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January 27, 1975



Dear Mr. Herman:

Thank you for your letter of January 10, 1975 to President Ford in which you invite him to appear in Deptford Township, New Jersey on January 9, 1976.

At this point, we are unable to commit the President to a schedule so far in advance. However, be assured that your invitation will be taken into consideration for future scheduling.

I have been in contact with officials of the United States Postal Service regarding your request for a commemorative stamp for the balloon flight of Jean-Pierre Blanchard. I understand it has been received and you should hear directly from the Postal Service in regards to this matter.

Again, thank you for your invitation to the President and best wishes for your Bicentennial project.

Sincerely,

Richard W. Lakstat
Special Assistant to the
Counsellor to the President

Mr. Martin A. Herman
Herman, Pearson & Dubler
59 North Broad Street
Woodbury, New Jersey 08096

bc: Gordon Morison (Postal Service)
✓ Jack Marsh
Bill Nicholson

RHL/sjd



THE WHITE HOUSE

WASHINGTON

January 15, 1975

MEMORANDUM TO: DICK LUKSTAT

FROM: JACK MARSH *jom*

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Date: January 13, 1975

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FROM: WILLIAM W. NICHOLSON
SUBJECT: Martin A. Herman, Solicitor, Township of Deptford

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Thank you.



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January 10, 1975

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APPOINTMENT OFFICE _____

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President of the United States of America
White House
Pennsylvania Avenue
Washington, D.C. 20260

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Respectfully yours,



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Solicitor, Township of Deptford

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TOWNSHIP OF DEPTFORD


JOHN R. MAIER, MAYOR

ATTEST:


JACQUELINE CALTIGARONE, CLERK

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I hereby certify that the foregoing Resolution is a certified copy of Resolution duly adopted by the Township Council of the Township of Deptford held on the 9th day of January, 1975.

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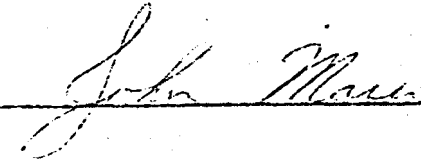
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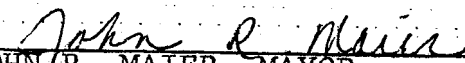


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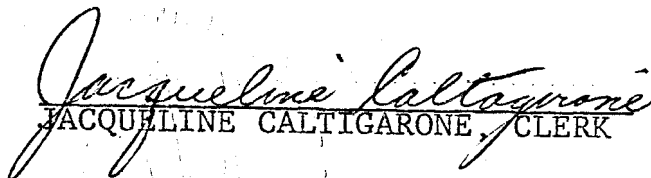
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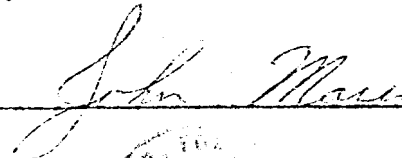
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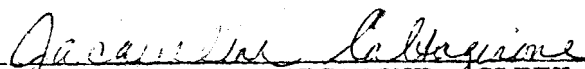
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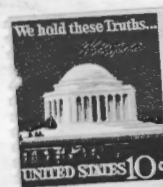
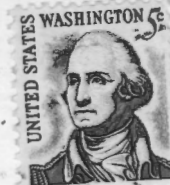

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The Honorable Gerald R. Ford
President of the United States of America
White House
Pennsylvania Avenue
Washington, D.C. 20260



May 28, 1975

MEMORANDUM TO: JACK MARSH
FROM: RUSS ROURKE

Paul Womack called to invite the President to participate in a huge Bicentennial event in DeKalb County, Georgia. Paul asked for a variety of open times on the President's schedule in order to facilitate the invitation. Obviously, I advised him that I did not feel it was appropriate, and that a formal letter of invitation should be submitted to the President, wherein the sponsors of the event offer a range of open dates.

Womack will see to it that the requested letter of invitation is sent.

