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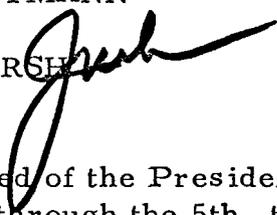
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THE WHITE HOUSE

WASHINGTON

June 3, 1976

MEMORANDUM FOR: BOB HARTMANN

FROM: JACK MARSH 

In addition to the formal remarks expected of the President for the Fourth of July weekend beginning July 1 through the 5th, there will also be a need for very short remarks at Valley Forge State Park. The nature of these remarks will be contingent upon the type of ceremonies which have not been completely formalized.

However, you should be aware there is one certain event and one highly probable event at the State Park. These two events are:

1. Wagon Train -- A Bicentennial event of the Bicentennial Commission of Pennsylvania (see attached Wagon Train Weekly).
2. Bill signing ceremony making Valley Forge State Park a national park. It is anticipated this legislation will be enacted in time for a signing ceremony on July Fourth.

As I am sure you will agree, the requirements for the nature of Presidential remarks will vary substantially depending on the signing ceremony.



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In addition to the memo in reference to Presidential remarks at Valley Forge, I have tasked people associated with the Bicentennial to come up with as complete a list as possible of remarks which the President may be required to make at events in which he participates in addition to the formal set speeches.

Set out below are examples of what I think might be occasions for short remarks or possible Presidential statements recognizing a particular event:

1. Op Sail
2. Honor America festivities
3. National bell ringing
4. Presidential Proclamation observing the Bicentennial
5. Acceptance of the Bicentennial gift from the Crown Prince of Norway
6. Meeting with the President of the Church of Jesus Christ of the Latter-day Saints
7. Possible satellite message
8. Recognition of the national fireworks display in Washington, D. C.
9. Possible written message to the Congress marking the Fourth

10. Prayer Proclamation

In reference to the above it should be remembered the visit of the Queen of England will begin on July 7 and will require significant Presidential participation.



June 7, 1976

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RUSS ROURKE

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MEMORANDUM FOR: MAX FRIEDERSDORF
FROM: JACK MARSH
SUBJECT: Valley Forge Bill

I am sure you realize the great importance attached to this particular piece of legislation inasmuch as ceremonies at Valley Forge are being planned around the President's signing it on July 4th.

I would be grateful for your own personal attention to this matter to assure that all of the necessary mechanics and administrative details have been attended to in order that the bill will be ready for signing on the Fourth of July. Would you please ascertain the date that would be preferable for the Congress to send the bill to the White House and endeavor to have it arrive on that date so the Fourth of July clearly falls within the allowable 10-day period for signature.

In this regard you may wish to coordinate with the Offices of the Speaker and Senate Majority Leader and such other administrative officers of the House and Senate as you deem best to assure there is a careful control on the timing. In this regard, it is imperative that we be certain that holding the legislation will in no way impair its validity. I feel certain this is the case, but we will want to be sure there is no rule of the House or Senate for transmission to the White House, the district art of which invalidates the measure. In addition to the rules of the House and Senate, we should check carefully with the basic law and with the Constitution on this point.

The reason for emphasis and request for care is associated with the President's events on the Fourth of July. Presently remarks for the President are being drafted which are conditioned on the signing of this legislation at Valley Forge State Park. If for any reason the legislation cannot be signed, it will impact on the nature of the President's participation at Valley Forge and change substantially the thrust of his remarks.

JOM/dl



THE WHITE HOUSE
WASHINGTON

June 7, 1976

TO: JACK MARSH

FROM: RUSSELL A. ROURKE *Rus*

For Direct Reply

For Draft Response

For Your Information

Please advise





EXECUTIVE OFFICE OF THE PRESIDENT

OFFICE OF MANAGEMENT AND BUDGET

WASHINGTON, D.C. 20503

June 7, 1976

NOTE TO: RUSS ROURKE
FROM: ALAN M. KRANOWITZ *Alan*
RE: Valley Forge (#3)

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Cheers!



