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John Marsh
[1/77]

OPENING REMARKS FOR MEDAL OF FREEDOM PRESENTATION

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LET ME WELCOME ALL OF YOU TO THE WHITE HOUSE.

IT IS A GREAT PRIVILEGE FOR BETTY AND MYSELF TO HAVE SUCH

AN OUTSTANDING GROUP OF MEN AND WOMEN HERE WITH US

TODAY.

SOME OF YOU WE KNOW PERSONALLY -- OTHERS WE ARE MEETING
FOR THE FIRST TIME -- BUT YOU ARE ALL HERE BECAUSE OF
YOUR GREAT CONTRIBUTIONS TO AMERICAN LIFE.

I AM ESPECIALLY HAPPY TO HAVE YOU HERE TODAY,
BECAUSE HONORING EXTRAORDINARY AMERICANS, ON BEHALF
OF ALL THEIR FELLOW CITIZENS, IS ONE OF A PRESIDENT'S
MOST ENJOYABLE DUTIES.

THE MEDALS OF FREEDOM YOU ARE ABOUT TO RECEIVE ARE THE
HIGHEST CIVILIAN HONOR OUR COUNTRY CAN BESTOW.

OF COURSE, EXCELLENCE IS ITS OWN REWARD --

NOT ONLY TO THOSE WHO STRIVE FOR IT, BUT ALSO TO THE
FREE SOCIETY WHICH ENCOURAGES IT.

YOU ARE MEN AND WOMEN WHO HAVE USED THAT FREEDOM TO
ACHIEVE EXCELLENCE. YOUR OUTSTANDING ACCOMPLISHMENTS
HAVE MADE OUR LIVES BETTER, AND SET STIRRING EXAMPLES
FOR OTHERS TO FOLLOW.

AS WE MOVE FROM THE BICENTENNIAL YEAR INTO OUR THIRD
CENTURY, AMERICA MUST REMAIN A PLACE WHERE MEN AND
WOMEN ARE ENCOURAGED TO CREATE, TO INNOVATE, TO EXPLORE,
AND TO SET THE VERY HIGHEST STANDARDS -- WHATEVER THEIR
VOCATION.

OUR COUNTRY, AND ALL MANKIND, WILL ALWAYS NEED PEOPLE
LIKE YOU WHOSE ENERGY AND IMAGINATION REVEAL OUR
GREATEST POTENTIAL.

LET US NOW BEGIN THE PRESENTATION OF THE MEDALS OF
FREEDOM.

END OF TEXT

John Marshall

[1/77]

CLOSING REMARKS FOR MEDAL OF FREEDOM PRESENTATION

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LET ME CONGRATULATE EACH AND EVERY ONE OF YOU.

I REGRET THAT IRVING BERLIN, THE LATE ALEXANDER CALDER

AND GEORGIA O'KEEFFE WERE UNABLE TO BE REPRESENTED HERE TODAY.

WE WILL BE PRESENTING THEIR MEDALS TO THEM OR TO THEIR

FAMILIES AT A LATER DATE.

IN CLOSING, LET ME VOICE OUR COUNTRY'S GRATITUDE --
NOT ONLY TO YOU, BUT TO ALL THOSE WHO HELPED YOU ACHIEVE
WHAT YOU DID. EACH OF YOU HAS HAD FRIENDS AND
CO-WORKERS, TEAMMATES AND FAMILIES WHO SHARE IN YOUR
ACHIEVEMENTS -- AND IN OUR PRIDE TODAY. ONCE AGAIN,
CONGRATULATIONS.

NOW BETTY AND I WILL JOIN THE HONOREES IN THE
GRAND HALL TO MEET OUR OTHER GUESTS, AFTER WHICH YOU ARE
ALL INVITED TO JOIN US FOR LUNCH IN THE STATE DINING ROOM.

END OF TEXT

PRESIDENTIAL SELECTEESMEDAL OF FREEDOMI. W. ABEL

President of the United Steelworkers of America (third largest union in the United States).

JOHN BARDEEN

Physicist. Twice a co-recipient of the Nobel Prize.

IRVING BERLIN

Composer/writer of popular songs.

NORMAN E. BORLAUG

Agricultural Economist. Recipient of Nobel Prize for Peace.

OMAR NELSON BRADLEY

General of the Army; Administrator of Veterans Affairs; Chairman of the Joint Chiefs of Staff; Chairman

ARLEIGH A. BURKE

Admiral; Chief of Naval Operations (1955-61).

