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THE WHITE HOUSE
WASHINGTON

January 3, 1976

MEMORANDUM FOR: RON NESSEN
 MARGITA WHITE

FROM: WILLIAM NICHOLSON

SUBJECT: California Newspaper Publishers Association
 convention in San Diego, February 18-21

Attached is the entire file on this invitation to the President.
It will not be possible for the President to add a trip to the
West Coast to his schedule, however.

We brought this invitation to the attention of the Vice President,
who also is not able to attend due to schedule conflicts.

I am returning to you to notify the sponsors and assist them in
obtaining an Administration spokesman, if appropriate.

Thank you.

MEMORANDUM

MFW

OFFICE OF THE VICE PRESIDENT
WASHINGTON

December 22, 1975

MEMORANDUM FOR: WILLIAM NICHOLSON
FROM: NANCY TOWELL *NT*
RE: ATTACHED INVITATIONS FOR CALIFORNIA

Unfortunately, the Vice President will not be able to plan a trip to California during February and so cannot take advantage of either of the attached invitations.

Thanks for sending them along.

December 15, 1975

MEMORANDUM FOR:

NANCY TOWELL

FROM:

WILLIAM NICHOLSON

SUBJECT:

California Newspaper Publishers Association
convention in San Diego, February 18-21

Los Angeles Open 50th Anniversary Dinner,
February 17

Attached is background on two events we have been holding for the President's consideration. Unfortunately, it will not be possible for him to be in California at this time.

The California Newspaper Publishers Association invitation comes to us highly recommended. The Los Angeles Open dinner is a good event and ties in well with the opening session of the Newspaper Publishers meeting.

Please keep me advised on the status. If you have any questions, please do not hesitate to contact me.

Thank you.

October 11, 1976

Dear Mr. Bush:

On behalf of the President, I want to thank you and your family for the letters delivered to him by the staff of the White House.

Your invitation by the President to visit the White House and the residence of the President in Washington is being reviewed. We are very much interested in the fact that you will be able to accept. It is our hope that you will be able to accept the President's invitation and that you will be able to visit the White House and the residence of the President in Washington.

I recognize your need to travel on short notice and we are pleased to give you priority in that regard. You will be invited to the White House and the residence of the President in Washington. I am sure you, together, will be able to accept the President's invitation and that you will be able to visit the White House and the residence of the President in Washington.

With best wishes,

Sincerely,

Don Rumsfeld
Vice President
of the President

Mr. Jesse Bush, President
California Republican Executive Board, Inc.
Executive Director
1111 1st Street
Santa Monica, California 90401

cc: Mr. Catlyle

RHN:MEW:stw

bcc: Fandy Woods
Bill Nicholson
Andrea Wisniewski



October 13, 1975

Dear Carlyle:

The President has asked me to thank you for your thoughtful letter.

I also have written to Deane Funk. As my attached letter indicates, it is too early to make a decision but we certainly will give careful consideration to the invitation for the President to address the California Newspaper Publishers Association in February.

We also, of course, will want to consider your invitation for the President to address the 1978 convention.

The President very much enjoyed the Host Breakfast.

With best wishes,

Sincerely,

Ron Nessen
Press Secretary
to the President

Mr. Carlyle Reed
The Sacramento Union
301 Capitol Mall
Sacramento, California 95812

RHN:MEW:stw

bcc: Randy Woods
Bill Nicholson
Sandra Wisniewski--State File

MEMORANDUM

THE WHITE HOUSE

WASHINGTON

June 10, 1975

- File ~~Sept~~
Feb 1976

MEMORANDUM FOR: WARREN RUSTAND

FROM: RON NESSEN *R.N.*

I have already responded to the attached letter. The President should meet with the California Newspaper Publishers Association if at all possible during their convention. Would you give it serious consideration for inclusion in a Western swing during this time. *MFW ↑*

Thank you.

Ferdinand F. Fendler

Jim [unclear] 2042323

The Sun Days News
The Valley News

ESTABLISHED 1911

6 May 75

*Ford is a good
GOP publisher
in Regentland.*

*This might
be a good
forum
[Signature]*

Hon. Gerald R. Ford
President of the United States
The White House
Washington, D.C. 20500

Dear Mr. President:

C. Deane Funk, president of our California
Newspaper Publishers Association, recently
wrote to you extending an invitation for
you to address the Association on a day
and time suitable to your schedule at our
next annual convention set for February
18-21 in Hotel Del Coronado, in Coronado.

1976

CNPA is the largest state publishers asso-
ciation in the U.S., to our knowledge, and
never before has enjoyed the honor and
privilege of being addressed by a President.
There is no question but that your presence
would pack the Crown Room to the rafters,
drawing publishers and senior staff asso-
ciates from throughout the western states.

May I also support Deane's letter in asking
that you give this invitation your most
earnest consideration. You have two fine
"newspaper types" alongside in Bob Hartmann
and Ron Nessen whom I am fairly sure would
endorse our belief that your address before

Hon. Gerald R. Ford

Page 2

California publishers and those who attend the convention from other western states, would provide a mutually enjoyable and beneficial event.

With assured warmest personal regard,

Sincerely yours,

FERDINAND MENDENHALL
Past president, CNPA

Fm.

cc: C. Deane Funk, President
California Newspaper Publishers Association
Post Office Box 590
1540 Third Street
Santa Monica, California 90405

Alex DeBakcsy, Convention Chairman
California Newspaper Publishers Association
Post Office Box 191
San Diego, California 92112

bcc: Mr. Robert Hartmann ✓
Mr. Ron Nessen



April 10, 1975

Feb 20

Dear Mr. Funk:

I received your letter and the letter for President Ford, and I was pleased to learn of your interest in having the President address the 1975 Convention of the California Newspaper Publishers Association, Inc.

