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MEMORANDUM

[Nov. 1975]

THE WHITE HOUSE
WASHINGTON

MEMORANDUM FOR THE WHITE HOUSE STAFF

FROM:


JAMES E. CONNOR

SUBJECT:

White House Christmas List

It has been the practice each year at Christmastime to prepare a list of names and addresses of all employees at the White House to be used in preparing Christmas card lists, sending invitations, and providing information for similar activities during the holiday season. The Administrative Office compiles the information in looseleaf notebooks which are made available to each of the staff offices.

We will need an alphabetical list of each person in your office, along with a complete home address. The list should be typed on plain white bond paper as shown in the sample below.

Send the list to Mr. Wilbur Jenkins, Administrative Officer, West Wing, not later than December 1, 1975.

SAMPLE LISTING

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Address

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Address



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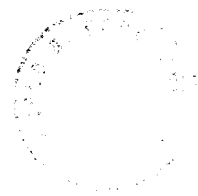
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THE WHITE HOUSE
WASHINGTON

November 3, 1975

ADMINISTRATIVELY CONFIDENTIAL

MEMORANDUM FOR:

RON NESSEN

FROM:

JIM CONNOR *JEC*

SUBJECT:

The President's New York Speech
Initial Reaction

The President returned your memorandum of October 31 and black binder with the following notation:

"Excellent"

cc: Don Rumsfeld



THE WHITE HOUSE

WASHINGTON

11-13-75

NOTE FOR: *Jim Connor*

FROM : RON NESSEN

*Please suggest
the appropriate
reply.*

RHN

cc: Bealin

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November 11, 1975

Ronald H. Nessen
Press Secretary to the President
The White House
Washington, D.C.

Dear Mr. Nessen:

This refers to the request I made informally to you on October 16.

I am writing to request access to the following files for the purposes of inspection and, if I so choose, copying:

The most recent payrolls of the White House office, the executive office of the President, and the Domestic Council, indicating the names and salaries of all personnel employed or on reimbursable detail in those offices.

As you know, the amended Act provides that if some parts of a file are exempt from release that "reasonably segregable" portions shall be provided. I therefore request that, if you determine that some portions of the requested information are exempt, you provide me immediately with a copy of the remainder of the file. I, of course, reserve my right to appeal any such deletions.

If you determine that some or all of the requested information is exempt from release, I would appreciate your advising me as to which exemption(s) you believe covers the information which you are not releasing.

I am prepared to pay costs specified in your regulations for locating the requested files and reproducing them, if I request reproduction, but if you anticipate that costs of locating the files will exceed \$35.00, please telephone me at the above number before proceeding.



As you know, the amended Act permits you to reduce or waive the fees if that "is in the public interest because furnishing the information can be considered as primarily benefiting the public." I believe that this request plainly fits that category and ask you to waive any fees.

If you have any questions regarding this request, please telephone me at the above number.

As provided for in the amended Act, I will expect to receive a reply within ten working days.

Sincerely yours,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Adam Clymer". The signature is written in black ink and has a long, sweeping underline that extends to the right.

Adam Clymer


AC:slk

MEMORANDUM

THE WHITE HOUSE

WASHINGTON

November 13, 1975

MEMORANDUM FOR: THE WHITE HOUSE STAFF
FROM: JAMES E. CONNOR 
SUBJECT: Secretarial assistance during holidays

Many staff members are now making plans for annual leave during the Thanksgiving and Christmas holidays. This memorandum is a reminder that each office head must insure that adequate staff coverage, including secretarial assistance, is available from within his or her own office from the end of November through early January. Though we would like to be able to furnish the offices with secretarial help from the Correspondence Section, we will not be able to do so. Regrettably, this is an especially busy time for the Correspondence Section. I am sure that we can count on your cooperation in this matter.

Thank you.



November 18, 1975

MEMORANDUM FOR JIM CONNOR

FROM: RON NESSEN

You will recall that I sent down the attached letter for signature by the President on October 24. The files say this letter went out on October 30.

Mr. Song has never received the letter. Either it was lost in the mail, or perhaps taken by someone before it reached him.

I have prepared another letter, and wonder if it could be signed, and sent to the hospital by messenger? Connie Gerrard of my staff would be happy to oversee the delivery if that will help you. Mr. Song is failing rapidly, and time is of importance here.

Thank you very much.

RN/CG/cg

Attachment: Letter from p resident to Mr. Song, and file on matter



November 18, 1973

Dear Mr. Song:

I have learned through Ron and Cindy of your recent operation and continued hospitalization. And I want to wish you a speedy recovery.

I know you must become discouraged sometimes that it is taking awhile for you to recover fully. Keep your spirits up and I'm sure you'll soon be home with your family. Incidentally, I remember you and your family from that famous poolside party at Ron's house.

Dr. Lukash, my own physician, has been keeping in touch with your doctors and feels confident that you are getting the very best of care.

Warm regards.

Sincerely,

**Mr. Song Ton Ho
Georgetown University Hospital
3800 Reservoir Road, N. W.
Room 2401
Washington, D. C.**

GF/RN/cg



October 24, 1975

MEMORANDUM FOR JIM CONNOR

FROM: RON NESSEN

Attached find a draft of a letter I hope the President will sign. It is addressed to my brother-in-law, my wife's brother, who the President has met several times. He currently is recovering from a serious liver cancer operation and making only very slow headway at the Washington Hospital Center.

Dr. Lukash has been consulting regularly with his doctors, and they feel that a short note from the President would give his sagging morale a badly-needed boost, which in turn could speed his recovery.