ALEXANDER CALDER

Sculptor. A creator of mobiles and stabiles. (Posthumous award)

BRUCE CATTON

Author, historian, editor. Senior editor of American Heritage Magazine.

JOE DIMAGGIO

All-time great of baseball. Listed in the Baseball Hall of Fame.

WILL AND ARIEL DURANT

Historians, Authors. In 1968 they won the Pulitzer Prize for Rousseau and Revolution.

ARTHUR FIEDLER

Conductor, Boston Pops.

JUDGE HENRY FRIENDLY

Judge, U. S. Circuit Court of Appeals;
Chief Judge.

LADY BIRD JOHNSON

Former First Lady.

ARCHIBALD MACLEISH

Poet; Professor at Harvard; Librarian of Congress; Chairman of several American delegations to UNESCO Conferences; recipient of many literary awards including two Pulitzer Prizes -- for poetry and drama.

JAMES A. MICHENER

Author. Won Pulitzer Prize in 1947 for Tales of the South Pacific.

GEORGIA O'KEEFE

One of the great names of women in the world of American painting.

NELSON ROCKEFELLER

Vice President of the United States.

NORMAN ROCKWELL

Artist.

LOWELL THOMAS

Author; Cimerama and T.V. producer;
Radio and T.V. Commentator.

JAMES WATSON

Educator, Biochemist. Co-recipient of
Nobel Prize in 1962.

OFFICE OF THE WHITE HOUSE PRESS SECRETARY
(Vail, Colorado)

THE WHITE HOUSE

The President will present the Medal of Freedom to twenty one persons on January tenth at noon. This will be the fifth presentation of the Medal of Freedom. The recipients are:

I. W. Abel, of Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania, President, United Steelworkers of America.

John Bardeen, of Champaign, Illinois, physicist, co-recipient of the Nobel Prize in Physics in 1956 and 1972.

Irving Berlin, of New York, New York, composer.

Norman Ernest Borlaug, of Mexico City, Mexico, agricultural scientist and Nobel Prize winner in 1970.

Omar Nelson Bradley, of New York, New York, retired Army Officer (Chairman, Joint Chiefs of Staff).

Arleigh Albert Burke, of Bethesda, Maryland, retired Naval Officer (Chief of Naval Operations).

Alexander Calder, deceased; sculptor.

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Lady Bird Johnson, of Stonewall, Texas.

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James Albert Michener, of Pipersville, Pennsylvania, author, Pulitzer prize winner, 1947.

Georgia O'Keefe, of Abiquiu, New Mexico, artist.

Nelson Aldrich Rockefeller, of Tarrytown, New York.

Norman Rockwell, of Stockbridge, Massachusetts, illustrator.

Jouett Shouse, of Washington, D. C., donor, Wolf Trap Farm Park for the Performing Arts, for her contribution to the theatrical arts.

(MORE)

Lowell Thomas, of Pawling, New York, author, radio and T. V. commentator.

James Dewey Watson, of Cold Spring Harbor, New York, educator and biochemist; recipient of the Nobel prize in medicine and physiology, 1962.

The recipients are selected by the President.

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THE WHITE HOUSE

WASHINGTON

January 3, 1977

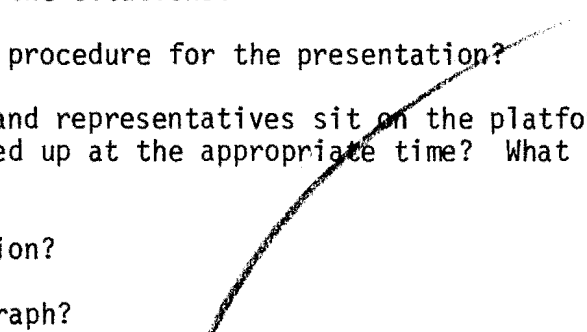
MEMORANDUM FOR:

JACK MARSH

FROM:

MILT MITLER *MM*

Jack, we need answers to the following concerning the Medal of Freedom program:

- ° How, by whom and when will the medals be presented to Irving Berlin and Georgia O'Keefe?
 - ° What guidance to recipients concerning appropriate response?
 - ° Who is going to prepare the citations?
 - ° What will be the formal procedure for the presentation?
 - ° Will the 19 recipients and representatives sit on the platform or in front and be called up at the appropriate time? What about spouses?
 - ° Who will read the citation?
 - ° What about group photograph?
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THE WHITE HOUSE

WASHINGTON

January 3, 1977

MEMORANDUM FOR:

JACK MARSH
JIM CAVANAUGH
MARIA DOWNS
JOHN CARLSON
DAVE GERGEN

FROM:

MILT MITLER *file*

Following is the latest information concerning participation in the Medal of Freedom Ceremony on January 10, 1977.