President Ford has enjoyed participating in such events in the past, and I know he will appreciate your extending this invitation. However, as Jerry Warren has mentioned, it is simply too early for us to anticipate what the President's schedule will be in February of 1976. Mr. Warren and I will be discussing your convention with the President's Appointments Secretary as the date draws closer, and we will, of course, be back in touch.

With best wishes,

Sincerely,

Ron Nessen
Press Secretary
to the President

Mr. Deane Funk, President
California Newspaper Publishers Assn., Inc.
Evening Outlook
Post Office Box 590
Santa Monica, California 90406

bcc: Warren Rustand, Jerry Warren FYI
Pink bcc: Becky Hamill
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RN/RH/mw



THE WHITE HOUSE

WASHINGTON

April 1, 1975

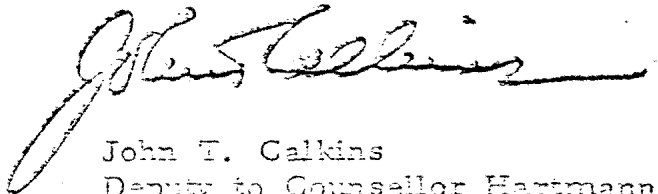
Dear Mr. Funk:

In the absence of Counsellor Hartmann, who is traveling with President Ford, I acknowledge your recent letter concerning your hope that the President can address your CNPA meeting in San Diego next February.

The President's schedule and the nature of his duties preclude acceptance of invitations so far in advance, but we are forwarding your letter to the Presidential Scheduling Office so that they will know of your invitation and will have it on file when consideration can be given to the February 1976 schedule.

By the way, I note that you have addressed Mr. Hartmann as "Chief of Staff to the Vice President." Mr. Hartmann did hold that title until August 9, 1974 but since that date he has been a Counsellor to the President. You may wish to change your records accordingly.

Sincerely,



John T. Calkins
Deputy to Counsellor Hartmann

Mr. C. Deane Funk
President
California Newspaper Publishers
Association, Inc.
Evening Outlook
P. O. Box 590
Santa Monica, California 90406

cc: RTH

Warren Rustand ✓

California

Newspaper Publishers Association, Inc.

SACRAMENTO: 1127 - 11th St. (916) 443-3391
LOS ANGELES: 6151 W. Century Blvd. (408) 641-8333

Office of CNPA President
C. DEANE FUNK
Evening Outlook
P.O. Box 590
Santa Monica, California 90406

March 25, 1975

Mr. Robert Hartmann
Chief of Staff to the Vice President
Office of the Vice President
The White House
Washington, D. C. 20500

Dear Mr. Hartmann:

Alex De Bakcsy, general manager of the San Diego Union Tribune, suggested I also write to you and ask you to urge the President to accept our invitation to the California Newspaper Publishers Association convention at the Hotel del Coronado in San Diego in February 1976. A copy of my letter to the President is enclosed.

I don't know how familiar you are with the CNPA, but our convention would be an excellent forum for the President. I recognize how busy he is and how many demands there are on his time, much of which cannot be foreseen at this time, obviously.

I think you will be hearing from other California publishers from time to time in the next few weeks and if you have any questions, all of us will be happy to answer them or at least to find the answers if we do not know.

Thank you for your consideration.

Sincerely,



Deane Funk
President

Enclosure

1975 EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE: C. DEANE FUNK, President; HARRY E. CASSELL, Secretary; ...
1975 BOARD OF DIRECTORS: ...



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California Invitation/CRF
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March 31, 1975

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APPOINTMENT OFFICE

Dear Deane:

Thanks for your letter of March 25, 1975, and the invitation to the President to address the California Newspaper Publishers Association annual convention in February in San Diego next year.

As you can well imagine, it is too early to either accept or regret the invitation at this time. I will make sure that a copy of your invitation goes to the Appointments Secretary for the President so that they will have this in their files for the month of February, 1976. We will hold it open for definite consideration, however.

It was good to hear from you again, and I hope we can get together before too long. I missed this trip to San Diego because of pressing business here, but I expect to be in San Diego April 12.

With every good wish,

Sincerely,

Gerard L. Warren
Deputy Press Secretary
to the President

Mr. Deane Funk, President
California Newspaper Publishers Assn., Inc.
Evening Outlook
P. O. Box 590
Santa Monica, California 90406



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California

Newspaper Publishers Association, Inc.

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Office of CNPA President
C. DEANE FUNK
Evening Outlook
P.O. Box 530
Santa Monica, California 90406

March 25, 1975

MAR 28 1975

Mr. Gerald Warren
Deputy Press Secretary
Office of the President
The White House
Washington, D. C. 20500

Dear Jerry:

It was good to meet you at the White House recently. This is the letter that Alex De Bakcsy said that you and he had discussed my writing to the President.

I hope it is a good enough letter to interest the President in accepting our invitation.

And, you know how nice the Hotel del Coronado is so I'm counting on you to spread the good word. We'll be in touch, and if there is anything I can do, please call on me.

