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Press Office Staff
August 2

11am. Usery and Coleman on B.C. Not announced.

11:30am Briefing

No public event today. No news out of here.

Should have Colorado Disaster today
where + when letters to delegates going out.

Ferry find out where printed, how to get
mailed back. Foster church handling it.

Q & A

Reaction to Mississippi trip

Iran - people going for arms sales

Summe film

Fran Summe desperate for over-nights last night
Time when we could find something they'd
have to write if had nothing else.

News Summary monitors Sat night news shows
now.

POSSIBLE QUESTIONS FOR RON NESSEN BRIEFING MONDAY, AUGUST 2, 1976

- 1) Does the Ford Administration ~~continue~~ continue to go along with the decision of President Nixon to allow uncontrolled sales of arms to Iran? Does the memo remain in force today? Why has the President permitted this?
- 2) The Governor of Colorado has requested ~~of~~ federal disaster aid for the Big Thompson Canyon area hit by floods. ~~Is~~ Will the President authorize such aid?
- 3) Is the President aware of the charges that the Mobil Oil Company has been instrumental in setting up bogus companies to disguise a flow of petroleum products from South Africa to Rhodesia? Does the President plan to do anything about such reports?

Press Office Staff
August 3

TT to Senior Staff today
Kekkonen activities

TT doesn't want to do much between now + conference
Schedule will be redone.

TT working on acceptance speech.

Olympic Committee wants to film ceremony ^{at} TT.
Not sure if it is for Montgomery Ward. Make
sure no commercialization!

Mysterious deaths in Pennsylvania. Need to get TT
involved in investigating it. Ron will
talk to Jim Caraway.

P. A.

ATE 4 - Investigator - court ruling
Delegates - Jim Baker -
WP for TT.

Such Shows Sunday - 2nd Anniversary

Maybe Jim Lynn

Hard to get someone on who can tell
about accomplishments. Not political.
SM America - Kennedy on @ photos

POSSIBLE QUESTIONS FOR RON NESSEN BRIEFING TUESDAY, AUGUST 3, 1976

- 1) Is the White House looking into the possibility that the ~~Legionnaires~~ Legionnaires who became ill after their Pennsylvania Convention have swine flu? Has the ~~hassle~~ hassle over insuring the vaccination program been ended?
- 2) Does the White House have any comment on the FCC Judge's ruling against A T & T divestiture? Does the President approve of such a ruling?
- 3) Reagan's people claim 12 delegates have been gained by the Reagan-Schweiker ticket---10 of them in Pennsylvania. Is the President concerned about such inroads? Even your delegate count shows a loss of one. Is the President doing any thing to counteract the Reagan gains?
- 4)

ANNOUNCEMENTS/Tuesday, August 3, 1976

AT 10:30 a.m.

1. Four Members of the Board of Directors of the Pennsylvania Avenue Development Corporation.
2. Six Members of the National Advisory Committee for Juvenile Justice and Delinquency Prevention. (If signed.)
3. Annual Report to Congress of the Federal Council on the Aging.
4. Intention to nominate Richard M. Bilby of Tucson, Arizona to be United States Circuit Judge for the Ninth Circuit Court of Appeals.
5. Intention to nominate Frank J. Violanti of Springfield, Illinois to be United States Attorney for the District of the Canal Zone.

AT 3:30 p.m.

1. Resignation of Joseph W. Twinam as Ambassador to the State of Behrain.

Press Office Staff
Wed - Aug 4

- 10:15 am. Cliff Case should have good delegate news.
11:00 am Italian - American Leaders - U.W. photo only.
12:30 pm. Prayer Group
5:00 pm. Va. delegates -
announce Capital Hill Club event Good Guys
dinner at 3:30 pm. TT will have remarks
and Q & A
Boys + Girls Nation delegates only public evnt.

Commonwealth is Olympics thing. Cost of thousands.

H.U.R. signing statement today. TT signed it yesterday
changed signing statement. Did not put anything out

Q & A:

answering Carter speech saying Republicans
would conduct low campaign

Roger Morton saying don't have it sewed up.
Cuba - Angola deal

U.S. Army - Taiwan - arms sales

TT and secure file

POSSIBLE QUESTIONS FOR RON NESSEN BRIEFING, WEDNESDAY AUGUST 24, 1976

- 1) Rogers Morton admits the President won't be able to lock up the nomination before Kansas City. What does the President think about that? Is he going to talk to more delegates, or have more delegates in to White House receptions? [REDACTED] Is Morton's admission an indication that the Schweiker move by Reagan has indeed eroded Ford support?
- 2) How does the President view Jimmy Carter's partisan attack? Is the President going to respond as Carter predicts--with a personal attack?
- 3) What is the President's view of the Senate vote to override his veto of the bill increasing the states' share of royalties from mineral development on federal land? Does he expect the House to sustain the veto?
- 4) Does the President approve of the Justice Department and FTC investigation of antitrust activities among automakers?

ANNOUNCEMENTS/Wednesday, August 4, 1976

10:30 a.m.

1. Intention to nominate three persons to be Commissioners of the United States Parole Commission (if signed).
2. Executive Order "Classification of Certain Information and Material Obtained from Advisory Bodies Created to Implement the International Energy Program."
3. Intention to nominate John H. Moore, II, of Ft. Lauderdale, Florida, Judge for the Southern District of Florida (if signed).
4. Intention to nominate Donald E. Walter of Jennings, Louisiana, to be United States District Judge for the Western District of Louisiana (if signed).
5. Intention to nominate Harry W. Wellford of Memphis to be United States Judge for the Sixth Circuit (if signed).
6. Intention to nominate Sidney M. Aronovitz of Miami, Florida, to be United States District Judge for the Southern District of Florida (if signed).
7. Intention to nominate Herbert F. DeSimone of Providence, Rhode Island, to be United States District Judge for the District of Rhode Island (if signed).
8. Intention to nominate W. Eugene Davis, of New Iberia, Louisiana, to be United States District Judge for the Western District of Louisiana (if signed)

Press Office Staff
aug 5.

