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THE WHITE HOUSE
WASHINGTON

July 1, 1976

MEMORANDUM FOR: THE WHITE HOUSE STAFF
FROM: RICHARD B. CHENEY
SUBJECT: Standards of Conduct: E.O. 11920,
Procedures Governing Presidential
Review of Decisions Submitted to the
President by the Civil Aeronautics
Board

On June 10, 1976, the President announced that he had issued Executive Order 11920 (copy attached) to improve the process of Presidential review of certification and permit decisions of the Civil Aeronautics Board (CAB) involving international and overseas air transportation. The Order establishes for the first time guidelines to better assure fairness in the review process and to avoid suspicions of impropriety. This memorandum is to apprise you of your new obligations and responsibilities and the new procedures to be followed under E.O. 11920, effective July 11, 1976.

Background

Under Section 801 of the Federal Aviation Act, as amended (49 U.S.C. 1461), the President has authority to approve or disapprove certification and permit decisions of the CAB involving international and overseas air transportation. This authority is in recognition of the President's Constitutional responsibilities for foreign policy and national defense.

Over the years, the process of Presidential review of CAB decisions has provoked some controversy. Among the problems raised has been the appearance of impropriety which arises from the absence of specific guidelines governing access by outside parties to staff in the White House and other agencies within the Executive Office of the President.

Our current Standards of Conduct which were distributed on October 28, 1974, bar all ex parte contacts with the various regulatory agencies, including the CAB, unless there is prior

clearance with the Counsel's Office (Standards of Conduct, par. 11).* However, that constraint does not effectively meet the problems which are raised incident to the Section 801 review process.

New Limitations

The principal provisions of the Executive Order as it affects White House Staff may be summarized as follows:

- Individuals are directed not to discuss any pending CAB cases with interested parties and to transmit all written communications from such parties to the appropriate department or agency for handling.
- Exceptions to the policy noted above are appropriate only when the head of a department or agency outside of the Executive Office of the President personally finds that direct communication between a private party and a person on the White House Staff is needed for reasons of defense or foreign policy.

Although E.O. 11920 will become effective July 11, 1976, as noted above, effective immediately all White House Staff are directed to abide by its provisions. You should note that the prohibition on ex parte contacts applies to cases at the CAB that have not yet been sent to the White House for Presidential review. In many instances, you may not even be aware of the existence of a particular case. Thus, in discussing international air transportation matters with private parties, you should inquire whether or not the party has an interest in a specific case if you have any reason to believe that such may be the fact. Of course, you should terminate any discussions upon learning that the party does have an interest in a pending case.

All specific questions arising under E.O. 11920 should be referred to the Counsel's Office.

* A detailed breakdown of the different categories of regulatory agencies was provided in a memorandum issued by Donald Rumsfeld under date of October 10, 1975.



Executive Order 11920

June 10, 1976

Establishing Executive Branch Procedures Solely for the Purpose of Facilitating Presidential Review of Decisions Submitted to the President by the Civil Aeronautics Board

By virtue of the authority vested in me by the Constitution and laws of the United States of America, including section 801 of the Federal Aviation Act, as amended (49 U.S.C. 1461), and as President of the United States of America, solely to provide Presidential guidance to department and agency heads and in order to facilitate Presidential review of decisions submitted to the President for his approval by the Civil Aeronautics Board pursuant to section 801 of the Federal Aviation Act, as amended, it is hereby ordered as follows:

SECTION 1. (a) Except as provided in this section, decisions of the Civil Aeronautics Board, hereinafter referred to as the CAB, transmitted to the President pursuant to section 801 of the Federal Aviation Act, as amended, hereinafter referred to as section 801, may be made available by the CAB for public inspection and copying following submission to the President.

(b) In the interests of national security, and in order to allow for consideration of appropriate action under Executive Order No. 11652, as amended, decisions of the CAB transmitted to the President under section 801 shall be withheld from public disclosure for five days after submission to the President.

(c) At the same time that decisions of the CAB are submitted to the President pursuant to section 801, the CAB shall transmit copies thereof to the Secretary of State, the Secretary of Defense, and the Assistant to the President for National Security Affairs.

(d) The Secretary of State and the Secretary of Defense, or their designees, shall review the decisions of the CAB transmitted pursuant to subsection (c) above, and shall promptly advise the Assistant to the President for National Security Affairs or his designee, whether, and if so, why, action pursuant to Executive Order No. 11652, as amended, is deemed appropriate. If, after considering the above recommendations, the Assistant to the President for National Security Affairs or his designee determines that classification under Executive Order No. 11652 is appropriate, he shall take such action and immediately so inform the CAB. Action pursuant to this subsection shall be completed within five days of receipt of the decision by the President.

(e) On and after the sixth day following receipt by the President of a CAB decision submitted pursuant to section 801, the CAB is authorized to disclose all unclassified portions of the text of such decision. Nothing in this section is intended to affect the ability to withhold material under Executive order or statute other than section 801.

SEC. 2. (a) Views of departments and agencies outside of the Executive Office of the President, other than those views involving considerations of defense or foreign policy (including international negotiations costs) which are to be the subject of recommendations to the President in connection with his review under section 801, shall be presented to the CAB in accordance with the procedures of the CAB. While some issues will inevitably involve both questions of regulatory policy and defense or foreign policy, departments and agencies outside of the Executive Office of the President should make a conscientious effort to present their views on regulatory matters in proceedings before the CAB, and raise only matters of defense or foreign policy that are of Presidential concern in the course of the review under section 801.

(b) Departments and agencies outside of the Executive Office of the President which intend to make recommendations to the President on matters of defense or foreign policy and have such intentions while the matter is pending before the CAB, shall, except as confidentiality is required for reasons of defense or foreign policy,

make the existence of such intentions and the conclusions to be recommended known to the CAB in the course of its proceedings.

SEC. 3. (a) In advising the President with respect to his review of an order submitted to him pursuant to section 801, departments and agencies outside of the Executive Office of the President shall:

- (1) identify any matter contained in their respective recommendations which was not previously submitted to the CAB pursuant to section 2(a) above;
- (2) explain why such matter was not previously submitted to the CAB for its consideration; and
- (3) identify with particularity the defense or foreign policy implications of the CAB decision which are deemed appropriate for the President's consideration.

