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*Stiles,
Jack*

THE WHITE HOUSE
WASHINGTON

March 11, 1975

MEMORANDUM FOR:

DAVID BELIN
JACK STILES

FROM:

PHILIP BUCHEN

P.W.B.

SUBJECT:

Proposed Documentary by MGM on
"Portrait of an Assassin"

The President has suggested that you discuss this project along with Bill Casselman. As you, David, have expressed to me, you think it is important that a full and unbiased television report be made of the testimony received by the Warren Commission through the medium of television so as to counteract the questionable claims which are being publicized about the evidence concerning the Kennedy assassination.

cc: Bill Casselman



THE WHITE HOUSE
WASHINGTON

*Stiles
Jack*

March 16, 1975

MEMORANDUM FOR: Dave Belin

FROM: Bill Casselman *BC*

Referencing Phil Buchen's memorandum to you and Jack Stiles of March 11, 1975, and our telephone conversation of the following day, I am prepared, at your convenience, to get together with you and Jack to discuss the possibility of a TV documentary based on Portrait of an Assassin.

cc: Phil Buchen



THE WHITE HOUSE
WASHINGTON

4/1/75

2:40

Pat McKee now says
she got her wires
crossed -- there had
been no request
for an appointment
with the Vice President.

She was just curious on
her own!!!! ??

*So I guess we
don't send this.*



THE WHITE HOUSE
WASHINGTON

April 1, 1975

*Stiles
Jack*

MEMORANDUM FOR: Jack Marsh

FROM: Phil Buchen

We have received word that Jack Stiles is asking for an appointment with the Vice President.

Is this something we should discourage and, if not, can we advise someone on the Vice President's staff as to what the purpose of the appointment would be?



John Stiles, Ford Friend, Aide, Dies

By Jean R. Hailey

Washington Post Staff Writer

John R. Stiles, 59, one of



ren Commission report,
they collaborated on a book,
"Portrait of the Assassin,"

Dr. JOHANN GEORG HOYOS

~~XXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXX~~

Grimmelshausengasse 12, A-1030 Vienna III.
Austria.

Vienna, April 23rd, 1976.

*Hoyos, Dr. Johann
Berkeley*

Dear Phil :

Thank you for your letter of April 17th, with which you give us the sad news of Jack's death. Reading his obituary in The Washington Post I realised that I had not made enough efforts to see him in these last years, although I would have enjoyed this coming together. Now it is too late. It is one of the many cases where one has done too little.

I hope Bunny and yourself will come to Europe one of these days, and join us in Schwertberg or Vienna.

With all the best from Helga and myself to both of you,

sincerely Yours,

Herb

Philip W. Buchen, Esq.,
The White House,
Washington / U.S.A.



THE WHITE HOUSE
WASHINGTON

April 17, 1976

Dear Jean George and Helga:

Here is very sad news about the untimely death of Jack Stiles as reported in The Washington Post of yesterday.

The funeral is on Monday and I am planning to attend as a representative of the President.

Bunny joins me in expressing our most affectionate regards and best wishes.

Sincerely,



Philip W. Buchen
Counsel to the President

Graf and Grafyn Hoyos
Grimmerhausen Gasse 12
Vienna III

AUSTRIA

Enclosure



Hoyos,
Graf
Grafyn

Stiles, Jack
5/7/75

TO: PHILLIP BUCHEN

FROM: JACK STILES *JRS*

SUBJECT: "Portrait."

After conversation with Volney Morin:

- 1) What's this about my leaving my consultant position if I sign a contract? That's bosh.
- 2) How can Volney be the "scrivner" (I thought that word went out with Dickens.) when he doesn't know what you want the President to want?
- 3) Did the President say he was unwilling to have Morin make a reasonable charge for the work he does on the President's behalf?

I feel there must be several misunderstandings as there must have been when you turned down Simon and Schuster as well as MGM without consulting me.

MGM is waiting for their option which the President approved in principle. Can't we get this going?



THE WHITE HOUSE
WASHINGTON

*Stiles
Jack*

June 10, 1975

MEMORANDUM FOR THE PRESIDENT

THROUGH: PHIL BUCHEN *P.W.B.*
FROM: BILL CASSELMAN *BC*

Jack Stiles advises that you wish to authorize Simon and Schuster, Inc., to republish Portrait of the Assassin. In order that we may renegotiate the contract, we seek your approval of the following general courses of action:

1. That your share of the proceeds from the reissue of the book be donated to charities, which you shall from time to time designate, in an amount not to exceed the maximum allowable contribution as defined in the Internal Revenue Code.