Sincerely,

Deane

Deane Funk
President

Enclosure



1975 EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE: C. DEANE FUNK, President, Evening Outlook, Santa Monica — HARRY F. CASEY, President-Pace, King of the Hill — CARLILE REED, Vice-President, The Sacramento Union — GRAY W. ASH, Secretary-Treasurer, Northern Newspaper, Los Angeles — CHARLES W. ANDERSON, Treasurer, San Francisco Herald American (CN) — THOMAS N. ANDERSON, Editor-Manager, San Francisco — CARLTON G. ANDERSON, Alameda, Editor — EVERETT E. BAY, Feather River Bulletin, Quincy — DEAN S. LEONARD, Contra Costa Times, Walnut Creek — SPENCER, Palo Verde Vista Times, Arroyo

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March 25, 1975

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NUMBER 407

ORIGINAL TO: RON NESSEN

COPY FYI TO: WARREN RUSTAND

Hon. Gerald Ford
President of the United States
The White House
Washington, D. C. 20500

Dear Mr. President:

The members of the California Newspaper Publishers Association would be very honored if you could address our organization at our annual convention, February 20, 1976 at the Hotel del Coronado in San Diego.

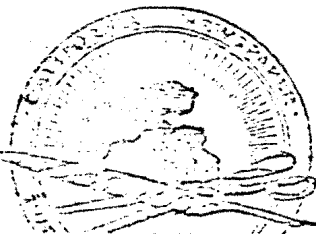
California Newspaper Publishers Association represents virtually all of the daily and weekly newspapers in California. We believe it is the largest state newspaper association in the United States.

This is our 88th annual convention. It is a working meeting, in which 1100 newspaper executives from California and throughout the West meet and confer on topics of a wide range of interest to newspapers.

It has been traditional that we have a "family night" on Friday evening of the convention at which we have heard many distinguished speakers, including past governors of California. We would be honored if you would address us that evening. However, if your schedule might more conveniently accommodate Thursday evening, or any other time, we would naturally adapt our schedule to fit yours.

1975 EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE: C. DEANE FUNK, President, Evening Outlook, Santa Monica — HARRY F. CASEY, President-Elect, 1st — CARLYLE REED, Vice-President, The Sacramento Union — ORAN W. ASA, Secretary-Treasurer, Northwest Newspapers, L. CHARLES W. AYDELOTTE, Immediate Past President, Herald American/Cal Evening News, San Francisco — CARLTON R. API, Advocate, Escondido — EVERETT E. BEY, Feather River Bulletin, Quincy — DEAN S. LESNER, Contra Costa Times, Walnut Creek — SPENCER, Palo Verde Valley Times, Blythe.

1975 BOARD OF DIRECTORS: GEORGE A. BARNWELL, News Advance — W. D. BERLSON, Calif Herald — DONALD T. The Ledger, Montrose — JOHN CLINTON, San Bruno Herald — ROBERT L. CRISP, The Daily News, Camanche — GERALD T. DE Publications, Los Angeles — GLENN HAGE, Media, Escondido — DON R. HANCOCK, Fourth Day, Napa — WILLIAM R. San Francisco Examiner — ROBERT L. HUTTON, News, Santa Clara — N. A. HUMAN, Contra Costa Independent — LYNCH, Shasta Inland Empire — RALPH H. SHARPHAM, The Valley News, Colusa — HARVEY C. MACE, Sierra Club — BILL L. METCALF, Shasta Media Group, Shasta — NORMAN DAVISON — LAMON ROBERT, Anderson Valley Press, Eureka — EV The Press Democrat, Santa Rosa — WILLIAM DEAN F. ALDRIN, Ukiah — GLENN E. FORTIN, Sierra Daily Chronicle — ARTHUR G. GUNDEL, Ukiah — GARY H. HANCOCK, Butte County News, Marysville — RICHARD STERLING, Las Vegas, Empire



Because of the interest in California in closer ties with Baja California and because of the Hotel del Coronado being so close to the Mexican border, many of us feel that perhaps a "hands-across-the-border" theme could be developed, with Mexican participation if you desire.

As you know, the mutuality of interests of California and Baja California have grown ever closer, and in truth the San Diego-Tijuana area is almost one metropolitan area now.

There would be many advantages for your administration to present its point of view to Californians in February, 1976. And I believe we offer you an ideal audience for which to do so.

California newspapermen have always been open and friendly. I can guarantee you that we will give you that kind of reception at the Hotel del Coronado.

I do hope you will be able to accept.

Most respectfully yours,

Deane Funk

Deane Funk
President

cc: Ron Nessen
Jerry Warren
Robert Hartmann



January 20, 1976

MEMORANDUM FOR **BILL NICHOLSON**

FROM: **RON NESSEN**

Attached is an invitation for the President to attend the White House News Photographers Association dinner on April 22.

I recommend that he attend.

RN/cg



THE WHITE HOUSE

WASHINGTON

January 20, 1976

Dear Bernie:

We have received your invitation for the President to attend the White House News Photographers dinner on April 22.

As you know, the President has attended and enjoyed these dinners in the past. It is too soon to give you a definite answer, but I will be back with you when I have more definite word.

Best wishes.

Sincerely,

Ron Nessen
Press Secretary
to the President

Mr. Bernard N. Boston
President
White House News Photographers
Association
Sheraton Park Hotel
Washington, D.C. 20008

White House News Photographers Association

Dinner Committee
Sheraton Park Hotel
Washington, D. C. 20008
16 January 1976

Dear Mr. President:

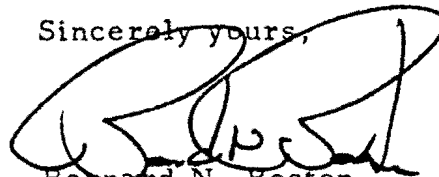
The members of the White House News Photographers Association respectfully invite you and Mrs. Ford to attend their Annual Dinner.

