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THE WHITE HOUSE

WASHINGTON

May 2, 1975

Mr. President:

Here is a copy of John Osborne's latest book inscribed to you and Mrs. Ford, which he asked me to pass on to you.

RAN
Ron Nessen



May 2, 1975

Mr. President:

As you requested, here is the transcript of
Bruce Morton's criticism of Congress from the CBS
Morning News today.

Ron Nessen



BRUCE MORTON COMMENT -- CBS MORNING NEWS

May 2, 1975



"Once upon a time in the bad ole days, Congressmen had a theory about the country's problems -- that if you do absolutely nothing about them they will often go away. This new Congress, its members have been telling us, is different, better, reformist, dedicated to making Congress really work.

"Well, may be, but consider: The President some days ago asked Congress for aid to Vietnam. The Congressional response was: do nothing. The House finally killed the aid bill, but only after Saigon had surrendered. Aid to Combodia? Do nothing.was the answer. Authorize the President to use U.S. troops to get Americans out? The Congress didn't tell him to leave the Americans there. Instead, it let Mr. Ford get them out and then voted against using troops to do that after they'd been successfully used. Do nothing, in short.

"In energy, the Congress has acted to block the President's program, block increased tariffs on foreign oil, block decontrol of domestic oil, and it keeps asking for time to pass its own energy program. It's had four months so far, and the response? Well, nothing.

"The one thing it has done is cut taxes, but Congresses have always liked doing that.

"There is plenty of evidence that this Congress can block and frustrate presidential policies. There is precious little evidence so far that it can then move in and legislate new policies of its own, which makes the new Congress sound a lot like all those old Congresses," "for which Harry Truman had a name," Hughes Rudd commented.



THE WHITE HOUSE
WASHINGTON

May 2, 1975

ADMINISTRATIVELY CONFIDENTIAL

MEMORANDUM FOR:

RON NESSEN

FROM:

JERRY H. ~~JONES~~

The attached was returned in the President's outbox with the following notation:

-- Thanks. I'm keeping
for referral.

cc: Don Rumsfeld

THE PRESIDENT HAS SEEN *1/2*

THE WHITE HOUSE

WASHINGTON

May 2, 1975

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Ron Nasser

May 3, 1975

MEMORANDUM FOR THE PRESIDENT

Attached find a column from today's Washington Post by a thoroughly militant black writer.

As you see he is extremely complimentary of your Yale speech on crime.

Ron Nessen

Attachment



William Raspberry

Mr. Ford's Straight Talk on Crime

THE WHITE HOUSE

WASHINGTON

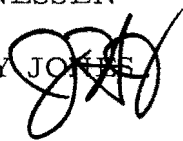
May 3, 1975

ADMINISTRATIVELY CONFIDENTIAL

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RON NESSEN

FROM:

JERRY JONES 

The attached was returned in the President's outbox with the following notation:

-- I thanked him and said we would help.
Expressed my appreciation and admiration.

cc: Don Rumsfeld

THE PRESIDENT HAS SREN....
Paul

THE WHITE HOUSE

WASHINGTON

May 2, 1975

Mr. President:

As I mentioned on the helicopter, I suggest that you call Governor David Pryor of Arkansas this afternoon or this evening and congratulate him on his welcome and speech to the first Vietnam refugees arriving at Fort Chaffee Arkansas.

This would be part of the campaign you indicated you wanted to conduct to encourage public and official support for the refugees in opposition to the scattered letters and comments against the refugees coming here.

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Ron Nessen



UP-069

(REFUGEES)

FT. CHAFFEE, ARK. (UPI) -- THE FIRST OF 20,000 SOUTH VIETNAMESE REFUGEES LANDED AT FORT SMITH MUNICIPAL AIRPORT TODAY TO CHEERS OF "WELCOME" AND TAUNTS OF "GO BACK TO NAM" FROM A CROWD OF ABOUT 500 RESIDENTS AND OFFICIALS.

THE GREAT MAJORITY OF THOSE WELCOMING THE FIRST OF FIVE PLANE LOADS OF 350 REFUGEES EXPECTED TO ARRIVE THE FIRST DAY CHEERED AS THE AIR FORCE C141 TOUCHED DOWN AT 10:07 A.M. TWO OR THREE YELLED, "GO BACK TO NAM." THE REST OF THE 20,000 REFUGEES WERE EXPECTED TO ARRIVE WITHIN THE NEXT MONTHS.

DR. LAM VAN PACH, FORMER DIRECTOR GENERAL OF THE NATIONAL REHABILITATIVE INSTITUTE OF VIETNAM, WAS THE FIRST TO STEP OFF THE PLANE. A HIGH SCHOOL BAND PLAYED THE STAR SPANGLED BANNER AND LAM WAS PRESENTED A BOUQUET OF RED AND WHITE CARNATIONS DECORATED WITH RED, WHITE AND BLUE RIBBONS.

OTHERS FROM THE PLANE HUDDLED TOGETHER ON THE AIRPORT RUNWAY AS GOV. DAVID PRYOR MADE THE OFFICIAL WELCOME.

"WE HOPE THAT YOU REALIZE THAT WE SHARE THE AGONY, PAIN AND SORROW YOU HAVE EXPERIENCED," PRYOR SAID. "YOU FIND YOURSELF IN A NEW LAND. IT'S THE NATURE OF MAN TO FEAR THE UNKNOWN BUT LET ME ASSURE YOU OF THE SPIRIT OF FRIENDSHIP OF OUR PEOPLE."

