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July 17, 1984

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Dear Mr. Secretary:

On behalf of the President, thank you for your letter personally endorsing an invitation for the President to serve as Honorary Chairman of the Holocaust Council "A Campaign to Remember."

Although he will be unable to participate in the fundraising activities of the Council, I am pleased to write that the President is honored to accept this position, in an ex officio capacity. We would appreciate your conveying this acceptance to the Memorial Council, along with our appreciation for their kind invitation.

With best wishes,

Sincerely,

FREDERICK J. RYAN, JR.
Director, Presidential
Appointments and Scheduling

The Honorable William Clark
Secretary
Department of Interior
Washington, D.C. 20240

FJR:JAJ
✓cc: Netta Dickey for Honorary Chairmanship file

21660055

September 21, 1988

MEMORANDUM FOR THE RECORD

RE: HONORARY CHAIRMANSHIP OF THE HOLOCAUST MEMORIAL COUNCIL

Yesterday, I talked with a Melissa Harden at the Holocaust Memorial Council regarding the date of the President's acceptance of the honorary chairmanship. She was unable to determine from the Council's records the precise date within the year 1984.

A subsequent search of ORM records turned up the July 17, 1984 letter from Fred Ryan to Secretary William Clark stating that "the President is honored to accept this position in an ex officio capacity." Nothing in the case indicates that the Secretary conveyed this message. We are left with the assumption that it was done. Obviously, we are left with no alternative but to consider the official date of acceptance to be the date of the letter to Clark. A check with the Executive Clerk's Office turned up no additional information. Kathryn Ladd was in agreement with using the July 17 date.

Thus, in a telephone call with Melissa today, I explained the background of this case and she agreed that under the circumstances, July 17 was as good a date as any. The Council only needed the date for a publication, not for any legal purposes.

A handwritten signature in cursive script, appearing to read "J. Good".

Jean / ~~Amelia~~

Please add to
List and record
Appropriate letters.

~~For~~ ~~P. I've~~
~~added~~
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~~list~~

and
send original back
to Darman
copy to Jean / ~~Amelia~~

WHITE HOUSE STAFFING MEMORANDUM

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DATE: 7/13/84ACTION/CONCURRENCE/COMMENT DUE BY: JUL 18 1984SUBJECT: LETTER OF JULY 6 FROM SECRETARY CLARK

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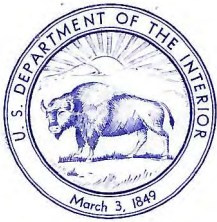
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RESPONSE:

*Added to list of honorary chairmanships
and acceptance letter is in progress.
FJR*

Richard G. Darman
Assistant to the President
Ext. 2702



THE SECRETARY OF THE INTERIOR
WASHINGTON

July 6, 1984

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

Dear Mr. President:

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Respectfully,

William Clark



United States Holocaust Memorial Council

Office of the
Director

July 3, 1984

The Honorable Ronald W. Reagan
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Washington, D.C. 20500

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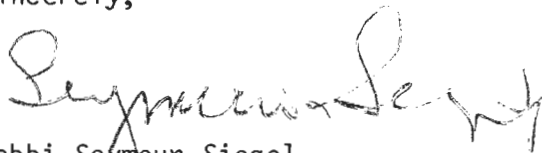
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Sincerely,


Rabbi Seymour Siegel

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THE WHITE HOUSE
WASHINGTON

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July 16, 1984

MEMORANDUM FOR JAMES BAKER

FROM: M. B. OGLESBY, JR. *BO*

SUBJECT: United States Holocaust Memorial Council

On July 6 Bill Clark wrote the President recommending that he serve as Honorary Chairman of the Holocaust Council Campaign to Remember. We would like also to urge that the President consider accepting.

Senator Rudy Boschwitz requested a meeting with the President on this matter (Schedule Proposal -- 3/26/84). Boschwitz makes the point that the President supported the establishment of the Memorial Council and that this would be important to the Jewish community.