Traditionally this dinner has been given in honor of the President of the United States since its inception in 1923.

It is scheduled for Thursday, April 22, 1976 at 7:30 p.m., Sheraton Hall, Sheraton Park Hotel, Washington, D. C.

We sincerely hope that you will find it possible to honor us with your presence.

Sincerely yours,



Bernard N. Boston
President, WHNPA

The Honorable Gerald R. Ford
The President of the United States
The White House
Washington, D. C. 20500

January 20, 1976

MEMORANDUM FOR BILL NICOLSON

FROM: RON NESSEN

Somebody in the White House (I forget who), is pushing for the President to attend this 50th anniversary of the Golden Gloves event on March 19.

I recommend against it.

Attachment: Letter from Tex James, President and Publisher of the New York Daily News

RN/cg





THE NEWS

NEW YORK'S PICTURE NEWSPAPER

W. H. JAMES / President and Publisher

January 19, 1976

Dear Mr. President:

Our man in Washington, Jim Wieghart, tells me there is still a possibility of your attending the 50th anniversary of our Golden Gloves event in Madison Square Garden March 19. I sincerely hope so. We know your schedule is crowded, but it has been a long time since you have favored our city with a visit.

Thousands of fans who will attend the affair would derive an extra measure of pleasure from your presence. And we, of course, would consider it a great honor to serve as your host. You would be most welcome to attend the pre-fight dinner we customarily hold, followed by attendance at the bouts themselves. But, in any event, the whole affair can be adjusted to your convenience.

All of us at The News hope you can make it.

Sincerely,

Tex James

The President
The White House
Washington, D. C. 20500

THE WHITE HOUSE
WASHINGTON

February 5, 1976

MEMORANDUM FOR

✓ RON NESSEN
MARGITA WHITE

FROM

WILLIAM NICHOLSON *WNN*

SUBJECT:

Request of Secretary Coleman that the
President announce in the Briefing Room
a public awareness campaign encouraging
people to limit their driving speed to 55 MPH

I would appreciate your comments and recommendation on the attached request from Secretary Coleman.

Thank you.

COMMENTS:

No!
*The 55-MPH limit,
waged and waged
and waged, has
become a joke.*

RHN



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OFFICE OF THE SECRETARY OF TRANSPORTATION
WASHINGTON, D.C. 20590

RECEIVED SECURITY UNIT
THE WHITE HOUSE
WASHINGTON

FEB 3 1976

The President
The White House
Washington, D. C. 20500

Dear Mr. President:

As you know, implementation of the national 55 mph maximum speed limit law has resulted in savings in energy and significantly fewer highway deaths. While the Department has been encouraging the states to develop strict enforcement programs, it is apparent that we must also achieve greater voluntary compliance by our citizens. This will depend on citizen understanding and endorsement.

The Department of Transportation and the Advertising Council have developed an advertising and promotion campaign aimed at encouraging voluntary compliance. Knowing of your commitment to the maintenance of the 55 mph speed limit, I would like to invite you to take part in the introduction of the campaign. Your presence would give the campaign the visibility and prestige needed to assure wide coverage in national media which is essential to a successful public service campaign.

We are ready to initiate the public awareness campaign and would appreciate your personal announcement before the White House press corps. At that time, we would also introduce General Benjamin O. Davis, Jr., as our spokesman for compliance and enforcement of the 55 mph limit. General Davis is the former Assistant Secretary for Environment, Safety and Consumer Affairs and has agreed to work with the Department as our liaison with State Departments of Transportation. He has been closely identified with safety issues in the past and will be an outstanding spokesman on this issue.

The farther away we get from the energy crisis of 1974, the more necessary it is to remind the American people of our long-range energy goals. Your participation in this event would help to emphasize the savings in both fuel and human lives.

Your consideration will be appreciated.

Respectfully,

A handwritten signature in cursive script, reading "Bill", is written above the typed name.

William T. Coleman, Jr.

THE WHITE HOUSE
WASHINGTON

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NOTE FOR: *Bill Nelson* ✓
FROM : RON NESSEN

For your
appropriate
handling.

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**SOUTH SHORE
CHAMBER OF COMMERCE, INC.**

February 3, 1976

Mr. Ronald Nessen
Press Office
The White House
1600 Pennsylvania Avenue
Washington, DC 20500

Dear Mr. Nessen:

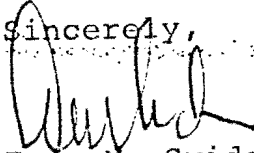
Your cousin, Herb Glanz, Director of the South Shore Chamber, has asked me to confirm our invitation to the President to speak before our membership at any time.

The South Shore Chamber is the largest suburban Chamber of Commerce in America and we can guarantee you, within very short notice, a room full of interested business executives to serve as a forum and as a platform for any comments the President would like to make as part of his effort to explain his policies to the Massachusetts electorate.

Enclosed you will find a copy of our program of work, which basically outlines the goals of this organization.

We look forward to hearing from you.

Sincerely,


Eric M. Swider
Executive Vice-President

Enclosure

cc: Herbert Glanz

THE WHITE HOUSE
WASHINGTON

Date: February 11, 1976

MEMORANDUM FOR:

RON NESSEN

FROM:

WILLIAM W. NICHOLSON

SUBJECT:

Barbara Walters, NBC News, re: Feb.
24th

The attached is for your appropriate handling.

Thank you.