Briefing at 12 noon

2 yr. paper final version very shortly. Sky Halper working on it. It needs before Saturday interviews.

This weekend - P.O. meetings:

Social events pool picked by Sheila. Maria Down says one writer was a member of raiders group doing report on how much social functions cost, using Fort pay's money for uncommitted delegates etc.

Q & A.

Evans + Novak story today.

anti - Connally stories

Tape questions

Sou Reed, Peter O'Donnell, Roger Morton leaving

1980

POSSIBLE QUESTIONS FOR MONNESSEN BRIEFING THURSDAY, AUGUST 5, 1976

1) Does the P^Resident have any comment about Arthur Fletcher, his Assistant for Urban Affairs, who criticized Secretary Kissinger at the National Urban League conference? Does the President share Fletcher's opinion that Kissinger hadn't been adequately briefed for the speech? Does the President ~~ak~~ have any comment on the ~~xxxxx~~ statement of Ronald Brown, Urban League Washington director, that there has been a total lack of leadership from the White House on new jobs for blacks.

2) Is the President concerned about the large number of Republicans who refused to support his veto of the coal and minerals leasing act? Doesn't this indicate a lack of leadership in the White House?

3)

ANNOUNCEMENTS/Thursday, August 5, 1976

10:30 a.m.

1. Appointment of nine persons as members of the National Highway Safety Advisory Committee.
2. The appointment of Robert A. Collier of Alexandria Virginia to be Vice Chairman of the President's Committee on Employment of the Handicapped.

POSSIBLE QUESTIONS FOR RON NESSEN BRIEFING FRIDAY, AUGUST 6, 1976

- 1) Is the President concerned about the loss of six delegates in New York and New Jersey? Is this why Rogers Morton said the nomination is not locked up? Are more losses expected?
- 2) Reports from correspondents with Henry Kissinger's trip say that the Administration will protest any underground nuclear explosion if it exceeds the 150 kiltoton limit in the unsigned treaty. Is this correct? When do you expect to get a reading on the ~~exact~~ two Russian explosions? Is this why the NSC is meeting today? If there is any decision in the NSC on this, will you tell us?
- 3) Is the President concerned about the tremendous cost overruns in the construction of the garage for the Visitors Center? Has he ordered a separate investigation from what Interior is doing? Isn't that contract Interior entered into a peculiar sort of a deal? Is there any standard for federal contracts on projects like this?

Press Office staff
August 9, 1976

TT taping a lot this morning.

Photographer in from Detroit News today.

Bad day from the TT's schedule. Will get mood stuff.

Trp went OK yesterday. Follow-up questions on what he said on abortion.

John going to Kansas City later today.

Michael went O.K. TT made mis-statement.

Ruined best sentence for TV. Said appreciation instead of "apprehension." Luback & Barrett blame TT the whole time.

TT felt very good about that. Proud short speech can be effective.

TV didn't have applause of TT's speech.

113 stations carried it live.

(Watched Chevy on AM. America).

Johnny Apple used some of same extreme
N.Y. Daily News used it.

Detroit all in Post.

As for Playboy article, Ron thinks it will probably die.

Let's buy one more day and it will probably die.

N.Y. Magazine - Norman Mailer has piece on CIA. Nixon.

News conference - no one thinks TT should have it today.

Center - Block Ministers - \$150,000

POSSIBLE QUESTIONS FOR RON NESSEN BRIEFING MONDAY, AUGUST 9, 1976

- 1) Why is the U.S. weighing in on Pakistan's purchase of a nuclear fuel reprocessing plant from France--when it is still selling nuclear ~~fuel~~^{supplies} to India? ~~Is~~ Is the U.S. now ~~tilt~~^{tilting} toward India?
- 2) The Gallup pool says 7 out of 10 Americans favor a debate on TV between the Presidential candidates. Why is the President so reluctant to commit himself to a debate with Jimmy Carter? In the light of this heavy public demand--how can he refuse?
- 3) Is the President concerned about the action of the platform committee in refusing to accept Ford people as chairmen of the platform subcommittees?

Press Office Staff
August 10

N.Y.T.
Wash Post
U.S. News } Interview approved
for later this week.

U.S. News cover photo - today.

David Hampton and black fraternity and sorority
people to see TT. Here all day for briefing.
Larry will find out VFW and Black

Center and Black buses - got out of it free.
Ron, Bergen, Conway will see about it.
Common Cause logical place. Work through
Rohy's office.

No one asked Ron about Mississippi delegates.

Ask TT about Rules Committee vote.

Q & A

HAK - Pakistani nuclear complaint

Postcard registration - ruled out mass mailing

Phil Bucher - Leon Jaworski

POSSIBLE QUESTIONS FOR RON NESSEN BRIEFING TUESDAY AUGUST 10, 1976

- 1) Is the President concerned over the Reagan move to force him to name his Vice Presidential candidate before the nomination roll call? What will he do if the convention votes for the rules change? Will he defy the convention?
- 2) Can you confirm that the French have refused to listen to Henry Kissinger's pleas not to sell a nuclear reprocessing plant to Pakistan? Will the U.S. take any further action in this matter? Has the President talked to President Giscard about this? Does he plan to do so? If the President has such good relations with Giscard, as he has been claiming--shouldn't he use a little gentle persuasion? Or isn't the ~~xxxxxxx~~ relationship as good as the President claims?
- 3) Does the President have any comment on the House vote for the post card registration bill?
- 4) Is the President pleased with the federal court action permitting the increase in natural gas prices with a set aside for ~~xxxx~~ possible refunds? Is the administration still pushing for deregulation of natural gas? Why should it continue to seek deregulation when the FPC ~~xxxxxx~~ ruling accomplishes the same goal?