RAR:cb



June 4, 1975

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

Jack, Ted advises me that despite the early time frame, he would strongly recommend submitting the proposal now anyway. You will note that the attached schedule gives the President a great deal of flexibility from a geographical standpoint in selecting a specific engagement. In addition, "the sponsors like to know in advance which event they're not going to get any money for".

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THE WHITE HOUSE

WASHINGTON

July 10, 1975

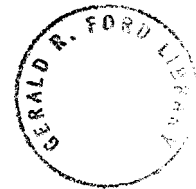
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MEMORANDUM FOR: JACK MARSH

FROM: RUSS ROURKE *R*

I went through the attached in great detail with Bill Middendorf. I cautioned him no less than three times to not set off a conventional nuclear device within the Department of the Navy concerning these two events. I did, however, ask him to ruminate about the Navy and Marine Corps dates. He had some attractive suggestions re the Navy event, and I gave him some ~~favorable~~ guidance concerning a Marine Corps/Quantico activity.

I told him we would be back with him at an appropriate point in the future.



THE WHITE HOUSE

WASHINGTON

July 10, 1975

Russ --

Mr. Marsh would like you to call Secretary Middendorf in reference to the up-coming 200th Anniversary of the founding of the Navy and the Marine Corps, sometime this Fall. "These are events which the President would like to recognize in some way."

"There is currently some thinking about the President's observing the anniversary in Detroit, but this is not firm as yet. "Without having Middendorf interject himself into the Detroit event, we want him to be aware of the up-coming Navy and Marine Corps events so that they can be developing an awareness of these events, similar to the Army's celebration at Fort Benning. I think they should focus on those two dates so as to have a meaningful program wherever it is. Don't get Middendorf stirred up. I don't want him saying I received a call from the White House and the President is going to Detroit, etc. I just think they should be thinking about planning for these Bicentennial events."

Thanks.

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Bicentennial

THE WHITE HOUSE
WASHINGTON
September 11, 1975

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MEMORANDUM TO: JACK MARSH

FROM: RUSS ROURKE *R*

Jack, FYI, a variety of dates were proposed and dropped in reference to the President's participation in the "Navy Bicentennial" event. I finally served as the go-between in the dealings between Bill Middendorf and Scheduling. Just last night, the President approved an October 9 date at the Washington Navy Yard. Bill Middendorf is now having his people work up a detailed program which will include approximately one hour participation by the President... starting at 12:00 noon (ships, water cannons, marching bands, etc.). Middendorf tells me the event will receive national press coverage.



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THE WHITE HOUSE
WASHINGTON

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Bicentennial Health Action Goal Is Urged

"Family Health Magazine" has established an information center to stimulate and report on Bicentennial projects relating to the health and well-being of the American people.

"Family Health" is urging the food and drug industries as well as associations, labor unions and other organizations to strengthen "Life, liberty and the pursuit of happiness" by inaugurating health projects. Detection, diagnosis and treatment of a particular disease in a community is but one of many examples of a possible Bicentennial program.

"Family Health" suggests that members of local organizations promote adoption of new community health goals for 1976 and beyond and establish task forces or working committees to examine potential contributions to the Bicentennial.

Send "Family Health" your ideas, or reports on programs already implemented. Ideas need not be grandiose. A local hospital or nursing home may be in need of help. Think about your and your family's potential for direct involvement and contact the Family Health Information Center, 545 Madison Ave., New York, NY 10022.

It follows then as certain as that night succeeds the day, that without a decisive Naval force we can do nothing definitive. And with it, every thing honourable and glorious.

George Washington
To Lafayette
November 15, 1781

Auto Club Issues Bicen Travel Aid

The Montgomery Ward Auto Club has published a Bicentennial Tour and Travel Guide filled with events, trip routings, hotel/motel listings and historic background information for the family planning to travel in 1976.

The 92-page guide has been licensed by the American Revolution Bicentennial Administration as an officially-recognized commemorative of the Bicentennial. Copies of the publication can be secured by writing the Auto Club at Montgomery Ward Plaza, Chicago, IL 60671 and sending \$2.95 plus \$.50 postage and handling.