*RR approved
this
RAD*

*"B" 7/17
OK with me unless
it doesn't fit our
guidelines for this type
of thing. Check w/ KOD.
JAB*

1984 JUL 17 AM 9:09

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DATE: 7/13/84

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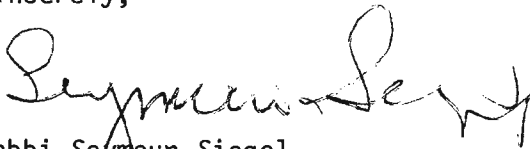
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WHITE HOUSE STAFFING MEMORANDUM

DATE: 7/13/84

ACTION/CONCURRENCE/COMMENT DUE BY:

SUBJECT: LETTER OF JULY 6 FROM SECRETARY CLARK *Re: Request of Holocaust Memorial Council that President serve as Honorary Chairman of Holocaust Memorial Campaign to Remember*

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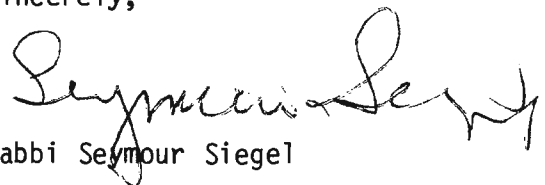
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MEMORANDUM

NATIONAL SECURITY COUNCIL

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August 28, 1984

PR014-12

ACTION

MEMORANDUM FOR ROBERT C. McFARLANE

FROM: MICHAEL LAZAN *ML*
SUBJECT: Response to Ann Kerr

Attached for your signature at Tab I is a memorandum for the President recommending that he sign the letter at Tab A in response to the May 30, 1984 letter from Ann Kerr and the letter at Tab B for use in the fundraising efforts of the American University of Beirut. Mrs. Kerr is the widow of the late president of AUB, Malcolm Kerr. In her letter at Tab C, she asked the President to support proposed legislation assuring the permanent funding of AUB and requested a letter for use in AUB's fundraising drive. Fred Fielding's office, at Tab II, advised that it would have no legal objection to such a letter in this case. The letters have been cleared by the Speechwriters, Fielding's office, and informally with State/NEA.

Geoff Kemp, Chris *Lehman* and Dave Wigg *Wigg* concur.

Recommendation

That you sign the memorandum for the President at Tab I.

Approve _____

Disapprove _____

Attachments

Tab I	Memorandum for the President
Tab A	President's letter to Ann Kerr
Tab B	President's letter for use in AUB fundraising effort
Tab C	Ann Kerr's letter to the President
Tab II	Correspondence with Fielding's office

THE WHITE HOUSE

WASHINGTON

84 AUG 9 P2:50

August 9, 1984

MEMORANDUM FOR ROBERT M. KIMMITT
DEPUTY ASSISTANT TO THE PRESIDENT
FOR NATIONAL SECURITY AFFAIRS

FROM: PETER J. RUSTHOVEN *PR*
ASSOCIATE COUNSEL TO THE PRESIDENT

SUBJECT: Request for Presidential Letter
Supporting Fundraising Efforts
of American University of Beirut

Thank you for asking us to review the above-referenced request to the President by Mrs. Ann Kerr, the widow of former American University of Beirut President Malcom Kerr who was murdered in Lebanon. As we discussed, our office will have no legal objection in this instance to preparation of a Presidential letter supporting the University's fundraising effort.

As you know, our normal and fairly strict rule is that requests of this sort must be declined. Indeed (as reflected in the attached memorandum), last year we advised that an identical request on behalf of American University of Beirut, submitted by Najeeb Halaby, should be turned down.

However, given the special factors present here, including the circumstances of Mr. Kerr's death and the President's offer of help during his recent meeting with Mrs. Kerr, this request can probably be distinguished from others and we will defer to your judgment on whether, in light of our overall interests in Lebanon, a carefully drafted Presidential letter on behalf of the University would be appropriate.

Attachment

OFFICE OF THE VICE PRESIDENT
WASHINGTON, D.C.

June 12, 1984

TO: CAROL CLEVELAND

FROM: NATALIE WOZNIAK

Carol:

Per our telephone conversation --

This is a thank you note to President Reagan from Mrs. Kerr, who met him in the Oval Office May 24 with the Vice President.

She is the widow of Malcolm Kerr, former president of the American University of Beirut, who was killed there.

Thank you for forwarding.



