare problem.

In addition, it will require the states to establish criminal sanctions for willful misuse of AFDC grants.

It will also provide incentives for recipients to find employment and allow states to require a community work experience program as a condition for eligibility for welfare.

And, require effective use of outside resources, such as lump sum income and contributions from nonneedy individuals living with welfare families.

Every welfare proposal offered in recent years has promised nothing more than to expand the program at a cost of many billions of dollars. Through The National Welfare Reform Act, I believe that we can save enough money to increase benefits to those legitimately in need and at the same time save the taxpayers hundreds of millions of dollars.

The National Welfare Reform Act is a program on which thoughtful Members of Congress can agree. This is evidenced by the fact that both Republicans and Democrats are co-sponsoring the bill. It will help restore the concept of public welfare assistance to its original purpose; helping those who are really needy and who cannot help themselves. At the same time, it rejects the notion that able-bodied citizens ought to be able to enjoy a relaxed life style at the taxpayers' expense. The proposal demonstrates welfare reform in its most essential sense: identifying areas where resources are misdirected or misused; closing loopholes; preventing fraudulent abuse of the system; and applying a fiscal and management oriented perspective that the taxpayer has a right to demand in the operation of a program that now exceeds \$8 billion nationally.

This is a very serious, major proposal, not to be taken lightly. I earnestly hope that it will be given early consideration in this session of the Congress. My Colleagues and I intend to fight for these reforms until they are signed into law.

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House

Bill Goodling

Supports invitation to the President to speak at the Bicentennial Anniversary banquet of the Parish of St. Patrick, York, Pennsylvania.

Pierre S. du Pont

Supports invitation to the President to attend the conference of the Distributive Education Career Association Organization on May 7 or 10.

Marjorie Holt

*Charlie
needs*

Says there is grave concern among many Members of Congress that negotiations currently proceeding with the revolutionary government of Panama are leading toward a future abandonment of our sovereignty and jurisdiction over the Canal Zone; cannot understand why Secretary Kissinger agreed on Feb 7, 1974, to a set of negotiating principles that include recognition of Panama's sovereignty in the Canal Zone; feels that the Canal is of critical commercial and military importance to the U. S.

Ed Jones

Asks that the President declare several West Tennessee counties disaster areas because of the flooding.

Bud Shuster

Forwards several petitions received from Naomi Steward urging that America give "Food for Peace" on the basis of Christian compassion and not for any military or political reasons.

John McCollister

Urges the President to veto the tax reduction Act.

Patsy Mink

Requests the President's prompt review of plans to transfer operations of the Hqs Pacific Air Forces at Hickam Air Force Base in Hawaii to Clark Air Force Base in the Philippines.

Bill Goodling

Urges the President to sign the Farm Bill, if final version is similar to that passed by the House.

Wm Lehman

Sends petitions from residents in South Florida who favor unconditional amnesty.

March 29, 1975

Dear Marjorie:

Thank you for your March 25 letter to the President expressing your opposition to any action which would remove the Panama Canal Zone from the jurisdiction and sovereignty of the United States.

You may be assured your letter will be called to the President's attention at the earliest opportunity. I know he will appreciate having your frank presentation concerning this important matter.

With kindest regards,

Sincerely,

Vernon C. Loon
Deputy Assistant
to the President

The Honorable Marjorie S. Holt
House of Representatives
Washington, D. C. 20515

See: w/incoming to General Scowcroft for appropriate handling

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MARJORIE S. HOLT
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Congress of the United States
House of Representatives
Washington, D.C. 20515

March 25, 1975

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The President
The White House

Dear Mr. President:

ME There is grave concern among many Members of Congress that negotiations currently proceeding with the revolutionary government of Panama are leading toward a future abandonment of our sovereignty and jurisdiction over the Canal Zone.

Reports reaching us from the press and from the State Department indicate that negotiations will probably be completed by summer and that a new treaty will be presented to the Senate.

Mr. President, the Panama Canal Zone is American territory "in perpetuity," conveyed to the United States by the Hay-Bunau-Varilla Treaty of 1903. I am unalterable opposed to any dilution or abandonment of our rights in the Canal Zone.

I shall never be able to understand why Secretary of State Kissinger agreed on February 7, 1974 to a set of negotiating principles that include recognition of Panama's sovereignty in the Canal Zone.

The United States does not occupy any Panamanian territory. The Canal Zone is United States territory. It is part of the United States, and to give it away would make as much sense as returning the Louisiana Purchase to France.

I hope there are not sufficient votes in the Senate to pass such a treaty by the required two-thirds majority, and I also suggest there is a legal basis for submitting any such new agreement to a vote by the House.

This is not solely a question of a treaty, but would involve a disposal of United States property that would require an act of Congress. The United States purchased all the property within the Canal Zone for \$164 million, and the total investment of our taxpayers in the Canal Zone has amounted to \$7 billion.

March 25, 1975

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Mr. President, the Panama Canal is of critical commercial and military importance to the United States. The only way to insure free passage of our vessels through the Canal is to continue our sovereignty and control of this vital waterway.

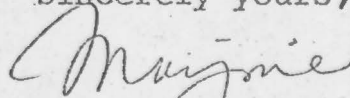
The Canal is situated in an unstable area of the world, and we should not place our faith in any present or future dictator who might come to power in that area.

It is true that the Congressional majority has forced a shameful weakening of the American posture in many parts of the world, and I would hate to see the Administration commit itself to a further erosion of our strength.

Somewhere, we must make a stand against the advance of communism, even if that place must be as close to home as the Panama Canal.

With warm, personal regards, I am

Sincerely yours,



Marjorie S. Holt
Member of Congress

MSH/g/wms

