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- Press office Staff
May 4

Nessen: Guener says Depuse ready to go on Navy ship
announcement. RN thinks TT should
announce it.

TT going tomorrow to military monument on Mall?
Guener says it is on hold.

Foreign aid veto today.

Tonight - minimum staff.

Fri Sat: Omaha, Lincoln, Independence.
Larry to Jerry Jones meeting.
Michigan trip middle of next week.

Thursday - TT @ cartoonists
Thursday night - TT done by Michigan Broadcasters
Interview @ Scupper - Howard TV station
May 13 for 30 minutes

Ohio & New Jersey interview? newhouse newspapers.

Press Office Staff
May 5

π is not deposited. Determined he will win.

FEC Bill will be here late this afternoon.

Earliest could sign is tomorrow ^{morning} ~~afternoon~~

Should produce π today. Maybe come @ Scott & Griffin

Q&A:

Saudi Arabian

- Press Office Staff -
Thursday - May 6

Suggestions on anything - campaign strategy, personnel
etc. are welcome.

Briefing ^{to EPB} should be by them - not at White House.

Roundtable meeting - possibility of statement

Get speeches for trip: Commencement + Truman
university. Begin drafting Commencement.

Editorial cartoonists: Open coverage. 250 people

Nebraska briefing book: general issue + farm
questions. Hopefully by tonight

Q&A:

1st Ballot victory?

SALT Tachs recess

Did I know of Comally group announcement
such Moore tried - his son guy in W. Va.

Lower-floor manager of convention

Press Office
May 10

Briefing at 12:30 pm due to IT going to monument grounds

Picture of Mary Louise Smith

Q & A:

FBI. abuses

NAR meeting

political meetings

Press office staff
May 11

Today:

10am Earthquake Message
Supplemental and Message

10:30am Dinner + Technology

VA hospital announcement right after Roundtable
meeting

Bible + Economic Club speech

Q & A:

F.B.I. abuse

~~Bob~~
Press Office Staff
May 13

Briefing at 11:30 am

Media reception in Johnson City - no one knows anything about it

Work harder these next few days through Michigan Michigan map

Q & A:

Carth & Russian

Nuclear Treaty

all political & atomic remarks by Krotov etc.

Monday - May 1 -
Press office Staff

Media events for West Coast trip - Margita in Jerry Jones
Tennessee & Kentucky buying books meeting
John will go to California after Michigan primary.

Tomorrow noon - Little Rock - 3 states
Illus - Ketchy all newspapers + T.V. - all day
Tex - Tennessee all newspapers + T.V.

Q.E.D.:

Cost of travel - P.F.C.

Concord

Senate Banking Committee

Press office Staff --
May 18

Biscard -

Rose Garden photo for opening shot

Arkansas Book from Shuman

Larry + 2 girls sought for Michigan primary

John leaving sought for California

Transcripts made of interviews. Not given out.

Scranton meeting - not announced

Q/A:

Ellsworth thing

Pentagon - shipbuilders

Embark troops in Panama

Press Office Prof
May 19

"No Greater Love" group - badly wounded Viet Vets. If have pictures, will recall Vietnam. No photo.

EN sit in on Morton. Spencer 11 am meeting.

Need to find ^{time} ~~place~~ for GF to appear today. Maybe go into Rose Garden for a few questions after Morton-Jones meeting.

Need to announce details of Welton's trip - which cities.

Q & A:

Levi-Boston

Bill will resist out any political question
NAHC - cancelling California trip

Press office Staff
Meeting
May 19

Rou: Thank you for contribution to TI's success.
Prepare news summary
Briefing books
Media events out in country.

In next few weeks run very tight ship to Press office.
Not any other outside W.D.'s business.

Press office: Most important role of any W.D. office is
perception of public. our attitudes are taken
to be those of entire W.D.

Press Office Staff
May 21

Photo of Butz + Policy Committee

Photo of Leonard Frank + Roger Frank for Oregon newspapers

Haig on schedule but no photo

Probably photo of Levi

Possibly drop in at PFC headquarters

Briefing books on Oregon, Calif, Nevada will be
over sometime this afternoon.

Foreign Policy Speech - Hartmann going in at 11:15 am

Q&A

Rochefeller + N.Y. Allegation

B-1 bomber

CIA using Park Police to make phoney arrests

CPI reaction

Rhodesian Amendment

Busing - Levi

Press Office Staff

May 26

Brief at 11:30 am.

No public meetings on TI's schedule today.

Tomorrow:

Newhouse Newspapers interview

Ohio, N.J., California visits for briefing
book

Doug Blazer will take golf Sat. and Memorial
Monday.

Saturday - paperwork Saturday morning
afternoon - golf
to Camp David

Sunday - C.D.

Monday - Back from C.D. - to Memorial

Ohio - June 6

Probably won't go to New Jersey

All-day staff session at Camp David
to talk about general campaign.
one meeting on convention.

after convention, TI will go to Vail. Then
start out from there.

Phil Donohue interview should be threated out at
Jerry Jones' meeting. Bob Mead still
against it.

Press Office Staff
May 28

Ronald introduce briefing at 8:30 am on Nuclear Treaty.