The Bicentennial Tour and Travel Guide contains information on the most up-to-date data available at press time. The suggested tours found in the guide include Bicentennial events indicated by location and date.

Air Force Sergeants Look For Bicen Ideas

The Air Force Sergeants Association is looking for ideas on how its chapters, individual members, and families can help the Nation observe its 200th anniversary.

The best ideas from members will be published on a first-come basis in the Association's monthly publication "Sergeants."

The Association has a membership of 35,000 organized in approximately 1,000 chapters around the world, and is composed of Air Force members on active duty, Air National Guard members, and Air Force Reserve members.

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You can rest assured
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Navy Observes 200th Birthday on October 13, Number of Bicentennial Commands Increasing

The United States Navy observes its 200th birthday on October 13 of this year.

It was on that day in 1775 that the Continental Navy came into being by an act of the Continental Congress, marking the beginning of a full-fledged war at sea by the Americans and their French allies against the naval power of Great Britain.

It was a navy of not more than 27 ships, primarily privateers, which was all that the 13 colonies could muster in 1775.

Today, the United States Navy — acknowledged to be the most powerful in the world — is helping celebrate the 200th birthday of the Nation it helped to found.

Interest in ARBA's Bicentennial Command program by the U.S. Navy is evident by the large number of applications being processed by the Bicentennial Coordination Office of the Under Secretary of the Navy, who reviews the applications before approving and forwarding them to the ARBA for official recognition.

The Naval Ammunition Depot and the Marine Barracks at McAlester, Oklahoma, had the honor of being the first Navy Bicentennial Command ashore and the USS SAN BERNADINO has become the first Bicentennial Command afloat. At McAlester the Navy is developing a museum which will highlight Navy and Marine Corps history and include historical displays from Oklahoma's past. A pioneer kitchen and blacksmith shop have already been constructed. The Marine Barracks at McAlester has produced a slide presentation on Naval history for area schools and civic groups.

The crew of the USS SAN BERNADINO has published a cruisebook for the Bicentennial which reflects the U.S. Navy of the 1870's. The ship is planning to participate with the city of San Bernardino, California, on the 200th anniversary of the Navy in October with fife and drum corps, Revolutionary War uniforms and historical displays.

Other commands recently recognized include the Naval Radio Station, Cutler, in Machias, Maine, where the Navy participated in ceremonies in June commemorating the first naval engagement of the Revolutionary War. The Navy at Machias will participate in another local battle fought along the shores of the Machias River called the "Battle of the Rim" next year. The Radio Station has provided a display of naval artifacts and memorabilia for the University of Maine at Machias.

The Eleventh Naval District in San Diego, California, will conduct public tours of four or five ships and will sponsor a model ship-building contest for patients at the Navy Regional Medical Center in San Diego and at Veterans Administration Hospitals for the Bicentennial.

The Naval Torpedo Station in Keyport, state of Washington, has sponsored a Bicentennial Art Contest, and at League Island in Philadelphia the Navy has developed an exhibition including the hangar deck of the USS INTREPID, and displays of aircraft, artifacts and historical records of the Navy.

In Norfolk, Virginia, the Naval Station is constructing a new chapel, decorating fire hydrants to resemble Revolutionary War heroes, and coordinating a museum of naval history. The Norfolk Shipyard has produced a Bicentennial film, a written history of the shipyard, a calendar of events, an art contest for shipyard employees, a Bicentennial speakers bureau, and naval exhibits depicting the shipyard, past and present. The Navy's School of Music at Norfolk is providing concert bands for all Bicentennial events in the area.

The Naval District in Washington, D.C. is preparing for the predicted influx of Bicentennial visitors to the nation's capital with special Bicentennial evening parades and



Official U.S. Navy Photo

Albany, N.Y. Recruiting District

drills at the Washington Navy Yard.

Other Bicentennial activities of the U.S. Navy include establishment of a Navy/Marine Corps museum at the Twelfth Naval District Headquarters Building, Treasure Island, San Francisco, California. The museum is dedicated to the role of the Navy/Marine Corps in the Pacific. Displays in the museum contain ship models, photographs, historical documents and military uniforms.