PROPOSED ANNOUNCEMENTS.

8/10/76

10:00

National Advisory Council on Vocational Education (RELEASE) IF SIGNED.

Advisory Commission on Intergovernmental Relations. (RELEASE) IF SIGNED.

Press office 1st off
August 11, 1976

Ron got Carter thing @ regulatory agencies on
CBS. last night.

Ron, Carlson, Speaker have to pay hotel + food
in K.C. P.F.C. will pay for others but you
must take 4 1/2 days annual leave.

Need to have Press Office running in D.C. Jim
Shuman will be here next week.

News Summary must function next week.
Shuman gave Bergen memo on alternatives.

Larry at 9:30am. Scheduling meeting will
talk about K.

US News Interview postponed til tomorrow for our
Wash Post - Fri.
Chicago Int - Dal. interview for Sunday -

Phil Jones episode. If using Larry's name in your
office, where else? Could cancel tickets and
call in Jones. Ron needs to talk to him face to face
or Larry.

TI coming to Sr. staff.

Smire flu signing - need to get word on our
hell sign immediately

P.E.A.
Buckley.

PROPOSED ANNOUNCEMENTS

8/11/76

10:00

Appointment of Paul A. Marks as a member of the President's Cancer Panel. (POSTING)

Appointment of six persons as members of the National Cancer Advisory Board. (RELEASE)

Press office Staff
aug. 12

Pay decision for Fed employees made by TT alone without Congress plus yes. Lynn + Hampton decided on complicated formula. Very controversial. Larger salary, larger pay raise for comparable to private industry.

(Watched Morton interview on CBS Morning News)
(Watched Cochran commentary on Repub. campaign)

Row will do briefing at 11 am.

Lary will sit on U.S. News Interview

Summe flu in Cabinet Room. Regular set up. Writing pool. Will include Health Publications who have called Margaret w. attending.

Sen. Curtis briefing in constituents unhappy about beef prices.

Read out from HAK 5:30 meeting?

Day more details of Kansas City today to get another story. Sunday night has meetings at hotel.

Wholesale Price Index today. Expected to be good. Margaret will get reaction

Q & A:

Buckley

ERA.



PROPOSED ANNOUNCEMENTS

10:00

8/12/76

Appointment of five persons as members of the Fine Arts Commission
(RELEASE)

Intention to nominate Wilfred Smith to be a member of Foreign
Claims Settlement Commission. (RELEASE)

Press office staff
Aug. 13

No coverage of AFI crew presentation.
Cory Rhodes not on schedule.

Possibility FEA Bill signed.

Departure times for trip today.
No bible for trip. Daily schedule.

Should give Aldo Beckman something good Sat. because
paper circulated Monday at convention.

Wires have asked for photo of TT working on speech
for Sun papers.

Union members quitting payboard.

Q & A

Buckley

Clark Reed - who did he talk to at W.H.?

Kelep reforms of F.B.I.

List of grant officials Carter put out who
couldn't get jobs in private sector

PROPOSED ANNOUNCEMENTS

8/13/76

10:00

Appointment of Simon Ramo as a member of the President's Committee on Science and Technology (POSTING)

Appointment of Victor Zink as a member of the Advisory Committee to the Pension Benefit Guaranty Corporation. (POSTING)

POSSIBLE QUESTIONS FOR RON NESSEN BRIEFING FRIDAY, AUGUST 13, 1976

1) What is the President's reaction to Clarke Reed's demand that ~~Mississippi will~~ Mississippi will switch back to REagan unless the President eliminates liberals from consideration as Vice Presidential possibilities? Has the President ~~talked~~ talked to Reed about this? Does he plan to talk to Reed? ~~Has~~ Has the President given any consideration to eliminating anyone from his considerations? Are Percy, Hatfield, Weicker and Brooke still ~~under~~ under consideration? How about Maine's demand for assurances that Connally will not be considered? Can the President afford to lose ~~2x~~ such delegates on the first ballot?

2) Jimmy Carter has a list of people the President has put into top government jobs-- which the Carter people say is using good government positions as dumping grounds for ~~unsuccessful~~ unsuccessful candidates. What is the President's comment on the Carter charge? Will the President continue this process of using government jobs to take care of defeated office seekers? Does the President think this policy is good government? Is this any way to restore trust in government? Isn't this more of the Washington Buddy system?

3) Is the President worried about a floor fight over the ERA plank approved by the platform Committee? What are his estimates---as personal commander of the Ford force --of the chances of winning a floor fight on the issue?

4)

Press Office Staff -
Sept. 13

Fact sheet and statement for Sunshine Bill
signing at noon. Ken Layman will brief
Phil Shalocoff.

Scranton on U.N. matters

Packers + Stockyards Bill - fact sheet + signing ceremony

2:15 pm EPB to go over Jay Bill + anti-trust Bill

Left for Wed speech? Want to get it out for 6pm
release to get it on Wed. T.V.

Q&A

Nepchaug and airport security

(waiting for report from Coleman)

(Report after N.Y. bombing at LaGuardia)

What do we feel about Croatian independence,

Brookings Report on Soviet

~~China~~ China.