"IF YOU ENCOUNTER SOME THAT ARE UNFRIENDLY REMEMBER THEY ARE PEOPLE LIKE YOURSELVES WHO HAVE MET UNKNOWN CIRCUMSTANCES AND ARE LESS THAN CERTAIN HOW TO DEAL WITH THEM. WE PRAY THAT YOUR PAIN AND SUFFERING AND FEARS HAVE FINALLY COME TO AN END."

LAM THANKED THE CROWD.

"WE HAD TO LEAVE OUR COUNTRY, ALL THAT WE HAD, ALL THAT WE HAVE FOUGHT FOR FOR THE PAST 20 YEARS," LAM SAID. "WE HOPE THE U. S. GOVERNMENT WILL GIVE US A CHANCE TO MAKE AGAIN OUR LIVES, NEW LIVES."

TWENTY-TWO WATCHERS CARRIED SIGNS, BUT ONLY ONE PLACARD PROTESTED THE ARRIVAL. ONE SIGN, CARRIED BY STATE SEN. MILT EARNHARD OF FORT SMITH, SAID "KUMKAW," VIETNAMESE FOR WELCOME.

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UP-097

ADD REFUGEES, FT. CHAFFEE (UP-069)

NINE VOLUNTEER GROUPS UNDER THE UMBRELLA OF THE AMERICAN COUNCIL OF VOLUNTEER AGENCIES WERE OPERATING AT CAMP PENDLETON, CALIF., TRYING TO FIND SPONSORS. WOULD-BE SPONSORS CAN CALL THE RED CROSS AT PENDLETON, WHERE THEIR NAMES WILL BE FORWARDED TO THE STATE DEPARTMENT, OFFICIALS SAID.

IN MIAMI, 31 REFUGEES ARRIVED LAST NIGHT AND WERE WELCOMED BY CUBAN EXILES -- MEMBERS OF THE INTERNATIONAL RESCUE COMMITTEE -- WHO THEMSELVES FLED TO THIS COUNTRY DURING THE COMMUNIST TAKEOVER OF THEIR HOMELAND.

THE COMMITTEE WILL HELP THE REFUGEES FIND WORK AND HOUSING.

"THE MAIN THING FOR A REFUGEE IS TO HAVE A FEELING THAT SOMEONE CARES," SAID VIVIAN DE SOSA, A VOLUNTEER WORKER WHO WAS ON HAND TO GREET THE VIETNAMESE. "CUBANS SHOULD FEEL MORE INCLINED TO HELP THE VIETNAMESE NOW. MANY OF US HAD A ROUGH TIME IN THE '60S."

MORE THAN 260,000 CUBANS FLED THE CASTRO REGIME BETWEEN 1965 AND 1973. BEFORE THE CUBANS CAME 33,248 HUNGARIANS WHO FLED THEIR HOMELAND AFTER THE 1956 UPRISING WAS QUELLED BY THE SOVIET UNION.

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BY THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

WORDS OF WELCOME AND CHANTS OF PROTEST ON FRIDAY GREETED THE FIRST BATCH OF SOUTH VIETNAMESE REFUGEES TO ARRIVE IN ARKANSAS EN ROUTE TO TEMPORARY HOMES AT FT. CHAFFEE. THOUSANDS OF OTHER REFUGEES; MEANWHILE; SETTLED INTO THE ROUTINE OF LIFE AT CAMP PENDLETON; CALIF.

ESTIMATES OF THE NUMBER OF SOUTH VIETNAMESE REFUGEES ON SHIPS; AT PACIFIC ISLAND WAY STATIONS AND IN THE UNITED STATES SWELLED TO OVER 100,000; BUT U.S. IMMIGRATION SERVICE OFFICIALS SAID THEY DID NOT KNOW HOW MANY WOULD WIND UP IN AMERICA.

PLANS TO HOUSE UP TO 60,000 REFUGEES AT CAMP PENDLETON; FT. CHAFFEE AND EGLIN AIR FORCE BASE; FLA.; HAVE DRAWN STRONG PROTESTS FROM LOCAL RESIDENTS AFRAID THAT LARGE GROUPS OF PEOPLE CONCENTRATED IN A FEW AREAS WOULD ADD TO UNEMPLOYMENT PROBLEMS.

OTHER AMERICANS; HOWEVER; OFFERED HOMES AND JOBS TO THE REFUGEES AND FEDERAL OFFICIALS ASSURED PEOPLE THAT THE NEWCOMERS WOULD BE SCATTERED THROUGHOUT THE NATION.

A WELCOMING SPEECH FROM GOV. DAVID PRYOR AND MUSIC FROM A HIGH SCHOOL BAND MINGLED WITH SCATTERED CHANTS OF "GO HOME," AS 71 REFUGEES; INCLUDING A HANDFUL OF AMERICANS WHO HAD BEEN IN VIETNAM; LANDED AT THE FORT SMITH; ARK.; AIRPORT AND BOARDED BUSES FOR FT. CHAFFEE. FOUR MORE PLANELoadS WERE DUE DURING THE DAY.

"THIS IS YOUR FIRST DAY IN AMERICA," SAID PRYOR IN A SPEECH TRANSLATED INTO VIETNAMESE BY A MILITARY INTERPRETER. "WE HOPE YOU REALIZE THAT OUR PEOPLE IN ARKANSAS AND AMERICA SHARE AT THIS MOMENT IN THE AGONY; PAIN AND SORROW YOU HAVE EXPERIENCED."

DR. LAN VAN THACH; ACTING AS SPOKESMAN FOR THE REFUGEES; SAID THE VIETNAMESE HAD TO MAKE "THE HEARTBREAKING DECISION TO LEAVE OUR COUNTRY AND ALL WE HAD. WE THANK YOU FOR GIVING US THE CHANCE TO MAKE OUR LIVES AGAIN."