American University of Beirut

NEW YORK OFFICE • 850 THIRD AVENUE, NEW YORK, NEW YORK 10022 • (212) 319-2425

May 30, 1984

The Honorable Ronald W. Reagan
The White House
Washington, D.C. 20500

Dear Mr. President:

I wish to thank you for making time in your busy schedule last Thursday to meet with my son Steve and me. Your personal interest in the work my husband was doing at the American University of Beirut means a great deal to our family.

You were kind enough to ask if there is anything you could do to help. I have given your offer a great deal of thought these past few days, and there are two things in particular I would like to ask. The best possible memorial to my husband would be to assure the permanent funding of the university. The relevant committees of the Congress are now considering proposals for doing this, and your support for legislation to accomplish this goal would be most helpful. Second, AUB is undertaking a major private fundraising effort. If you could send a letter for us to use in this drive, I know it would be a tremendous help.

Again, thank you for your courtesy and thoughtfulness in seeing us last week.

Sincerely,

Ann Kerr

Ann Kerr

National Security Council
The White House

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Has OMB cleared Tab A?

Yes, both letters were
cleared informally with
OMB (Len Zuzo) and
Treasury (David Iow).
ML

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The White House**

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THE WHITE HOUSE
WASHINGTON

September 18, 1984

Dear Mrs. Kerr:

Thank you for your letter of May 30, 1984.
I am sorry that my reply is so late in
coming.

It was an honor for me to meet with you and
your son, Steve, in May. Families such as
yours serve as ambassadors of American
goodwill and will always have a special
place in my heart.

As you noted, Congress is considering a
financial assistance package for the
University. I have directed the Depart-
ments of State and Treasury, as well as the
Office of Management and Budget, to work
with Congress to help establish a sound and
lasting program in support of the Univer-
sity.

I am a firm believer in private funding for
worthwhile efforts. In recognition of the
important role the American University of
Beirut plays in fostering Arab-American
understanding and the personal sacrifices
made by you on behalf of the University, I
have enclosed a letter for use in the
University's private fundraising effort.

Sincerely yours,

Ronald Reagan

*Fundraising Drive of American
University of Beirut*

Mrs. Ann Kerr
American University of Beirut
850 Third Avenue
New York, New York 10022

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September 18, 1984

Dear Friend:

The American University of Beirut has played an important role in promoting American friendship with the peoples of the Middle East for over 100 years. Despite the calamitous events that have befallen the Lebanese people these past nine years, the American University of Beirut has survived as a vital institution. However, as you are well aware, AUB has not remained unscathed. The tragic assassination of AUB President Malcolm Kerr, the effects of war on the University's physical plant, and the trying circumstances of the past decade have all taken a heavy toll.

Student tuitions and government aid alone are not enough to ensure that AUB will continue to flourish. Friends of the American University of Beirut, such as yourself, have always helped the University meet its financial needs. Today, more than ever, the University needs the assistance of the great American tradition of voluntarism. I urge you to be generous in your support of this important institution in its time of need.

Sincerely,

Ronald Reagan

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MEMORANDUM

THE WHITE HOUSE

WASHINGTON

September 18, 1984

ACTION

MEMORANDUM FOR THE PRESIDENT

FROM: ROBERT C. McFARLANE *RCM*
SUBJECT: Letter in Response to Mrs. Ann Kerr

Issues

Whether to sign the letter to Mrs. Ann Kerr and the letter for use in the private fundraising drive of the American University of Beirut.

Facts

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RecommendationOKNo*RCM*

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Attachments

Tab A Reply to Mrs. Ann Kerr
Tab B Letter for use in AUB fundraising drive
Tab C Letter from Mrs. Ann Kerr

Prepared by:
Michael Lazan

cc Vice President

THE WHITE HOUSE

September 18, 1964

WASHINGTON, D.C.