Principals Coming -	15
Surrogates Coming -	3
No Representative -	2
Posthumous -	1
*Undecided	<u>1</u>
	22

By Name:

1. I. W. Abel Will attend
2. John Bardeen Will be in India.
Represented by daughter -
Mrs. T. J. Greytak, Chicago,
Ill. (617 232-1334)
3. Irving Berlin Will not attend.
No representative.
Presentation at a later date.
4. Norman E. Borlaug Will attend
5. Gen. Omar N. Bradley, Will attend
USA(Ret).
6. Adm. Arleigh E. Burke, Will attend
USN(Ret).
7. Alexander Calder Posthumous.
Acceptance by Widow.
8. Bruce Catton Will attend

9. *Joe Dimaggio *Undecided (will call back).
10. Ariel Durant Will attend
11. William J. Durant Will attend
12. Arthur Fiedler Will attend
13. Judge Henry Friendly Will attend
14. Ladybird Johnson Will attend
15. Archibald MacLeish Will not attend. In West Indies. Represented by nephew, Roderick MacLeish, 2101 Connecticut Avenue, N.W., Apt. 55, Washington, D.C. 20008
16. James A. Michener Will attend
17. Georgia O'Keefe Will not attend.
No representative.
Presentation at a later date.
18. Vice President Nelson A. Rockefeller Will attend
19. Norman Rockwell Will not attend. Represented by son, Mr. Jarvis Rockwell, Housatonic, Massachusetts (413 274-6233).
20. Katherine Felene Shouse Will attend
21. Lowell Thomas Will attend
22. James Watson Will attend

THE WHITE HOUSE

WASHINGTON

January 3, 1977

MEMORANDUM FOR THE RECORD

SUBJECT: MEDALS OF FREEDOM

On Friday, December 31, 1976, received a call from Jim Shuman in Vail concerning the release of the Medal of Freedom story. He also said that the President wanted to add Jouett Shouse to the list. Following that, I received a call from Jim Cavanaugh concerning the Shouse addition. I told Cavanaugh that I would phone Shuman just as soon as I spoke to Mrs. Shouse, but that she wasn't available until sometime after 2:00 PM.

I did reach Mrs. Shouse and she agreed to attend the ceremony. Following that, at about 2:30 PM, I called the Press Office at Vail and in the absence of Jim Shuman, spoke to the individual on duty and gave him Mrs. Shouse's name and the line to be used for the reason for her selection. I also told him that her name should be placed in the list alphabetically and that the total was increased to 22. I also phoned Jim Cavanaugh with the same information concerning Mrs. Shouse.

Cavanaugh called back later on to tell me that because of the Puerto Rican release, it was decided to hold the Medal release until January 1st. He asked if I agreed with this and I said I did.

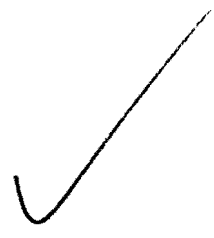
On Saturday, January 1st, at about 7:00 PM, I heard an announcement of the Medal of Freedom awards and that 21 were to be given out on January 10th. Shortly after that, I called Vail and spoke to John Carlson, after trying to reach Jim Shuman, and told him that there was an error in the number. He counted the list and said he found 21. We then went over the list name by name and discovered that Arthur Fiedler was left off. However, since the list was turned out with the reason for each award and that information appeared on the list which had been put together with Mr. Marsh, I couldn't understand how Fiedler's name did not appear. At any rate, I suggested that the press service be contacted to correct the error. Carlson said it was too late and that they were preparing for an 8:00 AM departure on Sunday and would correct the error on Monday.

About half an hour later, I decided to call Thym Smith here and tell him of the error. Thym wasn't available but I did reach Larry Speakes who said he would speak to Vail and see if something could be done. Larry called back later on with the same answer that I had received.

On Sunday morning, after reading the Washington Star and seeing that Irving Berlin was carried as "the late --", I called Larry Speakes again with that information and he said it would all be corrected on Monday.