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Valley Forge ✓

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MEMORANDUM TO: JACK MARSH
FROM: RUSS ROURKE *Rour*

Jack, the attached letter to the editor threw me off. Although Hugh Scott refers to "Rep." McClure, he obviously means Senator McClure.

Any missionary work on this subject should, therefore, be aimed in the direction of James McClure.

cc: TMarrs
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BKendall

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Washington Post
Monday, June 7, 1976

Preserving Valley Forge

I welcomed your May 31 editorial, "Nationalizing Valley Forge," which addressed the most pressing issue surrounding Valley Forge Park—the question of stewardship of the park itself. This matter has been sorely lacking perspective in recent months, and emotions have run high.

I personally met twice with the Secretary of the Interior, the Honorable Thomas Kleppe, to work out an acceptable plan to allow for the acquisition of the tract. The negotiations which followed were vigorous, protracted, but unsuccessful.

The final proposal, an offer representing the best possible package ob-

July 4 - Valley
Forge.

June 8, 1976

MEMORANDUM TO: ALAN KRANOWITZ
FROM: RUSS ROURKE

Alan, many thanks for your dogged pursuit
of the Valley Forge legislation. Your
efforts have been tremendously helpful in
our planning sessions re July 4 weekend.
RAR:cb





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THE WHITE HOUSE

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June 4, 1976



MEMORANDUM TO: JACK MARSH

FROM: RUSS ROURKE *Rourke*

Jack, I discussed the Valley Forge matter with both Charlie Leppert and Alan Kranowitz.

Charlie has the matter well in hand. He is coordinating this effort with both Dick Schulze and the House Republican leadership.

Will keep you advised.

cc: CLeppert
AKranowitz

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Get Kendall
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to: P.K. - 6/7/76.





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OFFICE OF MANAGEMENT AND BUDGET
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June 3, 1976

MEMORANDUM TO: RUSS ROURKE
FROM: ALAN M. KRANOWITZ
RE: Valley Forge

I note that the House has scheduled action on Valley Forge for next Tuesday -- and the Senate recording is carrying word that the Senate could consider Valley Forge today!

As a result, we could conceivably have the Valley Forge bill down here on Thursday or Friday, June 10 or 11. That is too early!

If the schedule holds, an effort will have to be made to stall the papers so that the President's ten day countdown period will mesh with your event.

Alan -



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Let's discuss
Tues -

THE WHITE HOUSE
WASHINGTON

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May 28, 1976

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MEMORANDUM TO: JACK MARSH
FROM: RUSS ROURKE
SUBJECT: Status of legislation to establish Valley Forge National Park (S. 1776; H. R. 5621)

Russ

I have now touched base with all critical areas re Administration position on this legislation, and can report the following:

- 1) OMB (see attached Kranowitz memo) has no problem with this proposal so long as the final legislation does not include the Chesterbrook property. Neither the House nor the Senate versions of the bill, as reported, contain the Chesterbrook property provision.
- 2) John Kyl at Interior advises Kleppe supports this legislation, and will be pleased to cooperate in any effort to facilitate the passage of this legislation to meet the time frame necessary to permit a possible signing ceremony at Valley Forge, Pennsylvania on July 4, 1976.
- 3) Jim Cavanaugh advises me that the legislation is totally acceptable to the Domestic Council.

||| The only remaining requirement is the designation of an individual or team to orchestrate the passage of this legislation within the necessary time frame noted above. I am sure that Senator Hugh Scott and Rep. Dick Schulze would be pleased to lend their assistance in this effort. Max might want to raise this item at his next 8:30 a.m. meeting for the purpose of making appropriate House and Senate assignments. |||

cc: MFriedersdorf
CLEppert
BKendall





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WASHINGTON, D.C. 20503

May 24, 1976

NOTE TO: RUSSELL A. ROURKE

FROM: ALAN M. KRANOWITZ

Alan -

RE: Valley Forge

Per our telephone conversation, OMB is taking the position that it would not object to the reported Committee versions of either S. 1776 or H.R. 5621, both of which would establish Valley Forge National Park.

