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THROUGH: WILLIAM E. TIMMONS *WT*
FROM: PATRICK E. O'DONNELL *PO*

Senator Dick Clark, as spokesman for a group of Democratic Senators, has requested that arrangements be made for an informal meeting with Vice President designate Rockefeller before floor consideration of his nomination. Clark advises that this can be worked out on an individual or group basis and, in either event, will be informal and off the record.

Those having made their desire known to date are:

- Dick Clark (D-Iowa)
- Floyd Haskell (D-Colo.)
- Joseph Biden (D-Del.)
- William Hathaway (D-Me.)
- Walter Huddleston (D-Ky.)
- James Abourezk (D-S. D.)
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If request is approved I will immediately work out logistics for meeting and/or meetings.



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TO MR. RUMSFELD FOR THE PRESIDENT

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THE WHITE HOUSE
WASHINGTON

*File
"Rocky"*

November 22, 1974

MEMORANDUM FOR:

JACK MARSH

FROM:

MAX FRIEDERSDORF *mf*

SUBJECT:

Rep. Carlos Moorhead (R-Calif)

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THE WHITE HOUSE

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November 22, 1974

MEMORANDUM TO THE PRESIDENT

FROM: JOHN O. MARSH, JR.

The following information is being relayed as of 5:00 p. m. today.

1. Rockefeller. Hearing continues to go well and is moving along faster than originally expected, probably due to lack of live TV coverage.

The Scripps-Howard story on the New York State Police matter does not seem to be catching on as of this time. Rockefeller expected to finish testimony tonight.

According to Max, present nose count on Republican side of Judiciary shows Morehead as leaning against and Lott as undecided. Democratic losses appear to be about eleven on the committee.

Next Wednesday is Congressional appearances and it is believed Joe Wagner will file a statement supporting Rocky.

Passman has agreed to support Rocky.



Memorandum to the President, cont'd
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2. Base closing announcement seems to be going smoothly with only a few inquiries directed to the White House. We are referring all press inquiries to Defense for response.

Frey, Carter and Don Mitchell particularly upset.

3. Max reports that in Wiggins' campaign against Anderson for Republican Conference Chairmanship, Wiggins is behind.
4. Vocational rehabilitation ¹⁻⁷⁻ veto ^{is legal} override has created both a complicated and confusing situation, but it is a matter that can be deferred without making a statement here until you return.
5. You may be aware that the Hungate Subcommittee on motion of Henry Smith defeated six to three the privileged resolution in which you were involved on the pardon. The matter may yet come up in the full committee but that date is indefinite.
6. On the miners' strike, Frank Zarb reports -

Status of Coal Negotiations: The parties are resuming negotiations and begun on limited committee basis at 4:00 p. m. today. This followed a two-hour meeting between the Union and Bill Usery. Usery urged the parties to conclude this latest bargaining series as rapidly as possible, hopefully during the weekend. If no progress is apparent by tonight, Usery may call for a meeting of the full UMW Bargaining Committee.

*for Republican
Carter
Chairman (Wig)*



Memorandum to the President cont'd
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7. Senate passed without further amendment the Nixon appropriations as reported by the full committee with the salary limitation.
8. Max reports strip^{TRAINING} conference broke up in disarray and the likelihood of a bill this session is remote. Labor-HEW appropriations conference concluded final product about 5 million over budget.

In reference to the ways and means energy tax bill here follows a summary of main points:

(* Type here "Main Provisions of Tax Bill" which is attached.)

This bill except for depletion allowance is close to administration bill. This goes to rules on December 3 schedule, and Floor on December 4. Strong opposition from Long is expected in Senate.

9. From William Seidman -

The Economic Policy Board Executive Committee and the Department of Agriculture agreed to send representatives to meet with the Germans, British, and Dutch to reaffirm the understanding that under current circumstances feed grain exports to the European community in the current crop year should not exceed 7.6 million tons including no more than 7.0 million tons of corn.

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and, *Seidman continues:*

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* Add to Item 8.