THE PENTAGON; MEANWHILE; PROVIDED ANOTHER ESTIMATE OF THE NUMBER OF REFUGEES WHO WERE EVACUATED FROM OR FLED SAIGON JUST BEFORE THE VIET CONG TAKEOVER EARLIER THIS WEEK.

SPOKESMAN JOE LAITIN SAID THE LATEST TALLY SHOWED THERE WERE 75,000 ON U.S. BASES IN THE PACIFIC OR ON THE MAINLAND AND ABOARD AMERICAN SHIPS. HE SAID THAT AS OF FRIDAY MORNING THERE WERE 35,319 REFUGEES ON U.S. BASES IN THE PACIFIC; 4,381 AT U.S. DOMESTIC BASES AND 34,363 ON U.S. SHIPS. ANOTHER 30,000 REFUGEES ARE REPORTED ABOARD A FLOTILLA OF 26 VIETNAMESE SHIPS ESCORTED BY TWO U.S. NAVY SHIPS.

LAITIN SAID THE AIRCRAFT CARRIER HANCOCK; CARRYING 2,001 EVACUEES; WILL BE THE FIRST OF THE EVACUATION SHIPS TO REACH AN AMERICAN MILITARY BASE; WITH AN ESTIMATED FRIDAY NIGHT ARRIVAL TIME AT SUBIC BAY IN THE PHILIPPINES.

MANY OF THOSE AT U.S. BASES IN THE PACIFIC ARE CLUSTERED ON GUAM. A 9-YEAR-OLD VIETNAMESE BOY ON FRIDAY BECAME THE FIRST REFUGEE TO DIE AT THE BASE. A MILITARY SPOKESMAN SAID HA DUNG PHUC WAS ADMITTED TO THE NAVAL REGIONAL MEDICAL CENTER ON THURSDAY SUFFERING FROM A HIGH FEVER; A RASH AND SHOCK. AN AUTOPSY WAS PLANNED TO DETERMINE THE CAUSE OF DEATH.

MORE

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THE WHITE HOUSE

WASHINGTON

May 5, 1975

Mr. President:

Here is some additional material in preparation for your news conference tomorrow.

It includes:

1. Foreign policy questions from the NSC.
2. A background paper from Rod Hills on the justification and the legal status of the evacuation from Saigon.
3. Some likely political questions and suggested answers from Bob Hartmann and Jack Calkins.
4. Several domestic questions involving no-fault insurance, status of Secretary Weinberger, and the exchange of letters between former President Nixon and President Thieu.


Ron Nessen

Attachments

May 5, 1975

Mr. President:

Here is the Arnold Newman photo portrait of you as it appears in the current issue of Esquire Magazine, along with an article by Newman on his adventure at the White House.

As you recall, you autographed a copy of the article for the Publisher of Esquire at the reception before the White House Correspondents Dinner on Saturday.