Larry will go to Jerry Jones meeting. Will discuss next week's media events. Tues-noon for 30 min. 60 minutes at 2:00 pm. Minutes must go today. Also bring up IT on issues and answers June 6 for 1 hr. Ought to do something for L.A. Times and for Copley Newspapers.

11 am Rhode Island Media.

Brief at noon.

2 pm. - Newhouse interview

Q & A:

China - Taiwan

Tax legislation

Court cases - busing

Press office Staff
Tuesday, June 1

Brief at noon

Shuman will have updated Cal. + Ohio
briefing books by 10:30 am.

Sat. II tapes Face the Nation

Maybe could do another interview.

Did everything Mead recommended for Calif.

Ron wants to see Calif. requests

Mead doesn't think media will condescend
from California for 10 to 30 minutes

announcing today

Highway Safety Administration

Q+A:

Syrian thing

Rockefeller assessment

Private Banking Committee Report

Thought:

Very small group: Ron + Jon

- Press opper Staff -
June 2

Briefing at 11:30 am for 1/2 hr.

Scotty Reston column today. Ron thinks Dick Howard
and HAK zapped him.

Have not announced yet tomorrow's Mayor's meeting.

Briefing book for Face the Nation due tonight.

Q & A

Security measures for July 3 and 4

Reaction to Curtis' endorsement of Reagan

TI do well in South Dakota?

Philippines establish Diplomatic relations @

Soviet Union

Syria/Lebanon

cut off of Medicaid payments

Share closed last base but let 200 stay

Press office Staff
June 3

Call off Rous lunch.

No RN briefing.

~~10:45~~ Hand out

11 am TT makes statement for film

Noon Briefing in 450 EOBs WAK / Dennis / Guenzler
No film or sound

2:30 Resume sharing meeting

Briefing book for Face the Nation by early afternoon.

Saturday afternoon get Face the Nation transcript out

Tomorrow:

L.A. Time breakfast

Radio network

- 1) What~~xx~~ does the President think of Dave Kennerly's date with Elizabeth Hays? Does he approve of this sort of conduct among his staff? Is he taking any action on Kennerly's admission of his tryst with Ms. Hayes?
- 2) ~~the~~ Does the President support the newest version of the foreign aid bill passed yesterday by the House? Would the President sign this bill?
~~8x~~
- 3) Has the President given any further indication as to when he may take action on busing legislation? Why all this dilly-dallying? Isn't all this a staged show for political gain--the President told an interview this week what he had in mind in the Dayton TV interview?
- 4) Does the U. S. agree with the UN survey that Vietnam needs nearly half a billion dollars in aid now? Would the U.S. support UN aid for Vietnam for which the U.S. would contribute heavily?
- 5) Does the President have any comment about the ~~xxx~~ charges of forgery of an F E A document? What is the President doing about an agency which creates such propoganda?



June 4

CG - Notes from this A.M.

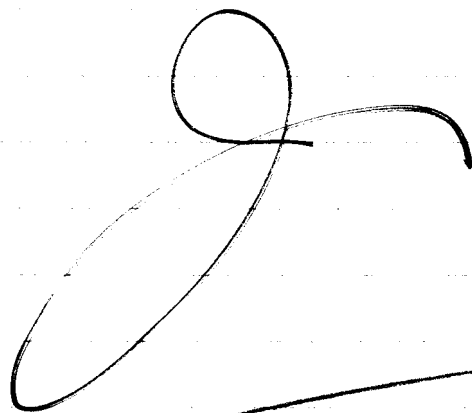
Ron will brief at noon

John will take K7MB
interview

Summary Schedule on W/E Trip
will be out today

Unemployment & U/P 9 figures
out this morning at 10⁰⁰

Connie → S. A. James Breakfast Interview --
do not release transcripts --
full copy only



9am
Pls. call
Judy

Press Office Staff
Wed. June 9

Thought of giving interviews to some of convention
states. John will take up in Jones' meeting.

If π has comment on primary, shouldn't
wait until 5:15 p.m. reception to talk.

Suggested π have interviews @ religious press at
Baptist convention. Bad idea.

Jack Ford - maybe on issues & answers Sunday before
convention.

At 3:30 will post π and Mr. will go on Sequoia tonight
@ Happy + R.P. Remind pool it is protective
pool & not race up for interviews

No Q&A book needed for Missouri. Instead a couple of
pages on political questions

Q&A:

1) Is the President aware of reports from Mexico that the Mexicans are very unhappy with the U.S. Drug Enforcement Administration agents who are operating in Mexico? Was this discussed at the meeting the President had with Mexico's attorney general yesterday?

2) Reports say Shirley Temple Black will be named the new chief of protocol. Is this correct?

3) Is the President satisfied with the actions taken to cope with the Teton Dam disaster in Idaho? Is he doing anything to speed up the replacement of irrigation channels, as he was urged to do yesterday?



Press office staff
Thurs - June 10

Larry & John will go to Scheduling Meeting

Godfrey Sperling to ask one question: recommends no
won't be brought up at J. Jones meeting

Someone should have news event here tomorrow
morning. Trip too late for news shows.

Don't talk about strategy or tactics. Don't write about it
as political figure but as IT.

