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THE WHITE HOUSE  
WASHINGTON

Date: 12/9/83

TO: MORTON

FROM: Jack L. Courtemanche

- ☐ Recommended Action
- ☐ Review & Comment
- ☐ Information
- ☐ Other

FYI

# WHITE HOUSE STAFFING MEMORANDUM

DATE: 12/8/83 ACTION/CONCURRENCE/COMMENT DUE BY: FYI

SUBJECT: DRAFT PRESIDENTIAL ADDRESS: CONGRESSIONAL MEDAL OF HONOR  
SOCIETY'S 1983 CONVENTION LUNCHEON (12/8 - 4:00 p.m. draft)

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## REMARKS:

The attached has been forwarded to the President.

## RESPONSE:

Richard G. Darman  
 Assistant to the President  
 Ext. 2702

(Myer/BE)  
December 8, 1983  
4:00 p.m.

PRESIDENTIAL ADDRESS: CONGRESSIONAL MEDAL OF HONOR SOCIETY'S  
1983 CONVENTION LUNCHEON  
MONDAY, DECEMBER 12, 1983

Arnold and Zach Fisher, Mrs. MacArthur, Ron Ray, Tex McCrary, distinguished Congressional Medal of Honor recipients, Members of Congress, ladies and gentlemen. Thank you for such a warm welcome. I've got to tell you, back in Hollywood I learned never to share the spotlight with small children and animals -- you're upstaged every time. But I was never warned about the film we just saw. First of all, I have to get the lump out of my throat and catch my breath . . .

May I just say to you, that is one mighty inspirational production! When Americans see this film, they will be inspired and feel a deep pride -- in themselves, in their fellow citizens and in America. My congratulations and thanks to everyone who made this film possible.

It is a great privilege to be here today and to take part in this important event. Your efforts help America remember its heritage and purpose. We must present to ourselves, and to the world, not just an America that is militarily and economically strong. Our task is also to show an America that is morally strong, an America that has a creed and a vision. We Americans are such people. This is what has so often led us to dare and to achieve. For us, values count. They are the wellspring of our American way of life. Values are the real meaning of the Hall of Honor -- service to country, patriotism, honor, and sacrifice.

Those words in the film so stir the soul: "Not to be heroes, but to serve. Not to die, but to live. Not because they wanted to, but because there was a need."

When I presented the Congressional Medal of Honor to Sergeant Roy Benavidez nearly 3 years ago, I remember thinking that medals are meant to honor the recipients. The truth is, our heroes honor the medal. It's been asked, "Where do we get such men?" From America, of course. We have always had such heroes and always will. There is no place like America.

Last week in Beirut, there was again a need. When heavy shelling began, six Marines heard that four of their buddies were in trouble. They went to help. Fifteen minutes later, eight fine young Americans died in service to their country. It was not for glory or personal reward. There was a need. "Greater love hath no man than this, that a man lay down his life for his friends."

God bless all of you here today. God bless those who never knew that they were heroes. [Pause for a moment of silence.]

Yes, the price of freedom is high, but never so costly as the loss of freedom. We have inherited a precious gift. It is up to us to preserve freedom and then to pass it on. To do so, we must deal with the world as it is, not as we would like it to be.

There is nothing to be gained if free people avoid reality. Truth must never hide in corners. When we see aggression, we will call it aggression; repression will be called repression. Thomas Jefferson said it right when he remarked, "There is not a

truth existing which I fear, or would wish unknown to the whole world."

If we turn a blind eye and a deaf ear when totalitarian regimes brutalize the hopes and dreams of people, we would demean the valor of every person who struggles for human dignity and freedom. We would tarnish Lech Walesa's Nobel Peace Prize. We would dishonor the valiant struggle of the Afghan people.

To help make a better world, we must first understand it. To describe reality is not to seek confrontation -- far from it. Our purpose is to avoid misunderstanding. If we ignore or disguise the truth, there would be plenty of room for confusion and miscalculation -- the very conditions that bring instability.

Peace with justice and with the freedom to follow the dictates of God and conscience is the birthright of every human being. Human potential can be realized only if we give full rein to the strength and reason of the individual. America will be an active force for this good. Yes, we will say what we believe in and what we stand for. We will keep our responsibilities by speaking out and working for those who cannot speak for themselves. America's dreams are not just American dreams.

The quest for freedom continues to build. There is a revolution going on in this world -- a revolution for freedom and democratic ideals. It may not capture the headlines, but it's there and it's growing. That's the real message of our time and it may just be the reason why those who don't like to hear the truth are so worried.

The nine countries which have joined the United Nations since 1978 are democracies. In Africa, important states like Senegal and Nigeria have joined fully into the community of democratic states.

In our own hemisphere, the light of democracy is burning brighter and brighter. Twenty-seven of the 35 countries in this hemisphere are democratic or in the transition to democracy. Argentina, for example, has made dramatic progress in strengthening its protection of human rights. And just 2 days ago, President Alfonsin was sworn into office to complete Argentina's return to democracy. Voices in Nicaragua crying out for the Sandinista government to live up to its democratic pledges are getting stronger. Democracy has returned to the Eastern Caribbean -- Grenada's nightmare is over.