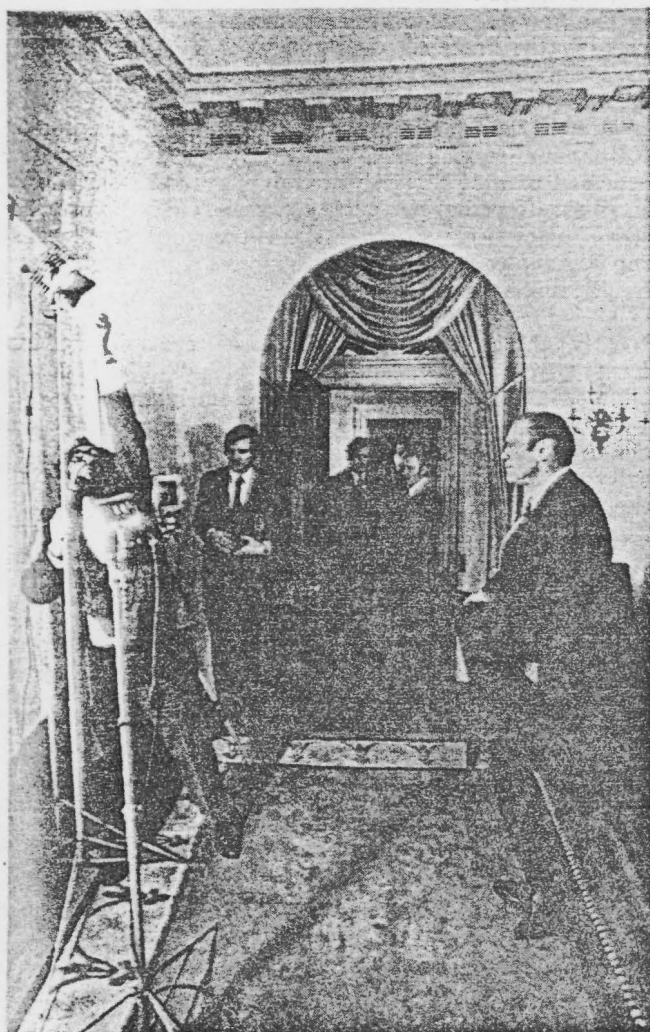
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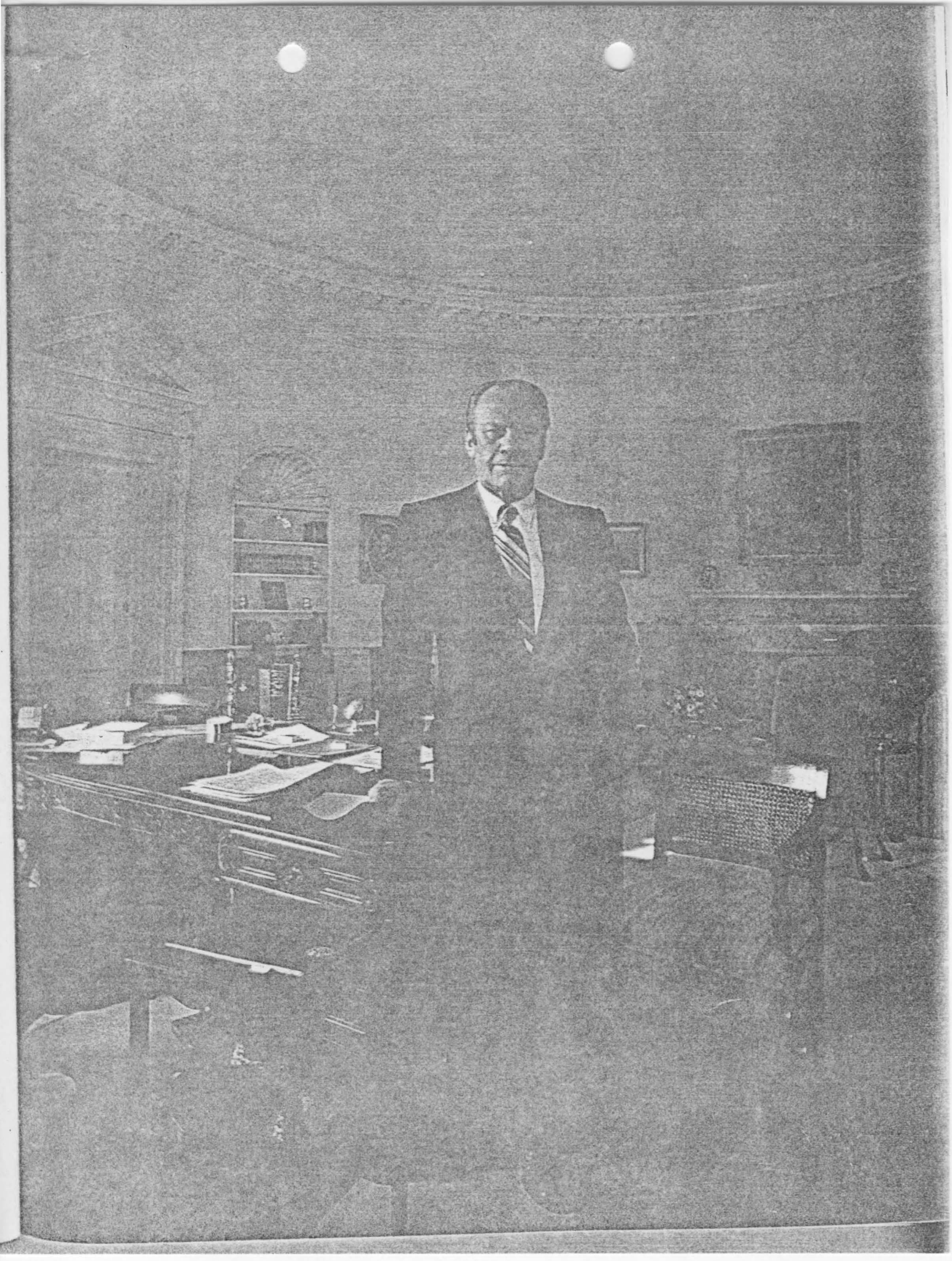
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On Photographing the President

*If the picture at right lasts for a thousand years,
men will still say,
"This was Arnold Newman's longest hour"*





THE WHITE HOUSE

WASHINGTON

May 5, 1975

MEMORANDUM FOR THE PRESIDENT

FROM: RON NESSEN *RHN*

SUBJECT: Jerry Lewis letter to Mrs. Ford concerning
 muscular dystrophy telethon

I believe it would be a very bad precedent to bring White House pressure on an individual television station to carry a specific program, no matter how worthy the cause. Therefore I don't believe you or Mrs. Ford, or even the Press Secretary, should contact the Detroit TV station directly.

At the very maximum I believe Sheila Weidenfeld could contact the station and indicate in a very low-key way Mrs. Ford's interest in the success of the muscular dystrophy program. Sheila, however, should not directly urge the station to carry the telethon.

Perhaps a preferable way would be for Mrs. Ford to write a letter to Jerry Lewis wishing him success on the muscular dystrophy telethon and expressing hope that as many stations as possible will broadcast it. Then he could use that letter in a very indirect way to persuade the Detroit station to broadcast the telethon.

cc: Sheila Weidenfeld

THE WHITE HOUSE
WASHINGTON

Ron Nelson

This came to Betty
from Jerry Lewis. He is
National Honorary Ch.

Should we call Lewis
if so who should do it?

Jerry Ferris

April 29, 1975

Mrs. Gerald R. Ford
The White House
Washington, D. C.

Dear Mrs. Ford:

MDA is faced with a terribly serious problem in connection with its Labor Day Telethon this year which you alone might be instrumental in solving. I hope you won't mind my turning to you for help, but I know your interest in the cause represented by the Association vastly transcends the word "Honorary" in your title, and that you've worked hard and long to make our program a success on the local level.

MDA is now dependent upon the Telethon for more than half the funds necessary to do its job. If that job is going to be done more effectively -- and it has to be -- then the Telethon has got to become more effective. Now that the show reaches virtually every major population center in the nation, about the only way remaining to make it more effective is to get it carried by TV stations which command greater audiences than the ones which have carried the show in the past.