Approve *MC7* Disapprove _____

2. That appropriate safeguards be provided to prevent the exploitation of your likeness, name or any statement attributed to you in any paid advertising and public relations releases in connection with the reissue of the book.

Approve *MC7* Disapprove _____

3. That the basic terms and conditions of the original publishing agreement remain essentially the same, especially with regard to secondary rights and your and Jack Stiles' respective shares of the proceeds.

Approve *MC7* Disapprove _____

Attached for your information is a copy of the original agreement with Simon and Schuster.

Enclosure



SIMON AND SCHUSTER, INC., PUBLISHERS
630 FIFTH AVENUE, NEW YORK 20, NEW YORK

Publishing Agreement

SIMON AND SCHUSTER, INC.

(hereafter called the "Publisher")

and

Agent: Gerald R. Ford & John R. Stiles
William Morris
1740 Broadway
New York, New York 10019

(hereafter called the "Author")
agree:

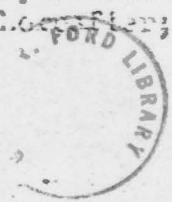
FIRST: The Publisher

[A] shall publish in book form the Author's work now entitled *BIOGRAPHY OF AN AMBASSADOR*
(hereafter called the "literary work")

on or before Spring 1965, for sale
at a catalog retail price of not less than \$ 5.95 for the trade editions;

[B] shall pay the author
\$10,000 on Request, such sum to be an advance against

- i) royalties at the following rates, for sales of the trade edition:
10% of the catalog retail price on the first 5,000 copies sold;
15% of the catalog retail price on all copies sold thereafter;
less returns.



- ii] 50% of the proceeds received on disposition of the other primary rights;
- iii] in accordance with the special provisions in Part Five of the Basic Agreement, for sales by mail order or under special discounts or as excess stock, or for any low-cost edition or textbook edition of the literary work published by the Publisher itself, or for publication of part of the literary work by the Publisher in another work; and

[c] shall copyright the literary work in the United States in the name of the Author.

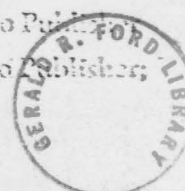
SECOND: The Author

- [A] shall deliver to the Publisher the literary work in final form on or before November 30, 1964; nos. to contain approximately 150,000 words. Obligation to supply illustrations etc., - Authors
- [a] makes the warranties and representations set forth in Part Two (31-39) of the Basic Agreement, except as otherwise specifically stated in THIRD (c) of this Publishing Agreement;
- [c] grants and assigns to the Publisher
 - i] the trade edition rights;
 - ii] the other primary rights; and
 - iii] the share provided in THIRD (A) of this Publishing Agreement, of the proceeds received on disposition of the secondary rights; and
- [D] agrees to give the Publisher the first option to consider the Author's next full-length book for publication on terms satisfactory to the Author and Publisher.

THIRD: The Publisher and the Author

[A] agree to share the proceeds received on disposition of the following secondary rights as follows:

Dramatic Rights	100 % to Author	0 % to Publisher
Motion Picture Rights	100 % to Author	0 % to Publisher
Educational Picture Rights	100 % to Author	0 % to Publisher
Radio Rights	100 % to Author	0 % to Publisher
Television Rights	100 % to Author	0 % to Publisher
First Periodical Rights	100 % to Author	0 % to Publisher
Second Periodical Rights	50 % to Author	50 % to Publisher
Commercial Rights	100 % to Author	0 % to Publisher
Foreign Rights	100 % to Author	0 % to Publisher;



(a) agree to be bound by all of the terms and conditions of the Basic Agreement which follows and which is made a part of this Publishing Agreement; and

(c) agree to the following special provisions, which shall prevail over any conflicting provisions in the Basic Agreement:

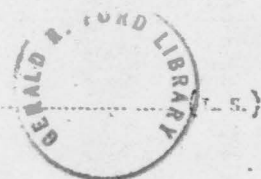
1. The Publisher shall have the right to bring out a paperback, lower priced edition of this book; and it is agreed that the royalty on such an edition shall be 5%, unless the standard royalty for Simon and Schuster, Inc., paperback books is increased by the time of the book's appearance as one of this paperback series, in which case, the prevailing right shall apply.
2. The option clause shall apply only to a book jointly written by the Authors, and the Publisher shall have 30 days from the receipt of the manuscript or substantial outline in which to exercise this option.
3. In consideration of the services of William Morris Agency, Inc., the Authors have irrevocably appointed said agent as their exclusive agent in connection with the said work and this contract and all monies due or to become due under this contract and all rights granted herein, to the Publisher, and all contracts arising from the Publisher's exercise of any option herein respecting any further work(s) and all monies becoming due to the Author thereunder.
4. Notwithstanding anything to the contrary contained herein, the Publisher agrees that ten per cent (10%) of all moneys accruing to the Author under this agreement shall be credited and paid to the William Morris Agency during the Publisher's semi-annual accounting periods which represents the ten per cent (10%) agent's commission due on all moneys credited to the Author's royalty account under this agreement.
5. The Publisher shall also cause the Work to be published, publicly distributed or publicly placed on sale in Canada or another country signatory to the Berne Convention simultaneously with first publication of the Work in the U.S. hereunder. Each copy of the Work published by or under authority of the Publisher shall contain the copyright notice required for copyright protection in the Authors' names under the Universal Copyright Convention.

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BY.....
XXXXXXXXXXXX

Dated.....19

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6. The Publisher will handle the sale of several periodical rights with division of proceeds to be as specified in Clause Fifth (A).
7. The royalty and other expense pursuant to this Publishing Agreement payable by the Publisher to the Author in any one calendar year shall not exceed \$50,000.00. Any sums accruing to the Author pursuant to this Publishing Agreement in excess thereof shall be payable by the Publisher to the Author in succeeding accounting periods within the above specified original annual limitation. The Publisher shall not be obligated to pay interest on or to segregate any such accretions; but nothing herein contained shall diminish the obligation of the Publisher to the Author for the amount of royalties and other payments accruing according to the rates herein provided.
8. It is specifically understood that except for the several periodical rights, all other rights in the work are reserved by the Author as herein set forth.
9. Paragraphs 4-7 shall be deemed to include the words "for his sole use and enjoyment" in the word "Author" on second line of paragraph

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By Peter Schward

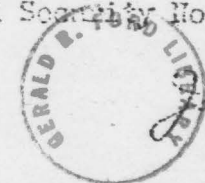
AUTHORIZED OFFICER
Gerald R. Ford
 Author - Gerald R. Ford

AUTHOR - John R. Stiles (L.S.)

Dated October 9, 1964

[3] Social Security No. 372-28-6
 Gerald R. Ford
 350-3-75

Social Security No. _____
 John R. Stiles
J. R. Stiles



Thursday 4/15/76

7:25 Dr. Alan Levey called to say he had talked with Birge Watkins and told him that he would like to go to Grand Rapids for the funeral of Jack Stiles; he said Bill Seidman wants very much to go.

Said to tell you to let him know if there's anything he can do.



THE WHITE HOUSE
WASHINGTON

Dear Eva, Shirley and Jane

You are, indeed, the thoughtful ones.
That coffee was exactly what was
needed.

Thank you so very much.

Dottie

P.S. I took the dirty dishes
back--good of me, don't you
Think?



~~Bill~~ Sidman

THE WHITE HOUSE
WASHINGTON

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Jack Stiles
~~Bill~~ ~~Birget~~ ~~well~~ ~~Dr~~ ~~Levey~~

Dr. Alan Levey
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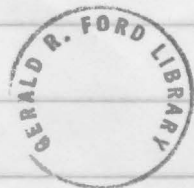
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3 sugar cream

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Fred Stiles Sr.
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Fred Stiles Jr.
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Glenda in PFC
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Mrs. Fred Stiles Jr.
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(616) - 16 Fred Helms

874-6808

entry (616) 723-6698



11:15 a.m.

Friday, April 16, 1976

Mr. Cheney called indicating the President was wondering if you would be interested in going to Grand Rapids to attend the funeral of Mr. Stiles as the Presidential representative?

Mr. Cheney indicated he had some other options but the President mentioned you, first.



2:45 p.m.

Thursday, April 15, 1976

Mr. Richard Merpi from a radio station in Grand Rapids called re the death of Mr. Stiles. Says he heard Mr. B informed the President. Mr. Merpi would like to chat with Mr. B about the incident and the President's reaction.