(b) Orders involving foreign and overseas air transportation certificates of U.S. carriers that are subject to the approval of the President are not subject to judicial review when the President approves or disapproves an order for reasons of defense or foreign policy. All disapprovals necessarily are based on such a Presidential decision, but approval by the President does not necessarily imply the existence of any defense or foreign policy reason. For the purpose of assuring whatever opportunity is available under the law for judicial review of the CAB decisions, all departments and agencies which make recommendations to the President pursuant to section 801 should indicate separately whether, and why, if the order or any portion of the order is approved, the President cannot state in his approval that no defense or foreign policy reason underlies his action.

SEC. 4. Individuals within the Executive Office of the President shall follow a policy of (a) refusing to discuss matters relating to the disposition of a case subject to the approval of the President under section 801 with any interested private party, or an attorney or agent for any such party, prior to the President's decision, and (b) referring any written communication from an interested private party, or an attorney or agent for any such party, to the appropriate department or agency outside of the Executive Office of the President. Exceptions to this policy may only be made when the head of an appropriate department or agency outside of the Executive Office of the President personally finds that direct written or oral communication between a private party and a person within the Executive Office of the President is needed for reasons of defense or foreign policy.

SEC. 5. Departments and agencies outside of the Executive Office of the President which regularly make recommendations to the President in connection with the Presidential review pursuant to section 801 shall, consistent with applicable law, including the provisions of Chapter 5 of Title 5 of the United States Code:

- (a) establish public dockets for all written communications (other than those requiring confidential treatment for defense or foreign policy reasons) between their officers and employees and private parties in connection with the preparation of such recommendations; and
- (b) prescribe such other procedures governing oral and written communications as they deem appropriate.

SEC. 6. Although it is recognized that the provisions set forth in this Order will frequently apply to review of decisions made in adversary proceedings involving private parties, this Order is intended solely for the internal guidance of the departments and agencies in order to facilitate the Presidential review process. This Order does not confer rights on any private parties.

SEC. 7. The provisions of this Order shall be effective on the 30th day following publication in the FEDERAL REGISTER.

THE WHITE HOUSE,
June 10, 1976.



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WASHINGTON

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NOTE FOR:

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FROM

: RON NESSEN

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THE WHITE HOUSE
WASHINGTON

July 1, 1976

MEMORANDUM FOR: RON NESSEN
FROM: JIM CANNON
SUBJECT: TV Debates

Doug Cater dropped by today and gave me a copy of an article that is to run next week in the Washington Post on this subject.

In brief, Cater supports the idea of debates between Presidential candidates this year and reports on some of the consequences of the Kennedy-Nixon debates in 1960.



July 20, 1976

MEMORANDUM FOR: DICK CHENEY

FROM: RON NESSEN

Today's GNP figures, plus other published statistics and forecasts, suggest that the economic recovery is slowing down and, perhaps even stagnating.

Is the President, or anyone, keeping a close watch on the pace of recovery and the need for any possible additional stimulation?

You can foresee the consequences of any serious economic setback between now and the end of the year.

RN/jb



July 20, 1976

MEMORANDUM FOR: DICK CHENEY
FROM: RON NESSEN

This October will be the 20th anniversary of the Hungarian uprising against the Russians in 1956.

Is there anything the President should do or say on this occasion?

RN/jb



THE WHITE HOUSE
WASHINGTON



NOTE FOR:

Connie T

FROM

: RON NESSEN

Hand carry a
red-tagged copy
to Cheney, and
send xerox copies
to Gergen and
Greener. RHN

THE WHITE HOUSE
WASHINGTON

August 3, 1976

MEMORANDUM FOR:

DICK CHENEY

FROM:

RON NESSEN *RAW*

Dave Gergan, Bill Greener, and I agree that the President should accept the following interview requests between now and the Republican National Convention. (These are listed in priority order.)

1. Interview with the Wire Services on Saturday, August 7, (to be published on Monday, August 9) and/or a News Conference, Monday night, August 9, to discuss and answer questions on the Second Anniversary of the Ford Administration. Obviously, even though we would like the focus to be on two years of accomplishments, there will be plenty of political questions.
2. Brief, taped or live, appearances on the Pre-Convention TV Specials with each of the networks, on Sunday, August 15. The interviews, of not more than 10 minutes each, would be done in Washington or Kansas City, depending on when the President goes to the Convention.
3. Interview with U.S. News and World Report. They want to interview the President some time between August 9 and 13 for publication in the edition coming out around Labor Day. A Carter interview would run the next week. It is traditional for the Presidential candidates to give these interviews to U. S. News and World Report; the magazine's readers are very much the President's constituency; and we have just given on-the-record interviews to Time and Newsweek. (If no time can be found before the Convention, U. S. News would send at least some editors to Vail for the interview.)
4. Interview with four reporters representing The Indianapolis Star, Arizona Republic, Daily Oklahoman, Kansas City Star, and Omaha World Herald. This interview was recommended strongly to the President by Congressman John Rhodes. The President indicated, in your presence, that he wanted to do this interview.

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FROM:
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DICK CHENEY
RON NESSEN
AUGUST 3, 1976

5. Interview with the Chicago Tribune (Clayton Kirkpatrick, Jim Squires, and Aldo Beckman) on the flight to Kansas City or shortly after arrival in Kansas City. The Chicago Tribune plans to make a special distribution of its newspaper containing the interview to every delegate at the Convention.
6. A private off-the-record lunch (in the White House solarium, perhaps) with Walter Cronkite, Eric Sevareid, and Bill Moyers, the CBS commentators at the Convention, along with Cheney, Gergan, and Nessen from the White House Staff. This idea was proposed by Moyers and is recommended as a low key way of enlisting the understanding and sympathy of the CBS commentators at the Convention and the ensuing campaign.

Dick, Greener, Gergan and I have carefully reviewed the literally dozens of interview requests, have eliminated almost all of them, and have ended up with this limited list for the President's very limited time before the Convention. I hope we can get all or most of them approved.

cc: Dave Gergan
Bill Greener



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THE WHITE HOUSE
WASHINGTON

NOTE FOR: Dick Cheney

FROM : RON NESSEN

This more properly
should be answered
by you, I think.

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Gery H. Swanson, President

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August 5, 1976

RM

The President
The White House
Washington, D.C.