RN/cg



THE WHITE HOUSE

WASHINGTON

October 25, 1975

Dear Mr. Song:

I have learned through Ron and Cindy of your recent operation and continued hospitalization. And I want to wish you a speedy recovery.

I know you must become discouraged sometimes that it is taking awhile for you to recover fully. Keep up your spirits and I'm sure you'll soon be home with your family. Incidentally, I remember you and your family from that famous poolside party at Ron's house.

Dr. Lukash, my own physician, has been keeping in touch with your doctors and feels confident that you are getting the very best of care.

Warm regards.

Sincerely,

Mr. Song Tong Ho
Washington Hospital Center
Fourth Floor Intensive Care Unit 4-G-20
110 Irving Street, NW
Washington, D.C. 20010

THE WHITE HOUSE
WASHINGTON

November 20, 1975

MEMORANDUM FOR: JAMES E. CONNOR
SUBJECT: Quality Increase for Miss Kathryn Lois Tucker

The Civil Service Regulations provide for the granting of additional within-grade increases in recognition of high quality performance above that ordinarily found in the type of position concerned.

Miss Tucker has performed in a most outstanding manner the many functions assigned to her. Her work is of a high level of effectiveness and represents a devotion to duty that is exceptional. This high level has been sustained during her tenure in this office as a Secretary and is characteristic of her day-to-day activity. Indeed, her accomplishments substantially exceed normal requirements. I am convinced that Miss Tucker will continue to carry on her duties in an outstanding manner and I recommend her for a Quality Increase.

If you approve, this action will raise her from GS-8/1 to GS-8/2.



Ronald H. Nessen
Press Secretary
to the President

Staff Secretary Action:

Approved _____

Disapproved _____



THE WHITE HOUSE
WASHINGTON

November 20, 1975

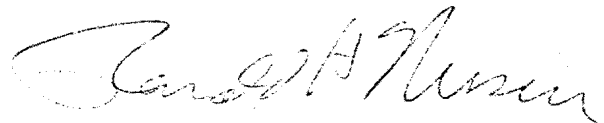
MEMORANDUM FOR: JAMES E. CONNOR

SUBJECT: Quality Increase for Miss Megan L. Williams

The Civil Service Regulations provide for the granting of additional within-grade increases in recognition of high quality performance above that ordinarily found in the type of position concerned.

Miss Williams has performed in a most outstanding manner the many functions assigned to her. Her work is of a high level of effectiveness and represents a devotion to duty that is exceptional. This high level has been sustained during her tenure in this office as Assistant to the News Summary Editor and is characteristic of her day-to-day activity. Indeed, her accomplishments substantially exceed normal requirements. I am convinced that Miss Williams will continue to carry on her duties in an outstanding manner and I recommend her for a Quality Increase.

If you approve, this action will raise her from GS-7/1 to GS-7/2.

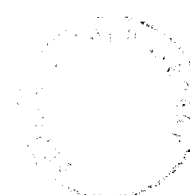


Ronald H. Nessen
Press Secretary
to the President

Staff Secretary Action:

Approved _____

Disapproved _____



Ron Messer

THE WHITE HOUSE
WASHINGTON

November 21, 1975

MEMORANDUM FOR THE SENIOR STAFF

FROM: JAMES E. CONNOR 

SUBJECT: Briefing Papers

At the Senior Staff meeting this morning the President indicated that he wished all briefing papers to be in by 4:00 p. m. on the day prior to when the meeting is to be held.

Accordingly, you should have your briefing papers in this office by 4:00 p. m. or at the President's direction the meeting will be cancelled.



MEMORANDUM

THE WHITE HOUSE

WASHINGTON

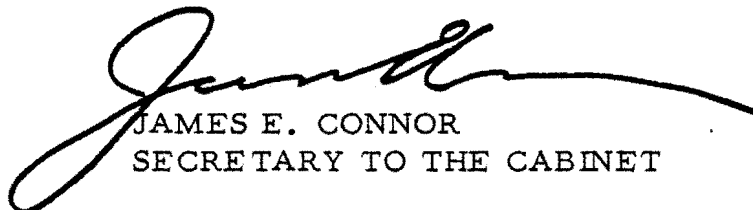
November 22, 1975

MEMORANDUM FOR: WHITE HOUSE AND EXECUTIVE
OFFICE BUILDING PERSONNEL

SUBJECT: Post Office Services during the
Holiday Season

For your convenience a temporary postal unit will be established on the Ground Floor of the Executive Office Building opposite the Cafeteria to handle personal mail and packages during the holiday season. This unit will be open from 8:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m. on weekdays beginning Monday, November 24th.

The heavy volume of official mail during the holiday season will make it impossible for the White House Mail Room in Room 97 EOB to accept personal packages for mailing or to sell stamps for personal use during this period.


JAMES E. CONNOR
SECRETARY TO THE CABINET



November 27, 1975

MEMORANDUM FOR JIM CONNOR

FROM: RON NESSEN

Frankly I don't know what to do with this. It is something that David Kennerly has been privately urging the President to participate in. I have had no role whatever. Mr. Gorkin tells me that the idea will require a \$ 2 million federal appropriation which I am almost sure the President will not endorse.

So if you think the President should see this, use your own judgement. Otherwise will you please send the appropriate reply to Mr. Gorkin?

Thank you.

RN/cg



PARADE

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November 24, 1975

Mr. Ron Nessen
White House
Washington, D.C.