Beyond the world's trouble spots lies a deeper, more positive and hopeful trend. Optimism may not come easily, but that's not because democracy is less vigorous. It's because democracy needs care and protection.

I don't need to remind this audience how strength preserves peace, freedom, and democracy. It can be explained in one word -- deterrence. History doesn't offer many crystal clear lessons for those who manage our Nation's affairs. But there are a few, and one of them is surely the lesson that weakness, on the part of those who cherish freedom, inevitably leads to trouble. When the forces of freedom are weak, tyrants are tempted. Well, our days of weakness are over. Our military forces are back on their feet and standing tall.

Modern equipment is being delivered to the troops, and more is on the way. Right now, 98 ships are in new construction and conversion at 14 different shipyards. The mobility and firepower of our ground forces are being strengthened with up-to-date equipment such as the M-1 Abrams Tank, the Bradley Fighting Vehicle, the multiple-launch rocket system, and all-weather helicopters. No longer is America's military being asked to defend freedom with worn out equipment.

I'm also pleased to report that training is way up and combat readiness rates have really soared. Too often, we forget that the bulk of our defense dollars are spent on readiness. These dollars do not get the publicity, but they are the dollars that count. They keep the troops well-trained, the equipment in tip-top shape, and the spare parts and ammunition on hand.

Well, as they say, the proof is in the pudding. Our recent experience in Grenada is proof that our defense investments are paying healthy dividends. Our forces had what they needed to get the job done and had it on hand. That's one of the big reasons we were able to respond so well on such short notice.

When it comes to our national security, the world should know that the United States will do whatever it takes to protect the safety and freedom of the American people.

Once again, it's an honor to wear the uniform and serve our country, and our servicemen and women know it. I hope that makes you as proud as it does me.

We're getting and keeping very good people in all of the services. And that's the other reason that the Grenada operation

was so successful. There is no substitute for well-motivated, well-trained, and well-led troops.

From Grenada, to Lebanon, to the D.M.Z. in Korea, Americans are carrying on in the finest tradition of those before them. They care, they understand, and they continue to give willingly of themselves. America is in good hands.

And the next generation will do the same. A recent article in Newsweek magazine makes the point so well. A 40-year-old father of five sons noted that he grew up in a generation where the Army was to be avoided. Recruiting stations were places to stage protests. Now his college son wants to be all that he can be, one of the select few. Each trip to the recruiting office generates enthusiasm and his younger boys are proud of their older brother. As Mr. Fleischaker wrote, "my children somehow have settled in a place where it is their assumption that this country is right and just, unless they are shown otherwise." His children believe in the basic values that made America great -- God bless them.

No wonder we've just finished one of the best recruiting years ever. Ninety-one percent of new recruits had a high school diploma, the highest ever. The number of key, non-commissioned-officer billets and highly-technical jobs filled by experienced people has increased dramatically. In the Army, unauthorized absences -- the A.W.O.L. rate, to use the Army term -- are the lowest ever.

This very positive trend is also true for our reserves. Reserve strength rose over the million mark for the first time

since 1961. That's a nearly 200,000 increase from just 4 years ago.

Yes, a lot of progress has been made, and we'll make more. But the true source of American strength lies deeper than military power, or even economic power. The bedrock of our strength is America's moral and spiritual character -- the determination of our free people to stay free. Our Bill of Rights, our guarantee of liberty and limited government, was hammered out in centuries of ordeal and suffering. Americans understand the only way to promote human potential is to preserve, defend and promote those precious conditions of freedom and peace. That is why, from generation to generation, on battlefield after battlefield, valor has been a common virtue. Personal valor is why America is free today and why our future remains bright.

Peace with freedom is the highest aspiration of the American people. We will negotiate for it, and will sacrifice for it. But we will not surrender for it, now or ever. Because we care about human values for ourselves, so must we be concerned with abuses of freedom, justice, and liberty, wherever they may be.

The values of Western civilization and the beliefs that bind free people together are being tested. If ever a generation of Americans was ready and able to meet the test and wage peace successfully, it is we, of this generation.

We have demonstrated the will and resolve to stay strong and secure. The Western Alliance, despite incredible pressure and threats, remains united. We hold out the olive branch of peace.

Our commitment to significant arms reductions is unshakable. And, despite the recent rebuffs, the United States has not abandoned and will never abandon the search for meaningful arms control agreements. We will only work harder. Though governments continue to frustrate the dreams of people, we will not give up our search for peaceful solutions in the Middle East, Central America, and elsewhere. We will only work harder.

There will never be -- as there has never been -- a lack of courage in the hearts of Americans. But let us pray to God that our waging of peace today will bring a tomorrow in which we have no need to call upon that courage on the field of battle.

General of the Army Douglas MacArthur understood this hope so well when he said, "Could I have but a line a century hence, crediting a contribution to the advancement of peace, I would yield every honor which has been accorded by war."

Yes, let the Medal of Honor need never be awarded again. Thank you, God bless you, and may God bless America.

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Before I leave you, I just have to say I have a surprise for Zach Fisher. At least I hope it's a surprise. I've learned that Washington is the only city where sound travels faster than light.