Dear President Ford:

Enclosed is a letter that I wrote to Jeremiah Milbank. Although I haven't contributed to your campaign, I wanted to send you a copy of my letter to let you know that should you be the nominee of the Republican party, you will have my full support.

I hope that in your deliberations over a Vice President you will choose a nominee that will be able to defend the free enterprise and private enterprise systems in this country and will be a very effective spokesman for the traditional Republican stances on the issues.

Although I am not a delegate to the convention, I would like to offer two suggestions for the Vice Presidency: (1) John Connally and (2) William Simon.

Good luck in your final delegate search.

Sincerely yours,

Gery Swanson
President

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Enclosure



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THE WHITE HOUSE
WASHINGTON

NOTE FOR: Dick Cheney
FROM : RON NESSEN

I feel sure the
President would
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this letter from
Alf Landon as
more than a routine
press office matter!
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July 31, 1976

RN
The Honorable Gerald R. Ford
President of the United States
The White House
Washington, D. C.

Dear Mr. President:

Governor John Connally is eminently qualified to serve as President of the United States. That is the first requirement for the office of vice presidency that must always be borne in mind.

Secondly, he is well equipped as a dynamic speaker of the first rank as a candidate for that high office.

Three weeks ago I started checking - not with politicians and not with the Chamber of Commerce crowd. It was with men whose work puts them into contact with the public generally and whose business it is to know public thinking in their states. Some are even Democrats and so-called Independents.

To sum it all up, Governor Connally on the ticket would mean Democrat votes in Texas that could well carry it for Ford and Connally. That is also true for Oklahoma and Louisiana. I know it also means the same for Kansas and adjoining states.

My check is further confirmed by public reaction to Senator Mondale's intemperate attacks on the President of the United States on Watergate and its ramifications.

You're going to win the nomination on the first ballot as I predicted from the start.

Just back from a six mile trip up the Kaw. Corn crop is hurting for lack of rain.

With respect and admiration -

AML:j



THE WHITE HOUSE

WASHINGTON

August 18, 1976

MEMORANDUM FOR DICK CHENEY

FROM: RON NESSEN

RHN

SUBJECT: Proposed press coverage of Wednesday activities

*have her stand
by this P.M.
she will try.*

1. Formal New York Times photo portrait of the President to be taken by Teresa Zabala. This apparently is a tradition. Total time needed is 5 minutes sometime during the afternoon today.

Recommended by Nessen and Kennerly

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APPROVE DISAPPROVE

[Handwritten signatures]

2. Pool TV mini-camera (without sound) on standby in the corridor or reception room on the 18th floor to be brought into the President's office for live pictures of the President watching the balloting once it becomes clear that there are no last-minute hitches.

Recommended by Nessen and Carruthers.

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3. Still photographers from Time, Newsweek, AP, UPI, and the New York Times to be kept in the reception room on the 18th floor and brought in to take still pictures of the President watching the balloting once it is clear that there are no last-minute hitches.

Recommended by Nessen and Kennerly.

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- 4. Three writers -- Tom DeFrank of Newsweek, Strobe Talbot of Time, and John Mashek of U. S. News and World Report, to be kept in the reception room of the 18th floor and brought in to the President's office to watch the balloting with him once it is clear there are no last-minute hitches. Mashek would write a pool report for all other reporters.

Recommended by Nessen

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- 5. A normal White House travel pool would be taken with the President when and if he goes to visit Governor Reagan. Mort Kondracke would be given a place on this pool as a consolation prize for not being included among the reporters watching the balloting with the President.

Recommended by Nessen and Greener

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do not announce yet.

- 6. All other requests for interviews with the President during the remainder of the time in Kansas City will be turned down on the grounds that he needs the time to select a Vice Presidential running mate and to finish preparation for his acceptance speech.

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R. Greener

*Alameda Plan
writing pool.
Still*

No mini-car.

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THE WHITE HOUSE
WASHINGTON

Vicki Cheney

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To: Our Subscribers

From: Evans-Novak

August 20, 1976 - No. 266

Republican National Convention
Special Report

THE WHITE HOUSE
WASHINGTON

September 1, 1976

MEMORANDUM FOR: JERRY JONES

FROM: DICK CHENEY

Jerry, John Iglehart, Editor of the National Journal, sent me the attached Carter interview they published in July. They are interested in interviewing the President as well.

I don't recommend we do the interview, but am forwarding it to you for appropriate handling.

→ cc: Ron Nessen

Attachment



This Copy For _____

NEWS CONFERENCE

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AT THE WHITE HOUSE

WITH RON NESSEN

AT 11:30 A.M. EDT

SEPTEMBER 7, 1976

TUESDAY

Ron Nessen
Good job
Neil

MR. NESSEN: We have this other bill signing in a half-hour. You saw the signing of the Teton Dam relief legislation and a fact sheet has been handed out.

On the Child Day Care and Social Service amendments, we do not have a fact sheet, but we have a lengthy Presidential statement that explains most of the bill. It will go out at the time of the signing and that should answer the questions about that.

I don't have anything further to announce, so I will take your questions.

Q Ron, could you go over the schedule with us? When do the Bishops come in?

MR. NESSEN: There has been no change in the schedule. I think we said before that the President will speak to the B'nai B'rith Convention on Thursday, probably in the morning. The Bishops will be in on Friday, as I mentioned before, probably in the morning.

The President will go to Ann Arbor to make a speech at the University next week. I am not ready to announce the day or time yet. That is about as much as I can give you.

Q Are there likely to be several stops on that Ann Arbor trip?

MR. NESSEN: No, I don't anticipate anything more than out and back.

Q Ron, are they having trouble getting that set up out there? Is the University giving them problems?

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MR. NESSEN: No, it is on track and we are just not ready to announce the date yet.

Q I wonder why?

MR. NESSEN: I think you will see why when we do announce the day.

Q Is that the only trip next week?

MR. NESSEN: That is the only trip next week.

Q And there are none this week?

MR. NESSEN: There are none this week.

Q Is there a news conference this week?

MR. NESSEN: There are no plans now definitely to have one.

Q Before the election? (Laughter)

MR. NESSEN: I thought we were talking about this week.

Q Ron, is there any objection on the part of State officials and university officials on kicking off a political campaign on a campus? Is that a problem?

MR. NESSEN: No, that, as far as I know, has never arisen as an issue.