Arthur Fiedler

THE WHITE HOUSE
WASHINGTON



January 6, 1977

MEMORANDUM FOR: ✓ JOHN O. MARSH, JR.
MARIA DOWNS

FROM: WILLIAM W. NICHOLSON *WWN*

SUBJECT: Approved Presidential Activity

Please take the necessary steps to implement the following and confirm with Mrs. Nell Yates, ext. 2699. The appropriate briefing paper should be submitted to Dr. David Hoopes by 4:00 p.m. of the preceding day.

Meeting: Medal of Freedom Presentation Ceremony and Luncheon

Date: Mon., Jan. 10, '77 Time: 12:00 p.m. Duration: 2 hrs.

Location: The Residence

Press Coverage:

Purpose:

- cc: Mr. Cheney
Mr. Hartmann
Mr. Gergen
Dr. Connor
Dr. Hoopes
Mr. Nessen
Mr. Jones
Mr. Smith
Mr. O'Donnell
Mrs. Yates
Col. Riley
Mr. Orben
Mrs. Gemmell
Mr. Scouten
Miss Porter
Mr. Armentrout

THE WHITE HOUSE

WASHINGTON

January 7, 1977

PRESENTATION OF MEDALS OF FREEDOM

Monday, January 10, 1977
12:00 p.m. - 2:30 p.m. (2 hours and 30 minutes)

FROM: MILTON E. MITLER *MSM*

I. PURPOSE

To present Medals of Freedom to 22 outstanding Americans with 15 to be accepted by the principals, 4 accepted by representatives and 3 to be presented at a later date.

II. BACKGROUND, PARTICIPANTS AND PRESS PLAN

A. Background: The President has decided to recognize the special contributions to our nation by some outstanding citizens in various fields of endeavor through the presentation of Medals of Freedom.

1. The Medal of Freedom was established by an Executive Order on February 22, 1963. The award, which was originally established in 1945 to award meritorious and war-connected acts of service, was expanded in 1963 to honor those persons for meritorious contributions to the areas of security or national interest of the United States, world peace or cultural or other significant public or private endeavors.
2. The President selected the 22 recipients for this honor from a larger list produced by his staff and others. Each honoree has contributed greatly to our nation in his or her field of interest and activity.
3. In honoring these individuals, the President also honors the capability of our nation to produce exceptional talents in so many fields of endeavor which cover the sciences, culture, arts, sports, civic responsibilities and the wide expanse of knowledge associated world-wide with the American adventure.

4. For this ceremony, it was decided to have the medal presentation in the East Room followed by a receiving line in the Grand Hall and culminating with a luncheon in the State Dining Room.
5. Because of the number of recipients, there will be no formal responses from each. The attached scenario will cover the procedure for the presentations. (TAB A)
6. Each honoree has been asked to suggest up to 4 guests who have since been invited to attend this event.

- B. Participants: List attached. (After each name there is an indication whether the principal will be present, a representative will accept the medal or the medal is to be presented at a later date). (TAB B)
(Entire Guest List at TAB C.)
- C. Press Plan: Open Press except for the luncheon.

III. TALKING POINTS: To be prepared by Bob Orben's Office.

SEQUENCE

11:55 a. m. Depart Oval Office, join Mrs. Ford on second floor and proceed to East Room.

12:00 Noon Arrive East Room.

Ruffles and Flourishes
"Hail to the Chief"

Seat Mrs. Ford in front row and proceed directly to podium for OPENING REMARKS.

FULL PRESS COVERAGE

12:05 p. m. Remarks conclude. Move to stage right area while the Military Aide assists in presenting each medal in turn while name and citation are read from off-stage microphone.

12:25 p. m. After the last presentation (James D. Watson), proceed to the podium for final remarks concluding by advising guests that you, Mrs. Ford, and the Medal recipients will receive the guests in the Great Hall, then join them in the State Dining Room for luncheon.

12:30 p. m. Receiving line begins.

12:45 p. m. Receiving line concludes.

12:50 p. m. Photograph at the foot of the Grand Staircase with Awardees.

12:55 p. m.

Luncheon commences.

1:45 p. m.

Informal Presidential toast honoring
Medal recipients.

1:50 p. m.

Vice Presidential return toast on
behalf of recipients.

2:00 p. m.

Luncheon adjourns.