TI's meeting @ Dole yesterday

PROPOSED ANNOUNCEMENTS

10:00

9/13/76

Intention to nominate ten persons to be Representatives and Alternate Representatives to the 31st Session of the General Assembly of the United Nations. (RELEASE)

Intention to nominate seven persons to be members of the National Science Board. (RELEASE)

Message to the Congress transmitting to the Report of the President of the Commodity Credit Corporation for fiscal year ended June 30, 1975. (RELEASE)

Proclamation entitled "Citizenship Day and Constitution Week, 1976." (RELEASE)

Press Office Staff -
Sept. 14

Ron @ TT for today show. Baring over final question.
If good news from ~~E~~. Today show should
carry rest of day. If not wire have to ~~do~~ get
something else.

12 noon Federal Pay - compromise group.
Will put it on schedule probably. John will
check in Sr. staff.

2:35 - American Business Volunteers for Ford. Ron
wants no coverage. They want full coverage.
If today show nothing, will have
coverage.

Brief at 11:30 am

Senator Mathias coming this morning off the
record to talk politics.

Q&A

Annual question - H's Secive Adviser
should get involved in

TT sign Defense Appropriations Bill

Did TT call Rich Little?

TT delay first ads til Sept. 26. will porting
Carter as inexperienced

Transcripts of briefing in briefing room
(Cathelin Berber)

POSSIBLE QUESTIONS FOR RON NESSEN BRIEFING, TUESDAY, SEPT. 14, 1976

1) Is the PResident aware of the charges of \$250,000 in secret payments to an Air Force Intelligence officer? ~~Is~~ Has he ordered any investigation into the charges? Does he plan to do so? Are these sort of transactions still going on? ~~Do they~~ Does the PResident approve of this sort of operation? Is he taking any steps to stop this sort of thing?

2) Does the Pr esident have any comment on the findings of the scientists committee that aerosol sprays may be diminishing the ozone in the atmosphere? Does he plan to order any new studies into this matter? Does the President feel the 2 year waiting period ~~is~~ for further study is dangerous? Shouldn't aerosol sprays be banned right now if they are causing harm?

3) Is the PResident aware of problems in the distribution of polio vaccine? Is he doing any thing to remedy the problem? Has the White House been in contact with the Lederle Labs on this problem? Does the White House intend to contact ~~the~~ Lederle?

4) Does the President have any hope of averting a strike at the Ford Motor Company tonight? Does he have any trepidation about going into Michigan to ~~conduct~~ campaign, just as the Auto Workers are going out on strike? Who scheduled this campaign trail---didn't they know a strike was coming?

PROPOSED ANNOUNCEMENTS

10:00

9/14/76

Appintment of eight persons as members of the National Council on the Arts. (RELEASE)

21st 1976 and Transition Quarter Special Message ~~■~~ under the Impoundment Control Act of 1974. ~~XXXXX~~ (RELEASE)

Letter Requesting Advice from the U.S. International Trade Commission on the Generalized System of Preferences. (RELEASE)

Press Office Staff
Sept. 16

Announcements

Wm D. Rogers -

New Commissioner of Education (?)

Thygn thinks tomorrow

Briefing at 11 am.

Alderson in both interviews today.

4:00 pm PNC chairman - Southern,

No coverage here. P.F.C. Press Conference

5:00 pm Young II's dinner

No coverage - W.H. pays for.

7:30 pm.

Station - American Foundation Bicentennial

Substitute dinner. LaCovey.

LaCovey should know

Q & A:

Les chern story.

Federal funds for abortion?

Jord strike

II's Vision for America last night



PROPOSED ANNOUNCEMENTS

10:00

9/16/76

Intention to nominate William D. Rogers for three financial institution positions: Asian Development Bank; Int. Bank for Reconst. and Dev.; and the Inter-Amer. Dev. Bank (POSTING)

Intention to nominate Wat. T. Cluverius IV, to be Ambassador to the ~~Sax~~State of Bahrain (RELEASE)

Fisheries Agreement Between the U.S. and Poland. (RELEASE)

Press office staff
Sept. 17

Photo of 11 men. Prince Surdi - Saudi Arabia
3:30pm. Rec. for Nat'l Fed. of Repul. Women - whether or
not coverage depends on what it says to them
Now will check on coverage of Emergency legis.

Did it meet @ Ford Co officials in Michigan?
John C will check

O&A

Catholic Bishops declining
Rochester obscure gesture
F-14 that fell outboard JFK
when did Southern ship get laid on?
Ford strike. It seen analysis by Labor Dept >

New Commr of Education - photo @ π today if can
get him in. Q&A's on this guy for Ron.

π yesterday - need 15 min. for WCC, Alderson.

Rumpfled - refers pres conf. yesterday. None here today

Long. group - 2 sentences on it. Ron will answer

π didn't meet @ Ford Co. refers during 2 hr. break

Gene Palucci introduction - absurd π wouldn't
speak til then.

Strike: Guenspan said don't have to do huge
analysis - This type thing happened before.
Have historical data.

10 am: few announcements

Women thing: Hopefully by briefing will know
full coverage.