One of the largest murals in the world (23.6 feet by 25 feet) is going up in the museum. The mural is being painted by the internationally known artist, Lowell Nesbitt, who is directing a ten-man team of local California artists. The work is expected to be completed in four months. With the completion of the mural the museum will be a unique addition to the nation's naval and maritime museums. The theme of the mural is "Navy and Marines in the Pacific, Past, Present and Future." The museum will open to the public on October 2, 1975, and remain open through 1976.

The Navy has also assembled a series of radio "spots" for the Bicentennial depicting great moments in naval history. The "spots" have been distributed nationally to some 7,500 radio stations and Armed Forces Radio outlets. The dramatic readings were done by Lt. Cdr. James Drury, USNR-R, in a voice-over technique on a sound bed of music composed especially for the series by Chief

Musician Jay Chattaway, USN, and performed by the U.S. Navy Band, Washington, D.C. These records have been issued for use by the nation's AM, FM and public educational broadcasting stations.

A 20-minute slide presentation illustrating 200 years of naval history and entitled "200 Years Before The Mast" has been distributed by the Navy and can be seen by contacting a local Navy recruiter or Special Assistant for Presentations (OP-090), 4015 Wilson Blvd., Arlington, Va. 22203.

The oldest intact man-of-war presently on exhibition in North America is the "gondola" PHILADELPHIA which is on display at the Smithsonian Museum of History and Technology in Washington, D.C.

Designed by Benedict Arnold as one of eight gondolas fitted for service in defense of the northern frontier, the PHILADELPHIA was sunk at the Battle of Valcour Island in Lake Champlain New York State, in October 1776. Today, paradoxically, she remains the sole survivor of that dimly remembered flotilla which frustrated Britain's first major effort to divide and subdue her rebellious American colonies. Located and recovered off Valcour Island in 1935, this historic vessel evokes the memory of the hero-traitor's squadron which, though tactically annihilated, yet won a major strategic victory by delaying British penetration of central New York for nearly a year.

W. Va. Group to Review Status of Point Pleasant Battle

A one-day conference on the status of the Battle of Point Pleasant is scheduled for Point Pleasant, West Virginia, on October 9.

The Battle of Point Pleasant has been the subject of controversy for some time as to whether it was a battle of the American Revolution fought six months and eight days prior to the Battle of Lexington on April 19, 1775.

The October 9 meeting will review the findings of studies undertaken by the National Society of the Daughters of the American Revolution, the National

Society of the Sons of the American Revolution, and others interested in clarifying the status of the battle. A commemorative parade is scheduled for October 10.

The Mason County Bicentennial Commission received an award from the Freedoms Foundation at Valley Forge for its commemoration of the battle last Fall, while the Colonel Charles Lewis Chapter of the D.A.R. received the national society's national award for the same program.

On October 11, Mayor John C. Mus-

grave of Point Pleasant will host a memorial service in honor of Colonel Lewis who commanded the Virginia troops at the Battle of Point Pleasant.

It is interesting to note that Mayor Musgrave is a direct descendant of Colonel Andrew Lewis who was the first owner of Point Pleasant, according to a deed dated December 15, 1772, while his cousin Charles Cameron Lewis, a director of the Citizens National Bank of Point Pleasant, is a direct descendant of Colonel Charles Lewis, commander of the Virginia troops.

Britain's 'Magna Carta' to be on Bicen View in U.S.

Fellowships, Bell Among UK Offerings

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at the American Embassy in London on July 2.

In addition, a special Bicentennial Bell will be presented to the people of the United States from the people of Britain. The bell will be cast by the Whitechapel Bell Foundry in London, the same foundry that cast the original Liberty Bell in 1752. It will hang in a new bell tower at the Orientation Center being built in Independence National Historical Park in Philadelphia. Here it will complement the "silent" Liberty Bell and the Centennial Bell mounted in the steeple of Independence Hall.