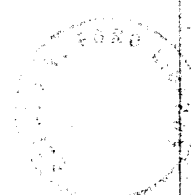
Dear Ron:

Thank you for agreeing to show the enclosed material on the Photo/200 Project to the President.

Briefly, the President liked the idea proposed in the March 2, 1975 Open Letter that called for a photo documentary report on the Bi-centennial Year. He asked David Kennerly to help implement this idea. About a dozen of us from the Government and the private sector met in the White House a number of times with Kennerly and this resulted in a permanent committee, a director for the project, and the formation of a non-profit organization. All the photos taken for this project will finally be housed in the Library of Congress.

Parade received tens of thousands of letters in favor of this project, the Congress favors it and at this point what is needed is a nod of approval from the President. I think that the simplest, most effective way for the President to express his approval would be for him to agree to either points 4 or 5 in the excerpt from the enclosed memorandum.

As I said to you on the phone, Parade will run



several follow-up stories in which we will
give full credit to the President for his
support in implementing the project.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in cursive script, appearing to read 'Jess Gorkin', with a long, sweeping horizontal line extending to the right.

Jess Gorkin



mittee submitted to a Federal officer of agency in 1974, the dates of the meetings and whether they were open or closed to the public, and the total estimated U.S. cost to fund, supply and maintain the committee.

Unlike its predecessors, the third annual report was microfilmed by the General Services Administration. The two-roll set, catalogued microcopy No. A-1199, can be ordered postpaid from the National Archives and Records Service (NFRS), Washington, D.C. 20408, for \$24.

The subcommittee oversees the Federal Advisory Committee Act, which requires that the membership of an advisory committee be "fairly balanced in terms of the points of view represented and the functions to be performed by the advisory committee."

According to the new index, corporations with large numbers of representatives on advisory committees include:

AT&T and RCA—95
ITT—86
General Electric—80
Communications Satellite Corp.—64
Exxon—48
IBM—40
Mitre Corp.—37
Boeing—36

The AFL-CIO has 92 representatives on advisory committees. The University of California (all campuses) leads in its category with 350, followed by Harvard (167), University of Texas (110), MIT (103), Johns Hopkins and the University of Michigan (103), and Columbia University (102).

The index also shows that one Comsat employee serves on fifteen advisory committees, one Federal Aviation Administration employee serves on ten, and one from the Federal Communications Commission serves on nine.

While the index will serve as a valuable reference for the Congress and the public, Sen. Metcalf said users of the index should bear in mind that "it is only as accurate as the information contained in the third annual report. Therefore, errors in the original source documents will also appear in the index."

The index is available from the Superintendent of Documents, U.S. Government Printing Office, Washington, D.C. 20402, for \$15.50.

Press and official copies of the index are available from the subcommittee, 161 Russell Senate Office Building, Washington, D.C. 20510, phone (202) 224-1474.

NATIONAL BICENTENNIAL PHOTOGRAPHY PROJECT

Mr. BAKER. Mr. President, we are now in the midst of planning for the 1976 Bicentennial, and numerous projects at the Federal, State, and local levels have been proposed to celebrate the strength and diversity which has characterized our first 200 years as a nation. In this regard, I would like to call to the attention of my colleagues in the Senate a proposed Bicentennial photography project which has been developed by photographic experts inside and outside of Government and which has now been suggested as an undertaking of the National Endowment for the Arts.

The Bicentennial photographic project has been designed as a comprehensive photographic survey of the United States utilizing the talents of some of our best photographers. The permanent record of photographs will be easily accessible, through the television, film, and print media, as well as potential regional exhibitions, to all parts of the Nation.

I am hopeful that funding for the project at a level of \$2.4 million can be included in the National Endowment for the Arts appropriation soon to be considered by the Senate Appropriations Committee so that this effort, which I consider to be one of the most worthwhile and lasting contributions which we could make to the Bicentennial celebration, can get underway as soon as possible.

Mr. President, I ask unanimous consent that a summary of the background and goals of the Bicentennial photographic project be printed in the RECORD.

There being no objection, the summary was ordered to be printed in the RECORD, as follows:

BRIEF DESCRIPTION OF NATIONAL BICENTENNIAL PHOTOGRAPHY PROJECT

A photographic survey to record with clarity and respect the character of our American life: this would be one of the most valuable contributions of the Bicentennial celebrations to present and future Americans. We are besieged with mass produced images in television, film and publications, but the daily lives of few Americans are recorded for themselves and posterity. Our diversity is collapsed into glimpses of the famous and the infamous. The mass media covers regularly only six of our fifty states—the others are ignored until they are convulsed by "newsworthy" catastrophes. We need today a portrait of all of American undertaken with the same thoroughness and brilliance which characterized the Farm Security Administration's famed efforts of the 1930's.

On March 2, 1975, an editorial in Parade magazine suggested to President Ford that he consider such a photographic documentation of the nation. A committee of photographic experts and representatives from the National Endowment for the Arts, the Departments of the Interior and Agriculture, the Library of Congress and the White House subsequently established the guidelines for such a national self-portrait. The NEA provided an initial small grant for the development of the project proposal. All agreed that the goal of a Bicentennial photography project is to capture and illuminate the American experience and to preserve for future generations a vision of the American people as we were in our 200th year.

A photographic survey of the United States cannot be a random collection of pictures, nor should funds be wasted in endless duplication. The project must be nationally coordinated and supervised by a skillful and respected person from the photographic field. PHOTO-200, a non-profit self-liquidating organization, was established for the sole purpose of directing the most important photographic study of the nation ever undertaken. Ken Heyman, one of the country's best photographers, whose credits include books with Dr. Margaret Mead and former President Lyndon B. Johnson, has been chosen to give PHOTO-200 the judicious and imaginative leadership required.