However, we are making it quite clear that we would be strongly opposed to any Floor amendments which would seek to include the Chesterbrook property, which is adjacent to the park, as a part of the park. Chesterbrook is a highly-developed area, would cost some \$23 million to acquire, and it is not an integral park of the historical site.

There are some minor differences in the two versions of the legislation -- nothing very serious -- but John Kyl can work with you on these if you decide to proceed as you indicated in our telephone conversation. (I note on one of the House Zone Whip Memos that the House Leadership would like to pass the bill prior to June 11. I suspect the Senate could and would follow suit quickly thereafter).

We will have to watch the timing pretty carefully so that we can coordinate your plans with the ten day period on which the President has to act on enrolled bills.

Please yell if you need more.



THE WHITE HOUSE

WASHINGTON

May 22, 1976

MEMORANDUM TO: JACK MARSH

FROM: RUSS ROURKE *Russ*

Jack, as usual, Alan Kranowitz extremely helpful. He advises me that Administration has no objection to the Valley Forge National Historical Park bill "so long as the Chesterbrook property is not included". The Chesterbrook property is a parcel of land immediately adjacent to the Park and would cost roughly \$23 million if it were included in the purchase. The Chesterbrook property was not included in the Senate bill as reported. Kranowitz will check the House bill Monday morning, and advise (House bill was reported on May 17).

FYI, both Hugh Scott and Dick Schultz are pushing very hard on this legislation...OMB has worked closely with them and all concerned are on board re Chesterbrook property matter.

Bottom line...I'll get a final fix on Administration position Monday a.m. It presently appears there will be no problem, and that we can proceed to expedite final Congressional action on bill.

Will keep you advised.

R - Important



FULL EMPLOYMENT

Committee on Labor and Public Welfare: Subcommittee on Employment, Poverty, and Migratory Labor continued hearings on S. 50 and 472, to establish goals and policies to achieve full employment, receiving testimony from William H. Kolberg, Assistant Secretary of Labor for Employment and Training; Andrew Biemiller, AFL-CIO, Washington, D.C.; Herbert Stein, University of Virginia, Charlottesville; and Caroline Shaw Bell, Wellesley College, Mass.

On Friday, May 14, Subcommittee received testimony on these bills from Senator Humphrey; Leon Keyserling, Washington, D.C.; Charles Schultze, Brookings Institution, Washington, D.C.; Andrew Brimmer, Harvard Graduate School of Business Administration, Boston; Robert Nathan, Washington, D.C.; and Arthur B. Laffer, University of Chicago.

Hearings continue tomorrow.

HEALTH CARE COST

Committee on Labor and Public Welfare: Subcommittee on Health held hearings to receive testimony on the inflation in the cost of health care. Witnesses heard were

Dr. Alice M. Rivlin, Director, Congressional Budget Office; Bernard R. Tresnowski, Arthur G. Carty, and Edward F. Wilz, all representing Blue Cross Association; Morton D. Miller, Equitable Life Insurance Society of the U.S.; Daniel W. Pettengill, Aetna Life and Casualty Company; Brooks Chandler, Provident Life and Accident Insurance Company; Richard G. Wardrop, Aluminum Company of America; Richard Martin, Goodyear Tire and Rubber Company; Willis B. Goldbeck, Washington Business Group on Health; and Bert Seidman, AFL-CIO, Washington, D.C.

Hearings were recessed subject to call.

SBA OVERSIGHT

Select Committee on Small Business: On Friday, May 14, Committee resumed oversight hearings on activities and policies of the Small Business Administration, receiving testimony on the Surety Bond Program from Richard D. Turner, Tacoma, Wash.; and on financial assistance programs from Gerard S. Hankins, First Wisconsin National Bank, Milwaukee; and Oliver O. Ward, Smaller Business Association of New England, Waltham, Mass.

Hearings continue on Thursday, May 20.

House of Representatives

Chamber Action

Bills Introduced: 28 public bills, H.R. 13805-13832; 3 private bills, H.R. 13833-13835; and 9 resolutions, H.J. Res. 953 and 954, H. Con. Res. 637, and H. Res. 1193-1196 were introduced.

