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Revision  
11:00 a.m.  
September 16, 1981

SEQUENCE OF EVENTS

Senatorial Trust Reception and  
Buffet  
September 16, 1981

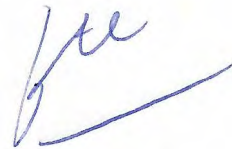
FROM: Muffie Brandon *muffie Brandon*

- 6:15 p.m. Guests begin to arrive the East Gate, and the Social Aides lead them to the Lower Cross Hall, up the Grand Staircase, and into the State Dining Room where they prepare for the receiving line and have a drink and hors d'oeuvres.
- 6:45 p.m. THE PRESIDENT AND MRS. REAGAN proceed to the State Floor via the elevator, cross the Cross Hall into the Red Room, and proceed through the South Door into the Blue Room to form the receiving line.
- As soon as THE PRESIDENT AND MRS. REAGAN are in position with their backs to the south windows, Social Aides will lead the guests from the State Dining Room, through the doors of the Red Room, and into the Blue Room to meet the PRESIDENT AND MRS. REAGAN.
- Once through the receiving line, guests will be escorted through the Green Room by the Social Aides into the East Room for the Buffet Dinner.
- 7:45 p.m. At the termination of the receiving line, THE PRESIDENT AND MRS. REAGAN will proceed through the doors of the Blue Room and into the Cross Hall where they will ~~proceed to dance.~~  
*mix and mingle.*
- 8:00 p.m. THE PRESIDENT AND MRS. REAGAN depart the Grand Foyer dance floor and proceed to the elevator via the Cross Hall for the Family Residence.
- 8:45 p.m. All guests depart.

MEMORANDUM

THE WHITE HOUSE  
WASHINGTON

September 7, 1981



MEMO

TO: Rex Scouten  
Chef Haller  
Dottie Temple  
Irv Williams  
Joe Canzeri  
Steve Studdert

FROM: Muffie Brandon

RE: Senatorial Trust Gala Reception

DATE: September 16, 1981

TIME: 6:30 p.m. - 8:45 p.m.

POSSIBLE NUMBERS OF GUESTS: 550 (changed from 400)

COCKTAILS: 6:30 p.m. - 7:30 p.m.

Bars will be set up in both the East Room and the State Dining Room. There should be diet drinks and Perrier available.

Cocktails will be served throughout the rooms on the State Floor. Hors d'oeuvres on buffet tables.

BUFFET: 7:15 p.m. - 8:45 p.m.

Tent: South Lawn

ARRANGEMENTS:

50 tables to seat 10 persons with chairs white tablecloths to the ground, blue napkins, blue and white flowers on tables, votive candles (8) on each table, green shrubs around the tent and tubs of flowers interspersed.

BUFFET TABLES:

Should have large arrangements of blue & white flowers and standing candelabra (or hurricane lamps)

BARS FOR BUFFET:

There should be at least two small bars near the buffet tables for more drinks

MEMORANDUM

THE WHITE HOUSE  
WASHINGTON

September 7, 1981

MEMO

TO: CHEF HALLER     JOE CANZERI

FROM: MUFFIE BRANDON

RE: Senatorial Trust Buffet

DATE: September 16, 1981

LOCATION: State Floor & South Lawn (tent)

MENU:

Sliced warm baby filets of beet (mustard sauce)

Sliced ham and small biscuits

Sliced cold turkey (cranberry sauce)

Cold lobster tails with chutney sauce

Several different salads

Green & White Fettucini with fresh cheese

Hot tomatoe and cheese casserole/souffle

Large platters of varied cheeses

Warm rolls/french bread

Cold apricot souffle

Platters of brownies and sugar cookies

Demi-tasse with tiny pasteries

WINE SERVICE:

Butlers should have red and white wines on tables and uncork fresh bottles as the need arises.

Water glasses should also be at each place.

HORS D'OEUVRES:

For the cocktails which are to be served from the East Room and the State Dining Room

THE WHITE HOUSE  
WASHINGTON

July 15, 1981

MEMORANDUM FOR MIKE DEEVER

FROM: JOSEPH W. CANZERI  
SUBJECT: SENATE TRUST RECEPTION

Attached is a letter to the President and a note to you from Senator Baker.

As you know we have agreed to schedule a reception on September 16, 1981 for the Senate Trust.

Unfortunately, there seems to be a misunderstanding, they were once promised a dinner.

How would you like to handle this?

Discuss with the President \_\_\_\_\_

Change from reception to dinner \_\_\_\_\_

Nothing, leave as scheduled \_\_\_\_\_

*Mamie*  
*file*

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*who told them it was a dinner?*

*What does LN & MAX say?*

*How many others - House - Senate  
etc are coming up?*



UNITED STATES SENATE  
OFFICE OF THE MAJORITY LEADER  
WASHINGTON, D. C.

HOWARD H. BAKER, JR.  
TENNESSEE

Dear Mike -  
I really think  
this is important  
to do.

Howard

## United States Senate

OFFICE OF THE MAJORITY LEADER  
WASHINGTON, D.C. 20510

July 14, 1981

The President  
The White House  
Washington, D.C.