PHOTO-200 will invite the nation's photographers to submit representative portfolios. From these, as many as two hundred of the most gifted and perceptive photographers will be selected by a board of experts and assigned to undertake a journey as "visual historians" to capture the mood and substance of America. At least two or more photographers will be working in each of the fifty states. The dialogue between the director of PHOTO-200 and the photographers will yield a coherent and detailed portrait of America from Alaska to Florida, from our offices, homes, farms and schools to our supermarkets, street corners and parks.

When the Bicentennial is over this photo-

graphic survey will be a permanent public statement about 1976. From the thousands of photographs taken, one hundred from each photographer will be selected, archival printed and stored with the Library of Congress as an invaluable artistic and historic resource. In addition, PHOTO-200 will organize numerous traveling exhibitions of the collection that will reach all parts of the country, not just its major centers. To bring the portrait of America into as many homes and offices as possible, the collection will be reproduced in hardcover and paperback books.

The study of America by PHOTO-200 photographers will be the most significant such collection ever assembled. It will reveal and reaffirm our American identity, and it will offer an accurate and insightful vision of the American people to future generations showing them who we were and what we stood for in 1976.

BANGLADESH

Mr. KENNEDY. Mr. President, last week, a group of Bangladesh Army personnel—who were involved in the assassination of the late President of Bangladesh, Sheikh Mujibur Rahman, and others—arrived in Bangkok from Dacca, and through the American Embassy requested asylum in the United States. Earlier today, the Department of State informed me that a formal request for asylum, under the Attorney General's parole authority in section 212(d)(5) of the Immigration and Nationality Act, is being actively considered, and that a decision will be made within the near future.

In this connection, Mr. President, I ask unanimous consent to have printed in the RECORD the statement I made on November 7 and a letter to Secretary of State Henry A. Kissinger, both of which comment on recent developments in Bangladesh and strongly recommend that the pending request for asylum by the group of Bangladesh Army personnel be denied.

There being no objection, the statement and letter were ordered to be printed in the RECORD, as follows:

SENATOR KENNEDY'S STATEMENT ON DEVELOPMENTS IN BANGLADESH

Mr. KENNEDY. Mr. President, I am deeply concerned that the Department of State has under active consideration a request for asylum and admission into the United States of a group of Bangladesh Army officers involved in the assassination of the late President of Bangladesh, Sheikh Mujibur Rahman.

As one who has closely followed developments in Bangladesh, I have personally deplored the senseless killing of Sheikh Mujib and his family last August. And the further bloodshed in recent days, which has brought death to many leaders of the Bangladesh independence movement, is added cause for concern over the future of that new country. These lawless acts have set in motion a tragic series of events which not only threaten the political and social fabric of Bangladesh, but the peace and stability of the entire area.

Since the costly civil war and the anguished birth of Bangladesh in 1971, the people of this beleaguered nation have suffered a series of natural disasters—floods, typhoons, droughts, and crop-failure—which have brought famine conditions to many areas, and starvation and death to many thousands.

But the man-made disaster which threatens Bangladesh today is unleashing destruc-



A classic photo of 1936 Oklahoma dust storm taken by Arthur Rothstein, now Parade's photo editor. The picture is part of the great Farm Security

Administration project that documented American life during the 1930's. Parade urges the U.S. to undertake a similar project for our Bicentennial.

A Suggestion for the Bicentennial

An Open Letter To President Ford

Dear Mr. President:

As the nation's Bicentennial celebration gets underway, Parade would like to offer a suggestion that we believe will make the forthcoming observances even more meaningful to our people—not only of this generation, but of those still to come.

After two centuries of existence, the United States has achieved a way of life like none that has existed before. It is reflected in our great cities and rich farmlands, our busy scientific complexes and cultural centers, our manifold financial, commercial, and athletic activities, our enduring social, religious and educational institutions.

Parade would like to see this immensely varied and vibrant life of America in the mid-1970's preserved and documented for all time

through the art of photography. We would like to see the Government of the United States, as one of its major Bicentennial undertakings, compile a photographic record of America today.



Precedents exist for this kind of thorough photographic documentary, starting with the work of Mathew Brady, whose battlefield pictures constitute a graphic record of the Civil War. An even more striking example is the great photographic project undertaken by the Farm Security Administration in the 1930's which compiled a vast photo documentary of this country's rural and small-town life—a powerful social document of 70,000 photographs that is still maintained in the Library of Congress.

In like manner, we think a photographic record of America today in all its aspects—its shadows as well as its highlights, its problems as well as its achievements—will serve to give our people a comprehensive picture of what America is all about, what it has done, and what remains to be done. For future generations, documentary photographs of how America lived, worked, played during its Bicentennial observance (March 1, 1975, to Dec. 31, 1976) will constitute a unique chronicle.

Parade itself would be honored to publish a selection of the photos, bringing them to the attention of our 36 million readers. The entire set of photographs would appropriately be on file, perhaps at the Library of Congress, for current and future generations.

Mr. President, we believe the project we propose would be one of the most useful, exciting and lasting contributions your Administration can make to the great national celebration. We, therefore, urge that you select a federal agency to organize this historical project and begin work on "A Portrait of American Life—1976." Such a project can be, for us and for those who come after us, a record of our accomplishments, an expression of our hopes, and a reaffirmation of our faith in these United States.