616-458-2178

they talked



Stiles
Fred C. Stiles

Contracting Co.
Inc.

3501 Lk. Eastbrook
Blvd

~~949-3180~~ ←

Res 2663

Beechwood Dr

(Residence)

949-3326



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Monday 4/19/66

6:00 Mr. Buchen has United Air Lines call to let us know he will be taking United 666 out of Cleveland -- arriving at 7:01 p.m. at National.

Advised the garage and Mrs. Buchen.



Itinerary
Philip W. Buchen
4/18-19/1976

Sunday 4/18

7:30 p.m. Lv. Washington Northwest 371
8:50 p.m. Arr. Detroit

up
George Loomis picked Mr. Buchen and
took him to their home in East Lansing
to stay overnight.

Did not use the second half of his airline ticket.

Monday 4/19

Drove to Grand Rapids

Rental car \$36.63

10:00 a.m. Funeral of Jack Stiles
Metcalf Funeral Home

4:25 p.m. Lv. Grand Rapids United 422
5:13 p.m. Arr. Cleveland
6:00 p.m. Lv. Cleveland United 666
7:01 p.m. Arr. Washington



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DIVISION OF
DISBURSEMENT

WASHINGTON, D. C.

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WHITE HOUSE
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Henry H. Baker
REGIONAL DISBURSING OFFICER

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TRAVEL VOUCHER

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PAYEE'S NAME PHILIP W. BUCHEN		SCHEDULE NO.
MAILING ADDRESS (Including ZIP Code) 1600 PENNSYLVANIA AVENUE, N. W. WASHINGTON, D. C. 20500		PAID BY
OFFICIAL DUTY STATION WASHINGTON, D. C.	RESIDENCE WASH., D. C.	
FOR TRAVEL AND OTHER EXPENSES FROM (DATE) 4/18/76 TO (DATE) 4/19/76	TRAVEL ADVANCE Outstanding \$	CHECK NO.
APPLICABLE TRAVEL AUTHORIZATION(S) NO. DATE	Amount to be applied	CASH PAYMENT OF \$
	Balance to remain outstanding \$	RECEIVED (DATE)
(Signature of Payee)		

TRANSPORTATION REQUESTS ISSUED

TRANSPORTATION REQUEST NUMBER	AGENT'S VALUATION OF TICKET	INITIALS OF CARRIER ISSUING TICKET	MODE, CLASS OF SERVICE, AND ACCOMMODATIONS*	DATE ISSUED	POINTS OF TRAVEL	
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D3763171	197.00	NW	Air	4/18	Washington, D.C.	Detroit, Michigan
	-31.00		Car		Detroit, Mich.	Grand Rapids
	+90.00		Air		Grand Rapids	Cleveland, Ohio and return to Wash., D.C.
	\$36.63					

(Detroit to Grand Rapids portion of tkt returned to Transportation for refund)hh

** Certified correct. Payment or credit has not been received.

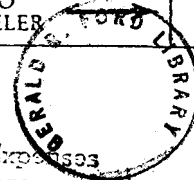
<u>4/28/76</u> (Date)	<u>Philip W. Buchen</u> (Signature of Payee)	AMOUNT CLAIMED	Dollars	Cts
		→	36	63
Approved. Long distance telephone calls are certified as necessary in the interest of the Government.	<u>SOH 4-30-76</u> *** (Approving Officer)	DIFFERENCES:		
		Less CDW (Not reimbursable)	2	00
NEXT PREVIOUS VOUCHER PAID UNDER SAME TRAVEL AUTHORITY	VOUCHER NO.	D.O. SYMBOL	DATE (MONTH-YEAR)	Total verified correct for charge to appropriation (s) (initials)
				Applied to travel advance (appropriation symbol)
Certified correct and proper for payment:	<u>4/30/76</u> (Date)	<u>Richard J. ...</u> (Authorized Certifying Officer)	NET TO TRAVELER	34 63

ACCOUNTING CLASSIFICATION

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The White House Office, 1976

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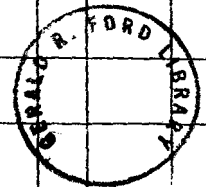


