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THE WHITE HOUSE
WASHINGTON

June 1, 1976

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scheduling*

MEMORANDUM FOR: DICK CHENEY
JIM CANNON

FROM: PHIL BUCHEN *P.*

SUBJECT: Meeting by the President with
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Bushen to call tomorrow

message - P. can't do it now ^{John} ^{on} ^{message} ^{about}
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TEXT OF TELEGRAM

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White House, D.C.

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Roy Wilkins, Chairman
Leadership Conference on Civil Rights
2027 Massachusetts Ave., N.W.
Washington, D.C. 20036
and 1790 Broadway, New York, N.Y.

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FROM: JIM CANNON

TO: DICK CHENEY
FOR THE PRESIDENT
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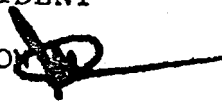
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WASHINGTON

May 25, 1976

MEMORANDUM FOR THE PRESIDENT

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DECISION

Option 1: Meet with Wilkins on Thursday, May 27.

YES _____

NO MEY

Option 2: Meet with Wilkins after the Justice Department's decision has been made.

YES _____

NO _____



THE WHITE HOUSE
WASHINGTON

Bobbie
Sack
& Lee

Williams will be in
lunch

6/1/76

Bobbie —

I'm holding

the memo

for Mr. Nicholson

re a meeting

with Roy

Wilkins.

Did Mr. B's
phone call to
him Saturday
take care of that
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Mr. B said he told



Friday 5/28/76

4:05 Roy Wilkins is on the plane coming from Denver -- plane should land at JFK airport at 5:30 this evening. He is scheduled on United 160.

(212) 245-2100
(Office:
Mrs. Bolin)

Would you want us to have him paged?

We have left word at his residence to have him call you when he gets there -- which will probably be about 6:30 p.m.

Saturday 5/29

*Mr. Buchan talked
with Roy Wilkins by
phone.*



Bobbie

THE WHITE HOUSE
WASHINGTON

Date: May 24, 1976

MEMORANDUM FOR: PHIL BUCHEN
FROM: WILLIAM W. NICHOLSON
SUBJECT: Roy Wilkins^e, Chairman, Leadership
Conference on Civil Rights

The attached is for your appropriate handling.

Thank you.

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Chf White House
Washington DC
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8 PMS PRESIDENT GERALD FORD

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19 ROY WILKINSON CHAIRMAN LEADERSHIP CONFERENCE ON CIVIL RIGHTS
20 2027 MASSACHUSETTS AVE NORTHWEST WASHINGTON DC 20036 AND 1790
21 BROADWAY NEW YORK NY

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26 NNNN



Tuesday 6/8/76

President's
Scheduling

7/29/76

8 p.m.

4:05 Since Eliska Hasek feels a message from the President should be sent to the President of the University rather than to the President of the D. C. Chapter; I called William D. Martin, President of the D. C. Chapter at his home --

398-2949

He gave me the address for the President --

Dr. Rembert E. Stokes
President
Wilberforce University
Wilberforce, Ohio

He would like a copy of any message sent to him so it could be read at the meeting on July 29 -- as all the people frm. all over will be there -- including Dr. Stokes.

Mr. William D. Martin
President, Washington, D. C. Chapter
4422 Eads Street, N. E.
Washington, D. C. 20019

I have given the above information to Eliska's secretary.



THE WHITE HOUSE
WASHINGTON
May 31, 1976

*Pres.
scheduling*

7/29/76

MEMORANDUM FOR: BILL NICHOLSON
FROM: PHIL BUCHEN *P.*

Attached is a letter from the President of the Alumni Association of Wilberforce University, which is the first college in the United States owned and operated by blacks. It requests the appearance of the President on Thursday, July 29, 1976, at 8 p.m. I would appreciate your acknowledging this letter which was delivered to me at the suggestion of Judge John T. Letts, who is mentioned.

I am sending a copy of this memorandum and the letter to Eliska Hasek so that, if the President cannot accept the invitation, she may prepare a suitable message from the President to be read in the scheduled conference.

cc: Eliska Hasek





Wilberforce University Alumni Association

Washington, D.C. Chapter

America's First College owned
operated by Negroes

4422 Eads Street, N.E.
Washington, D.C. 20019
May 19, 1976

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

Dear Mr. President:

The Wilberforce University National Alumni Association is holding its annual conference here in Washington at the Sheraton Park Hotel, July 29-31, 1976. The Washington, D.C. Chapter of the organization is serving as host to the conference and has assumed major responsibility for planning the program.

We wish, Mr. President, to invite you to extend greetings to the delegates. There will be more than three hundred delegates from all sections of the country. One of these will be Judge John T. Letts of Grand Rapids, Michigan. The program committee would like you to appear at the opening session scheduled for Thursday, July 29, 1976, 8:00 p.m. Of course, if you would prefer another hour, the committee has indicated its willingness to adjust the schedule to meet your convenience.