Respectfully,

JESS GORKIN, EDITOR

November 5, 1975

The President
The White House
Washington, D. C.

Dear Mr. President:

As you will recall, you expressed an interest early this year in the development of a Bicentennial Photographic Project which would compile a photographic portrait of the Nation in its 200th year through the work of some of our finest photographers.

Early meetings held at The White House, chaired by David Kennerly, and attended by representatives of the National Endowment for the Arts, the Departments of Agriculture and Interior, the Library of Congress and photographic experts, have now yielded a concrete proposal which would allow for completion of the project, at a budget of \$2.4 million, under the auspices of the National Endowment for the Arts.

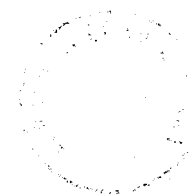
I have been impressed with the thorough planning which has gone into the project, as well as with the high level of expertise evidenced in its developers and staff, and I strongly support the appropriation of funds to begin the photographic survey as soon as possible. Toward that end, I and others interested in the project have suggested that the Senate Subcommittee on Interior Appropriations consider including the necessary funds under the National Endowment for the Arts appropriation when it begins mark-up of the Interior Department Appropriations Bill next week.

Your expression of continued interest in and support for undertaking a photographic documentation of the Nation as a part of our Bicentennial celebration would, of course, be most helpful in our efforts to obtain the necessary funding at the earliest possible time. I would very much appreciate any assistance which you could provide in this effort.

Yours very truly,

Howard H. Baker, Jr.

HMBJr:gh



United States Senate

November 1975

WASHINGTON, D.C. 20510

Honorable Robert C. Byrd, Chairman
Subcommittee on Interior
Committee on Appropriations
United States Senate
Washington, D. C. 20510

Dear Mr. Chairman:

As the Subcommittee moves toward mark-up of H. R. 8773, the Department of the Interior and Related Agencies Appropriations Bill, I would like to express my support for inclusion of funds to accomplish, under the National Endowment for the Arts, a comprehensive photographic survey of the United States as a part of our Bicentennial celebration.

As you may be aware, such a project was suggested in a Parade Magazine Editorial in March of this year. Since that time, a group of professional photographers and photographic experts, including representatives of the National Endowment and the White House, has organized and developed a proposal for the project which, at a budget of \$2.4 million, will provide for the completion of a photographic portrait of the fifty states by some of the nation's finest photographers.

I have enclosed a brief description of the project, as well as a copy of the proposed budget. The nature of the project seems well suited to the National Endowment for the Arts, and it is my understanding that the Endowment is enthusiastic about undertaking it. Due to the limited time remaining before the full rush of Bicentennial activities is upon us, it is my feeling that the Congress should act as swiftly as possible to provide funds so that the project can begin.

I hope you will agree that the project offers us a unique opportunity to record the mood and spirit of America on our 200th anniversary at a relatively low cost. The permanent record of photographs will provide a valuable insight for future generations of Americans, and it will be easily accessible, through the television, film, and print media, as well as potential regional exhibitions, to all parts of the nation.

I will be most appreciative of your consideration of funding for a Bicentennial Photographic Project, and I will be pleased to discuss it with you and provide further information about it if you should so desire in the days ahead.

Sincerely,

Howard H. Baker, Jr.

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Enclosure

WHITE HOUSE
WASHINGTON

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November 28, 1975

MEMORANDUM FOR
THE CABINET

SUBJECT: CABINET AGENDA ITEMS
MEETING DECEMBER 10, 1975

The next meeting of the Cabinet is scheduled for Wednesday, December 10th, at 11:00 a.m., in the Cabinet Room.

I would appreciate receiving any suggestions you might have for agenda items by c.o.b. Friday, December 5th. If you wish to send your suggestions by phone, the direct number is 456-6697.



JAMES E. CONNOR
SECRETARY TO THE CABINET

THE WHITE HOUSE

WASHINGTON

November 29, 1975

MEMORANDUM FOR:

RON NESSEN

FROM:

JIM CONNOR *JEC*

Your memorandum of November 28 concerning the major wire service stories on your Supreme Court appointment was reviewed by the President and returned with the following notation:

"Thanks"

cc: Dick Cheney

THE WHITE HOUSE

WASHINGTON

December 1, 1975

MEMORANDUM FOR:

RON NESSEN

FROM:

JIM CONNOR

The President returned your memorandum of November 26 concerning the wire service copy on the New York City plan with the following notation:

"Thanks"

MEMORANDUM

THE WHITE HOUSE
WASHINGTON

December 4, 1975

MEMORANDUM FOR:

RON NESSEN ✓
BOB MEAD

FROM:

JIM CONNOR

I'd appreciate having your views on the proposal by Ted Marrs that we do a Presidential Bicentennial statement on film for use at various meetings around the country.

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cc: Jack Marsh

I recommend doing
it if the statement
is a well-written one.

R.A.



THE WHITE HOUSE

WASHINGTON

November 14, 1975

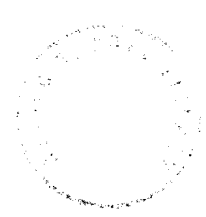
MEMORANDUM FOR: JIM CONNOR

FROM: TED MARRS *JM*

As we draw closer to 1976, we are receiving more and more requests for a Presidential Bicentennial statement on film which can be used at various meetings around the nation. In many cases, the requests come from groups which are planning Bicentennial commemorative activities and would like to have the President attend but realize this is not possible. Although a prepared message would be acceptable as an alternative, there would be greater impact if the President's remarks were on film. I envision about a five minute presentation with the President reiterating some of the things he has already said at the Old North Church, Concord, Fort McHenry, etc.