Said says see things in NY Times this morning

PROPOSED ANNOUNCEMENTS

10:00

9/17/76

Intention to nominate Edward Aguirre to be Commissioner of Education (RELEASE) IF SIGNED (At briefing)

Intention to nominate Monteagle Staerns to be Ambassador to the Republic of the Ivory Coast (RELEASE)

Intention to nominate five alternates and five reps. to the 19th Session of the General Conference of UNESCO. (RELEASE)

Text of Letters from the President to the Secretary of Interior, Administrator of FEA and Secretary of Navy on directing study of Naval Petroleum ~~RESERVE~~ Reserve Numbered 4 in Alaska (RELEASE)

POSSIBLE QUESTIONS FOR RON NESSEN BRIEFING, FRIDAY, SEPT. 17, 1976

- 1) Does the President agree with the assessment of President Kaunda, that only a few days--not weeks---remain in which to reach a solution to the Southern Africa situation? Is that what Secretary Kissinger is reporting back to the President?
- 2) Did the President refuse to speak to the Italian-Americans last night unless he was introduced by Jen0 Paulucci---as the Post reports this morning? ~~Why~~ Why is the President so fond of Paulucci?
- 3) What does the President think of Archbishop Bernardin's disclaimer of any endorsement by the bishops of any presidential candidate? Is he disappointed in Bernardin's stand?
- 4) Does the President approve of the obscene gesture made by the Vice President yesterday? Has the President discussed this lack of good taste with the Vice President? Does he intend to speak to the Vice President about this? Does he encourage his advocates to go around making obscene gestures? Is this the type of campaign the President approves?
- 5) The Congress has approved the antitrust bill and sent it to the President. Will he sign the measure? He had serious objections to the Senate version--which the House has now adopted, ---does this mean the President plans to veto the bill?
- 6) Reports say the President is ~~expected~~ expected to sign the tax bill. Are they correct?

- Press office staff
Sept. 20

Briefing at 11:30 (for 25 min.)

12 noon - Guest Nat'l Farm Credit Directors

Expected signing of Tax Bill Thursday.

Postal Service Bill one day end of the week

Q & A

Carter tax plan

NAK trip to Africa

Reaction to CBS not carrying debate
because of no cutaways of audience reaction

Preparation for debates

NYT story saying Reagan will not
campaign in 5 states. Cheney called
his aides and reaction cool.

Did π read John Sears open letter in Time?

Law of Sea conference resumed

Announce overnight in Phil.

POSSIBLE QUESTIONS FOR RON NESSEN BRIEFING, MONDAY, SEPT. 20, 1976.

- 1) What does the President think of the apparent progress Secretary Kissinger is making in his African talks? Has the President talked directly with Kissinger in the past 48 hours? Does he plan to confer with Kissinger in the near future?
- 2) Is the President considering changing his position on the televising of audiences during the debates with Jimmy Carter? Has the President received the telegram from Richard Salant, President of CBS News on the situation? Will he reply to Salant's telegram?
- 3) Does the President approve of the election results in Sweden? Does he anticipate this will ~~not~~ change Sweden's policies toward the U.S.? ~~Does~~
- 4) Carter says you and the other Republicans are wrong in criticizing his tax plan---says he doesn't intend to raise middle-income taxes. What is your response? Weren't you a little hasty in jumping ~~over~~ onto Carter without full knowledge of his plan?

Press Office Staff
Sept. 21

Arrival ceremony for Jolley
Meeting at 11 am.

Bringing at 11:30 am.

Telephone call to Natl Ass of Homebuilders in SCC
will listen to tape and if sounds good will
play it in briefing room before lunch lid.
Bill will track on it.

CPI comes out at 10 am.

Acknowledging Jim Thompson is here.
Still full Chicago press will be available
in driveway. John handling

Bill Roberts handling state dinner. Mrs.
Ford wanted us to handle - not Sheila.

Q & A

476 - number on W.N. staff.

Also comparative numbers @ Aug. 1974

Did it talk to Reagan before or after speech?

~~Playing~~ Playing golf @ Bill Whyte of US Steel
Gary Londrup in Wall St. Journal saying
investigation of Kent. Co. Repub. Committee
finances and Teamsters Union.
Electronic surveillance

POSSIBLE QUESTIONS FOR RON NESSEN BEEFING TUESDAY, SEPT 21, 1976/

- 1) Did the President accept expense-paid golf trips from U.S. Steel while a Minority Leader in the House? U S Steel representative Bill White says that is true--what does the President think about the propriety of his accepting such favors while he was minority leader/ Why does he continue to play golf with White? Doesn't this indicate the President is in U.S. Steel's pocket? How many other Big Business people have done favors for the President---either while he has been in office or before?
- 2) Does the President have any reaction to the CBS decision to televise the debates despite the restrictions which the White House ~~insisted~~ insisted on. ?
- 3) What is the President's reaction to the failure of Congress to act on the Administration proposal governing electronic surveillance? Will the President continue to try to get this through Congress?

PROPOSED ANNOUNCEMENTS

10:00

9/21/76

Intention to nominate Michael Starr to be Director, Regional, ~~Intergover~~
Intergovernmental and Special Programs OF THE FEA (RELEASE)

Designation of Samuel S. Johnson to be the Federal Member representing
the U.S. and the Chairman of the Klamath River Compact Commission
(POSTING) IF SIGNED

Proclamation on "National Employ the Handicapped Week, 1976" (RELEASE)

Press Office Staff
Sept. 22.

Brief at 11:30

Harris announced normally. Ron will find out at what point to announce. Normally will leak.

Sup:

Will have check-in times at Buzing

John will check on speech advance (Polish Congress)

We have 48 people for advance - have 55 slots.

Hotels all sorted out. John will check on

Sullivan - Stratford

Will announce who is sitting in audience from press

1968 Code of Ethics - Cheney has copy which John will get for Ron.

Flood disaster for California
Resignation of cancer head.

Margaret will get major press interview sheet for Ron.
.6 to 1.9. Has been in works a long time

Billy Graham will ride over to Salt Lake reception with TT. Tell pool 5 min. before leave. Want pictures of their arriving, or before they get in car.