Q/A:

Postal deficit

POSSIBLE QUESTIONS FOR RON NESSEM BRIEFING THURSDAY, JUNE 10, 1976

1) Now that Jimmy Carter is certain to be the Democratic nominee, what changes in campaign tactics ~~is~~ is the President going to make? ~~ix~~ The President said last Sunday, that his choice of a vice presidential running mate would be determined partly by ~~whom~~ who the Democratic candidate would be. ~~xxxxxxx~~ Does this mean the President now will be forced to pick a southerner as a running mate? ~~ix~~ Has the President talked to John Connally in the past 24 hours? -Is he scheduled to talk with him this week?

2) The Washington Post says ~~its~~ its analysis of delegate strength shows that the President will NOT be able to get a first ballott nomination. Can the President survive a ~~first~~ first Ballott failure? ~~xxxxxx~~ How many state conventions does the President plan to visit? What sort of arm twisting is ~~being~~ being done by Ford people among the uncommitted delegates?

3) Lou Cannon in the Washington Post claims that the scars of the primary battle ~~are~~ will affect the Republican chances in November. what is the President doing -- if anything -- to heal the wounds? The N.Y. Times says many Republicans will desert to Carter if their candidate -- Ford or Reagan -- loses. How can the GOP winner, whoever he is -- cope with this shift?

4) Reports from Cairo say Lybian and Algerian forces are preparing to move into Lebanon. How does the U.S view this expansion of the Lebanese conflict? What is the U.S. doing about it? ~~Will~~ Will Israel react with military action?

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Press Office Staff
Fri - June 11

Ann Armstrong called Ron this morning on V.P.
numbers.

We put out Revenue Sharing statement last night
about 8 p.m. Called wires.

It has briefing book for taping of NEA today.

No morning briefing today.

Might be 11am briefing by IT.

Bills for trip for tonight.

Q&A:

Postal Rate

Ann Armstrong - V.P.

Today new rules for covering helicopter take-off.
Should wait and do it when he hasn't bumped
his head.

Keep pool on collanade.

Will let it be normal today as always, but maybe
later.

POSSIBLE QUESTIONS FOR RON NESSEN NOW BRIEFING FRIDAY JUNE 11, 1976

1) Again, the civil war in Lebanon has expanded, ~~with~~ with the entry ~~of~~ of Arab League ~~forces~~ forces, yet the ~~war~~ cease-fires keep breaking down? Why is the U.S. failing to exert its full influence here? Isn't there more the U.S. could be doing---evening speaking out more strongly against these invasions by outside ~~forces~~ forces? President Eisenhower ~~put~~ put U.S. marines into Lebanon--why isn't this President doing more?

2) Is the President aware ~~of~~ of the controversy over civil rights in the D. O. T.? Is he going ~~to~~ anything about the firing of Deputy Director Oliver of the DOT Civil Rights division? ~~and~~ and the resignation of Director Frazier? Is he satisfied with the way Bill Coleman is running the DOT?

3) ~~What are those new~~ What are those new estimates on unemployment, ~~and~~ growth rates, and inflation rates which Greenspan gave Congress yesterday, ~~and~~ Greenspan indicated they were his personal estimates. What are the real figures? Why can't we get them now, if Greenspan can give out such figures? Are the revised estimates likely to be close to/ his--or something better--or something worse?

Press office Staff
Mon - June 14

Go with corporate payments today.
Because of article thing in Post over weekend
might look like we are doing it
under pressure.

Phone call announced at 11:30 (to dedication
of Science Center at Cape Kennedy) Not reported in.

Sponsorship trip. Speech at 3pm or later. Put
it out for release on delivery.

Des Moines on Friday.

Q.E.D.:

Missouri
Rumsfeld to Africa

Press Office Staff
June 16

After 11am. It may still see and chat @ press.
Maybe conciliatory statement about party.
Bill Roberts will draw up nasty questions that
could result from it.

Q&A:

POSSIBLE QUESTIONS FOR ROW KESSEN BRIEFING WEDNESDAY, JUNE 16, 1976

- 1) What is the Administration reaction to the Senate Judiciary Committee vote for legislation breaki.ng up the oil companies? Does the P..esident expectx the bill will pass the Senate? Will he urge~~x~~ the defeat of the legislation?
- 2) Does the President have any concern over the approach of Syrian forces to Israel's border? Have the +sraeli's protested to the U.S.?
- 3) Is theWhite House supporting the Senate bill to ~~enrke~~ tighten regulations on lobbysists? Will White House lobbysists register under the bill?

Does the President have any information on hairman Maols condition?

- 4) Why did T5wasury Secretary Simon order tough new conditions for New York City? ~~Enxx~~ Is Treasury certain NY can meet these conditions? What ~~enxx~~ happens if it meets some but not all of the new conditions?



Press office Staff
June 17 Thurs

Social Security Decoupling Legislation
Fact sheet, message, statement

No briefing

Get name + phone number of expert, or have
him available during briefing

11:30 briefing

Coverage of 4:15 teenage Republicans

No briefing tomorrow due to trip.

No 7:30 am meeting.

Hugh Siley tomorrow on airplane on way to
Des Moines. Also Dick Halehead. Covered an
interview, but no transcript.

Q&As

Follow up on Bennett.

South Africa - will HAK still meet @
Vouster. Will he bring up rest @
Vouster?