By way of background, I should tell you that Wilberforce University was established in 1856 near Xenia, Ohio, by the African Methodist Episcopal Church. It holds the distinction of being the oldest predominantly Black degree granting institution in the Nation. During the one hundred twenty years of its existence, its growth and contributions have been intimately related to the development of our Nation. This accounts for the theme we have selected for the conference-- Wilberforce - One hundred twenty years to '76.

We recognize, of course, that you may find it impossible to work this request into your busy schedule. If you find this to be the case, however, we would appreciate an expression from you that may be read at one of the plenary sessions.



Sincerely,

William D. Martin

William D. Martin
President, Washington, D.C.
Chapter

Thursday 6/10/76

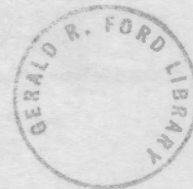
*Pres.
Scheduling*

Meeting
6/14/76
2 p. m.

11:00 I have confirmed with Mrs. Bolin, Roy Wilkins' appointments secretary, that the meeting with the President will be at 2 p.m. on Monday 6/14.

She has sent to us a list of the people who will be attending, and I have asked her to give us the current addresses, date and place of birth and social security numbers of all.

(Because of the shortness of time, I suggested she might give it to me over the phone and send a confirming letter.)



Wednesday 6/9/76

Meeting
6/14/76
2 p.m.

5:25 I tried to reach Mrs. Bolin (^{appts.} secy. to Roy Wilkins) to tell her that we would need the following information for the people who would be coming to the meeting on Monday 6/14 at 2 p.m. with the President:

Name
Current address
Date of birth
Place of birth
Social Security Number

I will call Mrs. Bolin on Thursday morning.

(212) 245-2100



THE WHITE HOUSE

WASHINGTON

June 7, 1976

MEMORANDUM FOR:

PHIL BUCHEN
JIM CANNON

FROM:

BOBBIE GREENE KILBERG

Bobbie

I would like to suggest that we add the name of Asa T. Spaulding to the list of civil rights leaders to be invited to meet with the President to discuss busing before we submit legislation to Congress. Mr. Spaulding is from Durham, North Carolina and is the former president of North Carolina Mutual and a former member of the NAACP Legal Defense Fund. He is a civil rights leader who is known and respected throughout the South and nationally. Mr. Spaulding is presently semi-retired and is serving as a consultant to the President of Howard University. He is Aaron Spaulding's father.

cc: Jim Cavanaugh
Dick Parsons
Art Quern



THE WHITE HOUSE

WASHINGTON

June 7, 1976

MEMORANDUM FOR: JIM CANNON

FROM: PHIL BUCHEN

Roy Wilkins has accepted the invitation for him and a group of other Civil Rights leaders to meet with the President on Friday, June 11 at 2:00 p.m.

The following persons will be in attendance as requested by Mr. Wilkins:

William Pollard
David Brodie
Marvin Kaplan
Joe Rauh
Nathaniel Jones
Clarence Mitchell
Ron Brown
Dorothy Height
Yvonne Burke (Congresswoman)

A letter will be coming in from Mr. Wilkins to confirm the names and affiliations of each of the foregoing. I will then prepare a briefing paper for the President.

cc: Jim Connor
Richard Parsons
Bobbie Kilberg



THE WHITE HOUSE
WASHINGTON

Wm. Pollard (~~AFL-CIO~~)

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Marvin Kaplan

Joe Rauh

Nathaniel Jones

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Ron Brown (~~Nat Urban League~~)

Dorothy Height (~~Nat Council~~
Negro Women)

^{Yvonne}
Congresswoman Burke

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THE WHITE HOUSE
WASHINGTON
June 7, 1976

Memo for: Philip Buchen

From: William Nicholson *WN*

The attached letter from Roy Wilkins
was received today.



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New York



Leadership Conference on Civil Rights

2027 Massachusetts Ave., N.W., Washington, D.C. 20036 • 202/667-1780
New York address: 55 West 42nd St., New York, N.Y. 10036 • 212/564-3450

A. PHILIP RANDOLPH, *Honorary Chairman*
ROY WILKINS, *Chairman*

June 2, 1976

ACTION
T/D
SCHEDULE BD.
DATE RECEIVED
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MESSAGE
SPEAKERS BUREAU
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APPOINTMENT OFF

The President
The White House
Washington, D.C. 20500

Dear President Ford:

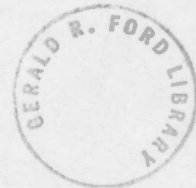
We were relieved to read of Attorney General Edward Levi's decision not to intervene in the Boston school case. At the same time, we noted that you have instructed Mr. Levi to continue "an active search for a busing case which would be suitable for judicial review" and that in addition, you intend to ask Congress for legislation limiting court-ordered transportation in school desegregation cases.

As you no doubt know, on May 21 we sent you a telegram asking if a delegation of national civil rights leaders could meet with you to discuss the whole "busing" issue and its many ramifications. These latest developments suggest to us that it is more imperative than ever that we meet with you to discuss possible moves your Administration may make in this enormously complex and sensitive area. Mr. President, we hope you will find time in your busy schedule to meet with a group of leaders before any action is taken.