Responsibility for planning the United Kingdom's official participation in the American celebrations rest with a widely-representative committee — the British Bicentennial Liaison Committee — appointed by the Secretary of State for Foreign and Commonwealth Affairs. The chairman is the Marquess of Lothian.



King John Sealing the Magna Carta
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An Arts Sub-Committee of the British Bicentennial Liaison Committee under the chairmanship of Sir Jack Lyons is actively engaged in planning and supporting a number of artistic manifestations to take place in the United States. It is expected that these will include concerts by the London Philharmonic and London Symphony orchestras and performances by the Royal Ballet and the Grimethorpe Colliery Band.

In addition, the Scottish National Orchestra Chorus will visit Los Angeles for a performance with the Los Angeles Philharmonic Orchestra.

Regional committees of the British Bicentennial Liaison Committee are planning Bicentennial activities in Scotland, Northern Ireland and Wales.

A State visit to the United States will be paid by Her Majesty the Queen and His Royal Highness the Duke of Edinburgh from July 7 to July 11, 1976.

U.S. Music In Europe

Audiences in Switzerland, Denmark, Sweden and England listened to the sound of American music this past July as the Samford University A Cappella Choir from Birmingham, Alabama, toured the four European countries. Samford has planned a year-long Bicentennial celebration which includes the dedication of a new \$8 million Fine Arts Center at the University, a presentation of the musical "1776," essay contests, tree plantings, student field trips to historic sites, and a "Williamsburg in Alabama Day."

Iranian Scholarship Fund Set Up for U.S. Students



ARBA Administrator John W. Warner (center) accepts a check for \$100,000 for the establishment of an Iranian Bicentennial Scholarship fund from Iran's Ambassador to the United States Ardeshir Zahedi (left) while Assistant Secretary of State for Education and Cultural Affairs John Richardson, Jr., (right) looks on.

The government of Iran has presented to the people of the United States the sum of \$100,000 for the establishment of a Bicentennial Scholarship Fund for the benefit of American students wishing to pursue their fields of education in Iran during the period of the American celebrations.

A check transferring the funds to the United States was presented to ARBA Administrator John W. Warner on July 30 in the Jefferson Room of the Department of State by the Iranian Ambassador to the United States Ardeshir Zahedi, who has shown great personal interest in the Bicentennial.

In making the presentation, Ambassador Zahedi said the grant was being made in recognition of the assistance given to Iran by the United States over the years, including the facilitations extended to Iranian students who have been coming to this country in pursuit of their education.

In accepting the gift on behalf of the people of the United States, Administra-

tor Warner expressed the gratitude of Americans, noting the exceptional interest that many countries have shown in the Bicentennial and America's young people.

Assistant Secretary of State for Education and Cultural Affairs John Richardson, Jr., who opened the ceremonies, declared himself grateful and moved by the Iranian Government's gift, describing it as "major evidence of another country's concern" for the furtherance of international good will.

Establishment of the Iranian Scholarship program follows a recent visit to the United States by His Imperial Majesty the Shahanshah Aryamehr and the formation of a Bicentennial Commission in Iran headed by the Queen. The Iranian group is considering additional means of participation in the Bicentennial.

The Iranian scholarship program will be administered by the Department of State under the direction of Assistant Secretary Richardson.

Visit By King To Highlight Extensive Swedish Program

The highlight of Sweden's participation in the Bicentennial of the United States will be a visit by His Majesty King Carl XVI Gustav in April of next year.

King Gustav is scheduled to arrive in Washington, D.C., on April 3 of next year. His itinerary will take him to a number of American cities including Wilmington, Del.; Philadelphia, Pa; Minneapolis, Minn.; Seattle, Wash.; San Francisco and Los Angeles, Calif.; Lindsborg, Kans.; Chicago, Ill.; Detroit, Mich.; Houston, Tex.; and New York City and Jamestown in New York.

The Swedish participation covers a broad range of Bicentennial activity. The program gets under way in late autumn of this year with a tour by the Swedish Radio Choir followed by a tour by the Stockholm Philharmonic Orchestra during November and December.