Q & A

Carley energy plan

U.S. Steel ~~ST~~

Leak Co. Grand Jury



POSSIBLE QUESTIONS FOR RON NESSEN BRIEFING, WEDNESDAY, SEPT. 22, 1976.

- 1) Vice President Candidate Dole took a crack at Jimmy Carter's interview yesterday. Was this under orders from the President? Is Dole going to campaign against the Playboy interview? Why did the President say "No comment" when asked about the interview? Doesn't he have any opinion on sex and lust in man? Is he unconcerned about public morality?
- 2) The Kent County Republicans charge "politics" in the subpoenaing of their records by the Special Prosecutor. Does the President agree with that charge? Does he disagree? Does his silence mean that he endorses the stand of the Kent County GOP?
- 3) Will the President get a report from the FBI on the ~~lock~~ bomb blast which killed the former Chilean ambassador? Has he asked for any report?
- 4) What does the President think of Carter's plan for a super-energy agency, by creating a new cabinet office of energy? Would the President adopt such a plan?

PROPOSED ANNOUNCEMENTS.

10:00

9/23/76

Intention to nominate Eugene Girard to be an Assistant Administrator of the Agency for International Development (RELEASE) IF SIGNED

Appointment of five persons as members of the Board of Governors of the United Services Organizations, Inc. (POSTING)

Appointment of ~~xxx~~ two persons as members of the Board of Directors of the Federal National Mortgage Association (RELEASE)

- Press Office Staff -
Sept. 28

Photo of 8:00am Cong. Bipartisan Leadership
9:45am Cabinet Meeting
2:30pm German Foreign Minister

for signing ceremony will have
signing ~~and~~ statement
Fact sheet

Break at noon

Newsweek interview - postponed at 2pm

Jonka should put together something on Rhodesia

Q & A:

Specimen prosecutor - Post front page story
Poverty line story - Carter people
Foreign ~~policy~~ ministers coming in
right before foreign policy debate

PROPOSED ANNOUNCEMENTS

10:00

9/28/76

Intention to nominate David deWilde to be President of the Government National Mortgage Association (RELEASE)

Intention to nominate G. McMurtrie Godly to be Ambassador to Ethiopia (RELEASE)

Intention to nominate Herschel Schacter to be a member of the Commission of Civil Rights (RELEASE) IF SIGNED

Intention to nominate Charles J. Fahey to be a member of the Federal Council on Aging (POSTING) IF SIGNED

Intention to nominate seventeen persons to be members of the United States Metric Board (RELEASE) IF SIGNED

Report to Congress on the World Weather Program Plan for FY '77
(RELEASE)

Message to Congress on the 22nd 1976 and transition quarter special message to the Congress under the Impoundment Control Act of 1974.
(RELEASE)

POSSIBLE QUESTIONS FOR RON NESSEN BRIEFING TUESDAY, SEPT. 28 1976.

- 1) ~~With~~ The State Department keeps saying that the criticism of the ~~Kissinger~~ Rhodesian peace plan is only on details--not on the basic essence of the agreement. But if the details can't be worked out--how can the agreement be put into effect? What is the President doing about all of this criticism? Is he ~~attempting~~ going to give Kissinger any new plan or new advice at the Cabinet meeting today?

- 2) Is the White House lobby group on the Hill doing any work against the two measures the Saudi Arabians oppose? Is the President concerned about the embargo threat from the Saudis? Has he taken any steps to head off an embargo? Has he ordered any actions to prepare for a possible embargo?

- 3) What is the President's reaction to the Carter criticisms of the influence of lobbyists in the government? Does the President approve of lobbyists and lobbying? Is the P^Resident concerned about the appearance of his friendship with some of the biggest lobbyists in Washington?

Press Office Staff
Sept 29

Schedule:

Signing at 12 o'clock - coverage if anyone wants it -
Labor - NEW bill veto at 12:30 pm - Pool in Oval Office
Tax Bill probably Monday -
Brief at 11:30 am.

Q & A:

Has π flown in the real plane?

Accommodation + travel for golf games -
who paid them?

Why did he stop playing golf when he became
VP?

Leading economic indicators going down

PROPOSED ANNOUNCEMENTS

10:00

9/24/76

Appointment of persons to the National Transportation Policy
Study Commission (RELEASE)

Appointment of three persons as members of the President's Committee
on the National Medal of Science (POSTING)

Intention to nominate six persons to be members of the Advisory
Council on Women's Educational Programs (RELEASE)

Appointment of Gerald N. Wogan to the National Advisory Board (POSTING)

POSSIBLE QUESTIONS FOR RON NESSEN BRIEFING, WEDNESDAY, SEPT. 29, 1976

- 1) Has the President---either while in Congress or as Vice President or President---ever flown in a company plane owned by the Thiokol Co. ? Does he approve of Jack's having flown twice in the plane? Has he taken any action to prevent any of his family from accepting future free transportation from Thiokol?
- 2) Ron, when are you going to give us a list of the places the President has played golf as a corporation guest in the past 8 years? Why can't you just sit down with the President and list the places he remembers--if no records were kept? Obviously the President remembers a selected few places that he played, and you have already discussed those with him--why can't you get a complete list? Alcoa says their records give no indication the President ever played golf on an Alcoa course. Why did you list that one?
- 4) Senator Mondale has called for the President to answer these questions himself. Why won't the President come out and talk to us? Is he planning to go through this campaign like Nixon did in 1972, avoiding all the hard questions? Do you think you can stonewall these golfing and campaign fund questions through to the end of the campaign? Don't you realize what the failure to deal honestly with these questions is doing to the President? When will the President answer these questions, Ron?
- 5)

UNANSWERED QUESTIONS

SEPTEMBER 29, 1976

TOM JARRIEL:

RON

Time and place where the President spoke to the Seafarers' Union?