*Turned off by way of phone call to Tom Bohaw
2-16-76. by Ron Nessen*

NBC NEWS

A DIVISION OF NATIONAL BROADCASTING COMPANY, INC.
THIRTY ROCKEFELLER PLAZA, NEW YORK, N. Y. 10020, CIRCLE 7-3300

February 9, 1976

*The President
The White House
Washington, D. C.*

Dear Mr. President:

By now you probably have been informed of our request, initiated by Tom Brokaw, to interview you on Tuesday, February 24th, the day of the New Hampshire primary. We will be interviewing all the other major candidates that morning from New Hampshire so that people will have a chance to see and hear them before they leave to vote. Needless to say, this is a most important day throughout the country, and a great many people will be watching our program that morning.

If you would consider an interview, our producer suggests that I come to Washington to do it either at the White House or in our Washington studio...or wherever is most convenient for you.

We look forward to hearing from you and hope that your answer will be yes.

Most sincerely,


Barbara Walters

BW/mph

*cc: Messrs. Ron Nessen ✓
Richard Cheney
Tom Brokaw*

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Invited
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NBC NEWS

1100 AVENUE OF THE STARS
WASHINGTON, D.C. 20004

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February 9, 1976

The President
The White House
Washington, D. C.

My dear Mr. President;

As part of its special coverage of this election year NBC News would like to have you as a guest on TODAY on Tuesday, February 24, the date of the New Hampshire primary. Barbara Walters would conduct the interview.

Incidentally, I'm personally grateful that the "ape" showed up at the University of New Hampshire question and answer session. It was one of the few occasions when the appearance of the White House Press Corps didn't suffer by comparison.

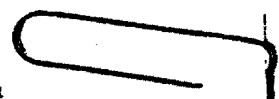
I do sincerely hope that your schedule will permit a TODAY appearance on the morning of February 24.

Sincerely,

Tom Brokaw

TB/ev

ORIGINAL TO: Bill Nicholson
COPY TO: Ron Nessen FYI



THE WHITE HOUSE
WASHINGTON

February 18, 1976

MEMORANDUM FOR: MARGITA WHITE
RON NESSEN ✓

FROM: WILLIAM NICHOLSON *WUN*

SUBJECT: Invitation to the President to address
National Association of Broadcasters
annual meeting in Chicago on March 22-24

The President will be unable to add a trip to Chicago to his March calendar.

We have checked with the Vice President's office on his availability. They advise that it will not be possible for the Vice President to accept this invitation either.

The entire file is forwarded for your follow-up on obtaining an Administration spokesman.

Thank you.



OFFICE OF THE VICE PRESIDENT
WASHINGTON

*To Mangi, VA,
- Better start
turning over
some rocks.
WWJ*

February 10, 1976

MEMORANDUM FOR: WILLIAM NICHOLSON
FROM: TISH MAHER *Tish Maher*
SUBJECT: National Association of Broadcasters
Annual Meeting in Chicago, March 22-24

Unfortunately, the Vice President cannot accept the invitation to address the National Association of Broadcasters in Chicago.

January 29, 1976

MEMORANDUM FOR: NANCY TOWELL

FROM: WILLIAM NICHOLSON

SUBJECT: National Association of Broadcasters
annual meeting in Chicago March 22-24

Attached is information on the National Association of Broadcasters; a invitation to the President to address their annual meeting in Chicago in March.

It is not going to be possible for the President to add this to his schedule and Margita White has suggested that I forward this to you for the Vice President's consideration.

Please keep me and Margita advised on status.

Thank you.

January 12, 1976

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march 22-24 file

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APPOINTMENT OFFICE

Dear Vinces

President Ford has asked me to thank you for your kind invitation for him to address the 54th Annual Convention of the National Association of Broadcasters scheduled for March 22-24 in Chicago. Thank you also for your note enclosing a copy of the invitation.

The President certainly would enjoy the opportunity to meet with your members again in March, but it is too soon to give you an indication as to whether he will be able to join you. Both Ron Nessen and I will be working closely with the Scheduling Office as the date approaches and will be in touch with you with an answer as soon as possible.

With best wishes for the New Year,

Sincerely,

Margita E. White
Assistant Press Secretary
to the President

Mr. Vincent T. Wasilewski
President
National Association of Broadcasters
1771 N Street, N. W.
Washington, D. C. 20036

bcc: Ron Nessen w/copy of incoming
Bill Nicholson w/copy of incoming ✓



THE WHITE HOUSE
WASHINGTON

Date: December 31, 1975

MEMORANDUM FOR: RON NESSEN
FROM: WILLIAM W. NICHOLSON
SUBJECT: Vincent T. Wasilewski, President,
 National Association of Broadcasters
 (March 22-24)

The attached is for your appropriate handling.

Thank you.

NATIONAL ASSOCIATION OF BROADCASTERS

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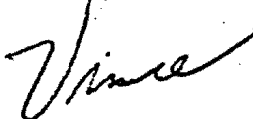
Mr. Ron Nessen
Press Secretary to the President
The White House
Washington, D.C.
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Dear Ron:

We certainly hope we can work this
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My best to you for a Happy Holiday
Season.

Sincerely,



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December 29, 1975

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MESSAGE
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OTHER *Ken Nelson*

APPOINTMENT OFFICE

The President
The White House
Washington, D.C.
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Thank you very much for your consideration.