The Swedish Navy training ship "Gladan" will participate in Operation Sail '76 in New York on July 3 and 4, 1976.

Folk musicians and dancers will join the Smithsonian Institution's Folk Life Festival in tours of American cities next year, and an exhibit on Swedish emigration to the United States is being organized in conjunction with the Smithsonian for circulation to various museums around the country. Sweden will also circulate a number of other exhibits dur-

ing the latter part of this year and through 1976 on such subjects as "Women in Sweden Today," "Children's Environment," "Alfred Nobel," "Modern Swedish Cinema," and "Folk Paintings from Dalarna."

The Swedish Council of America will publish a 900-page volume on the Swedish heritage in America, written by Allan Kastrup of the Swedish Information Service in New York. The book is an account of personalities and events in Swedish-American relations since 1638 when the Swedish colony of "New Sweden" was founded on the Delaware.

The Swedish government is also formulating plans for increased educational exchange with the United States, mainly in the social sciences.

American Studies Chair

A Bicentennial Chair for American Studies has been officially established at the University of Helsinki in Finland. The United States has presented the University with \$25,000, half of the total American commitment. The project is the first American chair in Finland and has an initial endowment of \$100,000. The American presentation was made by Ambassador Mark Austad.

Australia P.M. Unveils Plans Honoring U.S.

The Australian Government will sponsor non-academic exchange visits between Australia and the United States as part of its plans to celebrate the American Bicentennial.

Details of the Government's plans were announced recently by Prime Minister Gough Whitlam in Sydney.

The Prime Minister said the Government would also endow a Chair of Australian Studies at Harvard University in Boston and erect a memorial in Australia to honor Walter Burley Griffin, the American architect who was responsible for the original design of Canberra, Australia's national capital.

Australia has also accepted an invitation from the Smithsonian Institution to send an Australian exhibit to the United States for a tour of the Smithsonian's circuit of museums.

In making the announcement of Australia's participation, Prime Minister Whitlam said:

"The birth of the American republic was one of those watersheds in human history that will be commemorated by democrats everywhere — especially in English-speaking countries — for as long as democracy survives.

"In two centuries nothing has diminished the power and splendor of the words of the American Declaration of Independence, with its noble confirmation of human dignity, its unforgettable affirmation of the equality of all men and their rights to life, liberty and the pursuit of happiness.

"Those words, so familiar, yet fresh and imperishable, still fire the hearts and minds of men — and there was never a time, I suggest, when their message was more relevant, more needed, than it is today."



Mr. Whitlam (center) with the outgoing U.S. Ambassador Marshall Green (right) and the president of the Australian-American Association Allen G. Moyes.

'Franklin-Jefferson' Opens In London

The widely-acclaimed ARBA exhibition "The World of Franklin and Jefferson" will open in London on September 17 at The British Museum following a showing in Warsaw, Poland, which attracted nearly 54,000 visitors during a seven-week run. The exhibition will be on view in London through November 15, after which it will be transferred to the United States for display in this country.

The American Embassy in Warsaw reports the exhibition drew Polish visitors from all walks of life. In addition, visitors came from many other European countries, including all of the countries of Eastern Europe and eight of the republics of the Soviet Union. The Embassy described the Warsaw exhibition "the most successful and impressive show the United States has ever in Poland." The exhibit closed on July 9.

"The World of Franklin and Jefferson" exhibition at the office of Charles F. American Republics Ministry of Metropolitan Grant Street, Philadelphia