FRAN LEWINE:

RON

Does the President have any groundrules for discussions when he plays golf?

MARILYN BERGER:

RON

Does the President feel he has pardoned an innocent man since Nixon's book has started to come out?

HOWARD NORTON:

THYM

What are the Evangelical leaders doing in here tomorrow?

MARILYN BERGER:

JIM

JOE POLOCOFF:

JLM

What is the latest on this bill? Anti-boycott bill.

Export Administration Act--What is the President's position on this bill? Leadership trying to block the bill? Senator Tower has told the President that it should not be voted on?

Press Office Staff
Sept. 30

Veterans Bill

Not in East Garden

Increase existing bill which expires end of month

Ron will sit in on meeting @ Rockefeller + religious
broadcasters.

Milliken - leave off schedule. Want to see if will talk to press

Brief after signing ceremony.

Today will announce departure for Calif. late
Monday.

Q. A.

Special Prosecutor

PROPOSED ANNOUNCEMENTS

10:00

9/2/976

Intention to nominate six persons to be ~~mb~~ members of the Board of ~~Regents~~ Regents (POSTING) IF SIGNED

Appointment of the Chairmen of the ten Federal Regional Councils for Fiscal Year 1977 ~~Y~~ (RELEASE)

Intention to nominate three persons as members of the Board of Directors of the National Institute of Building Sciences (RELEASE) IF SIGNED

Appointment of fifteen persons as members of the National Advisory Council on Indian Education (RELEASE)

Apppointment of Gerald Wogan to be a member of the National Cancer Advisory Board (POSTING) IF SIGNED

POSSIBLE QUESTIONS FOR RON NESZEN BRIEFING, THURSDAY, SEPT. 30

1) The Post says this morning, the President will hold a news conference this week. Is that accurate? Are you having a news conference because of the charges about the golf games and the diversion of contributions? Has pressure from Carter and Mondale influenced the President in holding a news conference?

2) What is the President's reaction to the Congressional leaders statement that they will bring Congress back October 9th if the President fails to act on the public works bill? What if Congress fails to approve the revenue sharing bill? What action can the President take?

3) Was the President aware of the missing pages in the Dole Ledger before he named Dole as his Vice Presidential running mate? Is he concerned about the report?

4)

Press office Staff -
Oct. 1

Schedule:

Photos of: French for Min.
Dole (?) Ron will see at 9am meeting
Gromyko

Shuman will give to Ron each day list of bills and where they are. No bills due today.

Q & A

Reschedule debates

PROPOSED ANNOUNCEMENTS

10:00

9/30/76

Intention to nominate six persons to be members of the Board of Regents of the National Library of Medicine (RELEASE)

~~Apppxinx~~

Appointment of Gerald Wogan as a member of the National Cancer Advisory Board (POSTING)

~~Resignation~~ of David Meeker as Assistant Secretary of Housing and Urban Development (POSTING) IF SIGNED

~~Repsrx~~

Message to the Congress of the Seventh Annual Report of the Council on Environmental Quality (RELEASE)

POSSIBLE QUESTIONS FOR RON NESSEN BRIEFING, FRIDAY, ~~SEPT~~ OCT. 1, 1976

- 1) Why did you announce the briefing yesterday for 12:30 pm, and then call the president's news conference 45 minutes earlier? This is the first time a briefing has been ~~called~~ scheduled, and then have a news conference earlier than the hour for the briefing. Why are you adopting such an underhanded, tricky way of dealing with the press? ~~Is~~ Did you stop to consider that this procedure can cost reporters their jobs?
- 2) Jewish leaders have asked for a re-scheduling of the debates of Oct 15th and 22nd because they fall on the Jewish Sabbath and on a festival holiday. Is the President considering arranging a different date for the debates? Why did the President agree to the ~~the~~ controversial dates in the first place?
- 3) ~~As~~ An Israeli newspaper quotes the President as saying he will visit Israel and the Middle East following the election, and saying that a new round of diplomacy is planned to achieve a final peace settlement in the Middle East/ Are these reports true?
- 4) The Post this morning quotes ~~Deputy~~ Atty General Tyler as saying that Attorney General Levi ordered the investigation into Pres. Ford's campaign financing. Was the President aware of this? Did he consult with Levi about it? Why didn't the Attorney General inform the President/? Shouldn't it be his responsibility to do so in a matter as important ~~as~~ as this?
- 5) What is the President's reaction to the Congress overriding his veto of the HEW Labor Appropriations Bill? Is he concerned about being the second most overridden President in history?

Monday - Oct
Press Office Staff

Photo of 10:30 - legal allow - Israeli Min. of Foreign Affairs
advance text

Roll coming in right after campaign starting committee
Briefing at 10:30 am

New York trip tomorrow

Barbara Walters tomorrow in N.Y.

Announce Friday trip.

30 bills arrived - first batch of 113 signed

Q & A:
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Press office staff
Oct 14

flu shot - 10 am. Pool coverage

2 stub, 1 reel, 1 writer, 1 radio

Signing ceremony - 11:45 am. No coverage

Waters - 2 fact sheets

Demora's trip -

Prepared speech for Iowa?

Q & A:

Anne Armstrong - coming back for routine
consultation



POSSIBLE QUESTIONS FOR RON NESSEN BRIEFING, THURSDAY, OCT. 14, 1976.