MAIN PROVISIONS OF TAX BILL

- A. Raise low-income allowance from present \$1300 to \$1600 for single taxpayers, to \$1900 for married couples filing jointly. With the \$750 personal exemption, a family of four could earn up to \$4900 before tax liability.
- B. For those who take standard deduction rather than itemize, it is increased to 16 percent of adjusted gross income up to \$2300 maximum (now 15 percent up to \$2000).
- C. Depletion allowance - Reduced from 22 percent to 15 percent for domestic crude oil and natural gas that is not price controlled, retroactive to Jan. 1, 1974. Phased out completely for most producers on Jan. 1, 1975. For Alaskan North slope oil and smaller domestic producers, the allowance would continue at 15 percent through 1978. Repeals depletion allowance for U.S. oil and gas produced abroad, retroactive to January 1, 1974.
- D. Windfall profits -- Levies an excise tax of 10 to 85 percent on prices of domestic crude oil above \$4.50 a barrel in 1974 and gradually higher prices for next four years, unless earnings are "plowed back" to increase oil production.
- E. Foreign income - Raises taxes for certain U. S. corporate and individual taxpayers on income earned abroad.
- F. Electric Utilities - Investment tax credit for new machinery and equipment goes from 4 to 7 percent, the same as other industries, starting in 1975.
- G. Telephone companies -- Investment tax credit goes from 4 to 5 percent in 1975, 6 percent in 1976 and 7 percent in 1977.
- H. Rapid amortization of costs - Extended through 1975 for railroad cars, coal mine safety equipment, anti-pollution equipment and low-income rental housing rehabilitation.



Memorandum to the President cont'd
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10. From Max - Sam Devine also wants to know if you and he have usual arrangement on O. S. U. -Michigan game tomorrow?



THE WHITE HOUSE
WASHINGTON

*approve
JRM*

November 22, 1974

MEMORANDUM FOR THE PRESIDENT

FROM

L. WM. SEIDMAN *LWS*

1. EEC Imports of Feed Grains

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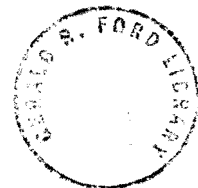


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Dictated by Mike Duval, 11/22/74 - 4:30

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THE WHITE HOUSE
WASHINGTON

November 25, 1974

MEMORANDUM FOR: JOHN O. MARSH, JR.
WILLIAM N. WALKER

THROUGH: WILLIAM E. TIMMONS *for*

FROM: MAX L. FRIEDERSDORF *M.L.F.*

SUBJECT: M.C. Trent Lott (R-Miss)

Congressman Lott, a critical vote on the Judiciary Committee regarding the Rockefeller nomination, is insistent that we name Mr. Gerald Ward, of Hattiesburg, Mississippi, as Commissioner of Region 3, National Credit Union Board.

He is incensed to find we have a Katherine Vachon, of Florida, in clearnace for the position.

Lott is threatening to hold off his vote for Rocky if we don't "give us this appointment for Mississippi."

We cannot afford to lose Lott on this vote.

*Appt already made,
Max called Lott
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November 27, 1974

MEMORANDUM TO: JOHN O. MARSH, JR.
FROM: RUSS ROURKE
SUBJECT: ROCKEFELLER NOMINATION

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MEMORANDUM FOR: JOHN O. MARSH, JR.
FROM: MAX L. FRIEDERSDORF *M.L.F.*
SUBJECT: Rockefeller Nomination

I have discussed the Rockefeller nomination with Stan Scott and he will talk to the following Members of the Black Caucus between now and Monday, December 22.

Diggs	Hawkins
Nix	Dellums
Young	Stokes
Collins	Clay
Burke	Metcalfe
Jordan	

Regarding Larry Hogan, I have had a very negative conversation with him.

While Hogan states he is still undecided and has an open mind, he observed:

"A lot of things trouble me; it is really going to be tough to support him. He has a basic conflict of interest that cannot be resolved. Those holdings would be a factor in every decision if he became President."

"I am also troubled by the switch in stories about the book."

"The vote on the Committee looks very close. I believe you will lose 17, 18, maybe 19 votes."

"Neither the conservatives nor liberals will buy him."

ANALYSIS: Hogan must be considered as leaning against. I believe Hogan will probably vote against unless the President can turn him around. He was absolutely unresponsive to my arguments and seems to have formed a strong hostility to the nomination.



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THE WHITE HOUSE
WASHINGTON

December 10, 1974

*Spoke to
it personally
jm*

MEMORANDUM TO: ✓ THE PRESIDENT

FROM: JOHN O. MARSH, JR.

It is most important that you talk with Speaker Albert on Wednesday morning as to the date the House will consider the Rockefeller nomination. It is my understanding that Carl had wanted the House to vote on Thursday, December 19; however, I have learned today that there is a strong possibility that Rodino and the Judiciary Committee may slip this to Friday, December 20.