Sale of arms to Kenya

~~XXXXXXXX~~ POSSIBLE QUESTIONS FOR RON NESSEN BRIEFING THURSDAY, JUNE 17, 1976

1) Is the P_{re}sident aware of the conflict between Secretary of Commerce Richardson and SEC Chairman Rod Hills? Is the President doing anything to settle the matter? Has he spoken to Richardson or Hills?

2) The Post has a story about Commerce Secretary Richardson bending the ear of a South Carolina delegate for an hour in the name of the P_{re}sident to try to get the delegate committed to the President. Isn't that a little too much? Doesn't it diminish the dignity of the P_{re}sidency? Is every uncommitted delegate being given this tremendous pressure? Are they all ~~3x~~ coming in to see the President as Bobby Shelton says he is? You said yesterday, Ron, you didn't know of any such move to invite delegates to the White House, but Shelton says he has been. Do you still want to say there is no plan to get delegates to the White House?

3)



Press office staff
June 20

Announce 6:30 schedule late in day

Travel pool coverage - outside only

No photo on ~~any~~ Republican Leadership.

They will probably brief.

Resumé briefing and then politics, delegate it.

On TV last night got beaked in the head from every angle.

Boy wants to tell reporters cant do political

stand upers at U.N - only trial stones.

Maybe he should quietly complain to
bureau chiefs.

Don't announce 5 pm. Congressional candidates.
No coverage.

Announce departure plans for Puerto Rico

Q & A

T-Q appropriation for Israeli aid.

POSSIBLE QUESTIONS FOR RON NESSEN BRIEFING WEDNESDAY JUNE 23, 1976.

- 1) What is the President's view of the cost of living increase in May? What are the prospects for the coming months--will food prices keep climbing? How does this jibe with the President's claim that he has lowered the cost of living by 75 per cent since he took office?

- 2) ~~xxxxxxx~~ Is ambassador Seelye one of those under consideration for the permanent Ambassador's post at Beirut? ^{Doesn't this temporary appointment} ~~xxxxxxx~~ indicate the embassy will be shut down in the near future? Did Ambassador ~~xxxxxxx~~ Dean Brown refuse to return to Lebanon?

- 3) What is the outlook for school busing legislation? Why was it delayed?

- 4) Does the President see any change in ~~xxxx~~ our relations--or NATO relations with Italy as a result of the ~~xxxx~~ communist gains? Secretary Kissinger says he's still concerned about the communists moving into the Italian government. Is the President concerned too?
~~xxx~~

- 5) What is the President going to discuss with the Congressional group he meets with this afternoon on Foreign Aid legislation? Is he going to offer an additional 200 million dollars in aid, as a compromise?



- Press Office Staff
June 21

Larry will show Ron a set of photos cleared in connection @ evacuation.

11:30 briefing

Photos for Polish Parliamentarian

Pearl Bailey appointment official - she is UN delegate to Africa.

Need to announce Indianapolis trip tomorrow
Put speech out for flat gun papers.

Margita has proposed briefing schedule still finish today and give to Ron.

Larry to Jerry Jones meeting.

California Press Ass. here tomorrow, 55 people - to see TT off in helicopter? Margita will take up in Jerry Jones meeting to see if should take off.

Requests from convention states.

Harford County

Deseret News

Q & A:

Larry will get Thomas' chronology over here to make sure it jives with ours.

Larry will circulate among press this morning to get questions.

Food Stamp decision - what are we going to do?

South Africa

POSSIBLE QUESTIONS FOR RON NESSEN BRIEFING MONDAY, JUNE 21, 1976

- 1) There were reports that the PLO prevented a number of refugees from getting aboard the landing boat. Did the U.S. and British let the PLO decide who would board the evacuation ship? If so, why?
- 2) Was the President disappointed that only a little more than a 100 americans out of the 15 hundred in Beirut decided to come out? What happens if the situation gets worse? Will the U.S. ~~xxxx~~ attempt further evacuation efforts in such a case?
- 3) What was the President's reaction to the weekend delegate count? Is he concerned that Reagan is closing the gap in delegates? Doesn't it look like a deadlocked convention?
- 4) The NY Times says the U.S. is quietly preparing to allow the Angola government in the U.N. Is this correct? How can the U.S. justify seeking admission to the U.N. for the ~~xxxxxxxxxxxx~~ group it opposed with arms and mercenaries?



Press Office Staff
Thurs - June 23

TT to Sr. Staff

Burying stuff today:

Hard out material embargoed for noon
message

Might have to cancel tomorrow, briefing
might raise expectations + give conclusion
before meeting begins

Puerto Rico departure finishes today,
announce trial working series or meeting @
Sheepen on it today.

Army helicopter detachment being deactivated.
Don't announce it because raises questions
of how many still here.

Q & A:

Quinn & Matsui

JFK investigation

Public Works Bill

Press office Staff
June 24

Announce RNC reception. When have pool.
would show pictures day before summit

Picture of International Economic Summit
Preparation meeting.

Bibles of 1st 2 days of trip late this afternoon.

Annual statement - put out for sub news.