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EVENT	LOCATION	DATE
Re -opening of historic Gadsby's Tavern	Alexandria, Va.	Feb. 16
Washington Birthday Celebration - Market Square	Alexandria, Va.	Feb. 16
Bicentennial Parade of American Music - District of Columbia day	Kennedy Center	Feb. 23
Opening of <u>Age of Franklin and Jefferson</u> exhibit at Metropolitan Museum	New York City	March 5
USO Bicentennial Salute to America's Armed Forces banquet	Philadelphia	March 11
Bicentennial Prayer Breakfast	Grand Rapids	April 10
Bicentennial Cherry Blossom Festival Parade	Washington	April 10
Halifax Day, commemoration of signing of Halifax Resolves	Halifax, N. Carolina	April 12
Jefferson Birthday Celebration at Jefferson Memorial	Washington	April 13
Daughters of the American Revolution Continental Congress	Washington	April 19
Louisiana State University Bicentennial Convocation	Baton Rouge	April 30
Re-enactment of George Washington's Inaugural Trip	Trenton, N. Jersey	April 30 - May 1
Founders Day Commemoration at Washington Monument	Washington	April 30
Wayne County Michigan Bicentennial Parade	Detroit	May 2
Bicentennial Parade of American Music - Michigan Day	Kennedy Center	May 12
All Service Bicentennial Military Ball	Chicago	May 15



BICENTENNIAL INVITATIONS - 2

EVENT	LOCATION	DATE
Visit of French President Giscard d'Estaing	Washington Mt. Vernon	May 17-20
Synagogue Council of America's Bicentennial Commemoration of Freedom of Religion in America, Touro Synagogue	Newport, Rhode Island	May 24
Newport, New Hampshire Bicentennial Celebration	Newport, N. H.	June, July, August
Lewis and Clark Memorial Statue	Fort Benton, Mont.	June 13
Flag Day celebration in Manassas, Virginia	Manassas, Va.	June 14
Flag Day at Stoney Hill (first Flag Day in US)	Fredonia, Wis.	June 14
George Rogers Clark Visitors Center	Vincennes, Ind.	June 19
Grand Rapids Bicentennial and Sesquicentennial Celebration	Grand Rapids,	June 25-26
Minnesota Bicentennial Freedom Festival	Minneapolis	June 26
Detroit-Windsor (Canada) International Freedom Festival	Detroit	June 28 thru July 6
Ceremony at the National Archives	Washington	July 2, 3, 4
Dedication of National Air and Space Museum	Washington	July 3, 4, 5
Honor American Celebration (Medal of Freedom awards)	Kennedy Center	July 3
Naturalization Ceremony at Monticello	Monticello, Va.	July 4
Valley Forge National Historical Park	Valley Forge, Pa.	July 4
International Naval Review (OP SAIL)	New York Harbor	July 4



BICENTENNIAL INVITATIONS - 3



EVENT	LOCATION	DATE
State Visit of Queen Elizabeth II	Washington etal	July 7-11
Rapids City Bicentennial Event at Mt. Rushmore	North Dakota	July 13-14-15
White House Bicentennial Reception and Dinner for visiting Heads of State	White House	July 21
Dedication of International Forest of Friendship	Atchison, Kansas	July 24
Dayton Air Fair, Ohio's largest Bicentennial event	Dayton, Ohio	July 24-25
<u>Bicentennial: Prospects for Women</u> (Business and Professional Women's Club meeting)	Denver	July 25
Jackson County Indiana Bicentennial Festival	Seymour, Ind.	August 13, 14, 15
Colorado State Fair	Denver	August 28- Sept. 6
Boulder City Bicentennial Committee Hoover Dam ceremony	Boulder City, Nev.	September or October
Springfield Illinois Bicentennial Committee Lincoln Home Visitors Center	Springfield, Ill.	October

Recent

May 6, 1976

Dear Vern:

Many thanks for your recent letter requesting an appointment with the President. As always, it was a pleasure chatting with you by phone the other day.

I have forwarded your letter to Mr. William Nicholson, Director of Presidential Scheduling, for his review and handling, with the request that he contact you directly concerning this request. I have also forwarded a copy of your letter to Dr. Ted Marre, who heads the White House Bicentennial Office, for his information.

Let me assure you this request will receive every consideration and I am sure you will be hearing very shortly from Mr. Nicholson.