Respectfully yours,

Vincent Wasilewski

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THE WHITE HOUSE
WASHINGTON

January 8, 1976

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MEMORANDUM FOR: WILLIAM NICHOLSON

FROM: MARGITA WHITE *mant*

FYI, the attached is one of the major media forums for the first months of 1976 which I listed in my earlier memo to you.

cc: Ron Nessen

Attachment

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1771 N STREET, N. W., WASHINGTON, D. C. 20036, 293-3500

VINCENT T. WASILEWSKI
PRESIDENT

December 29, 1975

Mrs. Margita White
Deputy News Secretary
The White House
Washington, D.C.
20500

Dear Margita:

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Season.

Sincerely,



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December 29, 1975

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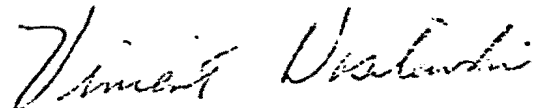
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THE WHITE HOUSE
WASHINGTON

NOTE FOR: *Bell Nielsen*
FROM : RON NESSEN

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my area.*

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8100 CARPENTER FREEWAY DALLAS, TEXAS 75247

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CHAIRMAN OF THE BOARD

February 16, 1976

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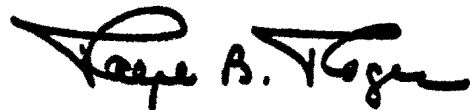
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In order to accommodate my schedule to meet the convenience of the President, I can arrange my time to be in Washington on either March 2, 3, 4, or 5.

If you will telephone or drop a note to my secretary, Miss Frances Conroy, at this address, I shall be available at the time and place selected by you.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Ralph B. Rogers". The signature is stylized with a large initial "R" and a long horizontal stroke at the end.

RBR:FBC

THE WHITE HOUSE
WASHINGTON

February 23, 1976

HIGH PRIORITY

MEMORANDUM FOR:

JAMES CANNON
JAMES LYNN
✓RON NESSEN

FROM:

WILLIAM NICHOLSON *WUN*

SUBJECT:

Request by Ralph Rogers for meeting with
the President March 2-3-4-5

I would appreciate your comments and recommendation on the attached.

Please respond as soon as possible.

Thank you.

COMMENTS:

2/25/76

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but the guy seems to
be ~~≡~~ self-promoting
and have a lot to say on
every subject.*

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THE WHITE HOUSE
WASHINGTON

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NOTE FOR:

Bill Nelson

FROM :

RON NESSEN

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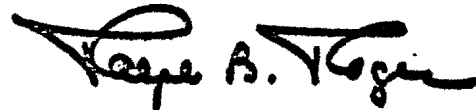
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Sincerely,



RBR:FBC

THE WHITE HOUSE
WASHINGTON

January 12, 1976

Dear Mr. Rogers:

The President has asked me to respond to your very kind words concerning his signing of the Public Broadcasting Act of 1975. The President shares your opinion of the great importance of public broadcasting. He feels that one of the most useful contacts he has had with the press was in his interview with Martin Agronsky and Paul Duke on public broadcasting.

The President looks forward to the opportunity of having a chat with you about public broadcasting. Please let me know when you will be in Washington.

Best wishes,

Sincerely,

Ron Nessen
Press Secretary
to the President

Mr. Ralph B. Rogers
Chairman of the Board
Texas Industries, Inc.
8100 Carpenter Freeway
Dallas, Texas 75247

cc: Bill Nicholson - FYI
Margita White - FYI
Liz O'Neill - FYI

Central Files ✓

THE WHITE HOUSE

WASHINGTON

February 27, 1976

MEMORANDUM FOR: RICHARD CHENEY
FROM: WILLIAM NICHOLSON
INFORMATION: JERRY JONES
SUBJECT: Proposed Media Events in Washington prior to the Illinois, North Carolina and Wisconsin Primaries

Wednesday, March 10

11:00 a. m.
(45 min)

Interview with the Editorial Board of the Chicago Tribune in the Oval Office. This interview would be similar to interviews with the Boston Globe and the three Florida newspapers. The interview would be published in the Sunday Tribune the Sunday prior to the Illinois primary. The Sunday edition of the Chicago Tribune is circulated throughout the states of Illinois and Wisconsin. Ron Nessen recommends.

Approve _____ Disapprove _____

Thursday, March 11

2:00 p. m.
(30 min)

Interview with anchormen from three Chicago television stations: WBBM, WLS, and WMAQ, the CBS, ABC and NBC affiliates in Chicago. This interview would be similar to others in which the President has participated. The interview would be taped at the White House to be shown in the Chicago area just prior to the March 16 Illinois primary.

Approve _____ Disapprove _____

OPTION

Also include anchorman from WGN-TV in Chicago which is not a network affiliate but is a station owned by the Chicago Tribune and Chicago Today.

Approve _____ Disapprove _____

OPTION

Also include a representative from WICS-TV, a Springfield, Illinois television station to obtain coverage in the central part of the state.

Approve _____ Disapprove _____

Tuesday, March 16

Illinois Primary

11:00 a.m.
(45 min)

Interview with the editors and top political writers for selected North Carolina newspapers. Newspapers would be selected by the Press Office and would represent Charlotte, Greensboro, Raleigh-Durham, and Winston-Salem.

Approve _____ Disapprove _____

Wednesday, March 17

2:00 p.m.
(30 min)

Interview with representatives of WBT-Radio and WBTW in Charlotte. This would be a combined radio and television interview on what is considered to be the best station in North Carolina. Ron Nessen recommends. This is a CBS affiliate.