Sincerely yours,

Roy Wilkins

Roy Wilkins, Chairman



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"For Full Equality In A Free, Plural, Democratic Society"

ARNOLD ARONSON, *Secretary* • JOSEPH L. RAUH, JR., *Counsel* • BAYARD RUSTIN, *Executive Committee Chairman*
CLARENCE M. MITCHELL, *Legislative Chairman* • JAMES HAMILTON, *Compliance & Enforcement Chairman*

Wednesday 6/9/76

Meeting
6/14/76
2 p.m.

1:30 I reached Mrs. Jenkins, one of Mr. Wilkins' secretaries, and she checked and said 2 o'clock on Monday 6/14 had been noted on his calendar.

(212) 245-2100

(His appointment secretary was at lunch -- Mrs. Bolin)

I asked if she could send us in writing a full list of the names of the people who would be attending the meeting with Mr. Wilkins and the President.

They will send the list to you.

I called Nicholson's office to see if they need anything besides the complete list of names. She thought that was all that was needed and will be in touch if they need anything else (talked with Ann).

I have not done so -- but will call the following and confirm the meeting if you want me to ---- or will you want to call them?

Jim Cavanaugh
Bobbie Kilberg
Bill Nicholson
Dick Parsons



Wednesday 6/9/76

12:55 Mr. Buchen talked with Jim Cavanaugh -- after having talked with Henry Marcheschi.

Cannon will call Marcheschi.

1:00 Mr. Buchen asked me to call Roy Wilkins' secretary and tell her we were awaiting a call from Mr. Wilkins concerning the possibility of a meeting with the President on Monday 6/14 at 2 p.m. and that Mr. Wilkins had hoped to call us today.

Advised we had originally thought of having the meeting on Saturday but knew about Mr. Wilkins' honorary degree -- so had scheduled it on Friday 6/11-----but we now find that the President has to go to Missouri on Friday ----- so if it might be convenient for Mr. Wilkins we would like to schedule the meeting for 2 p.m. on Monday 6/14.



Roy W. Wilkins
W.C. Wed.
morning



Tuesday 6/8/76

4:45 Roy Wilkins is enroute home -- it will take about an hour for him to get there.

The operator will leave word for him to call you.



Tuesday 6/8/76

3:40 Jim Cavanaugh asks if it would be possible to hold the Roy Wilkins meeting on Monday 6/14 at 2 o'clock.



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THE WHITE HOUSE

DECISION

WASHINGTON

May 25, 1976

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YES _____

NO RCF

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THE WHITE HOUSE
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Bobbie
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6/1/76

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(Office:
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Saturday 5/29

*Ms. Buchen talked
with Roy Wilkins by
phone.*



Bobbie

THE WHITE HOUSE
WASHINGTON

Date: May 24, 1976

MEMORANDUM FOR: PHIL BUCHEN
FROM: WILLIAM W. NICHOLSON
SUBJECT: Roy Wilkin^eson, Chairman, Leadership
Conference on Civil Rights

The attached is for your appropriate handling.

Thank you.

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Tuesday 6/15/76

Pres. Scheduling
7/8/76

11:00 Nancy Montgomery called from the National Cathedral and said the President would be going there with the Queen of England on July 8th -- and they want to get permission to use the President's seal on the cover of their program.

Referred her to Barry Roth.



July 1, Thursday

11:00 a.m.

Dedicate the National Air & Space Museum. The museum is located on the Mall along Independence Avenue between 4th & 7th Streets.

July 2, Friday

9:00 p.m.

Deliver address at the National Archives at a ceremony in honor of the Declaration of Independence.

July 3, Saturday

8:30 p.m.

Honor America program at the Kennedy Center.

July 4, Sunday

7:30 a.m.

Attend early church service at either St. John's on Lafayette Square or Christ Church in Alexandria.

8:00 a.m.

Depart for Valley Forge, Pennsylvania.

9:00 a.m.

Greet wagonmasters at Wagon Train Encampment at Valley Forge Park and accept Pledges of Rededication which were signed by hundreds of thousands of Americans and collected by the wagon trains enroute to Valley Forge.

9:40 a.m.

Depart for Philadelphia.

10:00 a.m.

Special bicentennial program at Independence Hall in Philadelphia.

12:15 p.m.

Depart for New York City.

2:00 p.m.

Review Operation Sail 1976 and the International Naval Review.

9:30 p.m.

View Happy Birthday, USA fireworks program from the Truman Balcony of the White House.

July 5, Monday

10:00 a.m.

Depart for Charlottesville, Virginia.

11:00 a.m.

Speak following naturalization ceremonies on the steps of Monticello, the home of President Jefferson.



June 15, 1976

*Pres Scheduling
F. J. Fehling*

Dear Mr. Ripley:

Through the courtesy of Mr. Philip Buchen the President has received your letter about the group of foreign visitors who will be in Washington on September 26 to participate in the Bicentennial conference and his interest in arranging a time for the President to meet them briefly.

While a time is not foreseen when the President could greet these visitors in view of his heavy official schedule we will keep it in mind and if this should change we will be in touch with you immediately. We are bringing your desire for a tour to the attention of the appropriate office.