Dear Mr. President:

Soon after your Inauguration, Senator Packwood requested through Lyn Nofziger that the Republican Senate Trust be permitted to have a dinner at the White House.

Subsequently, Senator Packwood's staff discussed this with your scheduling office, and the evening of Wednesday, September 16 was agreed upon.

Just last week, we were informed through your scheduling office that the Senate Trust Committee could have a reception on that date, but a dinner could not be scheduled.

Mr. President, with all respect, and on behalf of the Republican majority in the Senate, I would like to appeal that decision.

Very simply, the Senate Trust is the difference between continuing the Republican Senate majority, or not.

Senator Packwood created the Senate Trust in 1977 as a means of broadening support, both financially and organizationally, for our Senate campaigns. In 1978, with the significant resources of the Senate Trust, we gained three seats. In 1980, with the support of the Senate Trust and your strong leadership in the Presidential campaign, we won control of the Senate. If the Senate Trust continues to be strong, we can expect 58 or even 60 Republican seats, beginning in 1983.

The membership of the Senate Trust is limited to 200, with each member contributing \$10,000 to the Senate Trust Committee. One of the elements that makes the Trust Committee important to members is the opportunity to meet regularly (five times this year) in Washington for a day of substantive discussions with Republican Senators, and a dinner for Trust members and their wives with Republican Senators and their wives.



In 1977 and 1978, I hosted most of these dinners in my home. Since then, we have held them in the homes of Senators Danforth, Heinz and Warner. Our June dinner was at Admiral's House, with Vice President Bush and Barbara Bush as hosts.

When you won the Presidency and we won a majority in the Senate, many of our most ardent Senate Trust members came to us suggesting that with these victories, we could at last have a Senate Trust dinner at the White House.

What we propose is a dinner for 500 to 600 people, which would include not only the 200 members and their spouses, but all Republican Senators, Cabinet members, and selected White House officials with their wives.

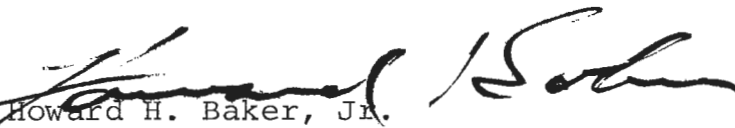
Cost is not a problem. The entire bill is always paid by the National Republican Senatorial Committee.

We appreciate your thoughtfulness in scheduling a reception, but the distinction of having dinner at the White House would be an event that Senate Trust members would remember all their lives.

Please accept this personal note in the spirit in which I send it: I want you to know that this dinner is an event that the Senate Republican leaders, the Senate Trust Committee and all 53 Republican Senators would like very much to have you do.

I shall appreciate your consideration.

Sincerely,



Howard H. Baker, Jr.

HHBJr:ejr

July 14, 1981

Dear Senator Packwood:

I wish to thank you for your patience with regard to your invitation to the President to attend a dinner and reception for the Republican Senatorial Trust on September 16.

Although the President will be unable to attend the dinner, as you may know, we are planning on the reception and our staff will get back with you nearer the date regarding the details.

With the President's best wishes,

Sincerely,

Gregory J. Newell  
Special Assistant  
to the President

The Honorable Bob Packwood  
National Republican Senatorial  
Committee  
227 Massachusetts Avenue, N.E.  
Washington, D.C. 20002

✓ cc: Steve Studdert (179)  
Larry Speakes  
cc & inc: Helen Donaldson (188)  
GJN:emb-45a

*Re: Senator  
Howard Baker  
Call to Pres.  
Jim Cannon  
Called  
224-2105*

THE WHITE HOUSE  
WASHINGTON

APPROVED FOR

Date: 9/16/81  
Time: 5-6 (5:30-6:00)  
Length: 30 min  
8 APRIL 1981  
Date 5/4/81 GJN

REQUEST FOR SCHEDULING RECOMMENDATION

TO: MAX FRIEDERSDORF, LYN NOFZIGER

VIA: GREGORY J. NEWELL

FROM: MICHAEL P. CASTINE

PLEASE PROVIDE YOUR RECOMMENDATION ON THE FOLLOWING  
REQUEST UNDER CONSIDERATION:

EVENT: WHITE HOUSE RECEPTION FOR REPUBLICAN SENATORIAL TRUST  
(+ Dinner)

DATE: EARLY SEPTEMBER , 1981

LOCATION: WHITE HOUSE

BACKGROUND: REQUEST BY SENATOR PACKWOOD. HE WOULD LIKE TO HAVE A  
DATE BY 28 APRIL 1981 IN ORDER TO TELL THE GROUP AT  
THEIR NEXT WASHINGTON MEETING.

RESPONSE DUE: 10 APRIL 1981. THANK YOU.

YOUR RECOMMENDATION:

Accept\_\_\_ Regret\_\_\_ Surrogate\_\_\_ Message\_\_\_ Other\_\_\_

IF RECOMMENDATION IS TO ACCEPT, PLEASE GIVE REASONS:

9/16 or 23 or  
11

reception only

April 6, 1981

Dear Senator Packwood:

On behalf of the President, I wish to acknowledge and thank you for inviting him to participate in the Republican Senatorial Trust, September 16-17 or 22-23.