The Intrepid Sea-Air-Space Museum is Zachary Fisher, its founder and chairman. In presenting this plaque to you, it is

given with the heartfelt thanks of millions of Americans. The inscription reads:

Due to the tireless and dedicated work of many Americans, the Intrepid will serve as an inspiration to both young and old for years to come. One man deserves special tribute, Zachary Fisher, a patriotic American, who never forgot and cares so much.

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## WHITE HOUSE STAFFING MEMORANDUM

DATE: 11/15/83 ACTION/CONCURRENCE/COMMENT DUE BY: IMMEDIATELY

SUBJECT: H.J. RES. 1 -EQUAL RIGHTS AMENDMENT

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### REMARKS:

May we have any comments as soon as possible. This is scheduled for suspension calendar in the House this morning. Thank you.

RESPONSE: Please see attachment.

*FRW*  
Faith Ryan Whittlesey  
November 15, 1983

Richard G. Darman  
Assistant to the President  
Ext. 2702

OFFICE OF PUBLIC LIAISON

COMMENTS ON H.J. RES 1 EQUAL RIGHTS AMENDMENT

*F. Wesley*

To support the rule and force a vote on a Constitutional Amendment without allowing the full House to consider the objections and responsible changes in wording debated in the Judiciary Committee last Wednesday is unfair to House members and to the American people.

This gag rule is an admission that responsible changes in the wording of ERA would pass if the House were allowed to vote on the changes. The American people will not be fooled by such procedural chicanery. The vote to suspend the rules means a vote for taxpayer funding of abortions, drafting women into military combat, eliminating veterans preference, and removing tax exemptions from religious schools supported by denominations which do not ordain women.

note: This vote will be viewed as the important pro-life vote of this session. It is now clear that ERA will require taxpayer funding of abortions, elimination of veterans preference and support for religious schools supported by denominations which do not ordain women. I fear the proposed language sent for comment will be viewed by pro-life groups as too weak. I fear a similar reaction to the proposed language by the President's supporters who are ERA opponents.



# STATEMENT OF ADMINISTRATION POLICY

Received SS  
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November 15, 1983  
(House)

## H.J. RES. 1 - Equal Rights Amendment

Although the Administration supports equality of rights for all citizens, it believes it inappropriate to consider a Constitutional Amendment on the suspension calendar. Thus, it recommends that H.J. Res. 1 be removed from the suspension calendar for consideration of amendments and further debate.

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## WHITE HOUSE STAFFING MEMORANDUM

DATE: 10-31 ACTION/CONCURRENCE/COMMENT DUE BY: NOON TOMORROW

SUBJECT: PRESIDENTIAL ADDRESS: U.S. TROOPS IN MORTAR AREA (CAMP LIBERTY  
(SEOUL, KOREA)  
SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 13, 1983

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### REMARKS:

Please provide comments/edits directly to Ben Elliott in room 100 with an information copy to my office by NOON TOMORROW, TUESDAY, November 1, 1983.

Thank you.

### RESPONSE:

These are excellent  
remarks.  
M. Blackwell

Richard G. Darman  
Assistant to the President  
Ext. 2702

(Rohrabache  
October 31,  
6:30 p.m.

PRESIDENTIAL ADDRESS: U.S. TROOPS IN MORTAR AREA  
(CAMP LIBERTY BELL)  
(SEOUL, KOREA)  
SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 13, 1983

Thank you. It is an honor for me to be with you. Somebody was asking me if I was going to be safe up here so close to North Korean Troops. I just answered, "Safe, I'll be with the 2nd Infantry Division."

This has been an experience I will never forget. There is no better proof of the relationship between strength and freedom than right here on the D.M.Z. in Korea. You are on the front lines of freedom and I want each of you to know: I bring you warm greetings from your families and your friends. And, I bring something else, too: the gratitude and support of 230 million Americans, who told me to tell you, "We love you 2nd Infantry."

You stand between the free world and the armed forces of a system hostile to everything we believe in as Americans. The Communist system to the north is based on hatred and oppression. It brutally attacks every form of human liberty and declares those who worship God to be enemies of the people.

In so many ways, the Korean Peninsula is symbolic of the larger world. In the South, although it is not perfect, we find people free to run their everyday affairs. Energy and creativity abound. The positive mood of the people, their enthusiasm, and their hard work are propelling their part of Korea into the 21st century and into a new era of opportunity and prosperity.

To the north, the Communist regime's heavy hand stagnates the economy and suppresses the spirit of the people. Like most Communist regimes, the only thing it produces worthy of note is repression and military might; the only thing deterring the use of that military might is a commitment by the Korean people here in the South and the dedication of brave men and women like yourselves.

You in the 2nd Infantry Division and in the other branches of the Armed Forces are our shield against the tyranny and deprivation that engulfs so much of the world. After speaking to many Koreans, both in and out of government, I know they, like our own citizens, are profoundly grateful to you.

We fully understand the hardship of your task. We know about the cold windswept nights that leave your body aching from head to foot. We know about having to stay awake and alert on guard duty when you'd rather be at a movie or dance back in the States. We know about the birthdays and holidays that you are unable to spend with your loved ones.

And we are also aware of the danger. You're facing heavily armed, unpredictable adversaries who have little regard for human life. We cannot forget that in August of 1976, two officers of this division -- Captain Arthur Bonifas and First Lt. Mark Barrett -- were brutally murdered by ax wielding North Korean troops. Let me state for the record, nothing like that had better happen again, because anyone committing an unprovoked attack on Americans is -- and I believe this is the expression you use -- going to be in DEEP KIMCHEE.