With best wishes,

Sincerely,

William W. Nicholson
Director
Scheduling Office

Mr. S. Dillon Ripley
Secretary
Smithsonian Institution
Washington, D.C. 20560

WVN:bar

cc: Philip Buchen/Mike Farrell

cc: 2 copies Nancy Gemell

cc: *m. Henderson*



Wednesday 6/16/76

President's
Scheduling
6/21/76

10:05 We have reached Austin Shields to let him know that we were most anxious to arrange a meeting for the Singing Angels with the President but we have been advised that the President's schedule is so heavy that he won't be able to meet with them on June 21st as we had hoped.

245-1907

However, we are happy to find that the group will be singing at various points in Washington and Baltimore for the Bicentennial -- and we wish them luck.



Tuesday 6/15/76

Regret
6/21/76

10:00 Bill Nicholson's office called to say that the President is so pressed for time that they will have to regret the request of the Singing Angels to meet with the President. (You had requested a short meeting on June 21 -- see attached)

Apparently the President had tentatively committed himself to see a singing group from Hawaii -- and they will be here around that time. So they say if he is able to squeeze anyone in, he will have to see the group from Hawaii.

Since Mrs. Buchen had already written to the Singing Angels (see phone message at the back of the attached package), would you like me to call Austin Shields to let him know the President's schedule is just too crowded to meet with them?

cc: Mrs. Buchen



THE WHITE HOUSE
WASHINGTON

SCHEDULE PROPOSAL

DATE: MAY 14, 1976

FROM: Philip W. Buchen

VIA : William Nicholson

GREETING: To greet the "Singing Angels" on the date of their concerts at the Ellipse where they will be performing from 11:30 a.m. to 1:30 p.m.

DATE: June 21, 1976

PURPOSE: To recognize this unusually talented group of young singers at the beginning of their nationwide Bicentennial tour. (See attached material.)

FORMAT: -- location - Rose Garden
-- participants - Singing Angels Group, Philip W. Buchen
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PRESS COVERAGE: Pool and Press coverage.

RECOMMEND: Philip W. Buchen

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APPROVE _____

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THE WHITE HOUSE
WASHINGTON

SCHEDULE PROPOSAL
DATE: MAY 14, 1976
FROM: Philip W. Buchen
VIA : William Nicholson

GREETING: To greet the "Singing Angels" on the date of their concerts at the Ellipse where they will be performing from 11:30 a.m. to 1:30 p.m.

DATE: June 21, 1976

PURPOSE: To recognize this unusually talented group of young singers at the beginning of their nationwide Bicentennial tour. (See attached material.)

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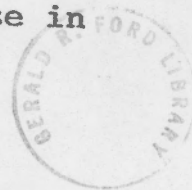
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*Singing
Angels*

Thursday 5/12/76

11:00 Mrs. Buchen said she dropped a note to the Singing Angels saying she was grateful for their letting her know about the appearances in Washington and that the President was so interested in youth and especially fine groups -- and she knew he would meet with them if it was at all possible. However, the extra commitments because of the election and because of all the state visits make it impossible for him to do everything he would like to do but she knew if at all possible it would be arranged. She asked them not to be disappointed if it cannot be worked out.

Thought perhaps we could ask Bill Nichols^{oN} if it could be arranged for the President to say hello to the group in the Rose Garden -- or whatever. Suggests maybe Maria Downs might be interested in knowing of the possibility they could shift their schedule and play.

((She asked us to return a copy of the incoming from the Singing Angels.))





NORTHERN OHIO CHILDREN'S PERFORMING MUSIC FOUNDATION, INC.

"The Singing Angels"

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May 1, 1976

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Mrs. Philip W. Buchen
The White House
Washington, D.C.

Dear Mrs. Buchen:

I am sure you will be pleased to learn that the Singing Angels are coming to Washington next month to begin their nationwide Bicentennial concert tour.

At the present date, our Washington-Baltimore schedule is as follows:

- Fri. June 18 7:30 p.m. Concert at the National Institutes of Health for the hospital patients and employees.
- Sat. June 19 2:00 p.m. Concert at Ft. McHenry, Baltimore.
- Sun. June 20 10:00 a.m. Church service, Bethesda
2:00 p.m. to 4:00 p.m. Concert at Ellipse.
- Mon. June 21 11:30 a.m. to 1:30 p.m. Concert at Ellipse.
3:30 p.m. Greetings by Senator Glenn and concert at the West front of the Capitol.

Everyone in the Singing Angels organization has worked very hard to make our nationwide Bicentennial concert tour a reality and a success. A meeting with the President in Washington would give the Angels a great moral boost as they bring their beautiful patriotic and inspiring music to thousands of Americans across our Nation.

We will greatly appreciate anything that you can do to arrange a meeting with the President--if only for a few minutes, and our above schedule will be adjusted as necessary.

(Continued on next page)



I should like to take this opportunity to thank you for your splendid support of the Singing Angels.