Margita doing phone calls to Editorial Boards
@ Ed Smultz to answer questions of them

Q¹ A:

OTO Parson meeting

F.B.I. question

Budget -> common fraud plan

PROPOSED ANNOUNCEMENTS

10:00

6/24/76

Intention to nominate two persons to be members of the Board of Directors of the Overseas Private Investment Corporation.

(POSTING)

Appointment of two persons as members of the National Advisory Council on Equality of Educational Opportunity. (POSTING)

Signing of S. 1466---National Consumer Health Information and Health Promotion Act of 1976. (POSTING)

Message to the Senate on the Tax Convention Between the U.S. and Britain. (RELEASE)

Transfer of additional land through the Legacy of Parks Program (RELEASE)

POSSIBLE QUESTIONS FOR POSSIBLE RON NESSER BRIEFING THURSDAY, JUNE 24, 1976

- 1) Does the President agree with the Senate committee investigating the Kennedy assassination that FBI ~~and the CIA withheld information from the Warren Commission?~~ Does he think the investigation should be continued? Does he agree with Senator Weicker that there was a coverup? Has all this changed his opinion of the Warren Commission findings?
- 2) Connecticut Republican officials say President Ford will speak at the GOP State Convention in Hartford July 17th. Can you deny this confirmation of the date by State Chairman Fred Biebel?
- 3) Does the President approve of the action of the House Democratic Caucus ~~to reform hiring of staff and use of benefits by, House members?~~
- 4) State Department sources say the US is pulling its advisors off Quemoy and Matsu Islands. Is this correct? Why is this being done? Does this indicate a move to recognize Communist China? Isn't this another step in abandoning the Nationalist Chinese on Taiwan?
- 5) Does the President have any comment on Jimmy Carter's Foreign Policy speech? Does he agree with Carter that the US has been pursuing Lone Ranger and secretive foreign policy tactics under the Nixon-Ford Administrations?
- 6) Did the President personally approve of the veto of Angola's membership in the UN?

Pres office staff
June 30

Briefing at 11:30 am

Nishi visit - keep

5:00 pm RNC reception - don't announce - no coverage

Alan Shuman briefing general columnists
F&A

Tap cut expires at midnight. Also FGA. TQ begins
at midnight.

Urban revitalization

Bushner - S&T

Lebanese Civil War

POSSIBLE QUESTIONS FOR RON NESSEN BRIEFING, WEDNESDAY, JUNE 30, 1976

1) Senator Robert Taft voted against confirmation of General Brown for another term as chairman of the joint chiefs of staff because of his anti Jewish statements, which Taft says jeopardizes Brown's ability to participate in national decisions relating to the Middle East. Does the President disagree with Senator Taft's views? ~~Does the President~~ ZIS the President concerned about Gen. Brown's repetition of his anti-Jewish comments, which earlier drew a reprimand from the President? Is the President considering withdrawing the Brown nomination? If not, why not?

2) Does the President support the Senate move to ~~authorize~~ withhold federal taxes on dividends and interest? Would the President sign such legislation?

3) General Secretary Brezhnev says the Ford Administration is stalling on an arms agreement because of politics, and the U.S. election campaign. Is this correct? Does the President have any comment on the Brezhnev statement? What evidence is there that the U.S. is attempting to reach an agreement?

4) Has the President made up his mind what he's going to do about the four billion dollar public works ~~bill~~ bill? Why is it taking so long for him to decide? Is he going to ignore the unanimous call from Republican mayors for him to sign the bill?

5) The NY Times is quoting US officials as saying the Lebanese civil war has ~~been~~ deteriorated to its lowest point. Is this correct? Is the U.S. taking any new steps to reach a peaceful solution?

PROPOSED ANNOUNCEMENTS

10:00

6/30/76

Designation of Edwin Yeo III to serve as a member of the Board of Directors of the Overseas Private Investment Corporation.

(RELEASE)

Appointment of eleven persons as members of the National Advisory Committee on Oceans and Atmosphere. (RELEASE)

Press office Staff

Fri - July 2

2 Sunday speeches for 9 pm Sunday
JFK Speech for 6 pm Saturday
techarlottesville speech on plane coming back
Monday 6 am release

Capture Nations Week proclamation today.

no pers to watch July 4 fireworks. Kennedy
take 4 or 5 still photographers for picture briefly

Q & A:

IT on abortion

Senator Hansen → delivering 1 delegate if IT sign
bill

Unemployment going up .2% - seasonal adjustment

Rep talk on being forceful to overcome negativity
Adkins story - link in Fred Barnes story
Wall St. Journal story

Press Office Staff
July 6, 1976

Trip to Newport this weekend and Hartford
July 17 only travel til convention.

Allen arrives July 7. Ron wants to see TV plans.
Bill Roberts, Bob Mead will meet @ Ron to discuss it.

No news story today from W.D. Reagan speech.
tonight.

Pres. Bicentennial appearances not covered well
by press. Hardly anything on CBS. Washington
~~Post~~ Post handled it. I said what tremendous
political advantage it was being π during
Bicentennial.

Think about something for the π 's ~~second~~ second
anniversary in office - accomplishments. Last year
project bombed.

Q1A

Public Works Bill - deadline July 7.