Last month, a terrorist bomb exploded in Beirut, killing 225 members of our peacekeeping force. A similar bomb killed 50 French peacekeepers. These brave men were not killed in combat. They were killed as they slept. Whether in Lebanon or in Korea, or anywhere else in the world where Americans are vulnerable to terrorist attack, I pledge to you, such barbarism will not go unpunished.

The doubt and self-degradation of the 1970's is giving way in America to a new era of confidence and sense of purpose. Communism is not the wave of the future and it never was -- freedom is. And it's good to see people are beginning to wake up to that fact. Yes, we, too, have our faults, but we've got a heck of a lot more to be proud of, and we're not afraid to say so.

In Lebanon, for example, our Marines are peacekeepers in the truest sense of the word. We are there to give some chance, some way out to people of that troubled land, a land situated in a region whose destiny is crucial to our security. Two hundred twenty-five of our Marines gave the last full measure of devotion in that honorable endeavor and we should be very proud of every one of them.

Not all our friends have perfect democracies. But, make no mistake, anywhere in the world where freedom does exist, it is due to some degree to the protection of the United States military. Recently, we sent our forces to the island of Grenada. Some critics compared this operation with the Soviet invasion of Afghanistan. Let me just say, there is something seriously wrong

with anyone who can't see the difference between 100,000 Soviets trying to force a dictatorship down the throats of the Afghan people, and American and six Caribbean democracies joining to stop Cubans and local Communists from doing the same thing in Grenada.

And let me ask a question of my own: Why are the Soviets being attacked by the people of Afghanistan, while our U.S. and Caribbean forces have been greeted as liberators in Grenada? The answer is, no people in history have ever chosen to become slaves. People everywhere want to be free -- that's the difference between Afghanistan and Grenada, and between North Korea and South Korea.

We Americans bear a heavy burden. Others must do their part; the people of the Republic of Korea are certainly doing their share. Yet, if freedom is to survive, if peace is to be maintained, it will depend on us. Our commitment in Korea exemplifies this heavy responsibility. We have stood shoulder to shoulder with the Korean people for 30 years now. It reflects well on the character of our country that we have been willing to do this in a land so far away from home. In the end, it is this strength of character that will make the difference between slavery and freedom, between peace and war -- as it has here in Korea.

Americans are now standing tall and firm. No terrorist should question our resolve. No tyrant should doubt our courage. Your division motto is "Second To None." You've lived up to that motto and we're proud of you for it. And, with your courage and

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dedication as an example, we're going to make certain the United States remains second to none.

Soldiers of the 2nd Division, God bless you and God bless America.

## WHITE HOUSE STAFFING MEMORANDUM

DATE: 10/27/83 ACTION/CONCURRENCE/COMMENT DUE BY: 12:00 Noon tomorrowSUBJECT: DRAFT PRESIDENTIAL TAPINGS (See list below)

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## REMARKS:

Please forward any edits/comments directly to Ben Elliott, with a copy to my office, by 12:00 Noon tomorrow. Thank you.

- 1. Operation Opportunity Conference (10/27, 5:00 p.m.)
2. National Association of Realtors (10/27 - 5:00 p.m.)
3. Tune in Awards Dinner (10/27 - 5:00 p.m.)

## RESPONSE

4. Vietnam Veterans (10/27 - 5:00 p.m.)
5. International Rescue Committee (10/27 - 5:00 p.m.)
6. Federal Office Automation Conference (10/27 - 5:00 p.m.)

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Richard G. Darman  
 Assistant to the President  
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October 27, 1983  
5:00 p.m.

PRESIDENTIAL TAPING: OPERATION OPPORTUNITY CONFERENCE  
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Good afternoon. I'm delighted to have this chance to speak to Operation Opportunity. I understand there are some 7 to 10 thousand chief executives in the audience, and I want to congratulate you for working to enlarge foreign opportunities for American business.

As businessmen, I'm sure you remember only too painfully the economic mess of over-taxing and spending that had led to record inflation and interest rates 3 years ago.

Well, when we took office, we went right to work to clean up that mess.

We cut the growth of federal spending, pruned needless regulations, reduced tax rates, provided new incentives for business investment and enacted a historic reform called tax indexing -- a reform that means government will never again benefit from inflation at the expense of the people.

Today, just two years after we set those programs in place, we're moving from economic recovery to economic expansion. The prime rate is about half what it was when we took office. Inflation has plummeted by three-fourths to under 3 percent for the past year. Retail sales are up; the stock market has come back to life; real wages rose at the beginning of '82 for the first time in 3 years and are still climbing.

Last quarter the real Gross National Product grew at an annual rate of 7.9 percent, proving that the recovery is here to

stay. Unemployment is still too high, but it's dropping fast, and since December more than 2 million Americans have found jobs.

The dollar is much stronger than before, which makes exporting difficult. But, to help American business, we're working tirelessly to knock down barriers and promote free trade. We understand, though, that some of our foreign competitors have taken advantage of the openness of our economy, so we're insisting that everyone who does business here has to play by the rules -- not only free trade, but fair trade.