* Abbreviations for Pullman accommodations: MR, master room; DR, drawing room; CP, compartment; BR, bedroom; DSR, duplex single room; RM, roomette; DRM, duplex roomette; SOS, single occupancy section; LB, lower berth; UB, upper berth; LB-UB, lower and upper berth; S, seat.
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12/76						
4/18	Lv. Wash., D. C. via NW #371 @ 7:30 p.m.					
	Ar. Detroit @ 8:50 p.m.					
4/18	Obtained rental car. (receipt attached)					36 63
	Lv. Detroit					
	Ar. Grand Rapids, Michigan					
4/19	Lv. Grand Rapids via UA 422 @ 4:25 p.m.					
	Ar. Cleveland @ 5:13 p.m.					
	Lv. Cleveland via UA 666 @ 6:00 p.m.					
	Ar. Washington (Nat'l) @ 7:01 p.m.					
<u>CLAIMING NO PER DIEM OR OTHER EXPENSES.</u>						



Grand total to face of voucher (Subtotals, to be carried forward if necessary) →

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*If per diem allowances for members of employee's immediate family are included, give members' names, their relationship to employee, and ages and marital status of children (unless this information is shown on the travel authorization).

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LANSING, MICHIGAN 48906
PHONE: (517) 484-1445

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DO NOT PAY FROM THIS COPY

NOTE: CHARGES SUBJECT TO FINAL AUDIT

Direct all inquiries to the address shown above.

DATE April 16, 1976

TO: James E. Connor

FROM: Philip W. Buchen

SUBJECT: Request for Travel

NAME Philip W. Buchen
Philip W. Buchen
(Typed and Signature)

DESTINATION Grand Rapids, Michigan

PURPOSE OF TRIP To attend funeral of Jack Stiles as President's representative

DEPARTURE DATE 4/19/76 RETURN DATE 4/20/76

MODE OF TRANSPORTATION _____

LODGING ACCOMMODATIONS _____
(Name)

(Address)

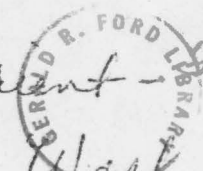
ESTIMATED TOTAL EXPENSES \$ _____

AUTHORIZATION OF SUPERVISOR _____
(Signature of Certifying Officer if appropriate)

ACKNOWLEDGED BY: *[Signature]*
James E. Connor

(Submit in Duplicate)

*D 3,763, 171 - \$180.00 - Northwest Orient - first
Wash DC. - Detroit, Mich. (Grand Rapids) Wash D.C.*



Jack Stiles

Monday 5/3/76

Chabe
4:00 Marba Perrott said Jack Stiles' first wife died yesterday. She had called Marba the day of Jack's funeral and said she was going into the hospital for heart surgery.

Apparently there will not be any kind of memorial services for her.



Tuesday 5/4/76

4:20 Dorothy Downton said the President and Mrs. Ford want to give a memorial for Jack Stiles. He suggested she check with you and see what you think would be appropriate -- or if you know a preference in the family. She doesn't want to call his brother.

Apparently they have sent something for Phebe -- to the Sarasota General Hospital.

Marba Parrott talked to me about the Historical Society in Grand Rapids, but she has not given me the correct name & address. Please call her for this info. & tell Dorothy & me.



Tuesday 5/4/76

6:10 I called Marba Perrott and she had gone for the day. She will call me tomorrow.

Wednesday 5/5/76

9:20 Marba suggested I call the Grand Rapids Public Museum (616) 456-5494 and inquire who is handling a memorial fund for Jack Stiles.

I called and talked with W. D. Frankforter, the Director of the Grand Rapids Public Museum, and he had been waiting for someone here to suggest a suitable name for the memorial -- but said he would check with some other people and get back to us. Secretary: Ann Leiber

Mr. Olson is the Assistant Director.

Mentioned the Kent County Historical Society and that the Calkins law office fund is under the museum?????

Will be in touch when they have established the committee and can give us the name of the memorial fund.



THE WHITE HOUSE

WASHINGTON

May 19, 1976

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~~Tom Trust Dept~~

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Miss Michigan
E. D. ...



257 P-6
906 to ...

77 Mountain View

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Wednesday 5/19/76

11:15 Barry said they are getting mail for Jack Stiles.

Normally when someone leaves the staff, it is forwarded to them and they return it if it is official. However, since there is no one apparently close to Jack -- Barry needs to talk with you about whether we should open the mail ----- some of which could be for the PFC.



Wednesday 5/19/76

10:15 I called W. D. Frankforter, Director of the (616) 456-5494
Grand Rapids Public Museum, again today and
he said a check could be sent to the Museum Trust Fund
(Stiles Memorial) and mailed to:

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I have given Dorothy the information (see copy of
memo attached).