Sincerely,

Austin Shields

Austin B. Shields
6308 Rockhurst Rd.
Washington, D.C. 20034

Phone: 245-1907

cc: Bill Boehm, Founding Director
Pat Welsh, Tour Coordinator





The Singing Angels

"DEMOCRACY IN ACTION THROUGH MUSIC"

Bill Boehm's SINGING ANGELS, America's most representative performing youth chorus, will tour the nation in 1976 as a major Bicentennial attraction. Their Bicentennial TV SPECIAL "Young America Sings", will be released soon throughout the country.

Their remarkable achievements include appearances with Bob Hope in Michigan and New York and a guest spot on his 1974 Christmas TV Special. They were the largest American youth group to perform behind the Iron Curtain, with a Command Performance for Romanian President Nicolae Ceausescu.

In August 1974, following their return from Europe, they appeared on the NBC-TODAY SHOW rendering ten songs.

They have sung for two American Presidents with a Command Performance at the White House in 1969.

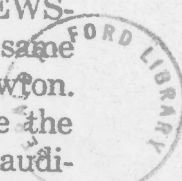
Recipient of the 1974 Distinguished Award From Freedoms Foundation at Valley Forge, The Singing Angels were the star attraction at Garden State Arts Center in New Jersey in four concerts.

Other significant events since they were formed in 1964 were their NBC-TV appearance on Kraft Music Hall Special Christmas Eve 1969; their performance at the Browns-Colt 1971 Championship playoff game as featured half-time entertainment carried on NBC-TV; and an international appearance at the University of Waterloo, Ontario, Canada, in October of 1972.

Locally, their reputation is enhanced by their "Winter Holiday Gift of Song" to 3,000 area students in 1974 and 1975. Their "Songs of Christmas" Special on WEWS-TV won an EMMY Award as best entertainment program in region in 1970. That same year and again in 1972, they appeared one week as supporting act for Wayne Newton.

The ANGELS, ages 6-18, from 8 counties and 45 northern Ohio cities, serve the Greater Cleveland area well. They give about 50 shows a year on major stages, auditoriums and churches. If all 150 Performing Chorus members cannot be accommodated, smaller groups represent them. The Reserve Chorus of 100 "rookies" contribute to the ANGELS local esteem with a giant Caroling Crusade for 80 nursing homes and hospitals during the twelve days of Christmas each December.

Bill Boehm, Founding Director of THE SINGING ANGELS, presides over an outstanding conducting staff consisting of George F. Strickling, one of America's finest choral directors; Cecilia Kazol, principal training conductor; James Balaguer, International Barbershop Harmony expert and Edith DaMert, Director of Reserve Chorus. Four Pianists chosen by audition from area high school students serve as accompanists. Nine other adults supervise and administer ANGEL activities, augmented by innumerable parent volunteers.



Every Saturday afternoon, the Cleveland Fire Training Academy at E. 33rd and Lakeside, is abuzz with the vocal and stage training of 250 ANGELS who represent every neighborhood, race, creed and ethnic group. They bring to life their slogan "Democracy in Action Through Music." THE SINGING ANGELS are the voice of the Northern Ohio Children's Performing Music Foundation, Inc., a non-profit corporation established in 1965 . . . contributions are tax-deductible.

Bookings for THE SINGING ANGELS can be arranged by writing to THE SINGING ANGELS, c/o William C. Boehm, 510 Euclid Ave., #25 Euclid Arcade, Cleveland, Ohio 44115 or calling (216) 621-5117.



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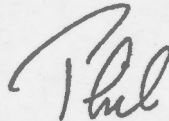
June 16, 1976

Dear Warren:

As promised, I am enclosing a copy of the President's schedule covering significant public events from July 1 through July 5. Other events not on the schedule are being considered.

I am sure that the President would welcome coordination between your plans and his so that, between the two of you, additional events could be covered. I have talked to Mr. Milton Mitler, who is in charge of the bicentennial arrangements for the White House, and he would welcome any inquiries or suggestions you may have. His phone number is 456-2800.

Sincerely,



Philip W. Buchen
Counsel to the President

The Honorable Warren E. Burger
Chief Justice
United States Supreme Court
1 First Street, N. E.
Washington, D. C. 20543

Enclosure



July 1, Thursday

11:00 a.m.

Dedicate the National Air & Space Museum. The museum is located on the Mall along Independence Avenue between 4th & 7th Streets.

July 2, Friday

9:00 p.m.

Deliver address at the National Archives at a ceremony in honor of the Declaration of Independence.

July 3, Saturday

8:30 p.m.

Honor America program at the Kennedy Center.

July 4, Sunday

7:30 a.m.

Attend early church service at either St. John's on Lafayette Square or Christ Church in Alexandria.

8:00 a.m.

Depart for Valley Forge, Pennsylvania.

9:00 a.m.

Greet wagonmasters at Wagon Train Encampment at Valley Forge Park and accept Pledges of Rededication which were signed by hundreds of thousands of Americans and collected by the wagon trains enroute to Valley Forge.

9:40 a.m.

Depart for Philadelphia.

10:00 a.m.

Special bicentennial program at Independence Hall in Philadelphia.

12:15 p.m.

Depart for New York City.

2:00 p.m.

Review Operation Sail 1976 and the International Naval Review.

9:30 p.m.

View Happy Birthday, USA fireworks program from the Truman Balcony of the White House.