At the same time, we're publicizing various kinds of assistance our government offers to Americans doing business abroad. Today Secretary of Agriculture John Block, Secretary of Commerce Malcolm Baldrige, U. S. Trade Representative Bill Brock, and others will tell you about an array of valuable services at your disposal.

While governments in other countries have given their own businesses active support, for years our own government had only hampered and harassed American business. Well, whatever the attitude of Administration's in the past, this Administration understands that vigorous American business means new jobs at home and greater prosperity around the world.

American improvements in fertilizers and land-use have made the Mid-West the earth's granary and increased agriculture productivity around the globe. Our medical profession and pharmaceutical companies have made breakthrough after breakthrough. And the telecommunications that link nations and are making it possible right now for me to address groups of you

across America and in London owe their existence to American innovations.

All over the world today, people eat better and live longer, less subject to famine and disease, than ever before in history -- thanks in a large part to innovations and world trade developed by American business. No, American business has nothing to apologize for and a great deal to be proud of. And in this Administration, you have an unabashed friend.

Keep up the good work, and God bless.

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PRESIDENTIAL TAPING: NATIONAL ASSOCIATION OF REALTORS  
MONDAY, OCTOBER 31, 1983

Ladies and gentlemen of the National Association of  
Realtors:

I'm delighted to have this chance to talk to you at your convention in Las Vegas. And since you deal in real estate, is Wayne Newton in the audience? Wayne's the sort of fellow who would've outbid Thomas Jefferson for the Louisiana Purchase.

But I'm pleased to have this chance to congratulate you. For three quarters of a century, the National Association of Realtors has helped make America a nation of homeowners. Today you have 50 state associations, almost 2,000 local boards, and more than 600,000 members -- all doing good and important work. So on behalf of all Americans, happy 75th anniversary.

As realtors, your business depends on the health of the whole economy, and I'm sure you remember only too painfully the economic mess our country was in just three years ago. Uncontrolled taxing and spending had caused raging inflation and soaring interest rates. The month I took the oath of office inflation stood well into double digits and the prime interest rate hit a high not seen since the Civil War. In 1980 growth in our economy came to a dead halt, and many Americans began to give up their dreams of prosperity -- including dreams of owning their own homes.

Well, when we took office, we rolled up our shirtsleeves and went to work to clean up the mess.

We cut the growth of federal spending, pruned needless regulations, passed the biggest tax cut in American history, and enacted a historic reform called tax indexing -- a reform that means government will never again benefit from inflation at the expense of the people.

Today, just two years after we set those programs in place, we're in the middle of one of the biggest recoveries in decades. The prime rate is about half what it was when we took office. Inflation has plummeted by three-fourths to under 3 percent for the past year. Retail sales are up; the stock market has come back to life; ~~real~~ wages rose at the beginning of '82 for the first time in 3 years and are still climbing. And last quarter the real Gross National Product grew at an annual rate of 7.9 percent, proving that the recovery is here to stay. Yes, unemployment is still too high, but it's dropping fast, and since December, more than 2 million Americans have found jobs.

Now, it won't come as a surprise to you that in this recovery the housing industry is playing a crucial role. Housing starts in August this year were up almost 40 percent from those in August of '80. And when the housing industry gains strength, the whole economy picks up as workers cut lumber in Washington and Oregon, produce glass in New York, make furniture in North Carolina, and manufacture steel in Pennsylvania, Ohio, and Indiana.

This is a good time to be a realtor. With the economy expanding, Americans can once again dream of owning their own homes.

And with your help, each year tens of thousands will make that dream come true.

Thank you, and God bless you.

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PRESIDENTIAL TAPING: TUNE IN AWARDS DINNER  
TUESDAY, OCTOBER 18; 1983

Good evening to all of you at the Tune-In Dinner in New York. I'd like to take a moment and share with you some thoughts on the great American tradition of voluntarism. Ever since America was founded, we've been a Nation of volunteers. The spirit that moved Betsy Ross to create the original stars and stripes has been woven into our national fabric. From the candy-striper working at the hospital to the Salvation Army Captain, the spirit of helping others spans the spectrum of American life. Voluntarism ties us to the values and traditions that have made us a good and caring people. It is a reminder that this country was built by people working together.

In 1981, when I called for a renewed volunteer effort in America, Jane Pickens Hoving answered that call by founding Tune-In New York. Her idea of using the telephone to put people in touch with those who needed them created a powerful force, which has placed volunteers in over 5,000 non-profit organizations in the New York area. Jane, I don't know whether you are there tonight, but that is quite an accomplishment, and speak for so many when I say thank you.

To the gold medal award winners -- Thornton Bradshaw, Leonard Goldenson, John Kluge and Tom Wyman -- gentlemen, let me say your contributions to voluntarism speak well for both yourselves and your organizations. Voluntarism grows when it is communicated, and I commend your example of leadership.

It's also appropriate that John D. Rockefeller IV be honored as the volunteer of the year for 1983. Jay represents the ideals of voluntarism that have characterized the Rockefeller family for four generations. Jay Rockefeller and his family recognized long ago that voluntarism is most powerful when it is accepted as a life-long commitment.