Supposed to do package @ all vetoes
etc. today

POSSIBLE QUESTIONS FOR RON NESSEN BRIEFING TUESDAY, JULY 6, 1976

1) ABC claims that the US would not veto a resolution of censure against Israel for retrieving its hostages from Uganda. Is this true? If so, how can the President justify his message of congratulation to Rabin praising him for the operation?

task force headed by Republican Dan Evans has
2) The Governors ~~have~~ recommended the U.S. ~~state~~ federal government take over the welfare system with a federal minimum income standard. Does the President endorse this idea? would he veto it if Congress passes it?

3) The Post says today the US plans to ~~give~~ provide more than 300 million dollars in arms aid to three African nations, including Ethiopia, which poses considerable risk of confrontation with the USSR. Is this allegation true?

4) Cong. Aspin claims the Navy is "fudging the facts" about its growth compared to Russia's in order to get more ships. Is the President concerned about this? Is he looking into these charges? Has he been sold a bill of goods by the Navy?

Press Office Staff
July 8, 1976

Travel pool to Cathedral

10:15 am Morning Briefing - RN will make
routine announcements

Scranton not on schedule released. RN will announce
meeting at 10:15 am.

Tentative schedule for Rhode Island

Q/A

Big question today Evans & Novak column
Even if dinner last night - RN will never
assume, but put it off one day.
Russian Embassy - radiation

Press Office Staff
July 9 - Friday

Photo of Saudi commander of Nat'l Guard
led Cooper - report on flu - position - they want
picture

Swearing-in of Kay Bailey - not announced
Nothing out yet on Lamm's trip.

Show up times for N's speech

Speech might be pretty good

Sunday quiet day

Monday let 11 am - sign bill for airport development
W.P.I. out today

Q & A:

Don't say anything about Kenya-Uganda
Wont get into Colorado delegate count
No comment on Nixon barred from law
GID report says US Army weak in Europe

POSSIBLE QUESTIONS FOR RON NESSEN BRIEFING, FRIDAY, JULY 9, 1976.

1) Reports from Africa indicate the tensions between Kenya and Uganda are building. Is the President concerned about possible conflict here? Is the U.S. doing anything to prevent it? Does the President have any information about Libyan Air Force planes being flown into Uganda?

2) Do you have any indications as to what will happen in Colorado's state convention? Does the President expect a sweep like North Dakota? Reagan's people think they may take all the Colorado delegates--is that possible? If you can win in North Dakota, why not in Colorado?

3) Does the President approve of the action of a New York court in barring Richard Nixon from practicing law in New York?

4) Is the President concerned about the growing indication ~~that~~ of corruption and illegal practices in the FBI despite his ~~many~~ assurances such have been stopped? Is he taking any action to look into/ the situation? Is he taking any action to correct the problem?

Press Office Staff
Monday, July 12

Margita to FCC today. Berger to take place.
Deputy Republican office of Comm. in Press Office.
Will get additional responsibilities - co-ordination
of out of town speakers of Cabinet. Will also
take on writing trial statements.
Will have to get Berger's salary & how many
people he brings in.

Ron hasn't seen any resignation by Mead.
Will try to find before briefing.

All-Star game - IT going. Lamy will get
all details. IT wants to take sports
writer as his guest. Lamy, Israel, Red Smith.

Vibes. Deadline tonight & Wednesday night
11am airport Bill Berger

Q & A

Staff "shake-up"

Olympic decision - Canada vs. Soviet

Merremay - released by AAR. Not of things
saying what we did.

Lunch & political meetings yesterday
Don Roddey's dinner last night. Also 2 people asked
Dead horse on Blueway. Proving Ground
Why is IT going to all star game

POSSIBLE QUESTIONS FOR RON NESSEN BRIEFING MONDAY, JULY 12, 1976

- 1) Has Bob Mead resigned as TV advisor to the President? Did he get a nasty letter from you concerning the adverse comment on the TV of the Queen Elizabeth Dinner? Is Bob Hartmann being ~~replaced~~ removed from responsibility of preparing presidential messages? Are all these staff changes a result of the problems in winning the nomination? Reports say more changes are contemplated in the presidential staff system. ~~xxxxxx~~ Are those reports correct? Is Margita White being replaced by Dave Gergen? If so why?
- 2) Does the President approve of the settlement of the dispute over Taiwan Olympics team? Did the President play any part in the settlement? Will he take any action concerning the U.S. team's participation? Does he expect the U.S. team to take part?
- 3) Is the White House or is the President taking any action to help in the return of Gearhart's body to the U.S.?
- 4) Does the President have any comment on Jimmy Carter's terming him "insensitive" to the unemployment problem because of his veto of the public works bill.?

Press Office Staff
July 13 - Tuesday

Last night's boat trip useful. Find weekend in August before convention to go to Camp David. Senior people go up to night club.

π should come out after meeting @ Coulter and to talk about praising D.C. police for string operations. Ron brief afterward.

Photo ~~on~~ ^{on} 12 noon Larin Family of Year.

12:15 and 12:25 presentations not covered. If wires have requests might send in wire photos.

5:15 pm 4,000 people on South Lawn. Could talk about Olympics. Foreign Exchange students + their host families. Don Penney will take look at set up. Give him opportunity.