There is great concern by a number of persons about a Friday December 20 date, particularly since this is the last day the House is scheduled to be in session. With other legislative business programmed for that day, as well as eight hours debate on the Rockefeller nomination and the possibility of a parliamentary delay, the consideration could be prolonged with greater risk of adverse results with the possibility of postponement of the entire matter until the next Congress. There are some well informed sources who suspect this may be a tactic by hard core members on the Committee who are seeking to frustrate the nomination.

I spoke with Mike Reed, the Speaker's AA, and he says Carl had planned and wanted this to come up on Thursday the nineteenth. In order to have a one day buffer, I think we should try to join with Carl in urging that we hold to the Thursday date. Ask Carl to speak to Rodino and others in the leadership in support of a December 19 scheduling.



December 10, 1974

MEMORANDUM FOR: JACK MARSH
FROM: RUSS ROURKE

Jim Cannon advises Rep. Charles Rangel reports Judiciary Committee vote not until this Thursday. House floor action scheduled for December 20. Many members "up in arms . . ." want to leave town for Christmas holidays, etc.

Cannon urges contact with the President to spur congressional leaders for earlier action.

RAR:rs



GEORGE J. FELDMAN

December 11, 1974

The Honorable Thomas P. O'Neill, Jr.
Majority Leader
House of Representatives
Capitol Building
Washington, D. C.

Dear Tip,

After the overwhelming vote in the Senate it would be utter folly and indeed inexcusable for the House to withhold voting for the confirmation of the Vice President Designate at this session of Congress. You know better than I that one of the cardinal sins of politics is to oppose for the sake of opposing. This type of opposition invariably boomerangs against the perpetrators.

May all my good wishes for Millie, all of the O'Neills, and your continued success come true.

Sincerely,



GJF:rs



December 18, 1974

MEMORANDUM FOR: RED CAVANEY

FROM: RUSS ROURKE

**Attached is the oath of office with suggested
breaks prepared by Chief Justice Burger.**

**If the Governor has any suggestions for changing
the breaks noted in the oath, please advise
Chief Justice Burger directly.**



I, NELSON A. ROCKEFELLER, DO
SOLEMNLY SWEAR THAT I WILL SUPPORT
AND DEFEND THE CONSTITUTION OF THE
UNITED STATES
AGAINST ALL ENEMIES, FOREIGN
AND DOMESTIC;
THAT I WILL BEAR TRUE FAITH
AND ALLEGIANCE TO THE SAME;
THAT I TAKE THIS OBLIGATION
FREELY,

WITHOUT ANY MENTAL RESERVATION
OR PURPOSE OF EVASION;
AND THAT I WILL WELL AND
FAITHFULLY DISCHARGE
THE DUTIES OF THE OFFICE
ON WHICH I AM ABOUT TO ENTER.
SO HELP ME GOD.




THE WHITE HOUSE
WASHINGTON

December 18, 1974
7:00 pm

TT's invitation

Mrs. R. -
Car/TT
Susan/Nancy

MEMORANDUM FOR: DONALD RUMSFELD
JOHN MARSH

FROM: RED CAVANEY 

SUBJECT: THE PRESIDENT'S ATTENDANCE AT
THE VICE PRESIDENTIAL SWEARING-IN
CEREMONY OF NELSON ROCKEFELLER
U.S. Senate Chamber
Thursday, December 19, 1974

Attached at TAB A is the proposed schedule for subject event,
based on our guidance developed during the Pre-advance.

Approve _____

Disapprove _____

COMMENCEMENT OF SWEARING-IN CEREMONY

The ceremony will begin one hour after the House concludes its
vote on the Vice President Designate, which is likely to be mid-to-
late afternoon.

SEATING IN THE SENATE CHAMBER

At the direction of Senator Robert Byrd, and with the ratification
of the Senate Rules Committee, the following seating plan will be
in effect:

1. In addition to the Senators, only the members of the House
and the President will be allowed on the Senate Floor. All
others will be seated in the gallery. Senate floor seats will
be provided only for Senators and the House bi-partisan
leadership. All other Congressmen will stand at the back
of the Chamber.



2. Thirty gallery seats have been made available to each of the following:

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- The President
- The Vice President Designate
- The Speaker
- House Minority Leader Rhodes

Develop
Cabinet/Minority

3. The Cabinet (including Cabinet-level White House staff members) and the Supreme Court Justices will be seated in Gallery #7, separate from those seats detailed in paragraph #2.

No wives

4. 25 seats were given to Ambassador Sevilla-Sacasa to distribute to senior members of the diplomatic corps.