I would also like to say a few words about a close personal friend, someone I am going to miss very much . . . Terence Cardinal Cooke. Cardinal Cooke is being honored posthumously this evening with the inspirational award. He was such an inspiration and a comfort to both Nancy and me. And toward the end when Nancy and I last saw him; he radiated faith as never before. His individual achievements are far too numerous to mention here. But his dedication to humanity, his devotion to New York and his discipleship to God stand as testaments to the true power as divine inspiration. Cardinal Cooke recognized this God-given power and succeeded in transmitting it to the world.

In addition to those who have received awards, all of you there tonight are helping the volunteer cause by supporting this dinner. I personally know voluntarism works, I've seen it time and time again, and I'm glad you all share that same feeling. By volunteering, we renew ourselves in the freedom and spirit that is America. Congratulations to Tune-In on your first benefit gala. May there be many, many more.

Thank you and God bless you all.

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PRESIDENTIAL TAPING: VIETNAM VETERANS  
MONDAY, OCTOBER 31, 1983

Thank you Jimmy, old friend, and thanks to all of you for inviting me to participate in this salute to Vietnam Veterans. In recent days, we have had a right to feel very proud of our armed services, those young men and women who, in serving their country valiantly and well, are carrying on a great military tradition more than 200 years old. And, I know that part of the inspiration for those young people is the incredible devotion and valor so repeatedly displayed by our armed services in the Vietnam conflict.

It's true there were no bands to greet our returning soldiers, sailors, and Marines from Vietnam, no welcoming speeches or parades. But, I also know that -- had they ever been given the chance -- the American people would have said what was always in their hearts, what is in their hearts today: that they were proud of those who served in Vietnam, proud of how they answered their country's call, did their duty and made so many sacrifices for the cause of human freedom.

The work you are doing to remember the contributions and dedication of our Vietnam Veterans is very important to all Americans. The memory of those who came home and those who did not come back, those in Veterans' Hospitals and those still Missing in Action must never be allowed to fade. For the wives, the widows, the parents, the children of all those who served in

Vietnam we meet tonight to honor them and convey our heartfelt thanks.

I have been saying for some time now that the people of the world are moving towards a future of freedom, that we are now writing the last pages in a sad, bizarre chapter in human history known as communism. And, I firmly believe that when that history of those who struggled against the evil of totalitarianism is finally written, those who served in Vietnam will at last have their honored and proper place.

God bless You.

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PRESIDENTIAL TAPING: INTERNATIONAL RESCUE COMMITTEE  
50TH ANNIVERSARY DINNER  
TUESDAY, OCTOBER 18, 1983

Good evening to all of you at the International Rescue Committee 50th Anniversary Dinner in New York. I may not be with you in person tonight, but I am with you in heart and in spirit. There are today 10 million refugees in the world who, of all humanity, are surely the most abandoned and the most desperate of people. There are the people you help and I am genuinely honored to be part of your celebration tonight.

In my weekly radio address last Christmas, I told a story that took place on the troubled waters of the South China Sea in October of 1982. The story says so much about the reason you are gathered this evening. It's actually a letter from Ordnance Man, First Class, John Mooney, written to his parents from aboard the Aircraft Carrier Midway. I'd like to read you a few passages.

"Dear Mom and Dad," he wrote, "today, we spotted a boat in the water and we rendered assistance. We picked up 65 Vietnamese refugees. It was about a 2-hour job getting everyone aboard and then they had to get . . . fed and clothed and all that. But now, they are resting on the hangar deck and the kids are sitting in front of, probably, the first television set they have ever seen, watching Star Wars. Their boat was sinking as we came alongside. They had been at sea 5 days and had run out of water.

" . . . As they approached the ship, they were all waving and trying as best they could to say, 'Hello, America sailor; hello, freedom man.' It is hard to see a boat full of people

like that and not get a lump somewhere between chin and bellybutton . . ."

That letter pays tribute to what you are doing better than my own words ever could. It is hard for us to comprehend the terror and hunger that many in this world are fleeing. Yet even though we can barely conceive such ruin and reversal in our lives, we do have a responsibility to our fellow man. We do have a moral obligation to assist the refugees of fear and famine. The United States has a very humanitarian record in this regard, and yet still the Government's efforts alone are not enough.

The ITC has been aiding refugees since 1933. You have saved people from Nazi terror and Communist terror. And, in the end of course, it makes no difference if people flee the totalitarianism of the right or the left. They are still refugees and they still need help. You are serving that purpose and that is why, on behalf of the Nation, I would like to thank the International Rescue Committee for all its contributions to conscience and caring.

Before closing, I would like to say a few words about Leo Cherne, your chairman since 1951. Whether it involved refugees from Berlin, Budapest, Cuba, Prague, Vietnam, Indochina, Tibet, Bangladesh, Uganda, Poland or Afghanistan, Leo has demonstrated an extraordinary commitment to others, and a dedication to battling human suffering. But in addition to being a humanitarian, Leo has been an economist, political scientist, sculptor, and advisor to Presidents for over 40 years.

His extraordinary service to his country and to mankind are inspiring and deserving of recognition from his fellow citizens. Therefore, it is with great pleasure that I announce tonight that I am awarding the Presidential Medal of Freedom, our Nation's highest civilian award to Leo Cherne. Congratulations, Leo, on a well deserved honor.