Q But maybe shouldn't it? Don't they get Federal and State funds?

MR. NESSEN: I am not going to put them up to it, Sarah.

Q I'm not saying that, Ron. I am pointing out the fact, isn't this inappropriate to do on a campus that has Federal and State funds?

MR. NESSEN: It has never been raised by the University.

Q It may not be raised by the University because they don't have the nerve to do it. But I, as a citizen and a taxpaying reporter, am asking the White House about this?

MR. NESSEN: As I say, it has never been raised as an issue, and to my knowledge it is fairly common. I can think of many occasions over the past few months when all the candidates of both parties have made speeches at universities.



In fact, I think universities seek out candidates to give their students an opportunity to see democracy in action.

Q I think you are wrong. I think this is a question that maybe it should be started. Maybe it has not been in the past, but maybe we should start it and I would like to have this put through the Counsel of the White House, through the President.

Q What are the President's views on that Soviet lieutenant who may have defected to Japan in that MIG-25? Does the President think he should be given asylum here in the United States?

MR. NESSEN: If the pilot requests asylum in the United States, he will be welcome here.

Q Has he?

MR. NESSEN: Not to my knowledge.

Q Where is the airplane?

MR. NESSEN: The airplane is in the custody of the Japanese and it is really up to them as to how to dispose of the airplane.

Q Is the United States requesting that the plane be given to us?

MR. NESSEN: I have not heard of it if they have, but I think you should check with the State Department.

Q You mean we don't know whether he has requested asylum?

MR. NESSEN: I do not, but if he does, he would be welcome.

Q Our Government doesn't know?

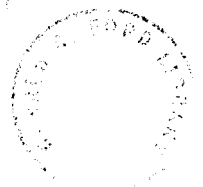
MR. NESSEN: That is my information.

Q Have any instructions been given to Embassy personnel in Tokyo?

MR. NESSEN: Yes, that if he requests asylum, to grant it to him.

Q Is this the way he would find that out, if he were to find that out?

MR. NESSEN: No, I think he would find it out from the proper authorities if he applied for asylum.



Q Ron, you say what happens to the plane is up to the Japanese?

MR. NESSEN: Right.

Q Are we going to let the Japanese know what we would like seen done with that plane?

MR. NESSEN: I don't know the answer to that, Ed. I think you would have to check that out with the State Department really to find out whether we have expressed any -- the airplane is in the custody of the Japanese and it is really up to them.

Q If I were President, I would say get those intelligence experts out there with their cameras and have them photograph that.

MR. NESSEN: That is a frightening thought.
(Laughter)

Q That is food for thought, but my question is, has the President taken no direct interest in the disposition of the plane or any intelligence work connected it? Does he know in fact that perhaps American intelligence officers have already gone over this?

MR. NESSEN: I just don't have any further answers on the airplane.

Q On what basis does he offer asylum? Does he offer it on the basis of newspaper reports?

MR. NESSEN: What do you mean by that?

Q I think you are saying the United States will give asylum to him if he wants it.

MR. NESSEN: Right.

Q Now, how do you get any idea he wants asylum?

MR. NESSEN: I said earlier that he would apply through the proper channels.

Q But are you learning that he might want it from the newspapers?

MR. NESSEN: No, I was responding to a question that said, what would be our reaction if he asked for it, and I said if he asked for it, he would be welcome.



Q Was it the President who made that decision?

MR. NESSEN: Yes.

Q When?

MR. NESSEN: Over the weekend.

Q In consultation with whom?

MR. NESSEN: Proper NSC people and the others who advise him in this area.

Q The Japanese say they would likely give that plane back to the Soviets. Does the United States have a view on that?

MR. NESSEN: It is the choice of the Japanese. The airplane is in their custody.

Q Do the Japanese have anything to say about the fate of the pilot? He did land in their country. Can we spirit him over here if they are unwilling?

MR. NESSEN: You are getting into an international legal area that I am not equipped to handle. If you want to get into that detail, I think you should ask the State Department.

Q You don't want to say much about it simply not to upset the Soviet --

MR. NESSEN: I don't know what you mean, "not say much about it." I was asked basically two questions, both of which I answered -- what would be our response if he asked for asylum? I said he would be welcome. That is an answer.

Ed said, "What about the airplane?" I said the airplane was in the hands of the Japanese. It was up to them to decide. Those are the questions I was asked and I answered both of them.

Q But more details like Walt put to you and other people --

MR. NESSEN: I don't have the information, but I told you where the information is.

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Q You didn't say you did not have the information. You said you could not say anything more about it.

MR. NESSEN: I said I would not say anything more about it.

Q Ron, getting back to Joe's question. You said, "in consultation with NSC and other advisers." Did the President talk to Dr. Kissinger at all on this question?

MR. NESSEN: To my knowledge, he has not talked directly to Dr. Kissinger on this matter.

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Q Was there a State Department consultation on this?

MR. NESSEN: I will check and find out what the consultative process was.

Q Ron, while we are talking about Asia -- you may have answered this over the weekend -- would the release of the information on the 12 missing in action by North Vietnam have any influence one way or the other on whether we veto Vietnam getting into the UN, and has a decision been made to veto them getting in?

MR. NESSEN: I think what we plan to do is to announce and explain our decision on that matter if and when it comes up, before the forum of the Security Council of the United Nations. But on the more general point of our reaction to the 12 names that were released, I think you know what our position is, and that has not changed. That is, that Vietnam is committed in the Paris Accord to account for all the Americans missing, and they have not done that. They have put out 12 names out of several hundred MIAs and that is just not going to change our policy, and it certainly is not going to result in a normalization of relations until Vietnam keeps its agreement and accounts for all the missing.

Q Your answer certainly implies, then, that we would veto the membership of Vietnam.

MR. NESSEN: Just to stick to what our traditional method of operating has been, I am not going to preview or announce ahead of time how the United States will vote in the Security Council, but I want you to know there has been no change of policy.

Q Ron, has the President discussed with Senator Dole the reports of campaign contributions that appear to be irregular?

MR. NESSEN: I think that question and a number of similar ones were asked on Saturday and were answered quite fully by Bill Roberts.

Q You have nothing further?

MR. NESSEN: I don't have anything further to add.

Q Do you have a copy of what he said?

MR. NESSEN: I can get you one.

Q He is asking specifically, has the President talked to Dole personally in the last few days?