5:55 Tonight at all. Star game should set up picture of π and 2 pitchers. Agnes will get stuff together on players. Maybe interviewed by ABC. Ron wants to see list of photos sitting close. Maybe ask cops from string operation to go.

No announcements this morning

Q & A:

Justification for signing ERDA

Saxon Dam contained in that.

Get it from Jim Lynn.

2 categories - 2 Appropriation Bill

- 2 Wildlife Bill

Margita White - 7 yr. term.

Looks like they put it for that
because she couldn't get it.

Bob Wood letter - if Bob wants to make
public, can do it. We won't.

U.N. Debate update on Israeli raid

Did it watch Demo. Convention

Ship movement in Indian Ocean

POSSIBLE QUESTIONS FOR RON NESSEN BRIEFING TUESDAY, JULY 13, 1976

1) Why did ~~xxx~~ the President sign an appropriations bill that was 304 mil dollars over his budget proposals? Why didn't he veto this like the other budget busting bills? Isn't this hypocritical?

2) What about Margita White's appointment to a 7 year term that was meant for a Democrat? How can you say she is going to be confirmed? Why wasn't she appointed to the ~~the unexpired~~ unexpired term of Charlotte Reid, where she would have some chance of confirmation?

Press Office Staff
July 14, 1976

Next week: Tuesday - land on Mars.
Possible news conference
Message to Congress 20th "Let's pull ourselves together + get legislation passed."

At some point someone from this office must sit down with Timmons to talk about convention news plan. Also to schedule people to TV booths and on floor to interviews.
Our chief concern is π . Timmons's main consideration what happened at platform
Need to discuss when π should enter for maximum exposure. Orchestrate his appearance

Contact @ convention for networks?
Bill Roberts has been contacted previously.

Don Penney should look at spacing retention today.

Physical postponed 1 hr to 9 am.
Final lab reports back by 10:30 am
Luback will give us written report.

Surprise birthday party for π after lunch on South Lawn

π going to Sam's Souci for lunch. Mrs. Ford surprising him. Walk over.
Today's story -

Today deadline for Defense appropriation Bill
Havent announced anything for afternoon

Q & A

Olympics
Defense appropriation

No process to ~~be~~ link up speechwriters & substance.
Every word should have a point. If no point
don't waste the it's time.

POSSIBLE QUESTIONS FOR RON NESSEN BRIEFING WEDNESDAY JULY 14, 1976

1) Does the President approve of the I O C action in urging the Taiwanese to forget their R O C banner, and ~~play~~ compete in the games under the I O C label? Has he urged Taiwan to accept this? Isn't this just the ~~Canadianxxxxxxxx~~ caving in to Canada which the President deplored?

2) Does the President have any comment on the order from Ronald Reagan to his staff to stop trying to unseat Ford delegates to the GOP Conention? Will the President issue a similar order to his political people?

3)

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July 15

Rou will find out what Cheney et al at 9 am means.

Vernon Walters meeting private, can be announced at 11:30 am. Suggested post after briefing.

Budget briefing should be postponed from Friday to Monday.

Morgan will send Don Penney up to Baltimore to look at ship.

Q & A:

Olympics

Center nomination

Gallwater in N.Y.

Peter Kay leaving after convention

Press Office Staff
July 16

Budget Revision

Deficit for Fiscal Year 76 will be lower
Economy better than anticipated

4 of Michigan not on schedule
Full coverage for Indian leaders
Substantive speech

Convention speech tomorrow out at 6 am
for Sat afternoon papers.

Sought - expanded pool on ship -
Remarks piped in to Press Center

VOA & BBC began announcement regarding America
to leave. Our embassy out doors to 10.
No way to provide service

Olympics - statement saying II concerned
U.S. Olympic Committee worked so hard

Press Office Staff
July 19

Janita Ashcraft - Reagan person - appointed
to Manpower Reserve Office.
Have to be able to give her qualifications.

Reception for N.J. delegates will be called meeting
so don't have to have pool coverage, like we do
of ~~receptions~~ receptions.

N.J. and N.Y. delegations coming in this week.
Pennsylvania next week.

N.J. Monday. N.Y. on Thursday.
Coming at their own expense?

P.F.C. pay for cost of reception.

N.J. officially uncommitted. We think
we have 58 or 60. Haven't declared.

Possibility of news conference this morning.
It will decide at 10 am. Formal. Real people
into Oval Office, or have TV set up on grounds
for outside.

Watergate Reform Bill - comes up for Senate vote
this afternoon. Will get cluttered unless we
have alternative. Message to Congress
intended perhaps for today. If so, need Long
to brief.

Message to Congress on unfinished legislation.
Paul O'Neill sent in list of 71 bills want
action on. He hasn't got it back. Could

announcement to my message going forward
Letter go up at Chooa - not meeting after pm conf.

Low common story today saying Reagan people
giving up, story @ IT meeting @ uncommitted
delegates, could get a bandwagon going.

PROPOSED ANNOUNCEMENTS

3:30

7/19/76

Resignation of Mercedes A. Bates as a member of the President's
Commission on White House Fellowships. (POSTING)

Resignation of L. Douglas Heck as Ambassador to Niger (POSTING)

Statement by the President on the White House Conference on Libraries
and Information Services. (RELEASE)

Press Office Staff
July 20

Firing landing on Mars. CBS wants live camera for phone call. 8:17 am. confirmation of landing. Then CBS set up. Call from TT at 9 am. Live on CBS, filmed on other networks. Want to get other side if possible.