July 5, Monday

10:00 a.m.

Depart for Charlottesville, Virginia.

11:00 a.m.

Speak following naturalization ceremonies on the steps of Monticello, the home of President Jefferson.



THE WHITE HOUSE

WASHINGTON

June 28, 1976

MEMORANDUM FOR: ELISKA HASEK
FROM: PHILIP BUCHEN *P.*
SUBJECT: Presidential Message

I strongly urge that a Presidential Message be sent the Justice '76 Conference of the American Judicature Society as requested by Judge Arlin Adams.

Copies of earlier correspondence are attached.

Attachments



Justice '76

A National Citizens' Assembly
on Improving Courts and Justice

July 4-6, 1976

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Honorable Philip W. Buchen
Counsel to the President
The White House
Washington, D. C.

Dear Philip:

After speaking with you on the telephone yesterday, the thought occurred to me that if the President is unable to take even a few minutes from his very busy schedule on July 4th, perhaps it would be appropriate if he sent a letter to the Justice '76 Conference, of which, of course, he is an Honorary Chairman, complimenting the Conference on undertaking a review of our judicial structure on this important anniversary. It might not be amiss to emphasize the fact that the Conference is composed of volunteers, who are essentially non-lawyers and non-judges.


As always, I appreciate your thoughtfulness and your courtesy.

Cordially,

Arline

Arline M. Adams



sponsored by  American Judicature Society

June 9, 1976

Cross scheduling
7/4/76

Dear Mr. Adams:

This is with reference to your invitation to the President to attend the meeting of the American Judicature Society in Philadelphia on July 4.

This invitation has been carried in our files with the hope that the President could at least drop by the American Judicature Society Convention briefly on July 4. I regret I must tell you, though, as the schedule for the Fourth has developed, it will not be possible for the President to add this engagement. I know that he would want me to tell you how much he appreciates your thoughtfulness for him in making this opportunity available, and he sends his warm good wishes to you for a most productive and successful meeting.

Sincerely,

William W. Nicholson
Director
Scheduling Office

Mr. Arlin H. Adams
President
American Judicature Society
5044 United States Courthouse
Philadelphia, Pennsylvania 19107

Courtesy copy to Mr. John S. Clark, Am. Judicature Society, Suite 1606
200 W. Monroe St., Chicago 60606

Courtesy copy to Mr. Edward J. Frey, Chairman, Union Bank & Trust Co.,
200 Ottawa, NW., Grand Rapids 49502

bcc: Philip Buchen - FYI
✓: Warren Hendriks, for possible spokesman.
: Eliska Hasek w/incmg for possible Presl message.
: 2--N.Gemmell

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THE WHITE HOUSE
WASHINGTON

April 30, 1976

*Pres.
Scheduling*

MEMORANDUM FOR:

BILL NICHOLSON

FROM:

PHIL BUCHEN *P.*

Attached is additional correspondence concerning the possibility of the President's doing a drop-by on July 4 when the American Judicature Society convenes in Philadelphia near the site of the President's already scheduled appearance.

Because Ed Frey is a very close friend of the President, possibly a call from you to him is in order.

Attachments



THE WHITE HOUSE
WASHINGTON

Pres. Scheduling

April 21, 1976

MEMORANDUM FOR: WILLIAM NICHOLSON

FROM: PHILIP BUCHEN *P.*

SUBJECT: Meeting of the American
Judicature Society on
July 4

After I talked with you on the above subject, I called Judge Arlin Adams to advise that the President could not schedule an address before this group in Philadelphia because of his tight schedule and the fact that several other groups had made similar requests for him to appear at their meetings in Philadelphia on July 4. The Judge then said he wanted to revise the invitation, so that it did not involve a formal address and would take very little of the President's time.

I see that he has now written you and I would very much appreciate your letting me know whether the revised request is feasible.



American Judicature Society



to promote the effective administration of justice

April 14, 1976

Honorable William Nicholson
The White House Office
1600 Pennsylvania Avenue
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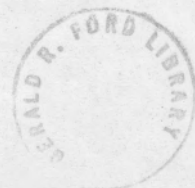
Dear Mr. Nicholson:

Mr. Buchen telephoned me yesterday regarding the President's plans when he will be in Philadelphia on July 4th, and suggested that I might wish to communicate with you regarding this subject.

As you undoubtedly know, the American Judicature Society, many months ago, invited the President to address a Citizens Conference on Justice that will be held in Philadelphia beginning on July 4th.

The American Judicature Society was founded more than sixty years ago as a result of a famous speech given by Roscoe Pound, in which Dean Pound set forth the causes for popular dissatisfaction with the judicial system in the United States. Since that time, the Society has sought to ameliorate many of the problems confronting our system of justice. The innovative approach developed by the Society has been the citizens conference. By utilizing a broad cross-section of our citizens, the Society has been able to galvanize strong public opinion for reform of the judicial process.

The Citizens Conference scheduled to begin in Philadelphia on July 4th is entitled, Justice '76. It will seek to build on the thoughts and aspirations set forth in the Declaration of Independence and the Constitution. The Conference will be attended by representatives from each of the states as well as from the various segments of our society.