Wednesday 5/19/76

10:40 Dorothy Downton said Phebe Stiles had remarried -- husband's name is Jackson Seay and they lived in Sarasota, Florida.

Daughter: Mary Stiles (in Grand Rapids)

Apparently Mr. Seay is a very nice man. He and Phebe had come to the White House and Mrs. Ford visited with Phebe when she was in Florida recently.



THE WHITE HOUSE

WASHINGTON

May 20, 1976

Dear Fred:

Under separate cover, we are sending you a flag which has been flown over the U. S. Capitol.

We have obtained this item through the helpful cooperation of Congressman Vander Jagt.

I send best personal regards to you and your family.

Sincerely,

Philip W. Buchen

Philip W. Buchen
Counsel to the President

Mr. Frederick C. Stiles, Jr.
1404 Dean, N. E.
Grand Rapids, Michigan 49505

*Flag sent:
5/21/76*



*Stiles
Frederick
C. Jr.*

*Stiles,
Frederick C. Jr.*

Wednesday 5/19/76

2:15 We have now received the flag for Frederick C. Stiles, Jr. which Jim Sparling in Cong. Vander Jagt's office arranged for us. Attached is a copy of the letter enclosed with the flag, and a copy of my note to Mr. Sparling.

Thought you would want to draft a letter to Fred Stiles yourself.





Washington, D.C. 20515

May 17, 1976

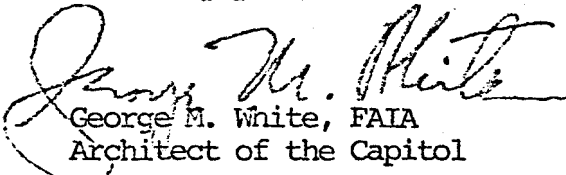
Honorable Guy Vander Jagt
House of Representatives
Washington, D. C.

My dear Congressman Vander Jagt:

This is to certify that the accompanying flag
was flown over the United States Capitol on
May 11, 1976.

I understand that this flag is for Frederick
C. Stiles, Jr. of Grand Rapids, Michigan.

Sincerely yours,


George M. White, FAIA
Architect of the Capitol



THE WHITE HOUSE

WASHINGTON

May 19, 1976

To: Jim Sparling
Administrative Assistant to
Congressman Guy Vander Jagt

From: Eva Daughtrey *Eva*
Secretary to Philip W. Buchen

We received the flag this morning which
you so kindly arranged to have flown
over the Capitol for Frederick C. Stiles, Jr.
(Jack Stiles' brother).

Mr. Buchen is most appreciative and will
forward the flag to Mr. Stiles.

Thanks again for your help.



Thursday 5/6/76

12:00 Concerning a flag that has flown over the Capitol,
I have talked with Jim Sparling in Cong. Vander Jagt's
office and they will get a flag for

225-3511

Frederick C. Stiles, Jr.
1404 Dean, N. E.
Grand Rapids, Michigan 49505

and will send it to you, for delivery to Fred Stiles, Jr.

The reason you were unable to find Fred Stiles, Jr.
in the phone book is that his phone number is unlisted.



May 24, 1976

To: Dorothy

From: Eva

Attached is a copy of
the letter which
W. D. Franforter sent
concerning the Jack Stiles
Memorial.





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Michigan
49502
PHONE 456-5494

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Sincerely,

Stiles Memorial Committee
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THE WHITE HOUSE

WASHINGTON

May 25, 1976

To: Grand Rapids Public Museum
54 Jefferson Avenue, S. E.
Grand Rapids, Michigan 49502

From: Eva Daughtrey *Eva Daughtrey*
Secretary to Philip Buchen

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attached check for the Jack Stiles
Memorial Fund.



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WASHINGTON

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attached check for the Jack Stiles
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PHILIP W. BUCHEN

~~703 CAMBRIDGE BOULEVARD, S.E.~~
~~GRAND RAPIDS, MICHIGAN 49506~~

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May 26 1976 ⁷⁴⁻⁵/₇₂₄

PAY TO THE
ORDER OF

Museum Trust Fund (Stiles Memorial)

\$ 25.00

Twenty-five and 00/₁₀₀ DOLLARS

OLD KENT
BANK AND TRUST COMPANY
GRAND RAPIDS, MICHIGAN

Philip W. Buchen



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