In an effort to accomplish that, we switched some stations this year and, as a result, found ourselves shut out of Detroit.

Continued...

We're at an impasse there which -- if not overcome -- could result in a loss to the Association of over a million dollars. As you know, that's a million dollars in scientific research to save lives, and in clinics and camps to help "my kids" lead lives as fulfilling as possible despite their disabilities -- so you can see how desperate the situation is.

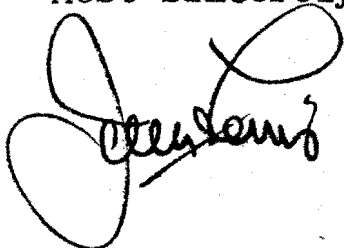
The station on which we feel we'd have our best chance in Detroit is WJBK-TV, whose Vice President and General Manager, Larry Carino, I understand, is a friend of yours. The people at MDA have been talking to Larry for weeks and he seems generally receptive to the idea of carrying the show, but stops short of a commitment because of a long-standing "no telethon policy" maintained by his station.

If you could possibly let Larry know of your personal concern about MDA and its goals, and urge him not to let "policy" stand in the way of his helping hundreds of thousands of stricken kids and adults, I think it would be the "clincher." Your doing so would mean more to me than I can ever say -- but, even more important, it could mean the world to all those for whom MDA is the main or only hope.

Continued...

Again, I'm sorry to burden you with one more request for help to add to the mountain with which I know you're already faced, but I don't know where else to turn. Can you help us? Please let me know.

Most sincerely,

A handwritten signature in cursive script, appearing to read "Joseph L. Lewis". The signature is written in dark ink and is positioned to the left of the typed name below.

National Chairman
Muscular Dystrophy
Association, Inc.

JL:jt

810 Seventh Avenue
New York, N.Y. 10019

THE WHITE HOUSE

WASHINGTON

May 5, 1975

ADMINISTRATIVELY CONFIDENTIAL

MEMORANDUM FOR:

RON NESSEN

FROM:

JERRY H. JONES

SUBJECT:

Your Memo to the President
of May 3 Re: Wire Service
Story on public Opposition
for Help for Vietnamese Refugees

Your memorandum on the above subject was reviewed and the following notation was made next to the paragraph about the NSC drafting a possible statement on the refugees to be delivered at the opening of Tuesday's press conference:

-- Good.

Please follow-up with the appropriate action.

Thank you.

cc: Don Rumsfeld

May 3, 1975

MEMORANDUM FOR THE PRESIDENT

Attached is a wire service story illustrating the kind of public opposition which is building up to any help for the Vietnamese refugees.

Unless there are strong, moral White House statements leading public opinion in the other direction, this opposition to the refugees could turn into a nasty public groundswell and damage the possibility of Congressional approval of the Refugee Aid Bill.

The NSC is drafting a possible statement on the refugees for you to deliver at the opening of your news conference Tuesday.

RON NESSEN

Attachment



(REFUGEES)

(BY GENE BERNHARDT)

WASHINGTON (UPI) -- ~~CONSTITUENT MAIL AND TELEPHONE CALLS TO~~ CONGRESSMEN ARE RUNNING HEAVILY AGAINST ALLOWING SOUTH VIETNAMESE REFUGEES INTO THE UNITED STATES, A SPOT SURVEY SHOWED SATURDAY.

AMERICANS VOICING THEIR OPINION ARE CONCERNED ABOUT THE IMPACT OF TENS OF THOUSANDS OF REFUGEES ON AN ALREADY CRITICAL DOMESTIC UNEMPLOYMENT SITUATION, A UPI CHECK OF MORE THAN 50 HOUSE AND SENATE OFFICES INDICATED.

REP. JOE WAGGONER, D-LA., SAID SOME LETTERS TO HIM ASKED: "HOW DO WE KNOW THAT THERE AREN'T ANY NORTH VIETNAMESE COMMUNISTS IN THE CROWD?"

AN AIDE TO ONE SENATOR SAID HE DETECTED RACISM IN THE OPPOSITION, BUT THE SINGLE WORRY VOICED MOST OFTEN WAS THE IMPACT ON EMPLOYMENT.

COUPLED WITH CONCERN OVER JOBS COMPETITION WERE PERSISTENT QUESTIONS SUCH AS: HOW MANY PEOPLE ARE COMING? HOW DOES THE GOVERNMENT PLAN TO HANDLE THEM?

"THEY WANT TO KNOW WHAT THE GOVERNMENT'S PLAN IS AND SO DO WE," SAID WAGGONER.

MOST MEMBERS SAID THE RESPONSE, SO FAR, HAS BEEN LIGHT TO MODERATE AND THAT REACTION MIGHT STEP UP NEXT WEEK AS THE REFUGEE PROBLEM BECOMES MORE ACUTE AND THEIR NUMBERS GROW.

THE OFFICE OF REP. BENJAMIN GILMAN, R-N.Y., SAID, FOR INSTANCE, "WE'VE HAD ONLY TWO INQUIRIES AND BOTH QUESTIONED HOW TO PROCEED TO TAKE REFUGEES INTO THEIR HOMES."

BUT A SPOKESMAN FOR SEN. JOHN TUNNEY, D-CALIF., SAID UP TO 2,000 LETTERS HAVE BEEN RECEIVED, "ABOUT 90 PER CENT AGAINST BRINGING REFUGEES INTO THIS COUNTRY."