MR. NESSEN: The President has not talked to Senator Dole about anything in the past few days.

Q Is he planning to see Senator Dole in the near future?

MR. NESSEN: There was a filming session that was supposed to take place this week for their campaign commercials but I don't know what the exact date of that is.

Q When are the President's commercials going to start running?

MR. NESSEN: I don't know. You have to ask Bill Greener. He is in charge of that.

Q Ron, the story is advanced a little beyond Saturday. Mr. Wild said yesterday that he did indeed pass \$2,000 to Senator Dole which was to be passed out to other candidates. Was the President aware of that, and is he that cognizant of the situation?

MR. NESSEN: My understanding is that Bill Roberts' answers on Saturday really dealt with the whole range of questions on this matter, and I will dig out what his answers were. Nothing really has changed since Saturday.

Q Ron, that is 1984 "news-speak." How can a man on Saturday answer charges that were raised the next Monday?

MR. NESSEN: I didn't think there had been anything added to the story, Bob.

Q I am telling you, Mr. Wild was interviewed for the first time on the record yesterday and he said indeed that he had passed \$2,000 to Senator Dole.

MR. NESSEN: If I am not mistaken, I think the second part of his sentence was that he had made contributions to a number of Members out of a fund which was totally legal. Isn't that correct?

Q That is correct.

MR. NESSEN: Wasn't that the second part of his sentence? I think it was.

Q As far as we know, those campaign contributions have not shown up anywhere.

MR. NESSEN: I will look into it.

Q Senator Dole continues to say he did not get any money?

MR. NESSEN: That is correct. That is my understanding of what he has been saying.



Q But Wild is now saying he remembers, and he was at least a conduit to pass these funds along to other people. He won't say who the other fellow is.

MR. NESSEN: I will look into that aspect.

Q Also, would you check on whether the President is concerned about this, plans to talk to Senator Dole about it?

MR. NESSEN: I think all of those questions were asked on Saturday and answered by Bill Roberts, Marilyn.

Q Why don't you repeat it for the benefit of the room?

MR. NESSEN: For the benefit of another set of stories when nothing has happened since Saturday?

Q We well understand that your position is you want to get this story killed as fast as you can, but nevertheless we feel we have some reason to raise this question.

MR. NESSEN: Bob, I understand that, but I also say that nothing has happened since Saturday and therefore I have nothing to add to a very full report that Bill Roberts gave on Saturday.

Q Since the President may have read the paper on Sunday and some things did happen in the paper, does the President have any feelings about this that you could disclose to us?

MR. NESSEN: Beyond what Bill Roberts said on Saturday?

Q Yes.

MR. NESSEN: No, I don't have anything.

Q We are not talking about issues raised on Saturday. We are talking about issues that were raised yesterday. It is an insult to everyone in this room to say the question was answered on Saturday when the issue was raised yesterday.

MR. NESSEN: Bob, I don't know what issue was raised yesterday.

Q I explained it to you. You must not have been listening.

MR. NESSEN: I pointed out to you what Wild said was that he had made a number of perfectly legal contributions in 1970.

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Q That is what we are asking you to comment on.

MR. NESSEN: What? A legal contribution? I don't have any comment on a legal contribution.

Q Ron, this involves the defining of terms. I know this is your new tack, that we go through this to find out --

MR. NESSEN: No, it is not a new tack, Bob.

Q We are simply asking for comments on a story that was raised yesterday. That is a perfectly legitimate request. If you don't want to answer it, that is fine. But why don't you just say "I don't want to talk about it any more"?

MR. NESSEN: I am happy to talk about it, and Bill was, and everybody else has been, and certainly Senator Dole has talked about it any number of times this weekend. If I understand the Wild statement of yesterday, it was that he had made a number of completely legal contributions in 1970. I don't have any comment on what were completely legal contributions in 1970. And, as for the other allegations and the White House knowledge of them and the President's reaction to them, Bill did talk about that on Saturday and I don't have anything to add to what he said. But, if you would like to me see whether there is a comment on this alleged legal contribution, I will be happy to look at it.

Q Ron, we have a statement here of Senator Dole. Senator Dole said he did not take anything from the Gulf Oil Company and Mr. Wild said he did. So, now that alone makes it a new situation.

MR. NESSEN: Not a new situation, Sarah.

Q Yes, it does. Mr. Dole has said publicly on television that the answer was no, that he did not take any money from Gulf Oil. On Sunday, Mr. Wild's statement certainly makes that contradiction.

MR. NESSEN: I said I would look into the new aspect of Sunday.

Q Will you be kind enough to let us know the results of your looking into it?

MR. NESSEN: I always do.

Q Ron, could I ask about the President's signing of this child care bill? My recollection is that he vetoed one of these bills before. Does that fact sheet explain what is different about the one he vetoed and this one? Maybe you could explain why he changed his mind.



MR. NESSEN: You are correct, the President vetoed the earlier version. The Congress voted to uphold the veto. They then passed a compromise version which was supported heavily by both Republicans and Democrats, and this is the compromise version. I will get our new domestic affairs expert to explain the difference to you.

Q Ron, what was the President's reaction to Governor Carter's statement about the captain hiding in his state room and the crew arguing about who is to blame?

MR. NESSEN: I didn't hear any reaction to that, Les.

Q It is in the Post this morning, Ron.

MR. NESSEN: I said I did not hear the President react in any way.

Q There was no reaction? Then, as his spokesman, could you give us some response to this rather odd, rather pointed commentary?

MR. NESSEN: As I said all along through the primary season and through the next 56 days, I am not going to respond from here to each political stump speech.

Q Will you respond to any, Ron? And, if not, would it be possible to have Bill Greener up here with you so he could deal with the political things and you could deal with the statesman issues?

MR. NESSEN: No, we won't have Bill Greener over here.

Q Ron, on the child care legislation, does the President or did the White House and the Administration also support that legislation as the so-called compromise that was being designed?

MR. NESSEN: Margaret doesn't recall whether the Administration witnesses testified in behalf of the bill, but once it got here the President decided to sign it.

Q The question remains, why did he decide to sign it? It is an election year.

MR. NESSEN: It is different.

Q Could you give us the differences now? We asked for that before.

MR. NESSEN: Do we have the President's statement?