Honorable William Nicholson
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We can certainly understand the difficulties attendant upon scheduling the President's visit on July 4. When we first extended the invitation, we of course did not know how many stops he planned to make on this important day. Now that we have that information, what the Society would very much appreciate is if the President could take five minutes from the time that he has allotted to his Independence Hall visit, and make remarks to the Justice '76 group regarding the importance of citizen involvement in changes in our various branches of government. This, as we understand it, is essentially the philosophy that the President has been advancing since he has been in the White House. Such an approach also ties in well with many of the thoughts expressed in the Declaration of Independence.

There are two places at which the President could conveniently make the remarks to the conference. If July 4 is a pleasant day, an ideal spot is an area about 150 yards from the front of Independence Hall. This area has already been reserved for the Citizens group, and I would estimate that it would take the President less than one minute to walk from Independence Hall to this particular location. There is a platform already in place. If it is considered preferable that the President speak in an enclosed area, the new United States Courthouse on the Mall is about 400 yards from the front of Independence Hall. It is the place where most of the meetings of the Citizens Group will be conducted during July 4, 5 and 6. I am attaching to this letter a sketch of the Independence Mall area which indicates the two places to which I have just referred.

Remarks by the President to the Citizens group would be enormously inspiring and should not interfere with his other arrangements, or in any way detract from the message which he plans to transmit to the citizens of the country on this most

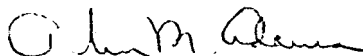


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important occasion. Indeed, they might well underline, in a most meaningful way, the thoughts he wishes to convey.

I should be very pleased to discuss this matter further with you, and should be prepared to visit with you in Washington for this purpose if you desire.

Sincerely,



Arlin M. Adams

bc: Hon. Philip W. Buchen



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6th Street

Independence Hall

150 Yds.

Reception area

Mall

Liberty Bell

Market Street

Chestnut Street

Market Street

U.S. Mint

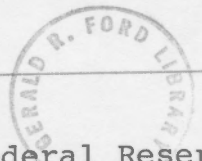
Mall

Mall

U. S. Courthouse

Arch Street

Federal Reserve Bank



Pres. Sch. Meeting

THE WHITE HOUSE
WASHINGTON

January 28, 1976

*Called Judge
Arlen Adams
on 4/13 to
say no speech
was possible.
Howell
submit letter
proposing
as an alternative
a "drop-by"*

MEMORANDUM FOR:

BILL NICHOLSON

FROM:

PHIL BUCHEN *P.*

SUBJECT:

Request of John S. Clark
in Behalf of the American
Judicature Society that the
President Speak in Philadelphia
on July 4 before the National
Citizens Assembly on Improving
Courts and Justice

Mr. Ed Frey of Grand Rapids, who is a close friend
of the President, has added his support to this
request which came into you on January 16, 1976

*Independence
Mall
11 to noon*



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200 OTTAWA N.W.,
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January 22, 1976

EDWARD J. FREY
Chairman

Mr. Philip Buchen
The White House
Washington D.C. 20500

Dear Phil:

The enclosed correspondence speaks for itself.
Anything you can do to have the President accept
this speaking engagement will be appreciated.

Very best regards,



EJF:lw
enclosures



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January 21, 1976

Mr. Edward J. Frey
Chairman of the Board
Union Bank & Trust Company
200 Ottawa N.W.
Grand Rapids, MI.

Dear Ed:

Last August and September you were great in contacting the President about his coming to Philadelphia next July 4 and speaking at the "Justice 76" conference of citizens which American Judicature Society is putting on that date.

I am now Immediate Past President of American Judicature Society.

I enclose copy of my last letter to Mr. Nicholson in the White House. The President and the Chief Justice have both agreed to serve as Honorary Chairmen and I enclose for your information a copy of the actual committee which we have formed and which is in charge of the planning for this event.

If there is anything further you can do to help us get the President to accept our invitation, I would be most grateful. Hope to see you soon.

Best regards.

Sincerely,



John S. Clark

JSC/bh
Encl.



American Judicature Society



to promote the effective administration of justice

January 16, 1976

Mr. William W. Nicholson
Deputy Director
Whitehouse Scheduling Office
The Whitehouse
Washington, D.C. 20543

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Dear Mr. Nicholson:

Everything is proceeding very nicely and we all appreciate The President's decision to serve with Chief Justice Burger as Honorary Co-Chairman. I thought I would follow up my letter of September 18 and bring you up-to-date on Justice '76.

The "Committee for Justice '76" is now almost finalized. We already have a committee of forty from twenty-one different states and I am sure you agree it is a beautifully, well-balanced committee to sponsor this important project.

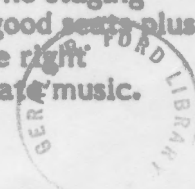
We hope this information will assist The President in deciding to speak at our July 4th Assembly. As I mentioned in my earlier letter, we would time our program to suit the President's convenience, and I hope The President will find it possible to be with us.

We have made arrangements for three different facilities in Philadelphia for The President's appearance at the opening assembly of Justice '76: A National Citizens Assembly on Improving Courts and Justice.