REP. ROBERT SIKES, D-FLA., WHOSE STATE IS EXPECTED TO BE HEAVILY IMPACTED, REPORTED GETTING A LARGE NUMBER OF TELEGRAMS, ALL AGAINST ADMITTING THE REFUGEES, BUT BY FRIDAY THE REACTION HAD FALLEN OFF TO NEARLY ZERO.

OTHER EXAMPLES IN THE SURVEY INCLUDED:

REP. GEORGE BROWN JR., D-CALIF. -- SOME 50 LETTERS, DESCRIBED AS "HEAVY" FOR HIS DISTRICT, AND ALL OPPOSED ADMISSION. A FEW HAVE "UNDERTONES OF RACISM," SAID AN AIDE.

REP. BILL ALEXANDER, D-ARK. -- ABOUT 10 LETTERS A DAY, WHICH AN AIDE DESCRIBED AS "MOST EMOTIONAL." ONE SAID "KEEP THOSE ASIANS IN ASIA."

REP. CHARLES CARNEY, D-OHIO -- ONLY ABOUT 10 LETTERS, ALL OPPOSED. SAID ONE: "WE CAN'T EVEN PAY OUR BILLS HERE. WHY DON'T YOU GIVE US SOMETHING? WHY GIVE OUT HANDOUTS?"

SEN. THOMAS EAGLETON, D-MO. -- ABOUT 100 LETTERS WITH ABOUT 95 OF THEM AGAINST ADMISSION.

SEN. JAMES BUCKLEY, R-C-N.Y. -- ABOUT 200 LETTERS SO FAR, WITH TWO THIRDS AGAINST ADMISSION. OF THOSE AN AIDE SAID "10 PER CENT ARE HARD CORE RACISTS AND ANOTHER 25 PER CENT ARE BIASED AGAINST ASIATICS."

REP. BELLA ABZUG, D-N. Y. -- MAIL HAS BEEN LIGHT "BUT WHAT WE'VE GOT IS NEGATIVE." MOST OBJECT TO THE "KINDS OF REFUGEES, LIKE BLACK MARKETEERS AND SO FORTH," AN AIDE SAID.

SEN. RICHARD SCHWEIKER, R-PA. -- NEARLY 2,000 LETTERS AND "THE VAST MAJORITY OF THEM ARE CRITICAL, THE PRIMARY REASON BEING JOBS," SAID AN AIDE.

REP. BOB ECKHARDT, D-TEX. -- OF SOME 24 LETTERS IN THE PAST TWO DAYS, ALL WERE NEGATIVE. AN AIDE QUOTED ONE: "WE DIDN'T BRING THE JAPANESE OVER HERE AFTER WORLD WAR II."

REP. DON EDWARDS, D-CALIF. -- NEARLY 200 LETTERS AND PHONE CALLS, NEARLY ALL NEGATIVE, WITH WRITERS "CITING THE LACK OF JOBS AND THE COST OF HELPING THE REFUGEES."

REP. JACK EDWARDS, R-ALA. -- LESS THAN 10 LETTERS, ALL OPPOSED, BUT AN AIDE SAID AN INFORMAL POLL AT A MEETING IN THE DISTRICT SHOWED ONLY EIGHT OF 74 PERSONS SUPPORTED AID FOR THE REFUGEES.

REP. BARRY GOLDWATER JR., R-CALIF. -- IN MORE THAN 300 PHONE CALLS TO THE CALIFORNIA OFFICE, ALL BUT 10 OPPOSED. THE 70-ODD LETTERS WERE DIVIDED ABOUT HALF AND HALF.

REP. BOB CASEY, D-TEX. -- ABOUT 35 LETTERS, WITH ABOUT 90 PER CENT OPPOSED. "THEY'RE AGAINST PROVIDING EITHER REFUGE OR FINANCIAL ASSISTANCE," SAID AN AIDE.

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WASHINGTON

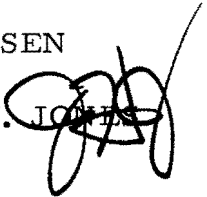
May 6, 1975

ADMINISTRATIVELY CONFIDENTIAL

MEMORANDUM FOR:

RON NESSEN

FROM:

JERRY H. JOHNS 

The attached was returned in the President's outbox with the following notation:

-- Thank.

Please follow-up with the appropriate action.

Thank you.

cc: Don Rumsfeld

THE PRESIDENT HAS SEEN. *def*

ST. LOUIS POST-DISPATCH

RICHARD DUDMAN, CHIEF WASHINGTON CORRESPONDENT 1701 PENNSYLVANIA AVENUE, N.W. SUITE 550 WASHINGTON, D. C. 20006 202-298-6880

May 1, 1975

We know you will be interested in seeing this special section, "Vietnam: Defeat and Disillusion," which the Post-Dispatch published yesterday.

Richard Dudman

Dear Mr. President:

Here are two copies of the special Vietnam section that I mentioned Saturday night.

It was an honor and a pleasure to have you and Mrs. Ford with us at the dinner.

With best regards,

Jim
Jim Doakin.

VIETNAM: Defeat and Disillusion

ST. LOUIS POST-DISPATCH

WEDNESDAY, APRIL 30, 1975

THE WHITE HOUSE

WASHINGTON

May 6, 1975

MEMORANDUM FOR:

THE PRESIDENT

FROM:

RON NESSEN

SUBJECT:

Talking points for your news conference
and Cabinet Meeting on refugee aid.