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MR. SHUMAN: In the President's statement he says, "It embodies a major compromise on a key issue which led to that veto -- the imposition on States and localities of costly and controversial Federal staffing requirements for child day care services," and you will get this in the statement when the bill is signed.

Q Ron, could you introduce him?

MR. NESSEN: I am sorry. I thought everybody knew Jim Shuman. Last week when we announced our changes of Margaret Earl moving up to become Assistant Press Secretary we assigned Jim Shuman as our expert on domestic matters. Jim was formerly the editor of the news summary.

Q Is there a replacement for Jim?

MR. NESSEN: Agnes Waldron is going to be the editor of the news summary.

Q Has Agnes given up her other position, or is she doing both of them?

MR. NESSEN: She is handling some research matters, too. The two jobs fit together.

Q Ron, does the President have absolute confidence in Mr. Seidman in view of the revelations of the Securities and Exchange Commission?

MR. NESSEN: We did all that last week, Sarah.

Q I am asking you.

MR. NESSEN: Yes, he does.

Q And he is going to keep on doing his job?

MR. NESSEN: Yes.

Q Ron, there was a question last week -- and if this has been asked I will withdraw it -- there was testimony on the Hill reported in the Post, for one, a story by Oberdorfer, that North Koreans had warned UN Command twice about that controversial tree and that the warnings were not taken seriously, and they just went ahead and did it, and push came to shove and the result was the slaying of the two military officials. Do we know about this warning that was given? This is testimony by the State Department.

MR. NESSEN: I remember that. I did not get the answer to that, but I will look into it, or Les will.

MR. JANKA: That was dealt with over at State and in the testimony itself.



MR. NESSEN: We will see if we can get a transcript.

Q What was the precise question?

MR. NESSEN: The precise question is, were there any warnings?

Q And what is our response? That puts a different light on the matter. Were there any such warnings and what is our response?

MR. JANKA: The specifics of our exchanges with the North Vietnamese and our assessment of them was dealt with in the public testimony on the Hill. If we can look at that -- and I will see if I can get an answer from that testimony.

Q Ron, I was wondering, it appears now that the Federal Energy Administration is putting off its plans for decontrolling gasoline until after the election. I am just wondering, has the President discussed that with Zarb and so forth? Has there been any contact between the White House and FEA on the timing of that?

MR. NESSEN: Let me check. I have not thought about that for a while or asked about it. I will check.

Q Is there anything more you can tell us about the President's campaign plans?

MR. NESSEN: We are on track. Strategy is on track. We are following it without deviation and expect it will result in a victory.

Q This thing at Ann Arbor is being described as the kick-off of the campaign.

MR. NESSEN: It is being described as that. I am not going to argue with that.

Q You said it will not be on Sunday?

MR. NESSEN: Yes, it will not be.

Q Are there any other days it will not be on?

MR. NESSEN: It will not be today, tomorrow or the next day.

Q Ron, isn't it a concern of the President to have Senators allege there is a conflict of interest in Margita White's appointment, and then he changes her appointment from seven years to two years? If there is a conflict of interest here, it is going to be present for two years as well as it would be for seven years.

MR. NESSEN: You are mixing together two items: One, an outright political opposition to Margita by Democrats --



Q I don't know whether it is outright political or not. It is a statement of fact.

MR. NESSEN: Let me finish, Sarah. You have two things here: One, an outright political opposition to Margita by Democrats who don't want her on the Commission for seven years; secondly, you have a situation involving her husband's law practice and any alleged conflict. That was dealt with extensively and discussed extensively with the staff and Members of the Committee before the President ever nominated her. The staff and Members of the Committee knew about the arrangement that Stuart had agreed to before she was nominated, and raised no objections to it, as far as I know, at that time. So, that is one thing. It was dealt with forthrightly and openly with the staff and the Committee before her nomination.

The second part of it is, as I say, at least in my view -- you probably disagree -- it is outright political opposition by the Democrats who don't want to see that seat go to a Republican for seven years.

Q It may or it may not be, but it still is a valid question of fact raised here, and it is a matter of judgment. Isn't the President concerned about the fact there is even a taint of any conflict of interest about somebody that he appointed to the job?

MR. NESSEN: I don't know what "taint" is, Sarah.

Q The taint is clearly her husband's work, and this sounds very much like a deal that was worked out between him and some Democratic Congress.

MR. NESSEN: You are suggesting that the Democratic Committee would accept a taint for two years but would not accept a taint for seven years?

Q Yes.

MR. NESSEN: If that is the case, you ought to ask the Committee why it is willing to accept a two-year taint and not a seven-year taint.

Q I am. They will say to me "Go ask the White House." So, I am asking both.

MR. NESSEN: You allege the Committee is willing to accept a taint for two years but not for seven. If that is your allegation, you better ask the Committee whether that is true or not.

Q I am asking the White House, and the Committee, because both apparently have accepted it.

MR. NESSEN: I told you they are two separate matters, Sarah.



Q You say so. That is just your judgment. That is not a statement of fact.

Q Ron, I am curious about something. You say President Ford has not had any direct communication with Senator Dole. Will that be typical during the campaign? Will they communicate basically through their staffs?

MR. NESSEN: The staffs are in very close consultation.

Q I realize that, but will that be typical for the campaign, where the President does not feel he needs to contact his running mate directly?

MR. NESSEN: It is not a rule that is supposed to be followed for 56 days -- that they don't talk to each other. They will talk to each other when something comes up that they need to talk about.

Q Ron, will he give to Senator Dole the same time that he has been giving regularly to Vice President Rockefeller, or will Vice President Rockefeller continue to have the weekly meeting?

MR. NESSEN: Vice President Rockefeller will continue to have the weekly meeting, which concerns Domestic Council business and other matters that are assignments of the Vice President during which he reports and discusses his official assignments with the President. Obviously, Senator Dole is a candidate for Vice President at the moment. After January 20, he, too, will have his regular weekly meeting with the President.

THE PRESS: Thank you, Ron.

END (AT 11:55 A.M. EDT)

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WASHINGTON

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NOTE FOR: *McClure*

FROM: RON NESSEN

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From: Evans-Novak

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NOTE FOR: *Dirk Greener*

FROM: RON NESSEN

We need to
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on Carter's use
of this issue.