I. W. Abel, of Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania, President, United Steelworkers of America, for his achievements in the field of labor-management relations. (In Person)

John Bardeen, of Champaign, Illinois, physicist, co-recipient of the Nobel Prize in Physics in 1956 and 1972, for his achievements in the field of physics.

(By Daughter, Mrs. T. J. Greytak)

Irving Berlin, of New York, New York, composer, for his contributions to American music. (At a later date)

Norman Ernest Borlaug, of Mexico City, Mexico, agricultural scientist and Nobel Prize winner in 1970, for his achievements in the field of agricultural science. (In Person)

General of the Army Omar Nelson Bradley, USA (Ret.) of New York, New York, former Chairman of the Joint Chiefs of Staff, for his contributions to national security. (In Person)

Admiral Arleigh Albert Burke, USN (Ret.) of Bethesda, Maryland, former Chief of Naval Operations, for his contributions to national security. (In Person)

Alexander Calder, posthumously, renowned American sculptor, for his Achievements in Art. (At a later date)

Bruce Catton, of New York, New York, writer and editor, in recognition of his achievements as a writer and editor of American history. (In Person)

Joseph Paul Dimaggio, of Atlanta, Georgia, retired baseball player for the New York Yankees, for his contributions to American sports. (By brother, Dominick Dimaggio)

Ariel Durant, of Los Angeles, California, writer and Pulitzer prize winner, 1968, for her contributions to American literature. (In Person)

William James Durant, of Los Angeles, California, writer and Pulitzer prize winner, 1968, for his contributions to American literature. (In Person)

Arthur Fiedler, of Boston, Massachusetts, conductor, for his distinguished achievements in the field of American music. (In Person)

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Lady Bird Johnson, of Stonewall, Texas, former First Lady, for her contributions to American beautification. (In Person)

Archibald MacLeish, of Conway, Massachusetts, poet and Pulitzer prize winner in 1932 and 1959, for his contributions to American literature. (By nephew, Roderick MacLeish)

James Albert Michener, of Pipersville, Pennsylvania, author, Pulitzer prize winner, 1947, for his contributions to American literature. (In Person)

Georgia O'Keefe, of Abiquiu, New Mexico, artist, for her contributions to American art. (At a later date)

Nelson Aldrich Rockefeller, of Tarrytown, New York, Vice President of the United States, for his contributions to American Government. (In Person)

Norman Rockwell, of Stockbridge, Massachusetts, illustrator, for his contributions to American art. (By his son, Jarvis Rockwell)

Mrs. Katherine Filene Shouse, Washington, D. C., donor of Wolf Trap Farm Park for the performing arts, for her contributions to the performing arts. (In Person)

Lowell Thomas, of Pawling, New York, author, radio and T. V. commentator, for his contributions in the field of communications. (In Person)

James Dewey Watson, of Cold Spring Harbor, New York,
educator and biochemist; recipient of the Nobel
prize in medicine and physiology, 1962, for his
contributions in the fields of medicine and physiology.

(In Person)

Guest list for the ceremony and luncheon to be given by the President and Mrs. Ford on the occasion of the Presentation of the Presidential Medal of Freedom on Monday, January 10, 1977 at twelve o'clock, The White House

Mr. I. W. Abel

Mr. and Mrs. Michael Goldberg
Mr. and Mrs. Ben W. Jones

Dr. John Bardeen (regrets)

Mrs. Elizabeth B. Graytak (daughter--will accept medal)
Mr. and Mrs. William Bardeen
Miss Jane Maxwell
Mr. John Maxwell

Dr. Norman E. Borlaug

Mrs. Norman E. Borlaug
Mr. William Borlaug
Miss Margaret Breinholt
Mr. and Mrs. Richard Rhoda

General of the Army Omar N. Bradley

Mrs. Omar N. Bradley
The Hon. and Mrs. W. Averell Harriman
General and Mrs. Bernard W. Rogers, USA

Admiral Arleigh A. Burke, USN, ret.