Particular notation has been made of your invitation and nearer the date I will be back with you about the possibility of the President's acceptance. In the meantime, please know of his warm appreciation for your thoughtfulness of him.

Sincerely,

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Special Assistant  
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United States Senate  
Washington, D.C. 20510

cc and incming to Mary Rawlins

GJN:MHR:gjc  
GJN-13 Temporary

*following 7/27/81  
call.*

*reception only*  
*(Not dinner)*

**APPROVED FOR**

Date: 9/16/81 *RA*

Time: 5:00-6:00 (5:30-6:00)

Length: 30 min

Date: 7/27/81 GJN

*Called in June*

April 6, 1981

*pending response*

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United States Senate  
Washington, D.C. 20510

cc and incming to Mary Rawlins

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National Republican Senatorial Committee

April 2, 1981

*Greg Newell  
Can you help?*

The Honorable Lyn Nofziger  
Assistant to the President  
for Political Affairs  
175 Old Executive Office Building  
Washington, DC 20500

Dear Lyn:

Thanks for the note informing me that you have sent into scheduling my request for a September date for the Republican Senatorial Trust at the White House.

I know the demands on the President's time are great and I'm sure, in light of the regrettable events of this week, the burdens have increased for all the White House staff. I don't wish to increase the burden on your scheduling staff, but it is important that a date be scheduled for us in the near future as the Trust members will need to get a firm date on their calendars for planning purposes. Would it be possible to schedule a date by April 28 when the Trust members will be in Washington for our next meeting? I would very much like to be able to give that information to them on April 28.

Incidentally, in your consideration of possible dates, the dates I suggested in my previous letter would be preferable. Any later in the month of September would conflict with the Jewish holy days and many members of the Trust would not be able to attend.

I am heartened to hear of the much improved condition of the President. Please pass along my best wishes for a speedy and complete recovery.

Thanks, Lyn.

Cordially,



Bob Packwood

BP/plg

*Handwritten note:*  
Sending reply  
3-31  
TN

March 27, 1981

The Honorable Bob Packwood  
United States Senate  
Washington, D. C. 20510

Dear Bob:

I will send into scheduling your request for a September date for the Republican Senatorial Trust. I'm confident that it's much too early for us to get an answer by April 1st.

Best regards,

Lyn Nofziger

TO: PAT RENO  
FORM #: GJN-13  
- participate in the Republican Senatorial Trust, Sept 16/17 or 22-23.  
L.C. + inc. Mary Rawlins  
*Sen. Packwood*



BOB PACKWOOD  
UNITED STATES SENATE  
WASHINGTON, D. C. 20510

March 20, 1981

The Honorable Lyn Nofziger  
Assistant to the President  
for Political Affairs  
175 Old Executive Office Building  
Washington, DC 20500

Dear Lyn:

The time is approaching when I need a date from you in September for the Republican Senatorial Trust dinner to be held at the White House. My preference would be Wednesday or Thursday, September 16 or 17, or Tuesday or Wednesday, September 22 or 23. Would you check with the President, clear one of those nights, and let me know by April 1?

Thanks, Lyn.

Cordially,



Bob Packwood

BP/plg

*Too soon*



# United States Senate

WASHINGTON, D.C. 20510

February 6, 1981

The Honorable Lyn Nofziger  
Assistant to the President  
for Political Affairs  
175 Old Executive Office Building  
Washington, DC 20500

Dear Lyn:

You don't know how glad I am to have you where you are in the White House. When I heard you say that you thought the President ought to give a couple of nights a month to political endeavors, I could have turned flips. I've never had a governor, president, vice president, or anyone else I knew in a high political office who realized the necessity of doing that. And, Lyn, I would say that even if I had no party obligations to fulfill. Having the job of Chairman of the National Republican Senatorial Committee simply heightens my appreciation of your statement.

I suppose you'll get a number of letters from me during the year saying, "This is the last request I have for time." It will be the last request until the next letter.

The meetings for the Republican Senatorial Trust have now been nailed down for the spring. We will have 3 meetings between now and June, culminating with a dinner party at the Vice President's house in June. I would like to have a reception and dinner at the White House in September. At the moment, I have no particular preference as to dates. I'd simply like to be able to announce at the February 17 Trust meeting that we will have a reception and dinner at the White House in September. If we can agree upon a date before the 17th, fine. What is most important to me, however, is to be able to announce on the 17th that we will have a date. Can you clear it by that time? I'll be in Oregon all week. If you would let Cathy Wagner know, I'd appreciate it. You can reach her at 224-5244.

I'm looking forward, Lyn, to four sensationally successful years working with you. We've got the opportunity

The Honorable Lyn Nofziger  
February 6, 1981

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that comes to few people. That is the opportunity to  
change this country for a generation.

Thanks so much, Lyn. We look forward to a reply from  
you at your earliest convenience.

Cordially,

A handwritten signature in dark ink, appearing to be 'BP' followed by a stylized flourish.

Bob Packwood

BP/plg