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5. Other seats will be given to Senate guests and officials, senior government officials, press, and general public.

Abel
Kirkland
Murray
Fitzsimmons
Paul

Tom Korologos and I discreetly pointed out the inherent problems in the aforementioned plan, however the Senate plan prevailed. In light of the inequities, it is fortunate we are blameless on this matter.

There are 28 seats in the Presidential gallery, in addition to Mrs. Ford and her agent. Possibly, the President might like to use this opportunity to show his newly announced commissioned White House staff. [If all accepted the invitations, it would consist of 26 persons.] John Marsh has suggested the President invite George Meany and Lane Kirkland as Presidential guests. Does the President have any personal friends he would like to invite? Possibly, the President may desire to keep his guests to a minimum and turn over the extra seats to the Vice President-Designate.

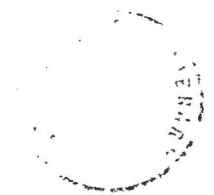
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Red Names

Who should be seated in the Presidential Gallery?

In view of the large number of White House staff members, including Cabinet-level officers, who will attend the ceremony; it is strongly recommended that all persons travel to the Capitol via independent means. The motorcade should contain only those staff members who travel in the Control Car.

Approve _____

Disapprove _____



SENATOR SCOTT RECEPTION

Immediately following the ceremony, Senator Scott will host a reception for the Vice President in Room S-207. There are some very real problems associated with this activity, not the least of which is the fact that the House members (other than the leadership) were not invited by Senator Scott. Invitees include all Senators, Cabinet officers, guests of the President and Vice President, and senate officials. The guest list exceeds the room capacity three-fold, not including House members who may try to attend. It is recommended that the President not attend.

The Vice President will remain at the reception for approximately one hour prior to returning to the White House to visit the President and Mrs. Ford in the residence quarters. The Rockefeller children will not attend the reception or the visit to the White House.



TAB
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12/18/74
6:00 pm

PROPOSED SCHEDULE

THE PRESIDENT'S ATTENDANCE AT THE
VICE PRESIDENTIAL SWEARING-IN CEREMONY
OF
NELSON ROCKEFELLER

U. S. Senate Chamber
Thursday, December 19, 1974

NOTE: The times reflected in this schedule indicate an arbitrary 4:30 pm time for the beginning of the ceremony. The actual ceremony will begin one hour after the House of Representatives' vote count, thus all times will have to be automatically recalculated. The chronology of activities and the time allotment for each activity will remain as stated herein. The Advance Office will notify appropriate offices when the commencement time is determined.

4:05 pm The President and Mrs. Ford, Vice President Designate
(EDT) and Mrs. Rockefeller, and Nelson and Mark Rockefeller
board motorcade on the South Grounds.

NOTE: The President and the Vice President Designate will ride together in the President's car. Mrs. Ford, Mrs. Rockefeller, and the two Rockefeller children will ride in the First Lady's car.

MOTORCADE DEPARTS South Grounds en route
U. S. Capitol.

[Driving time: 10 minutes]



4:15 pm MOTORCADE ARRIVES Law Library Door on the Senate Side of the U. S. Capitol.

PRESS POOL COVERAGE

The President and Vice President Designate will be met by:

Mr. Bill Wannell, Senate Sergeant-at Arms
Mr. Ken Harding, House Sergeant-at-Arms
Mr. George White, Capitol Architect

4:17 pm The President and the Vice President Designate, escorted by Bill Wannell and Ken Harding, proceed inside the Law Library Door en route Holding Room (S-230).

4:17 pm Mrs. Ford, Mrs. Rockefeller, and the two Rockefeller children will be escorted, via elevator, to their Special Gallery seats on the 3rd Floor of the Senate Chamber.

4:20 pm The President and Vice President Designate arrive at the Holding Room (The Senate Minority Leader's Office) and await the arrival of the Escort Committee.

4:23 pm Mrs. Ford, Mrs. Rockefeller, and the two Rockefeller children arrive at their seats in the Special Gallery.

4:25 pm The Speaker of the House and the House Joint Bipartisan Leadership are announced onto the Senate Chamber Floor. This group consists of the following:

Speaker Carl Albert (D-Okla)
Majority Leader Tip O'Neill (D-Mass)
Minority Leader John Rhodes (R-Ariz)
Rep. Les Arends (R-Ill)
Rep. John McFall (D-Ca.)
Rep. John Anderson (R-Ill)
Rep. Peter Rodino (D-N. J.)
Rep. Edward Hutchinson (R-Mich.)