Approve _____ Disapprove _____

Thursday, March 18

2:00 p.m.
(30 min)

Interview with anchorman from three Raleigh-Durham television stations: WRDU, WRAL, and WTVD, the NBC, ABC and CBS affiliates in Raleigh-Durham. Ron Nessen recommends.

Approve _____ Disapprove _____

Tuesday, March 23

North Carolina Primary

11:00 a. m.
(60 min)

Editorial Board Meeting with representatives from the various Wisconsin newspapers. Newspapers would be selected by the Press Office and would represent Milwaukee, Madison Eau Clair, Green Bay, Appleton, and Racine.

Approve _____ Disapprove _____

Wednesday, March 24

2:00 p. m.
(30 min)

Interview with anchormen from Milwaukee television stations WISN, WITI, and WTMJ, the CBS, ABC and NBC affiliates in the city. The President participated in an interview with this group when visiting Milwaukee last August 25 which received excellent coverage.

Approve _____ Disapprove _____

Thursday, March 25

2:00 p. m.
(30 min)

Interview with anchormen from Madison and Green Bay television stations. Representatives to be selected by the Press Office. This and the above would cover the major population center of the entire state of Wisconsin.

Approve _____ Disapprove _____

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THE WHITE HOUSE
WASHINGTON

NOTE FOR: *Bill Nicholson*
FROM : RON NESSEN

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me by the PFC
press office.

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about it.

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PLEASE RESPOND TO MR MALCOLM HOENLEIN AT THE GREATER NEW YORK
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DO HOPE YOU CAN BE WITH US AND PARTICIPATE IN THIS IMPORTANT EVENT

HONORABLE EUGENE GOLD
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NOTE FOR: *Beel Nicholson*
FROM : RON NESSEN

For your handling
FYI. Lowell Thomas
already has had
~~an~~ an office
appointment with
the President to talk
about the Middle
East. He's getting
senile. RHN



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March 29, 1976

Dear Mr. President,

When I came in today from a western speaking tour and a few runs down my favorite mountains out West, I found a letter from Mike Strauss, one of the Sports Editors of the New York Times.

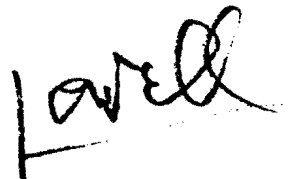
For several years now skiers, and editors and so on in New York have been staging a luncheon at which they give an award to the person they consider the "skier of the year." They are convinced, and rightly so, that you have done more for skiing than anyone -- in much the same way that President Eisenhower did it for golf.

It is an impressive ceremony, and they want to give the award to you. If it can be done when you are coming to New York City, that would be perfect, and arrangements can be made so it will take only a few minutes of your time. Or, Mike says perhaps you would want to send a representative. Do you have a master of Freestyle skiing on your White House staff?

On second thought perhaps you would like to have our mutual friend Othmar do the honors for you. At any rate, we would arrange to have him on hand anyhow. Would the week of May 3rd be a possibility? Or, even the first week in June?

It may not be smart strategy on my part to mention two important subjects in the same letter. But, since there is a possibility of your going out to the Near East, I would much much like to fly down some day, in either of the above weeks, and tell you about something that could be of tremendous importance. And if you would grant me this privilege and if the First Lady could be there and perhaps the Secretary of State and his wife, that would be great.

Very respectfully yours,



Lowell Thomas
Hammersley Hill
Pawling, N. Y. 12564

THE WHITE HOUSE
WASHINGTON

4/5/76

NOTE FOR: *Bill Nelson*
FROM : RON NESSEN

*For your
handling*

RHN





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CABLE: EASWECEN

March 30, 1976

Mr. Ron Nessen
Press Secretary
Office of the President
The White House
1600 Pennsylvania Avenue, N.W.
Washington, D.C. 20006

Dear Mr. Nessen:

This is a request for a meeting with you and the Jefferson Fellows when they will be visiting Washington in April. The Fellows include nine Asia and Pacific journalists on a 16-week program at the East-West Center in Honolulu, where President Ford delivered his Pacific speech on December 7, 1975. Enclosed is a brochure briefly describing the Fellows and the program.

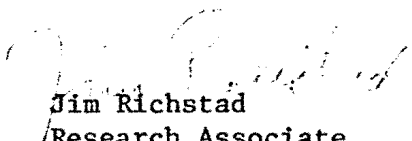
The Fellows would be most interested in the operation of the White House news system, and will appreciate any time you might be able to spend with them. I will be accompanying them.

Our schedule is to be in Washington April 21-23, with April 22 scheduled all day at the State Department. We would like to meet you on Wednesday, April 21, if that is agreeable. The morning would be best for us. Would it be possible for the Fellows to have a general tour of the White House either before or after meeting you?

I am asking Mr. Akio Konoshima of Senator Hiram Fong's office to help us with our schedule, and he could make any adjustments in it that might be necessary.

Please let me know if a meeting and tour can be arranged. Thank you.

Sincerely,


Jim Richstad
Research Associate
Jefferson Fellows Coordinator

Encl.

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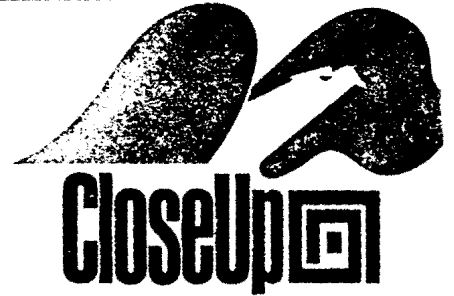
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April 1, 1976

Mr. Ronald H. Nessen
Press Secretary to the President
The White House
Washington, D. C. 20500

Dear Mr. Nessen:

Les Janka mentioned to me that he spoke with you about the local and state CLOSE UP follow-up activities that have taken place among schools in the Metropolitan Grand Rapids Area. Les felt that you might want to bring these activities to the attention of the President.