1. We have a moral obligation to help these refugees resettle and begin new lives in the United States. They fled from South Vietnam for two reasons: They feared that they would be killed if they stayed and they did not want to live under a Communist system of government.
2. By helping these refugees, many of whom fled their native land with nothing but the clothes on their backs and a few small parcels, we are living up to our heritage as a charitable and compassionate people. I have spoken out strongly on this issue because I believe strongly that we must do the right thing morally. We are a nation of immigrants and I believe the inscription on the Statue of Liberty, which enunciates our finest qualities as a people should be our guidepost in this tragic situation.
3. The maximum number of refugees expected is 150,000 at the most and it probably will be less. Sixty percent of that number are children, the innocent victims of this war who deserve a chance to live their life in freedom and will certainly not be taking anyone's job away. Only 35,000 refugees are heads of households who will be looking for jobs; but many of these have skills which will enable them to find employment. The number of job seekers is a tiny fraction of 1% of the labor force in the U.S. Even without the Vietnamese refugees, the U.S. has been opening its doors to 400,000 immigrants a year without any impact on the job market. Since the end of World War II, almost 1,400,000 refugees from Europe, Asia, Hungary and Cuba have fled oppression and sought freedom in the United States. They have made a rich contribution to our culture and our economy and we expect the Vietnamese will do the same.
4. Many of the Vietnamese refugees coming here have close relatives or sponsors in the United States so they will be no burden to the government. Ambassador Brown's office at the State Department is using a computer to match up the refugees job skills with the available jobs. The re-settlement program is being carried out in such a way that the refugees will be spread throughout the country without a heavy concentration in any one area.

5. We are working with other countries to resettle perhaps as many as 20,000 of the refugees outside the United States. Canada is welcoming some. Some French-speaking countries in Africa have indicated that they will take some.

6. I have received communications from Pope Paul, George Meany, and other leaders praising the refugee resettlement program and urging that the United States do everything it can to help these people. I want to compliment the Members of Congress, the Governors, the private refugee relief organizations, and the members of the public who have spoken out and acted to help the refugees begin a new life in the United States.

7. I want to emphasize one point. It is my intention that none of the aid money I am requesting from Congress will be spent by the United States Government to help the Communists of North and South Vietnam. I believe it is the responsibility of the nations which sent weapons of war to the Communists to come forward now to repair the damage.

8. Let me emphasize once more my deep moral commitment to help these refugees resettle and begin new lives in the United States. Despite the opposition of a few, I believe the majority of the American people want to live up to the finest traditions of our history and welcome these new immigrants as we have welcomed so many immigrants to our bountiful land in the past. We will be a better country and a better people for doing it.

9. I know Americans want to forget the Vietnam war. But we must not take out our frustration and anger on the innocent victims of that war. To do so would dishonor the sacrifices America has made in good faith throughout this long war.

THE WHITE HOUSE

WASHINGTON

May 6, 1975

ADMINISTRATIVELY CONFIDENTIAL

MEMORANDUM FOR:

RON NESSEN

FROM:

JERRY H. JONES 

The President has seen the attached memo and made the following notation:

-- These stories get better and better
as memories fade with age.

cc: Don Rumsfeld

THE PRESIDENT HAS SEEN *de/*

THE WHITE HOUSE
WASHINGTON

May 3, 1975

MEMORANDUM FOR THE PRESIDENT

I have made copies of this for the files, so you can keep this original clip from the National Enquirer.

I have written a note to John Stender thanking him for sending this clipping in.

Did you really kick that grizzly bear in the backside?

RHN
RON NESSEN

Attachment

President Ford's Heroic Days as a Yellowstone Park Ranger

Picture President Gerald Ford with a Smokey-

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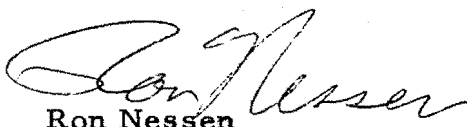
May 3, 1975

Dear John:

The President was highly amused by the article you sent on his exploits as a Forest Ranger, and he asked me to thank you for your thoughtfulness in calling it to his attention.

Frankly, he didn't recall all those heroics but like old football stories he feels old grizzly bear stories probably get better in the telling.

Sincerely,



Ron Nessen
Press Secretary
to the President

Honorable John H. Stender
Assistant Secretary of Labor
Washington, D. C.



THE WHITE HOUSE

WASHINGTON

May 8, 1975

MEMORANDUM FOR:

THE PRESIDENT

THROUGH:

JIM CONNOR

FROM:

RON NESSEN *RHN*

SUBJECT:

Possible interview with foreign
journalists before your European
trip.

BACKGROUND:

We have received a number of requests for interviews with you from foreign journalists, both based in Washington and overseas. You have expressed an interest in considering an interview with foreign journalists prior to your European trip at the end of this month. If you should decide to do it, I feel the best date would be May 21.

RECOMMENDATION:

We have reviewed a number of options, ranging from an open news conference restricted to foreign journalists to not doing one at all because of the difficulty of selecting a small group of questioners. After careful consideration, I recommend and Bob McCloskey at the State Department concurs with the following:

A one hour interview filmed for television. This interview would be filmed by the BBC at the White House for showing throughout Europe on the Eurovision network. The questions would be asked by a panel consisting of:

Adalbert de Segonzac (France)
France Soir

Henry Brandon (England)
London Sunday Times

Jan Reifenberg (Germany)
Frankfurter Allgemeine

Marino de Medici (Italy)
Il Tempo

The moderator would be a senior BBC diplomatic correspondent. All of these people speak good English.

You will probably want to spend several hours in preparation, with Secretary Kissinger and General Scowcroft, since your words would be weighed very, very carefully for any nuances of policy throughout Europe and worldwide.