Mrs. Arleigh A. Burke
Rear Admiral and Mrs. William Mendenhall, Jr.
Rear Admiral and Mrs. Frederic Withington

Mr. Bruce Catton

Miss Barbara Catton

Mr. Joseph DiMaggio (attendance not firm)

Mr. and Mrs. Dominick DiMaggio (brother--will accept medal)

Mr. and Mrs. Will Durant

Mr. Robert Bergman
Miss Ethel Durant
Miss Monica Mihell
Mr. and Mrs. P. E. P. White

Mr. Norman Rockwell (regrets)

Mr. Jarvis Rockwell (son--will accept medal)
Mr. Douglas McGregor
Mr. David Wood

Mrs. Jouett Shouse (Catherine Filene Shouse)

Mrs. Joan Dodd
Miss Carol Harford
Mrs. George E. Ladd
Mr. John J. Robertson

Mr. Lowell Thomas

Mr. George Arkedis
Mr. Gerald Dickler
Mr. Thomas Murphy
Mrs. Electra Nicks

Dr. James D. Watson

Mrs. James D. Watson
Master Duncan Watson
Master Rufus Watson
Mr. and Mrs. Robert Myers

(recipients with no representation: Irving Berlin)
Alexander Calder)
Georgia O'Keeffe)

The Hon. John O. Marsh, Jr. and Mrs. Marsh
The Hon. Ronald H. Nessen and Mrs. Nessen
The Hon. Max L. Friedersdorf and Mrs. Friedersdorf
The Hon. James M. Cannon and Mrs. Cannon
The Hon. Richard B. Cheney and Mrs. Cheney
The Hon. Brent Scowcroft and Mrs. Scowcroft
Mr. and Mrs. Milton E. Mitler
Mr. and Mrs. Frank E. Fitzsimmons

General President, International Brotherhood of Teamsters

(Note: Mr. George Meany will be present for the ceremony only)

Mr. Arthur Fiedler

Mrs. Arthur Fiedler
Miss Deborah Fiedler
Miss Johanna Fiedler
Mr. Peter Fiedler
Mr. Thomas Morris

Judge Henry J. Friendly

Mrs. Henry J. Friendly
Dr. and Mrs. David Friendly
Mrs. Joan Goodman
Mrs. Ellen Simon

Mrs. Lyndon B. Johnson

Mr. and Mrs. Patrick Nugent
Mr. and Mrs. Charles S. Robb

Mr. Archibald MacLeish (regrets)

Mr. Roderick MacLeish (nephew--will accept medal)
Mrs. Dean Acheson
Mrs. James D. P. Bishop, Jr.

Mr. James A. Michener

Mrs. James A. Michener
Mr. William Nash
Mr. Edward J. Piszek
Mr. Herman Silverman
Mr. Lester Trauch

The Vice President

Mrs. Nelson A. Rockefeller
Mr. Richard Allison
Mr. Robert F. Armao
Mrs. Susan C. Herter
Captain Jonathan T. Howe, USN
Miss Kathleen Huldrom
Miss Nancy Towell
Miss Megan Marshak
Mr. John Mulliken
Mr. Frank Pagnotta
Governor Raymond P. Shafer
Mr. John Veneman
Mr. Peter Wallison

January 7, 1977

MEMORANDUM FOR: BOB HARTMANN
FROM: JACK MARSH
SUBJECT: Opening and Closing Presidential
Statements-Medal of Freedom

I would only add that we are in our Third Century. I think reference should be made that we are moving from the Bicentennial Year into the Third Century.

Many thanks.

cc: Bob Orben

JOM?dl



(Boorstin)

January 6, 1976
First Draft

OPENING REMARKS FOR MEDAL OF FREEDOM PRESENTATION

Let me welcome all of you to the White House.

It is a great privilege for Betty and myself to have such an outstanding group of men and women here with us today.

Some of you we know personally -- others we are meeting for the first time -- but you are all here because of your great contributions to American life.

I am especially happy to have you here today, because honoring extraordinary Americans, on behalf of all their fellow citizens, is one of a President's most enjoyable duties. The Medals of Freedom you are about to receive are the highest civilian honor our country can bestow.

Of course, excellence is its own reward -- not only to those who strive for it, but also to the ^{free}/society which encourages it. You are men and women who have used that freedom to achieve excellence. Your outstanding

accomplishments have made our lives better, and set stirring examples for others to follow.

America must always remain a place where men and women are encouraged to create, to innovate, to explore, and to set the very highest standards -- whatever their vocation. ^{Our} ~~your~~ country, and all mankind, will always need people like you whose energy and imagination reveal our greatest potential.

Let us now begin the presentation of the Medals of Freedom.