And my congratulations and heartfelt gratitude to everyone there tonight. Thank you again, and God bless you.

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PRESIDENTIAL TAPING: FEDERAL OFFICE AUTOMATION CONFERENCE  
MONDAY, OCTOBER 31, 1983

Good afternoon. I'm delighted to have this chance to talk to a group of top Federal workers about a subject close to the heart of this Administration: making Government work, and work efficiently.

Our Administration has only been in Washington a short time, but we've accomplished a great deal. Through our departmental I.G. offices, so far 29.3 billion tax dollars have been saved or put to better use. We've cut the Federal paperwork burden by 20 percent. Our plan to reduce non-defense Federal employment is ahead of schedule. We've brought in \$3.5 billion in payments on debts that would otherwise have gone uncollected. And under the chairmanship of Peter Grace, our Private Sector Survey on Cost Control has already issued 37 reports containing some 2,000 recommendations -- recommendations that could provide the Federal Government with savings and revenue opportunities totalling in the tens of billions.

But despite the importance of all these efforts, our Government needs something else even more: good managers. And that means all of you.

Last fall I asked Joe Wright to head the Reform '88 Program. Today Joe is coordinating our effort to achieve lasting savings by changing financial and information management in every department and agency. Joe spoke about Reform '88 at your

conference last year, and I understand that today Craig Fuller will tell you more about this vital program.

Right now we're examining a set of expenses too often overlooked -- office operations. Yes, we can cut costs by using office automation. But let's remember: In the Federal Government, clerical workers account for only a quarter of all office labor costs, while managers and professional personnel account for the rest. So to save costs by using office automation, we'll need to get our managers and professionals in on the act.

This Federal Office Automation Conference will let you consider ways to do just that. You'll be able to look over the latest office automation systems, listen to speakers, and most important, talk over ideas with other managers from throughout the Federal Government.

We owe it to the American people to give them a Federal Government that operates in a businesslike manner. This conference represents a big step forward in that great effort.

Thanks for your dedication, and God bless you all.

## OFFICE OF PUBLIC LIAISON

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Appropriation Bill, 1984

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# WHITE HOUSE STAFFING MEMORANDUM

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DATE: 10/3/83 ACTION/CONCURRENCE/COMMENT DUE BY: 10/4/83SUBJECT: ENROLLED BILL H.R. 3263 - MILITARY CONSTRUCTION APPROPRIATION  
BILL, 1984

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## REMARKS:

May we have your comments on the attached bill by close of business tomorrow, October 4. Thank you.

## RESPONSE:

Richard G. Darman  
Assistant to the President  
Ext. 2702



EXECUTIVE OFFICE OF THE PRESIDENT  
OFFICE OF MANAGEMENT AND BUDGET  
WASHINGTON, D.C. 20503

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MEMORANDUM FOR THE PRESIDENT

SUBJECT: Enrolled Bill H.R. 3263 -- Military Construction  
Appropriation Bill, 1984

Sponsor: Rep. Whitten (D), Mississippi

Last Day for Action

October 11, 1983

Purpose

Provides spending authority totaling \$7,104 million for Military Construction for the Department of Defense.

Highlights

- The bill is generally consistent with the Administration's request.
- The enrolled bill provides over seven billion dollars for Administration requested projects that increase military readiness and enhance military quality of life in the United States and throughout the world. Those projects include over four billion dollars for military construction projects and approximately two and one-half billion dollars for construction and operation of military family housing.
- The bill reduces your request for PEACEKEEPER missile construction from \$69.3 million to \$31.2 million. This action was taken because of lack of design presently available. The Department is to request either supplemental or fiscal year 1985 funding for the project once design has proceeded to the 35% level.
- Also, the bill reduces funding for the Turkish airbase upgrade program and other U.S. projects in support of NATO.

Agency Recommendations

Office of Management and Budget

Approval

Department of Defense

Approval (informally)Summary of Congressional Action

	(in millions of dollars)		
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	<u>Request</u>	<u>Bill</u>	<u>Change</u>
Total, Spending Authority.....	8,167	7,104	-1,063

- This bill contains only annually funded programs.

Discussion

While the bill has reduced PEACEKEEPER missile facility construction for 1984, it leaves open the option of coming back in for supplemental or fiscal year 1985 funding for these facilities when they have reached a satisfactory state of design.

Congressional objections to fully funding our requests for the Turkish airbase upgrade and other U.S. projects in support of NATO were not based on the merits of the projects so much as on the traditional burden-sharing argument. The way has been left open to resolve these differences with the Congress so that some progress can be expected in the months ahead.

Recommendation

Despite reductions in the PEACEKEEPER, Turkish Air Base upgrade, and U.S. support of NATO programs, the bill is generally consistent with the Administration's request.

I recommend that you sign the enrolled bill.



David A. Stockman  
Director

# WHITE HOUSE STAFFING MEMORANDUM

## OFFICE OF PUBLIC LIAISON

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RESPONSE:

*This is OK.*  
*M. Blackwell*

Faith Ryan Whittlesey  
 Assistant to the President  
 Ext. 2270

# WHITE HOUSE STAFFING MEMORANDUM

DATE: 9/9/83 ACTION/CONCURRENCE/COMMENT DUE BY: 12:00 NOON, MONDAY 9/12

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## REMARKS:

Please forward any edits/comments directly to Ben Elliott, Room 100, with a copy to my office, by 12:00 noon, Monday 9/12. Thank you.