Regular briefing time Ron will say no message to Congress. TT was to come out and say what his priorities were.

Photo of surgeon of Shirley Temple Block.

Open coverage of Lauer receiving live tonight. Last number - and TT @ performer

Appointment of Belaney at 3 pm so want get as many questions.

Kraft + Mark Chiles both have columns on Carter's character. Study blue eyes, ambition. Should squirrel away fact that Strauss + Barbara Jordan supported Connally in March first deal.

Q & A

Follow ups to Press Conference.

Dear press conference very effective. Yesterday PFC press conference saying 10 more today.

President call Meonjin hospital? No publicity

John go through transcript of press conference
for follow up questions

PROPOSED ANNOUNCEMENTS

10:00

7/19/76

Intention to nominate Patrick J. Delaney to be a member of the
SEC (RELEASE) IF SIGNED

Intention to nominate David A. Clanton to be a Federal Trade
Commissioner ~~XXXXXX~~ (RELEASE) IF SIGNED - *(w/Approval of Thomas Sewell)*

Intention to ~~nominate~~ nominate Stanley E. Shirk, to be
Comptroller of the Currency (RELEASE) IF SIGNED

Report to Congress on the ST. Lawrence Seay Development Corporation
REPORTS AVAILABLE ~~XXXXXX~~ (RELEASE)

Report to Congress on the 6th Annual Report of the Sec. of
Transportation on Hazardous Materials Z (RELEASE) REPORTS
AVAILABLE

Press Office Staff
July 28 - Wed.

Bill Roberts will go to 9.30 scheduling meeting.
R.N. sent to Jerry Jones list of interview before
convention. Am was Joe Kraft. Now Kraft
wants to see IT after convention - in Vail.

Carlson will sit in on Economic Policy Board

Possible photo of EPB meeting.

Some of the good guys reporters upset because
weren't here when Connolly and IT went
outside for announcement. No call out

Advance for tomorrow night? If are good,
could put out early

Q+A

Campaign strategy - being offered by
many individuals.

Natural gas bill price increase
Connolly - telephone call before meeting?

POSSIBLE QUESTIONS FOR RON NESSEN BRIEFING, WEDNESDAY JULY 28m, 1976

- 1) Campaign officials MOrton and Spencer are quoted as saying yesterday they have urged the President to avoid campaigning and let his Vice Presidential nominee take the burden. Is this true? Has the President agreed ~~x~~to this type of a ~~campaign? Will it~~ campaign? Does this mean the P_r esident will use the White House for a front porch campaign as he did in the delegate hunt this year?
- 2) What is the inflationary effect of the FPC action on natural gas price increases? Does the President approve of the FPC action? What effect does this have on the Adm nistrat-ion's energy program? Will the Administration still push for decontrol of natural gas prices?
- 3) Has the President seen the report from the General Accounting Office on the slack accountability procedures of ERDA concerning nuclear materials? Is the President aware of the report? Is he concerned about the report, and will the new task force study this problem?
- 4) Does the President approve of the provision approved by the Senate penalizing American businesses that boycott Israel or use bribery to promote sales abroad?

Press office Staff
July 29

Ron needs material for 10:30 meeting @ Bulent
Ecevit, Turkish Parliament

At 4:30 pm, Sam & Meredith Brokaw will say goodbye
to TT. Need to get U.N. photos for that.

Announcement for departure time for tomorrow.

Bill Roberts to 9:30 scheduling meeting

Penn. Press want to cover Penn. delegate. Only to
Press Room to wait on north lawn for stand-ups.

Textile conference in Phil. - TT to go on Aug 8

Wires briefing - 2:30-4:30. TT could stop by
& have press then. No other news.

Q & A

VP questions -

Rhodes said let convention select VP.

Murphy working on 2 yr. written report
factual - mailed out in advance.
Rhodes working on video of for ~~states~~ Cabinet
Members to go on news shows.
Now high on consideration is power
time TV press conference.
Could just do wires - not all press.

Scranton says Cong. McDade has 4 Pennsylvania
delegates who want to ~~have~~ announce
for the after meeting, will bring to front lawn.

Gene wants interview @ TT for next
Monday's cover story on TT, will infuriate
Newsweek. Neil Halstead got picture yesterday.
Maybe Stroke could do it on plane to
Mississippi.

Intention to nominate M. Alan Woods to be Assistant Secretary of Defense for Public Affairs.. (RELEASE)

Intention to nominate Fred P. Wacker to be Assistant Secretary of Defense (COMPTROLLER) (RELEASE)

Smith
Intention to nominate Robert Nelson to be Assistant Secretary of Defense for Health Affairs. (RELEASE)

Appointment of Thomas Aranda as Special Assistant to the President for Hispanic Affairs. (RELEASE)

First 1977 Special Message under the Impoundment Control Act of 1974.
(RELEASE)

Annual Report to Congress for 1975 on ACDA (RELEASE)

Transmittal to the Senate of TTB and PNE Treaties & is requesting advice and ratification consent. (RELEASE)