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CLOSING REMARKS FOR MEDAL OF FREEDOM PRESENTATION

Let me congratulate each and every one of you. I regret that Irving Berlin, ~~the late Alexander~~ and Georgia O'Keeffe were unable to be represented here today. We will be sending their medals to them ~~or their families~~.

In closing, let me voice our country's gratitude -- not only to you, but to all those who helped you achieve what you did. Each of you has had friends and co-workers, teammates and families who share in your achievements -- and in our pride today. Once again, congratulations.

Now Betty and I invite you to join us for lunch in the State Dining Room.

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January 7, 1977

MEMORANDUM FOR: ~~THE VICE PRESIDENT~~
FROM: JACK MARSH

I felt you should be aware of the attached.

Attachment

telegram to the President from Mrs. Luisa CALDER
re acceptance of Medal of Freedom

JOM/dk



Bill Nicholas

Bill

T/D _____
1977 JAN 4 AM 11:30 E BD.
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FMS PRESIDENT GERALD FORD

WHITE HOUSE DC 20500

DEAR PRESIDENT FORD I REALLY DON'T FEEL UP TO COMING DOWN TO WASHINGTON SO SOON AFTER MY HUSBANDS DEATH. I ALSO HAVE VERY STRONG FEELINGS ABOUT FREEDOM PARTICULARLY THAT FREEDOM SHOULD LEAD TO AMNESTY AFTER ALL THESE YEARS AND IT DOESN'T SEEM AS THOUGH IT WERE GOING TO HAPPEN. FREEDOM MEANS FREEDOM FOR ALL. VERY SINCERELY

LOUISA CALDER 84 MCDUGAL ST NEW YORK NY 10012

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Office of the White House Press Secretary

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January 12, 1977

MEMORANDUM FOR: BRENT SCOWCROFT
FROM: JACK MARSH

I have no problems with the attached remarks.

Medal of Freedom -- Kissinger

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Mr. Ambassador /Sevilla Sacasa/, Mr. Secretary, Members of the Diplomatic Corps, Ladies and Gentlemen:

I am grateful for your invitation to participate in this farewell reception in honor of my close and good friend Henry Kissinger. I had looked forward to working closely with Henry here in Washington for another four years. There are great tasks before us. While I will not suggest what might have been, Henry's legacy provides rich testimony to his wisdom and brilliance in working toward solutions to some of the most difficult problems in post war history. The United States -- and the world -- is greatly in his debt.

I believe I speak for all of us when I say to Secretary Kissinger that we have been honored by our association with him, awed by his intellect and his insight, and thankful for his mighty efforts in the cause of peace for all mankind.

He is, so far as this American is concerned, the greatest Secretary of State in the history of our Republic. His record reads like the battle streamers on the flags of our most tested divisions.

To mention only a few examples:

- The agreement that brought our boys home from Vietnam;
- The historic beginning of our relationship with the
People's Republic of China;
- The foundation and first building blocks of strategic arms
limitation;

- The turning point in the modern history of the Middle East;
and the first steps toward peace;
- The breakthrough towards peaceful settlement in
southern Africa;
- The closest friendships among the North Atlantic allies
in a generation;
- The linking of Japan, our permanent friend, into the
community of the industrial democracies;
- The new dialogue with Latin America;
- The Seventh Special Session of the UN General Assembly,
a milestone in the world's economic history.

In every case Secretary Kissinger has worked mightily for peace; and in every case the cause of peace has been advanced. He has led the way in awakening the industrialized world to the changes that must be made if the poor of the world are to know hope and prosperity. He has been the architect of a new and productive relationship with our adversaries. His is a record of unprecedented scope and enormous accomplishment; it is a record in which all Americans take pride; it is a record worthy of special recognition.

It is my particular pleasure to be able to give special recognition to this great American this evening before this distinguished and most appropriate audience. Mr. Secretary, it is my honor and

privilege tonight to aware you, on behalf of a grateful nation, the Presidential Medal of Freedom with distinction -- the highest award it is within my power to grant. I make this award not only in recognition of the monumental contributions you have made to the security, peace and freedom of the United States, but in recognition, as well, of the fact that during the dark days in our recent past you showed the world what we were capable of accomplishing and gave your countrymen a reason to be proud of their nation. I make this award in the presence of the diplomatic corps, because, in the broadest sense, what you did for America you did for all mankind.

Let me read the citation:

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The President asked that Milt go to New York to present this Medal on his behalf.

Milt's travel request for New York -- present Medal of Freedom to Irving Berlin

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