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Carter has to buy what Ford gets free

By ADAM CLYMER.
Sun Staff Correspondent

September 17, 1976

MEMORANDUM FOR: DICK CHENEY

FROM: RON NESSEN
BILL GREENER
TERRY O'DONNELL

As you suggested, we are submitting this proposal that the President drop by the White House Briefing Room some time Saturday morning for an informal news conference with a dozen or so reporters who would normally be there. There is no other scheduled feasible event at the White House on Saturday. The purpose of the news conference would be to have news stories and pictures of the President appear in the Sunday papers.

The main message the President would want to get across is that after 2 weeks of the campaign and on the eve of the first debate, he is extremely pleased with the progress of his campaign and feels that the momentum is with him and that he is more confident than ever of winning on November 2. There are a number of areas that the President should avoid talking about in this news conference, particularly any detailed description of his preparation for the debate, any comment on Rockefeller's gesture, and any statement on abortion. So he'd need a little bit of preparation time with some staff members before holding a news conference.

Jimmy Carter has successfully used the Saturday news conference to get stories in the Sunday papers last week and on other occasions.

The Press Office would probably put together a very short call-out sheet to reach some of these reporters we want to make sure are here.

Please advise one way or the other as soon as a decision is made.



September 14, 1976

MEMORANDUM FOR: DICK CHENEY
FROM: *JF* JIM FIELD
SUBJECT: Carter--The Conservative

Answer

Although I am sure you have heard this from different people the past few days, I wanted to reiterate that I think Carter is getting away with us letting him become more conservative in his public posture. He is obviously positioning himself for the upcoming debates, and I think it is a shame we don't have more of our spokesmen marrying him to the Carter/Democratic Party Platform and the different spending proposals in it.

I thought Carter's attack on the problems of small business was good yesterday, even if we do not feel it was factual. Our spokesmen need to counter his criticism.



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NOTE FOR:

Dir. Greener

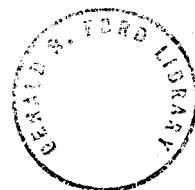
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Carter has to buy what Ford gets free

By ADAM CLYMER
Sun Staff Correspondent

THE WHITE HOUSE

WASHINGTON

October 1, 1976

MEMORANDUM FOR:

RON NESSEN ✓
JERRY JONES

FROM:

DICK CHENEY D

Tom DeFrank has asked for another 15 to 20 minutes on Air Force 1 on the way to California to wrap-up his interview.

He indicates that he wants to focus specifically on some of the personal questions he asked the President, not on current political events.

I think it's a good idea, and the President has agreed in principle.

See if you can work it out for Tom to fly to San Francisco with us, not as a member of the pool, but rather as a private guest so that he can do his interview.



October 31, 1976

MEMORANDUM TO: DICK CHENEY
 JERRY JONES
 BILL RHATICAN
 RED CAVANEY

FROM: RON NESSEN

As we travel through the final ten days you might want to keep in mind that we have the following outstanding interview requests which we can accept at any time it is to our benefit to do so:

**The Today Show
Good Morning America
Walter Cronkite - CBS Evening News
Issues and Answers (one hour) Sunday, October 31.**

In addition, we have a sizeable number of interview requests from leading newspapers and television stations in almost all the cities we are visiting. I am taking with me on the trip a file of the major requests and we can review them should any time open up on the President's schedule for press interviews.

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THE WHITE HOUSE

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November 4, 1976

MEMORANDUM FOR JIM CONNOR

FROM: RON NESSEN

Please add Larry Speakes to the White House payroll effective yesterday in the position of Assistant Press Secretary to the President, at an annual salary of \$36,000 a year.

I would appreciate your giving this year priority attention.

**cc: Dick Cheney ✓
John Carlson**



THE WHITE HOUSE

WASHINGTON

November 6, 1976

MEMORANDUM FOR: JERRY JONES
RON NESSEN

FROM: DICK CHENEY

We have reconfirmed with ABC arrangements for them to shoot an interview with the President and Mrs. Ford in the White House, probably the weekend of November 20.

Barbara Walters will do the interview. She would like to come down to do a survey of the residence on November 16.

The President has given his tentative go-ahead, and we will need to reconfirm this next week while we are in Palm Springs. You should also make certain that Mrs. Ford is aware of it.

The interview will actually run in early December as an hour-long special.



November 19, 1976

MEMORANDUM TO: DICK CHENEY
FROM: RON NESSEN

Trammell Crowe phoned me this afternoon from Dallas and urged in very strong terms that the President write a personal letter of recommendation for Red Cavanaugh to the First National Bank of Dallas.

Apparently the bank is considering Red for an extremely high level job and Trammell said a letter from the President could put Red over.

The letter should be sent to:

**Elvis Mason
President
First National Bank of Dallas
Dallas, Texas.**

Trammell suggested that the President say that he, Trammell, requested the letter of recommendation so that the bank doesn't think Red requested it himself.

RN/mcb



THE WHITE HOUSE

WASHINGTON

November 24, 1976

MEMORANDUM TO: DICK CHENEY
FROM: RON NESSEN *RHN*
SUBJECT: Barbara Walters' Interview with President
and Mrs. Ford

Barbara Walters phoned me today to inform me that she intended to make a fairly major change in her program on which the President and Mrs. Ford had agreed to be interviewed in December. I believe the change is important enough to ask the President whether he still wants to go through with the interview.

The program of one hour was supposed to be divided in half; the first half would be an interview and tour of the White House with President and Mrs. Ford; the second half was to be an interview and tour of their house with Barbara Streisand and her boyfriend.

Barbara called today to say that a third element has now been added to the show: an interview and short tour with Jimmy and Rosalyn Carter in their home in Plains, Ga. This is to be taped this weekend.

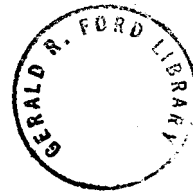
Barbara was reluctant to state exactly how the show would be divided now. But my own educated guess is that it will be pretty close to one-third the Fords, one-third the Carters and one-third Barbara Streisand.

My recommendation is that I be authorized to put the muscle on Barbara, suggesting that the President would be much much happier with the original program proposed and hinting at, but not actually threatening to back out. The goal of this would be to persuade Barbara not to run the Carter segment on the same show as the President. This would reserve



the option of backing out or going through with the interview, now scheduled for December 4.