Pages H4477-H4478

Bills Reported: Reports were filed as follows:

H.R. 3052, to amend section 512(b)(5) of the Internal Revenue Code of 1954 with respect to the tax treatment of the gain on the lapse of options to buy or sell securities (H. Rept. 94-1134);

H.R. 10922, to require the furnishing of certain information in connection with the solicitation of charitable contributions by mail (H. Rept. 94-1135);

H.R. 13549, to provide for additional income for the U.S. Soldiers' and Airmen's Home by requiring the Board of Commissioners of the Home to collect a fee from the members of the Home; by appropriating non-judicial forfeitures for support of the Home; and by increasing the deductions from pay of enlisted men and warrant officers (H. Rept. 94-1136);

H.R. 11877, to extend the authorization of appropriations for the National Commission on New Technological Uses of Copyrighted Works to be coextensive with the life of such Commission (H. Rept. 94-1137);

H.R. 13124, to amend the Hazardous Materials Transportation Act and to authorize appropriations (H. Rept. 94-1138);

H.R. 5682, to provide for certain additions to the Tinicum National Environmental Center (H. Rept. 94-1139);

H.R. 8471, to authorize the President to prescribe regulations relating to the purchase, possession, consumption, use, and transportation of alcoholic beverages in the Canal Zone (H. Rept. 94-1140);

H.R. 13380, to amend the Central, Western, and South Pacific Fisheries Development Act to extend the appropriation authorization through fiscal year 1979 (H. Rept. 94-1141);

H.R. 5621, to authorize the Secretary of the Interior to establish the Valley Forge National Historical Park in the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania (H. Rept. 94-1142);

H.R. 9549, to provide for the establishment of the Old Ninety-six Star Fort National Battlefield in the State of South Carolina (H. Rept. 94-1143);

H.R. 13680, to amend the Foreign Assistance Act of 1961 and the Foreign Military Sales Act (H. Rept. 94-1144);

S. 3103, to provide for increased participation by the United States in the Asian Development Fund (H. Rept. 94-1145);

H.R. 10138, to create the Young Adult Conservation Corps to complement the Youth Conservation Corps (H. Rept. 94-1146);

July 4th

June 18, 1976

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JOM/dl



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Re Bill Reopening
Valley Forge July 4
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WASHINGTON, D.C. 20510

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HS:rp

Valley Forge

June 18, 1976

MEMORANDUM TO: BILL NICHOLSON
FROM: RUSS ROURKE

Bill, the attached is strictly FYI.

I am aware, of course, that the program for the signing ceremony location must be guided by the recommendations of the Advance Office.

RAR:cb



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They came here in the snows of winter in a trail that marked an Army's march by the blood that came from rag-bound feet.

There were other winters, some more harsh. Something happened at Valley Forge. That ragged, wretched, starving, half-clad Army enduring here emerged changed in some way that can be sensed but not adequately described.

When the Winter of '76 gave way to the Spring of '77, all the agony and ordeal had left its mark on the Continental Line.

Eleven Thousand had come here in the later days of December.

When the Spring has melted the snows of Winter and the green had come to the Pennsylvania countryside, four thousand of our fellow countrymen would sleep forever in the rolling hills of Valley Forge and become a silent bailiwick of the dead. Here around fires of the winter's camp was kept burning the fires of liberty that had lighted the Colonies' cause. This was not a place of flying pennants or stirring parades. Rather it was a place of enduring faith and constant prayer.

Valley Forge became the embodiment of the American Revolution. The Army would bear its stamp and the character of its Leader was marked upon the man who lead it, a character that reflected that winter's ordeal. In him became embodied the trial and the hope of the Revolution. As he walked the winter lines of Valley Forge he became a loney sentry that freedom should not die of mourning.

In that early Spring when they marched from here that became the road to Yorktown, five years of bitter war remained, but they marched from here into the pages of history unaware of the greatness they had done and unaware of the debt we seek to repay to them.

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A pledge made by a tiny handful of men at Philadelphia of their lives, their fortunes and their sacred honor had been sustained.

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