1) Is the President agreeable to having the tapes of his conversations with Nixon being made public to end the controversy over whether he did discuss stopping the Patman investigation with ~~the~~ Nixon ~~with~~ White House people? Is he concerned about what the tapes might reveal? Will the President urge the Special Prosecutor to release the information--as Dole did concerning the allegations about him?

2) Why did the President ~~xxxx~~ reverse all previous Administration policies and raise wheat price supports? Isn't this a crass political bid for votes in the farm states? The ~~xxx~~ senior economist at the Department of Agriculture says there is no ~~economic~~ economic justification for such price increases--why is the President ignoring such economic advice? Why did the President follow Jimmy Carters suggestion to increase wheat price supports? ~~Is~~ Aren't his economic policies different from Carters? Doesn't the President continually campaign against more government ~~cont~~ involvement in farmers lives? ~~Why is he~~

3) Can the President justify the political use of White House aides ~~pk~~ whose salaries are paid for by the taxpayer? Can we get a detailed list of the aides who are working on campaign activities---and the hours they have put in on the campaign versus the hours on their real jobs?

Press office Staff
Oct. 18

Staff meetings in the morning.
Ann Armstrong this afternoon
11:30 briefing

Q & A

George Brown



POSSIBLE QUESTIONS FOR RON NESSEN BRIEFING MONDAY, OCT. 18, 1976

1) What is the President's reaction to the H. E. W. study showing the national health insurance plan of Jimmy Carter is ~~not~~ not as expensive as labeled? ~~How~~ Is the President ~~is~~ considering changing his opposition to the program as a result of the study?

2) A House committee finds that the natural gas price increases ~~is~~ approved by the FPC will cost the gas users 2.5 billion dollars... a billion more than previously estimated. What is the President's reaction to this? ~~Has~~ How will this affect inflation? What will it do to the cost of living? Is the President reconsidering his support of even higher prices for natural gas?

Press Office Staff
Oct. 19. Tues.

AMVETS- news event of day.

may have been moved from oval office

Hornett Newspapers off schedule.

GDP- 3.8 % growth. Announced at 10 am.

CPI- Thursday.

Brief at 11:30 am

HUD- Transportation announcement of major assistance to metropolitan areas.

Regional tapes - PFC has.

Q&A:

GND reaction

Sen. Brown statement on Israel. Does it believe Israel is a burden on the US?

Aviation Week story on selling sophisticated computers to PRC that could be used for missile guidance

Does it feel he ended the war in Vietnam

POSSIBLE QUESTIONS FOR RON NESSEN BRIEFING TUESDAY, OCT. 19, 1976

- 1) Senator James Buckley in New York says General Brown should be reprimanded. Is the President reconsidering his decision to close the Brown case with no action? Will the President listen to the people in his own party who are demanding a some action against General Brown?
- 2) Does the President feel the new Lebanon agreement will have any effect in ending the fighting ~~xxx~~ there? Does he approve of the ppact? Is he pleased that Syria appears to have won a victory in the negt iations?
- 3) Jimmy Carter has accused the President of misleading the public in promising during the secon d debate that he would ~~xx~~ order ~~xxx~~ all American companies who had been dealing with the Araba boycott made public--rather than just those since Oct. 7th. HWhat is your response? What does the President think?

- Press Office Staff -
Oct. 20

Mildred Thompson - N. 10

too much of a nut to talk to press
Arthur Burns

Has been abroad Reporting to TI

nuclear Report Proliferation
Neighborhood Reutilization

Jack Ford may be on "Meet the Press" Sun. before election

Q & A:

Arab boycott companies

OMB delay for year on decision ^{study} for ~~action~~

Stockpile of strategic materials

- Press Office Staff -
Oct. 21

Swearing-in East Room - Fed. Council on Aging
Brief immediately afterward - at 11:30
Hungarian Freedom Fighters

CPI out at 10 am.

Neighborhood Revitalization Report today?

Good fact sheet.

Cheney said would be Tues. might have
meant Thursday.

Nuclear Proliferation -

Q & A

Black leaders have charged TT Ford ads misleading

POSSIBLE QUESTIONS FOR RON NESSEN BRIEFING, THURSDAY, OCT. 21, 1976.

- 1) Congresswoman Holtzman charges that Attorney General Levi's refusal to investigate the Dean charges against the President are a coverup. What does the President have to say about that? Did the President approve of Levi's action? Did the President ask Levi to drop any probe? Is the President relieved that Levi has decided not to act? Will the President agree to release the tapes of the conversations between him and President Nixon even though there will be no investigation? Doesn't the President owe it to the American people to make public the complete record?
- 2) Is the President concerned about the Common Cause study showing great conflict of interest in the various regulatory agencies? Will the President take any steps to correct this problem?
- 3) Does the President approve of the proposed sale of computers to the Peoples Republic of China, despite the objections from security people?
- 4) Is the President making any new directives to the Commerce Department on the Arab boycott reporting problems? Is he satisfied with the way the Department carried out his orders?
- 5) The President has repeatedly said the U.S. has never been higher in respect than now---yet the administration's own polls in Western Europe last summer showed the lowest level of U.S. prestige in 22 years. Has the President seen that poll? How can he continue to say Carter slanders the U.S. when the Administration's own poll bears out Carter's claim?

Press office staff
November 16

Let to do between now + Jan. 20.

Have to go on and do good job.

Helpful to teacher people. Institution of Tracy

Announcements:

Bayly - new Delhi resignation.

Low key in afternoon posting when ready.
few other resignations

Bill Roberts will develop general talking ~~thoughts~~
topics for Lou to give to Powell re. POWs, etc.

Q & A:

TT's personal plans

Bill Roberts will circulate about 9 am.
to see if any questions in Press Room.
Swine flu for kids
American boy in Mexican prison