## RESPONSE:

Richard G. Darman  
 Assistant to the President  
 Ext. 2702

(Dolan/BE)  
September 9, 1983  
6:00 p.m.

PRESIDENTIAL REMARKS: RECEPTION FOR THE EAGLES  
TUESDAY, SEPTEMBER 13, 1983

It's always terrific to see all of you. I know that Paul Laxalt, Frank Fahrenkopf and Mike Curb are very proud of you and the work you've done. I think you know I've referred to the Eagles as the most important fundraising group in American politics. Your work and your contributions to the party have made possible the turnaround in American life we've seen in the past few years.

I wonder if you sense, as I do, the new tone of optimism and hope in American society. What a change, what a contrast from the days of national malaise and weak leadership. Do you remember what it was like back then -- waking up every morning wondering what new humiliation the United States had suffered abroad, or what bad economic news was in the offing here at home?

I know the aching you felt in your hearts. That's why so many of you gave of your time and efforts. You wanted to rescue this much-loved country from the quagmire of incompetence and bad Government it had fallen into.

Those days are behind us now. The economy is growing again, our foreign policy is firm and realistic. Instead of frustrated dreams, the American people feel the country is on the move again; they have their eyes on the future, they want to keep America upward bound.

That's why it's so important to remind people just how far we have come under new leadership. It's important to remind them

of all the obstacles that were put in our path -- all the tired thinking of the past, all the opposition to our attempts to reduce taxes and spending, rebuild our defenses and stop Soviet expansionism. What a struggle it was and what important victories we won.

But now the question that has to be answered is this: Do we continue? Do we keep making steady gains, or do we slip back into the tragedies and mistakes of the past? Do we return to the days of tax and tax, spend and spend, the days of trying to cut a deal with our foreign adversaries at almost any price?

And once again, you will be asked to play a critical role in answering those questions. It will be up to you to make sure we have the means to get our message to the people, to see that America continues to go upward and onward.

Your help is important not just for ourselves or our children. What's really at stake -- in this dangerous world we live in -- is the future of freedom. Look around us. There has been so much history and greatness in this house. Not a day goes by that Nancy and I aren't grateful for the chance to be here, representing you, so that we could help set some things right that badly needed changing. You made it possible -- you did it because of how much the American dream -- symbolized in this place -- means to each of you.

America will need you again. I know you'll respond as generously and selflessly as ever.

So, again, thank you from the bottom of our hearts, and God bless you all.

# WHITE HOUSE STAFFING MEMORANDUM

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Faith Ryan Whittlesey  
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# WHITE HOUSE STAFFING MEMORANDUM



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## REMARKS:

Please forward any edits/comments directly to Ben Elliott, Room 100, with a copy to my office, by 12:00 noon, Monday 9/12. Thank you.

## RESPONSE:

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September 9, 1983  
6:00 p.m.

PRESIDENTIAL REMARKS: RECEPTION FOR THE EAGLES  
TUESDAY, SEPTEMBER 13, 1983

It's always terrific to see all of you. I know that Paul Laxalt, Frank Fahrenkopf and Mike Curb are very proud of you and the work you've done. I think you know I've referred to the Eagles as the most important fundraising group in American politics. Your work and your contributions to the party have made possible the turnaround in American life we've seen in the past few years.

I wonder if you sense, as I do, the new tone of optimism and hope in American society. What a change, what a contrast from the days of national malaise and weak leadership. Do you remember what it was like back then -- waking up every morning wondering what new humiliation the United States had suffered abroad, or what bad economic news was in the offing here at home?

I know the aching you felt in your hearts. That's why so many of you gave of your time and efforts. You wanted to rescue this much-loved country from the quagmire of incompetence and bad Government it had fallen into.

Those days are behind us now. The economy is growing again, our foreign policy is firm and realistic. Instead of frustrated dreams, the American people feel the country is on the move again; they have their eyes on the future, they want to keep America upward bound.

That's why it's so important to remind people just how far we have come under new leadership. It's important to remind them

of all the obstacles that were put in our path -- all the tired thinking of the past, all the opposition to our attempts to reduce taxes and spending, rebuild our defenses and stop Soviet expansionism. What a struggle it was and what important victories we won.

But now the question that has to be answered is this: Do we continue? Do we keep making steady gains, or do we slip back into the tragedies and mistakes of the past? Do we return to the days of tax and tax, spend and spend, the days of trying to cut a deal with our foreign adversaries at almost any price?

And once again, you will be asked to play a critical role in answering those questions. It will be up to you to make sure we have the means to get our message to the people, to see that America continues to go upward and onward.

Your help is important not just for ourselves or our children. What's really at stake -- in this dangerous world we live in -- is the future of freedom. Look around us. There has been so much history and greatness in this house. Not a day goes by that Nancy and I aren't grateful for the chance to be here, representing you, so that we could help set some things right that badly needed changing. You made it possible -- you did it because of how much the American dream -- symbolized in this place -- means to each of you.

America will need you again. I know you'll respond as generously and selflessly as ever.

So, again, thank you from the bottom of our hearts, and God bless you all.