ADVANTAGES:

The advantage of doing this interview is to make yourself and your views better known throughout Europe just before your trip. It would also present the opportunity to send any policy assurances to our European allies and to set the tone for your trip.

DISADVANTAGES:

The disadvantage of this interview is that the questioners might try to force you into making some policy statement that would not be helpful before the European trip. Also, by limiting the questioners to four, there will be a lot of hurt feelings among those foreign journalists who have requested interviews but will not be chosen to conduct this interview.

DECISION:

_____ Proceed with plans for interview as outlined
in your recommendation.

_____ No interview before my European trip.

_____ I would like to discuss this with you.

_____ Other:

cc: Don Rumsfeld
General Brent Scowcroft

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THE PRESIDENT

THROUGH:

JIM CONNOR

FROM:

RON NESSEN *RHN*

SUBJECT:

Background and likely areas of questioning from Malcolm S. Forbes, Sr. at Friday interview.

Forbes is President and Editor-in-Chief of Forbes Magazine which comes out twice a month and is devoted to news of interest to the financial and business community. He writes a series of short editorials in each issue outlining his generally conservative economic and political views.

Forbes is a well known amateur balloonist, unsuccessful Republican candidate for Governor in New Jersey in 1957, and a World War II Army hero.

Based on recent Forbes editorials, he is likely to ask you questions in the following areas:

1. On energy. (In a recent issue Forbes opposed your energy program and came out instead for a "sizably increased gasoline tax".)
2. Foreign investments in the United States. (In a recent editorial Forbes called for guidelines limiting foreign investments in the United States.)
3. Indochina. (In recent editorials before the end of the war, Forbes opposed any further military aid and he may ask some questions about the lessons learned from the war.)
4. Defense budget. (In a recent cover story Forbes praised Secretary Schlesinger for his efforts to cut defense costs and said the big problem with the defense budget is that it is huge but it still provides very little additional power.)
5. Public power. (In another recent cover story Forbes opposed public ownership of power companies saying it might save the consumers money but it would cost the taxpayers money.)
6. Economy. (In still another recent cover story Forbes attempted to dampen prophecies that the country is heading into another great depression. The magazine has been generally up-beat on the future outlook on the economy and is a strong advocate of a free economy unhindered by excessive government regulations.)

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Forbes, Sr. will ask all the questions at the interview but he will be accompanied by his son, Malcolm Forbes, Jr., who now writes his own column of opinion in the magazine.

cc: Alan Greenspan

May 13, 1975

MEMORANDUM FOR THE PRESIDENT

FROM: RON NESSEN

Here is your briefing book for the interview with the New York Daily News tomorrow, should you decide to go through with it in light of the Mayaguez incident.

The foreign policy guidance will have to be updated before the interview.

Also, there is no written material here on the New York City request for Federal assistance.

Attachment



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MR. PRESIDENT

RON NESSEN RECOMMENDS

A PRESS PHOTO AT THE

BEGINNING OF THE LEADERS'

MEETING.

YES

NO



May 16, 1975

Mr. President:

Here is a copy of a newspaper published in Washington for Iranians living here. They sent it over and thought you might be interested in the special issue on your meetings with the Shah.

Ron Nessen

RN/cg

Attachment: The Iran Times, Friday, May 16, 1975



THE WHITE HOUSE

WASHINGTON

May 22, 1975

MEMORANDUM FOR:

THE PRESIDENT

FROM:

RON NESSEN

So that you can be fully prepared for your interview with the foreign correspondents on European television tomorrow, I have obtained a list of the subject areas about which you will be questioned:

1. Purposes of your visit to Europe.
2. Foreign policy implications of the MAYAGUEZ episode. (Not a rehash of tactics and criticisms.)
3. Foreign policy implications of the fall of South Vietnam and Cambodia.
4. Congress and foreign policy.
5. Detente.
6. The status of NATO (problems involving Greece, Turkey, Portugal, France, England, etc.).
7. The Middle East.
8. Energy and oil.
9. The European economic community.

cc: Don Rumsfeld
General Scowcroft

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May 13, 1975

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May 23, 1975

MEMORANDUM FOR THE PRESIDENT

FROM: RON NESSEN

Here is a set of Kennerly pictures which we are distributing to newspapers and magazines in Europe for publication just before your trip.

Attachment

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May 23, 1975

MEMORANDUM FOR: THE PRESIDENT

FROM: RON NESSEN *RHN*

The following countries plan to broadcast your interview with foreign journalists either in whole or in part:

Australia
Belgium
Denmark
Finland
France
West Germany
Ireland
Italy
Luxembourg
Monaco
The Netherlands
Norway
Portugal
Spain
Sweden
Switzerland
United Kingdom
Vatican State
Yugoslavia
Jordan (and possibly other Middle East countries)
Japan
Canada

The Public Broadcasting System (PBS) plans to broadcast the interview over its 250 TV stations in the United States.

May 27, 1975

MEMORANDUM FOR THE PRESIDENT
DON RUMSFELD
BOB HARTMANN
JACK MARSH
MAX FRIEDERSDORF

FROM: RON NESSEN

My notes from a meeting of February 28, 1975, with Democratic Congressional leaders on the President's energy program, show the following quotations which may be of some help in the days ahead:

Senator Pastore:

"If we can't come up with something in 60 days, we can't come up with something (at all)."

"I don't see how we can ask the President to do more than postpone the second dollar for 60 days. If we don't come up with a program by then, you can put it on."

Speaker Albert:

"It's not fair to ask you to make a decision until you've studied our plan. Just hold off the second dollar until you have studied it."

Congressman McFall:

"If the goal of the import tariff was to get the mule's attention, you've got the mule's attention."