The alternatives are to notify Barbara now that the President and Mrs. Ford do not wish to appear on the same program as the Carters, or to agree firmly now to go ahead with the interview even though the Carters are on the same program.



November 30, 1976

MEMORANDUM FOR: DICK CHENEY
FROM: RON NESSEN
SUBJECT: ADDITIONAL REQUESTS FOR
PRESS INTERVIEWS

Since my earlier memo to the President outlining about a dozen of the most important requests for press interviews before he leaves office, a number of additional requests have come in. Of these, I think three are important enough to merit a decision from the President:

1. **THE WASHINGTON POST.** As you know, Lou Cannon has now added his request for an interview to the earlier request from Haynes Johnson. I have talked with them, and they have generally agreed that they could combine their interviews into one, with perhaps an additional one or two other reporters from the *Post* sitting in. I recommend that we do this.
2. **GODFREY SPERLING.** Sperling has written several letters and called me several times on the phone asking for either a private interview with the President or to have the President attend one of the Sperling Breakfast news conferences. I recommend against this, even though Bud Sperling is a good and understanding friend of the President. I make this recommendation because the President already had the Sperling group to breakfast at the White House to celebrate its tenth anniversary.
3. **PARADE MAGAZINE.** Bob Walters and Cody Shearer want to interview the President for a cover story for *Parade Magazine* to run before the end of the President's term. The questions would be both of a human interest nature and hard news questions. I recommend against this interview for several reasons: *Parade* can probably write the same story without the interview; we have already spent considerable time with *Parade Magazine* over the past 2-1/2 years; and, given the strong anti-Nixon bias of Cody Shearer and *Parade Magazine*, I envision many of the questions focusing on the pardon and the President's relations with Nixon.

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November 30, 1976

MEMORANDUM TO: DICK CHENEY
FROM: RON NESSEN
SUBJECT: Press Office Advance Staff

I'd appreciate your help and attention in making the transition easier for several members of my Press Office advance staff. As you know, these guys were among the hardest working staff people throughout the campaign. They worked the same hours and under the same pressures as Red Cavaney's staff and I feel a special obligation to help them through this transition period, especially since many of them came to the White House Press Office advance staff at considerable personal sacrifice.

Specifically, these Press Office advance men who need special help are:

1. DAVE FREDERICKSON. Because of the limitation on slots on the White House payroll, Dave was never officially brought aboard as a White House employee. Throughout the campaign and now, he has been carried as a consultant. I hope Dave can be added to the payroll for these last few weeks so that he will be able to show on his resume that he has been an employee of the White House and so that he has the certificate indicating White House employment. Dave feels that a place on the White House payroll, even for the few remaining weeks, is important to him in his job hunting activities.
2. HUGH O'NEILL. Hugh came to the White House Press Office advance staff from HUD and after a total of 13 years in the Federal Government service. Again, because of a shortage of slots, Hugh has never been officially put on the White House payroll but has been and



continues to serve as a consultant only. Hugh believes that if he could be brought on to the White House payroll, however briefly, he would be able to collect considerable severance pay based on his 13 years of government service, perhaps as much as \$10,000. I certainly think we have an obligation to help him accomplish this, if it can be done legally and properly.

John Carlson and I have discussed both of these cases over a considerable period of time with Jim Connor. I hope you will be able to help out on these matters.

RN/mcb



December 3, 1976

MEMORANDUM FOR:

Dick Cheney

FROM:

Ron Nessen

Attached is a copy of the briefing paper for the Barbara Walters interview tomorrow.

As you can see under talking points, I have outlined the questions Barbara has indicated she will ask the President. (I have already given Sheila Weidenfeld the questions that Barbara says she will ask Mrs. Ford.)

Since the questions to the President almost all require personal responses, I don't see how I can answer them. Sheila, Alan Greenspan, and I are having breakfast tomorrow morning with Barbara. After that, I should have an even better idea of some additional questions she will ask.

Therefore, I would appreciate having about 15 minutes with the President before he goes over for the interview.

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THE WHITE HOUSE
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NOTE FOR: *Deil Cheney*
FROM: RON NESSEN

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14 GREAT THANKS FOR HIS SERVICE TO COUNTRY. YOU CAN LEAVE MESSAGE

15 HAY ADAMS HOTEL FOR OUR ARRIVAL LATE AFTERNOON MONDAY. THANKS FOR

16 PAST RESPONSES TO MY COMMUNICATIONS AND CONSIDERATION THIS REQES

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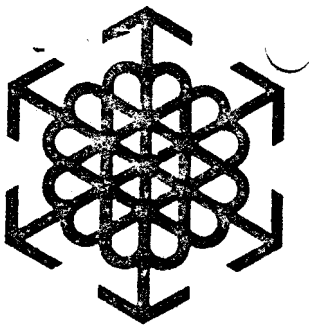
NOTE FOR: *Dick Cheney,*
FROM: RON NESSEN

This was sent to
me because Oppenheim
is manager of the
hotel where the
press stays.

Will you handle?

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CARL H. OPPENHEIM
General Manager

December 10, 1976

**Mountain
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at Vail**

Mr. Gerald Ford
President of the United States
White House
Washington, D.C.

Dear Mr. President:

On behalf of the Vail-Eagle Valley Rotary Club we cordially invite you to join our members for breakfast on Wednesday, December 22, at 8:00 a.m. in the International Room of the Lodge at Vail.

We again look forward to your visit with great anticipation and we hope that you will become a more permanent member of our community. Honestly though, we would have preferred four more years!

Sincerely,

Carl H. Oppenheim
Program Chairman

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THE WHITE HOUSE

WASHINGTON

December 17, 1976

MEMORANDUM TO: DICK CHENEY
FROM: RON NESSEN *RAW*
SUBJECT: Presidential attendance at Rose Bowl

Herb Klein and several others have contacted me in recent days to urge that the President attend the Rose Bowl football game in Pasadena, California on New Year's Day.

As you may know, the President's school, the University of Michigan, is one of the teams in the Rose Bowl. Some people who talked to the President about this in Vail seemed to think he gave half a promise to attend.

I don't care one way or the other. But if he is definitely not going, will you please let me know that so I can tell people like Klein as well as questioners in the press that the President will not attend the Rose Bowl.



*We will not attend the Rose Bowl -
unless - 1.) there is no snow in Vail;
or 2.) The Pres. has broken his leg.
Dick*