I know there would be a cost involved in this but I believe the values gained in terms of the President identifying himself with the Bicentennial activities around the country, which he has espoused, would far exceed the cost.

I would appreciate your assistance in helping to bring this about.



THE WHITE HOUSE
WASHINGTON

December 9, 1975

MEMORANDUM FOR: BOB HARTMANN
JACK MARSH
PHIL BUCHEN
RON NESSEN ✓

FROM: JIM CONNOR *JC*

SUBJECT: Common Cause Meeting with
the President Ford Committee

Bo Calloway has asked Bob Visser, PFC General Counsel, to meet on Thursday, December 11, with representatives of Common Cause to discuss a candidate checklist of standards with which they have asked all Presidential candidates to voluntarily comply (at Tab A).

The PFC does not now wish to make any formal commitments in this regard, but they would like some indication from the White House of how they can react to these proposals. In particular, we should focus on whether the President should issue an updated net-worth statement. Attached at Tab B is a copy of the one he issued at the time of his Vice Presidential confirmation hearings.

Please transmit your responses to me by c. o. b. Wednesday, December 10.



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COMMON CAUSE

2030 M STREET, N.W., WASHINGTON, D. C. 20036

John W. Gardner, Chairman

(202) 833-1200

November 4, 1975

Dear Presidential Candidate:


Under recent practice many political campaigns have become enormously skilled exercises in image manipulation and issue evasion. As a result, too many citizens doubt that their concerns will be answered by any candidate and have turned away from politics and voting. New standards of integrity, responsiveness and accountability must be introduced into our campaigns. Although a major step toward integrity was taken with the overthrow of the old, corrupt way of financing campaigns, further steps remain to be taken.

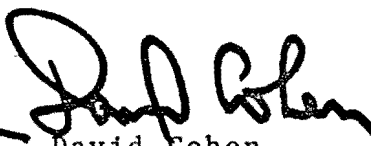
Common Cause believes that candidates for President in 1976 have an opportunity to set the nation on a new course.

The enclosed campaign standards set forth a series of steps which we believe should be taken by a candidate in order to accomplish that goal. We would appreciate the opportunity to meet with you to discuss the efforts you would be willing to take in your campaign regarding these standards.

We will be calling on our members, the public and the media to measure candidates' performance against the enclosed standards. As we will be issuing a report of candidate responses in January, we would appreciate having a written response from you before that time.

Sincerely,


John Gardner
Chairman


David Cohen
President



COMMON CAUSE CAMPAIGN STANDARDS FOR PRESIDENTIAL CANDIDATES

- *To establish two-way communication between candidates and citizens*
- *To permit a full discussion of national issues*
- *To reveal candidates' leadership qualities to the public*
- *To restore confidence in the integrity of candidates and public officials*
- *To protect the American people from manipulation by modern communications techniques*

CANDIDATE CHECKLIST

- #1 Takes full public responsibility for all aspects of his or her campaign, including responsibility for campaign finance activities, campaign practices of staff, and campaign statements of principal spokespersons.
- #2 Does not use taxpayer-supported services of any public office now held -- such as staff, transportation or free mailing privileges -- for campaign purposes, except as required for personal security reasons.
- #3 Makes public a statement of personal financial holdings, including assets and debts, sources of income, honoraria, gifts and other financial transactions over \$1,000, covering candidate, spouse and dependent children.
- #4 Holds press conferences at least monthly throughout the campaign, and in every state where contesting a primary, at which reporters and broadcasters are freely permitted to ask questions and follow-up questions.

- #5 Allows interviews by a broad spectrum of TV, radio and newspaper reporters, including single-interviewer formats which provide maximum opportunity for in-depth questions.
- #6 Discusses issues which are high on the list of the people's concerns, as evidenced, for example, by national public opinion polls; clarifies alternatives and tradeoffs in a way that sets forth the real choices involved for the nation; and makes clear to the American people what choices he or she would make if elected to office.
- #7 Engages in unrehearsed communication with voters, including participation in open hearings and forums with other candidates on the same platform, where the public is given opportunities to express their concerns, ask questions and follow up on their questions.
- #8 Uses only advertising which stresses the candidate's record and viewpoint on issues.
- #9 Makes public all information relating to a given poll if releasing or leaking any part of a campaign poll (including when and where the poll was conducted, by whom, a description of the sample of the population polled, as well as all questions and responses).

N E W S

from

COMMON CAUSE
2030 M Street, N.W.
Washington, D.C. 20036

202/833-1200

For Information: Franci Eisenberg
Ellen Tchorni

FOR RELEASE: 10:30 a.m.
WEDNESDAY, NOVEMBER 5, 1975

STATEMENT BY JOHN GARDNER
REGARDING THE COMMON CAUSE
NATIONAL PROGRAM FOR CAMPAIGN 76

A year from now we will elect a President to govern this country for four years.

Citizens should be using that year to form the wisest judgments they can possibly make on the candidates. To make those judgments they should know in detail how the candidates stand on issues, how the candidates respond to tough, in-depth questioning, how the candidates have performed over the course of their political lives and how they have reacted under pressure.

The media should use the coming year to play their unique and immeasurably valuable role in providing citizens with most of the data they will need to make such judgments.