Last year, when the President met with our Grand Rapids students and teachers in the Rose Garden (and one of our Atlanta groups which was in Washington during the same week), he said:

"The right answer is to get close up, be involved at the local, the state and the Federal level. And if you do you will be happier. You will feel that you are making a great contribution to your government, to your country."

I don't know of a message that has ever been taken more seriously than his words that day. School systems throughout Metropolitan Grand Rapids began immediately to plan for local and state involvement as a necessary follow-up to the Washington CLOSE UP experience. Their efforts and results have truly been an inspiration to all of us at CLOSE UP and to communities throughout the country. Here is what they did:

In October of 1975 (a few short months after their CLOSE UP experience in Washington), they conducted the first "local" CLOSE UP program. 750 students and teachers from twenty school systems (45 high schools) participated in Local CLOSE UP and met during the two day seminar with more than 50 local governmental, educational and community leaders. Schools participated through CLOSE UP clubs or specially designed CLOSE UP courses set up in individual schools.

In February of 1976, Grand Rapids conducted its first State CLOSE UP program in Lansing. State CLOSE UP was set up by the twenty participating school systems in Grand Rapids, in conjunction with the Michigan State Legislature. Approximately 850 students and teachers from Metropolitan Grand Rapids (Kent County) went to Lansing for Grand Rapids State CLOSE UP and met with some 75 leaders in the state governmental process, including a Keynote by Governor Milliken.

I have enclosed descriptive materials of Local and State Grand Rapids CLOSE UP to give you an idea of the depth and planning of both programs. These materials were organized and printed by the Kent County Intermediate Unit in conjunction with the Michigan State Legislature.

Not only has this local and state involvement benefited Metropolitan Grand Rapids, but these programs are serving as a prototype for many metropolitan areas throughout the country. This follow-up involvement would appear to present an outstanding opportunity to develop an involvement theme during our Bicentennial year. Particularly in view of the fact that it was the President's message to young people of his own community which is having such a constructive multiplier effect in communities throughout the country.

This year, we are very pleased to be conducting our second Metropolitan Grand Rapids CLOSE UP Program during the week of April 25-May 1. 625 students, teachers and administrators from Metropolitan Grand Rapids (and 150 students and teachers from a part of our San Francisco Bay Area Program) will be here that week.

I have spoken with and written to (at his request) Bill Baroody inviting President Ford to meet with our Grand Rapids and Bay Area Students.

Because of your support in helping to arrange our meeting last year, I wanted you to see how positive and exciting the follow-up has been, as well as, inform you of our hopes for this year.

There is a contagious enthusiasm in Metropolitan Grand Rapids for more involvement, communication and understanding. This is a community enthusiasm felt deeply because of the special pride for President Ford. He is more than just their President, he is a neighbor and an inspirational leader of the community. More than anything else, a meeting with their President would enable them to share their sense of accomplishment and feeling of constructive excitement.

Thank you for your interest in our work with young people.

Sincerely,

CLOSE UP FOUNDATION


Stephen A. Janger
Director of Special Programs

SAJ/khb

cc: Mr. Les Janka

Enclosures

THE WHITE HOUSE

WASHINGTON

April 6, 1976

MEMORANDUM FOR: ✓ KRON NESSEN
JAMES CANNON
TIM AUSTIN

FROM: WILLIAM NICHOLSON *WNN*

SUBJECT: Request that the President participate in an interview with National Education Association Political Action Committee which will be shown at assembly when NEA will decide on whom to endorse as a candidate (April 29 and May 12)

I would appreciate your comments and recommendation on the attached request.

Thank you.

COMMENTS:

No.

The President is not a "candidate." His policies on education are well known.

R.H.A.

OFFICE OF THE PRESIDENT

April 2, 1976

The President
The White House
Washington, D.C. 20500

Dear Mr. President:

An important aspect of NEA's presidential endorsement procedure is solicitation and dissemination to the 1.8 million NEA members the views of presidential candidates on issues of concern to our members. Obviously these concerns include education, but there are also broad social issues in which teachers are interested.

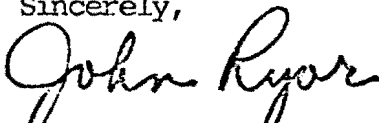
Each candidate has been asked to respond to a questionnaire which raises a number of these issues. We understand that Secretary Mathews is preparing a response to this questionnaire on your behalf. Information on candidates gleaned from the questionnaire will be made available to our members.

In addition to the written questions, we plan to conduct and videotape face-to-face interviews with the candidates. At these interviews, I will serve as spokesperson for the National Education Association Political Action Committee (NEA-PAC) and will probably be accompanied by a small number of representatives from the NEA-PAC Steering Committee. These tapes will be viewed by the entire NEA-PAC Council and by the delegates to our annual Representative Assembly, who will ultimately make the decision as to which candidate NEA will endorse.

We have arranged to tape at the WTTG studios here in Washington on April 29 and May 12. However, if you prefer, we are prepared to conduct the interview with you at the White House at a time that is convenient to you.

I sincerely hope that you will agree to this interview. I look forward to hearing from a member of your staff so we may proceed with arrangements.

Sincerely,


John Ryor, President

JR:lmb

NATIONAL EDUCATION ASSOCIATION