4:25 pm The Escort Committee arrives at Holding Room and enters to chat briefly with the President and Vice President Designate. The Escort Committee consists of the following:

Senator Hugh Scott (R-Pa)
Senator Robert C. Byrd (D-W. V.)
Senator Howard W. Cannon (D-Nev)
Senator Marlow Cook (R-Ky)
Senator Jacob Javits (R-N. Y.)
Senator James Buckley (C-N. Y.)

4:28 pm The Chief Justice is announced onto the Senate Chamber Floor.

4:28 pm The President, escorted by Bill Wannell and the Escort Committee, proceeds to the Senate Chamber entrance and pauses for announcement.

4:30 pm Announcement by Senate Majority Secretary Kimmitt.

4:30 pm The President, escorted by Bill Wannell and the Escort Committee, enters the Senate Chamber and proceeds to his seat at the Clerk's desk.

LIVE NATIONWIDE TELEVISION

NOTE: On reaching the well, the President will walk to his left to take his seat, which is the outside chair, stage right, of the Clerk's desk. Also, the Escort Committee will depart the chamber en route the holding room.

4:33 pm The Vice President Designate, escorted by Bill Wannell and the Escort Committee, enters the Senate Chamber (announced) and proceeds to his position behind the Clerk's desk for the Swearing-In.

NOTE: The Chief Justice will move to his position behind the Clerk's desk on the announcement and greet the Vice President Designate on his arrival. The Vice President Designate will stand to the right of the Chief Justice.



- 4:35 pm President Pro-Tempore Eastland will ask the Chief Justice to administer the Oath.
- 4:36 pm The Chief Justice administers the Oath to the Vice President Designate.
- 4:38 pm Following the Oath, the Vice President and the Chief Justice will sign the Senate Guest Book at the Clerk's desk.
- 4:40 pm The Vice President replaces Senator Eastland at the President of the Senate's Desk.
- 4:42 pm Vice Presidential remarks.
- 4:47 pm Remarks conclude.

The Escort Committee re-assembles

The Vice President steps down to join the President.

- 4:50 pm The President and the Vice President, escorted by Bill Wannell and the Escort Committee departs the Senate Chamber via the center aisle en route Room-S-207.

- 4:50 pm Mrs. Ford will be escorted to the motorcade for boarding. Mrs. Rockefeller and the children will be escorted to Room-S-207.

- 4:52 pm The President bids adieu to the Vice President at the entrance of S-207, and continues on to the motorcade for boarding, escorted by Bill Wannell and Ken Harding.

NOTE: The Vice President and Mrs. Rockefeller will attend a reception, hosted by Senator Scott, in Room S-207.

- 4:55 pm The President and Mrs. Ford board the President's Car in the motorcade.



MOTORCADE DEPARTS Capitol en route South Grounds.

[Driving time: 10 minutes]

5:05 pm

MOTORCADE ARRIVES South Grounds.

NOTE: It is anticipated that the Vice President and Mrs. Rockefeller will visit the President and Mrs. Ford in their quarters at approximately 6:15 pm.



FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE

DECEMBER 19, 1974

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Office of the White House Press Secretary

THE WHITE HOUSE

STATEMENT BY THE PRESIDENT

I am delighted that Nelson Rockefeller has been duly confirmed today to be the 41st Vice President of the United States. I congratulate him and look forward to his participation and assistance in the Administration.

I commend the House of Representatives for its confirmation vote today and the Senate for its vote earlier. Members of the 93rd Congress have rendered a service to the nation by filling the Constitutional Office of the Vice President before adjournment. All Americans will benefit from the distinguished and devoted public service of the new Vice President.

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December 27, 1974

Jim:

I had meant to give you one of these leaflets which were handed out near the steps of the Capitol on the day of the Senate conformation vote.

I thought you might like to have it for your scrap book.

Sincerely,

John O. Marsh, Jr.
Counsellor to the President

Mr. James Cannon
Office of the Vice President
Old Executive Office Building
Washington, D. C. 20500



DEAR MEMBERS OF CONGRESS
LET ME THANK YOU FOR YOUR SUPPORT

Nelson Rockefeller is President and war breaks out in South America. The United States is placed in a position where it could appear that the President is using the U.S. Military, etc., to further his interests. Left and right wing groups are successful in starting civil war in the United States.

Will you bring this matter to the attention of your colleagues in the House or Senate?