So both the citizens and the media have a job to do. But whether they are able to do that job depends on how the campaigns are conducted. Unfortunately both citizens and the media have tended to assume that how campaigns are conducted was none of

their business. It was the business of the political managers.

Citizens and the media have sat passively by while political managers have concocted campaigns characterized by issue evasion, image manipulation, manufactured "media events" and outright exploitation of our communications system. This is not a blanket indictment. Everyone recognizes the sincerity of some political managers.

Common Cause believes that political campaigns in America must be changed. We believe that new standards of integrity, responsiveness and accountability must be introduced into our campaigns. We propose that citizens and the media make it as difficult as possible for political managers to deal in plastic images, to manipulate events and to avoid authentic give-and-take with the voter.

Yesterday we sent to each Presidential candidate a set of proposed campaign standards for the 1976 elections. These standards are designed to help insure that the 1976 Presidential campaign is conducted in a manner which informs voters of the candidates' issue positions and facilitates voter appraisal of candidates as leaders.

A recent poll by Louis Harris found that by a 71-23% margin most Americans believe that "the trouble with most leaders is they treat the public as though it has a 12-year old mentality, instead of as grown-up human beings who can take the hard truth on most issues." We believe that political leaders must stop treating the American people as if they were 12-year olds, and that the place for this to begin is in the 1976 campaigns.

Our proposed standards call upon the candidates to deal openly and honestly with the public and the press on the issues -- by being accessible for in-depth one-on-one interviews, press conferences, debates, citizen forums and hearings in which issues can be fully explored and discussed. The standards also call upon the candidates to demonstrate that they are people of integrity -- by making personal financial disclosure, by taking full public responsibility for the conduct of their campaigns, by taking care not to use taxpayer-supported services for their campaigns, and by avoiding image-oriented advertising and leaked portions of polls.

We will conduct a national campaign to acquaint the public with these standards as a means of judging the candidate's respect for the voters. We will call on our members, and the public to measure candidates' performance against these standards.

It is clear that one of the basic problems of campaigns in the past has been the incredible overpromising by all candidates. In order to help deal with this we intend to ask each candidate to make public in broad categories, the candidate's proposed national budget for fiscal year 1977. In this way, candidates' speeches can be measured against their proposed taxing and spending priorities as stated in real money terms.

For five years we have been saying that the American people won't get very far in solving any of their problems until they repair the instruments of self-government, and it is in that spirit that we are tackling the electoral process.

Now, with 1976 approaching, it is suddenly very fashionable to attack government. Common Cause hasn't changed. It still

believes that government must be held accountable, and that to do that requires close scrutiny by citizens, not only of the electoral process but of Congress, the Judiciary and the Executive Branch. But primitive attacks upon government, attacks that unscrupulously exploit the contemporary resentment of all authority cannot be good for the nation. We owe it to the public to be entirely explicit as to what we would like to see changed in order to improve government. Blanket indictments are the weapon of the demagogue. Let's be specific.

In 1972 and 1974 Common Cause specified in considerable detail the kind of constructive but tough questions that every citizen should ask about Congress and the state legislatures.

We will be shortly setting forth a set of key questions bearing on the accountability of the Executive Branch. These questions will be addressed to the basic issue of making government and the machinery of government work. We believe that each candidate must address with specifics and not simply rhetoric the issue of how we can make our government work better.

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... copies. I am as anxious as any Member of the 93rd Congress to establish a sound precedent under the 25th Amendment of the Constitution, which we framed in the 59th Congress.

Therefore, as I assured you in person, I am doing my best to cooperate fully, not only with my colleagues in the Congress but also with the full field investigation being conducted by the Federal Bureau of Investigation, the Internal Revenue Service, the General Accounting Office and other agencies. Although this is a novel experience for me, and certainly unprecedented in history, I hope, as you do, that it will result in a greater public confidence in government.

Warm personal regards,

GERALD R. FORD, M.C.

GRAND RAPIDS, MICH., October 29, 1973.

Hon. HOWARD W. CANNON,
Chairman, U.S. Senate Committee on Rules and Administration,
Washington, D.C.

DEAR SIR: In accordance with Congressman Gerald R. Ford's request we have prepared and are submitting to you the enclosed statement of his and Mrs. Ford's net worth as of September 30, 1973. The statement of net worth should be considered in conjunction with the notes to the statement which are attached.

This firm has served as Congressman Ford's tax accountants since 1949 and we are generally familiar with all of his financial records and transactions.

For purposes of preparing this statement of net worth, we have relied on the complete financial information supplied by Congressman Ford each year, and stored in this office, consisting of check books, bank statements, cancelled checks and deposit slips. The market values of the Real Estate and furnishings were supplied by Congressman Ford and represent his estimate of current values.

Sincerely,

ROBERT J. MCBAIN,
Certified Public Accountant.