With kindest personal regards, I am

Sincerely,

John O. Marsh, Jr.
Counsellor to the President

Mr. Vern Jordan
Executive Director
National Urban League, Inc.
The Equal Employment Building
500 East 62nd Street
New York, New York 10021



cc: Bill Nicholson
Ted Marre
Milt Mitler

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THE WHITE HOUSE
WASHINGTON

January 4, 1977



Mr. Marsh:

Milt Mitler called about an invitation to the President from Congressman Ken Robinson. On January 13th the 200th Anniversary of the drafting of Jefferson's Resolution of Religious Freedom will be celebrated in Fredericksburg, Virginia. They have invited the President to speak but he cannot make it.

Milt thought because of your association with Virginia, and particularly because of your fondness of Jefferson, you might be interested in representing the President at this ceremony.

Yes _____ No _____

Thanks.

Donna



*Called Milt - send message from
President*

J. KENNETH ROBINSON
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January 10, 1977

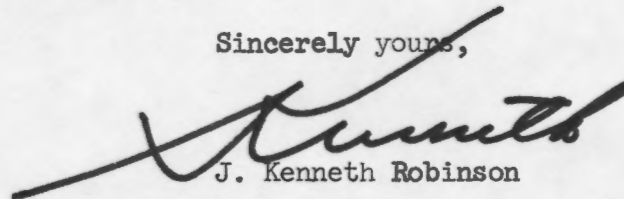
Honorable John O. Marsh, Jr.
Counsellor to the President
The White House
Washington, D.C. 20500

Dear Jack:

I realize that it is doubtful that the President would be inclined to make a formal proclamation on such short and informal notice, I thought that I should at least call this anniversary to his attention, and I thought you would be interested.

With kindest personal regards, I am

Sincerely yours,


J. Kenneth Robinson

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January 10, 1977

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

Dear Mr. President:

I am enclosing a copy of a resolution which failed to receive action in the 94th Congress.

The intent was to request you to designate January 13, 1977 as "Religious Freedom Day" in recognition of the meeting held at Fredericksburg, Virginia, on January 13, 1777 at which a small group headed by Thomas Jefferson drafted the resolution which, nine years later, became the landmark Virginia Statute of Religious Freedom, and the sense of which was incorporated in the first amendment of the Constitution.

Although I have reintroduced my resolution in the 95th Congress, it is obvious that it cannot expect to receive action in advance of the 200th anniversary of this important event. I am taking the liberty, therefore, of bringing the subject to your attention with the thought that you might think it appropriate to take note of the anniversary.

Sincerely yours,

J. Kenneth Robinson



94TH CONGRESS
2D SESSION

H. J. RES. 1023

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

JULY 19, 1976

Mr. ROBINSON introduced the following joint resolution; which was referred to the Committee on Post Office and Civil Service



JOINT RESOLUTION

To designate January 13, 1977 as "Religious Freedom Day".

Whereas the Virginia Statute of Religious Freedom, enacted January 16, 1786, by the General Assembly of Virginia, was a milestone in legal recognition of the right of every individual to profess or practice a religious faith, or to abstain from such profession or practice, without interference by governmental authority; and

Whereas the principle set forth in the statute was incorporated in the first amendment of the Constitution of the United States of America; and

Whereas the original draft of the "Bill for Establishing Religious Freedom", which ultimately was enacted into law by the General Assembly of Virginia, was accomplished by a committee headed by Thomas Jefferson at a meeting in

Fredericksburg, Virginia, on January 13, 1777: Now, therefore, be it

- 1 *Resolved by the Senate and House of Representatives*
- 2 *of the United States of America in Congress assembled,*
- 3 That January 13, 1977, be designated as "Religious Freedom
- 4 Day", and the President is authorized and requested to issue
- 5 a proclamation calling for the observance of such day with
- 6 appropriate ceremonies and activities.

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BY SENATOR
ARTH CONGRESS H. J. RES. 1053

JOINT RESOLUTION

To designate January 13, 1977 as "Religious Freedom Day"

By Mr. Rorzon

Referred to the Committee on Post Office and Civil Service
July 19, 1976

JOINT RESOLUTION

To designate January 13, 1977 as "Religious Freedom Day".

By Mr. ROBINSON

JULY 19, 1976

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