One, the American Philosophical Society, right next to Independence Hall. This historic building will hold 200 in the main room where The President would speak. There is also closed circuit TV to the upstairs rooms which will hold an additional 200 persons.

Second, the Ceremonial Courtroom in the new United States Courthouse, two blocks from Independence Hall. This Ceremonial Courtroom will hold approximately 250 persons with a limited number of overflow seats. Here again we could arrange closed circuit television for the lobby and the area just outside the building.

Third, the Colonnade between Rohm and Haas and the Fidelity Bank Building at Independence Hall. Kurt Waldheim spoke there last year and it is directly across from the new quarters for the Liberty Bell, a half block from Independence Hall. The staging would be in front of the fountain and we would have approximately 400 very good seats plus overflow for the general public. We have made arrangements for a VIP lounge right off the staging area and there is an excellent area for a band to play appropriate music.



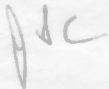
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January 16, 1976

We thought we would bring to your attention these three possibilities so that your advance men could advise you.

I will gladly furnish you with any further information you may want.

Please give my very best to The President.

Sincerely,



John S. Clark
Immediate Past President

Enclosure: Committee List

cc: Howard C. Petersen
Honorable Arlin M. Adams

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August 5, 1975

Honorable Gerald R. Ford
The President of the United States
The White House
Washington, D. C. 20500

Re: Invitation for Independence Hall Philadelphia, July 4, 1976.
BiCentennial Conference on the Courts.

Dear Mr. President:

To commemorate our nation's BiCentennial, American Judicature Society will conduct a Conference on the Courts beginning on Sunday, July 4, 1976 at Independence Hall, Philadelphia, Pennsylvania.

We plan to invite two hundred leading citizens representative of all walks of life and of all parts of America, and with lawyers and judges in the minority.

This will be a people's conference. The emphasis will be on discussing, criticizing, analyzing and finally developing a consensus on how our courts and our system of justice can be improved and made more responsive to today's and tomorrow's needs of our citizens, to create maximum citizen awareness of the importance of the judicial branch of our government and to encourage greater citizen interest and participation in our courts.

Our Society was founded in 1913 to promote the effective administration of justice. We have nearly 40,000 members in the United States and in fifty other countries, many of them non-lawyers.

In the last fifteen years alone, we have conducted over one hundred citizen conferences and in nearly every state, and have been involved in many other educational assemblies -- with non-lawyers participating -- and all for the purpose of improving our judicial process.

I understand you may be in Philadelphia during some part of Sunday, July 4, 1976.



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I cordially invite you to come to our Conference at Independence Hall that day for an appearance, a short address or a major speech -- whichever you prefer.

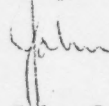
The time would be of your choosing, as we would build our program to fit your convenience.

We would be greatly honored and delighted if you could accept this invitation. Your presence even briefly would mean so much to all our conferees and would contribute beyond measure to the attainment of the goal of our BiCentennial Conference -- better justice for all Americans.

Thank you for your consideration of this invitation, and I hope very much that you can find it possible to accept.

My best wishes and best regards.

Respectfully,



John S. Clark

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xc: Mr. Edward J. Frey /
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The White House
Washington D.C.

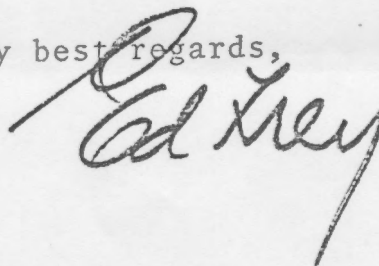
Dear Mildred:

It was good to see you briefly when I was in Washington a couple of weeks ago.

Enclosed is a copy of a letter from John Clark to the President which is self-explanatory. John Clark is a very close personal friend of mine and an outstanding lawyer in the state of Michigan. As a matter of fact, last year he was elected as the most outstanding professional man in our state.

According to John Clark, the President will probably be in Philadelphia during the 4th of July and if there is a few minutes that the President could spare John Clark, it would be a happy occasion for them. I realize it is a long way in advance and I'm sure the President's plans are not as yet formulated for July of next year.

Very best regards,



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THE WHITE HOUSE

WASHINGTON

August 15, 1975

Dear Mr. Frey:

Thank you for sending on to me the copy of a letter from Mr. John Clark. The original of Mr. Clark's letter of invitation was undoubtedly sent to the President's scheduling office.

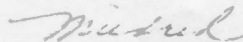
Upon his return from Vail I will bring to the attention of President Ford your interest in Mr. Clark's invitation to be present for the Bi-centennial Conference on the Courts in Independence Hall at Philadelphia on July 4, 1976.

I know the President would very much like to accept; but the invitation will undoubtedly have to be considered in relation to other events scheduled around July 4th.

I'm sure Mr. Clark will hear from Mr. Rustand as soon as a decision can be reached.

I too, enjoyed our brief meeting the last time you were in Washington and hope you will give my very best wishes to Mrs. Frey.

Sincerely,



(Miss) Mildred Leonard
Personal Assistant to
The President

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