Gerald R. and Elizabeth B. Ford, statement of net worth, Sept. 30, 1973

Assets:	
Cash in banks.....	\$1,001
Savings account, Grand Rapids Mutual Federal.....	281
Securities:	
Ford Paint and Varnish Co., debenture bonds.....	9,031
Central Telephone of Illinois, stock.....	8,240
Stein Roe Farnum Balance Fund, stock.....	1,209
Total.....	13,570
Cash value, life insurance:	
Gerald R. Ford (face value \$25,000).....	6,000
Elizabeth B. Ford (face value \$5,000).....	1,407
Total.....	8,487
U.S. Congressional Retirement Fund, contributed cost.....	49,414
Real estate:	
Residence, Alexandria, Va.....	70,000
Condominium, Vail, Colo.....	65,000
Rental dwelling, Grand Rapids, Mich.....	25,000
Cabin, South Branch Township, Mich. (1/4 interest).....	2,000
Total.....	102,000

Assets—Continued

Furnishings:

Residence.....	12,000
Condominium.....	5,000
Rental dwelling.....	2,000

Total..... 19,000

Automobiles and other vehicles..... 8,725

Total assets..... 261,078

Liabilities:

Notes payable, National Bank of Washington.....	8,200
General bills outstanding.....	1,500

Total liabilities..... 4,700

Net worth..... 256,378

GERALD R. AND ELIZABETH B. FORD, NOTES TO STATEMENT OF NET WORTH, SEPTEMBER 30, 1973

The cash in banks consists of an account at Sergeant at Arms, Washington, D.C., Central Bank, Grand Rapids, Michigan and Union Bank and Trust Co., Grand Rapids, Michigan.

The debenture bonds—Ford Paint and Varnish Co. are due on July 1, 1975. The stock securities consist of 135 shares of Central Telephone of Illinois and 60 shares of Stein Roe, Farnam Balance Fund valued at market value on September 30, 1973.

The cash value—life insurance was supplied by New England Mutual Life Insurance Co.

The U.S. Congressional retirement fund represents Congressman Ford's contributed cost to September 30, 1973.

The real estate and furnishings represent estimated market value supplied by Congressman Ford, which are in excess of original cost and values determined from property tax assessments.

The automobiles and other vehicles, which consist of a 1968 Chrysler, 1972 Jeep, 1969 Mustang, 1971 Mustang and a 1972 Motorcycle, were valued by Berger Chevrolet Co. Grand Rapids, Michigan.

The notes payable—National Bank of Washington, are short-term notes maturing at 30-day intervals.

The general bills outstanding are estimated miscellaneous items unpaid at September 30, 1973.

CONGRESS OF THE UNITED STATES,
OFFICE OF THE MINORITY LEADER,
HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES,
Washington, D.C., November 6, 1973.

Hon. HOWARD W. CANNON,
Chairman, Senate Committee on Rules and Administration,
Washington, D.C.

DEAR MR. CHAIRMAN: This will authorize your Committee to make public the Statement of my Net Worth and any other financial records furnished by me.

Warm personal regards,

GERALD R. FORD,
Member of Congress.

December 20, 1975

MEMORANDUM FOR JIM CONNOR

FROM: RON NESSEN

Jim Shuman has agreed that a \$2,000 annual raise beginning January 1, which you agreed to, will help him ease his financial problems. On that basis he is willing to stay as Editor of the news summary and Assistant to Margita White.

Will you please make the necessary arrangements to put this raise into effect?

Thank you.

RN/cg



THE WHITE HOUSE
WASHINGTON

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December 22, 1975

ADMINISTRATIVELY CONFIDENTIAL

MEMORANDUM FOR:

RON NESSEN

FROM:

JIM CONNOR *JEC*

The following notation was directed to you in the President's outbox:

"Jerry Terhorst spoke to me about an interview.
Mentioned at Press Party."

Please follow-up with appropriate action.

cc: Dick Cheney



December 31, 1975

MEMORANDUM FOR: JIM CONNOR

FROM: RON NESSEN

Some weeks ago, Adam Clymer of the Baltimore Sun requested a copy of the White House payroll, including names and salaries. When nothing was forthcoming, he invoked the Freedom of Information Act.

He now tells me that he still has received no information or answer to his request. Clymer has been sympathetic to the President and the President's policies, and I do think we should give him some kind of answer or else we may lose his understanding treatment of the President in his news stories.

RN/jb



December 31, 1975

MEMORANDUM FOR: JIM CONNOR

FROM: RON NESSEN

One more personnel matter: As you know, Larry Speakes is taking over Jack Husben's duties of running the day-to-day operation in the lower Press Office and Bill Roberts will be moving up one notch to be the No. 2 man in the lower Press Office.

I strongly recommend a \$1,200 annual raise for Bill Roberts effective January 1.

Please let me know if this is approved.

RN/jb



December 31, 1975

MEMORANDUM FOR: JIM CONNOR

FROM: RON NESSEN

Today is Judy O'Neil's last day in the Press Office.

I indicated to her that you and I felt 1 month's leave time beginning January 1 was a fair arrangement. She indicated that she wanted considerably more leave time, and she will talk to you directly about it.



RN/jb

THE WHITE HOUSE
WASHINGTON

December 31, 1975

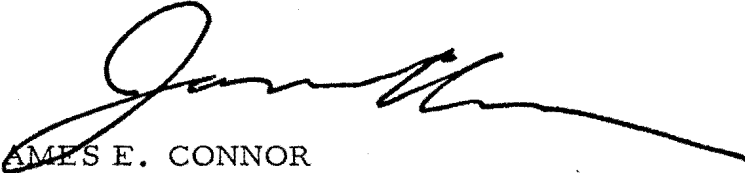
MEMORANDUM FOR
THE CABINET

SUBJECT: CABINET AGENDA ITEMS FOR
JANUARY 7, 1976 MEETING

The next meeting of the Cabinet is scheduled for Wednesday,
January 7th, at 11:00 a.m., in the Cabinet Room.

I would appreciate receiving any suggestions you might have for
agenda items by 12:00 noon on Monday, January 5th.

If you wish to send your suggestions by phone, the direct number
is 456-6697.


JAMES E. CONNOR
SECRETARY TO THE CABINET