ACTION

MEMORANDUM FOR THE PRESIDENT

FROM:

ROBERT C. McFARLAND

SUBJECT:

Letter in response to Mrs. Ann Kerr

Issues

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No MR

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cc Vice President

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The President has seen

MEMORANDUM

NATIONAL SECURITY COUNCIL

August 28, 1984

SUSPENSE

ACTION

MEMORANDUM FOR ROBERT C. McFARLANE

FROM: MICHAEL LAZAN *ML*

SUBJECT: Response to Ann Kerr

Attached for your signature at Tab I is a memorandum for the President recommending that he sign the letter at Tab A in response to the May 30, 1984 letter from Ann Kerr and the letter at Tab B for use in the fundraising efforts of the American University of Beirut. Mrs. Kerr is the widow of the late president of AUB, Malcolm Kerr. In her letter at Tab C, she asked the President to support proposed legislation assuring the permanent funding of AUB and requested a letter for use in AUB's fundraising drive. Fred Fielding's office, at Tab II, advised that it would have no legal objection to such a letter in this case. The letters have been cleared by the Speechwriters, Fielding's office, and informally with State/NEA.

Geoff Kemp, Chris *Lehman* and Dave Wigg *concur*.

Recommendation

That you sign the memorandum for the President at Tab I.

Approve _____

Disapprove _____

Attachments

Tab I	Memorandum for the President
	Tab A President's letter to Ann Kerr
	Tab B President's letter for use in AUB fundraising effort
	Tab C Ann Kerr's letter to the President
Tab II	Correspondence with Fielding's office

THE WHITE HOUSE

WASHINGTON

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August 9, 1984

MEMORANDUM FOR ROBERT M. KIMMITT
DEPUTY ASSISTANT TO THE PRESIDENT
FOR NATIONAL SECURITY AFFAIRS

FROM: PETER J. RUSTHOVEN *PR*
ASSOCIATE COUNSEL TO THE PRESIDENT

SUBJECT: Request for Presidential Letter
Supporting Fundraising Efforts
of American University of Beirut

Thank you for asking us to review the above-referenced request to the President by Mrs. Ann Kerr, the widow of former American University of Beirut President Malcom Kerr who was murdered in Lebanon. As we discussed, our office will have no legal objection in this instance to preparation of a Presidential letter supporting the University's fundraising effort.

As you know, our normal and fairly strict rule is that requests of this sort must be declined. Indeed (as reflected in the attached memorandum), last year we advised that an identical request on behalf of American University of Beirut, submitted by Najeeb Halaby, should be turned down.

However, given the special factors present here, including the circumstances of Mr. Kerr's death and the President's offer of help during his recent meeting with Mrs. Kerr, this request can probably be distinguished from others and we will defer to your judgment on whether, in light of our overall interests in Lebanon, a carefully drafted Presidential letter on behalf of the University would be appropriate.

Attachment



American University of Beirut

NEW YORK OFFICE • 850 THIRD AVENUE, NEW YORK, NEW YORK 10022 • (212) 319-2425

May 30, 1984

The Honorable Ronald W. Reagan
The White House
Washington, D.C. 20500

Dear Mr. President:

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You were kind enough to ask if there is anything you could do to help. I have given your offer a great deal of thought these past few days, and there are two things in particular I would like to ask. The best possible memorial to my husband would be to assure the permanent funding of the university. The relevant committees of the Congress are now considering proposals for doing this, and your support for legislation to accomplish this goal would be most helpful. Second, AUB is undertaking a major private fundraising effort. If you could send a letter for us to use in this drive, I know it would be a tremendous help.

Again, thank you for your courtesy and thoughtfulness in seeing us last week.

Sincerely,

Ann Kerr

Ann Kerr

National Security Council
The White House

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cc: VP Meese Baker Deaver Other Kemp / Thompson

COMMENTS

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not signed!

National Security Council
The White House

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THE WHITE HOUSE
WASHINGTON

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9/18/84

Dick Sarman:

We had coordinated with
Fred's staff and carefully considered these
points before making an recommendation.
We continue to believe that this
case is exceptional and merits Presidential
involvement.

Thanks -

Bob Kimmitt

THE WHITE HOUSE

WASHINGTON

September 6, 1984

MEMORANDUM FOR RICHARD G. DARMAN
ASSISTANT TO THE PRESIDENT

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COUNSEL TO THE PRESIDENT

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WASHINGTON

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Ronald Reagan

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THE WHITE HOUSE

WASHINGTON

September 6, 1984

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JAN/SARAH: 

Bud gave the attached paper to RR on 9/3 on the trip. He forgot to also give him TABS B & C. He would like to have your ofc pls marry up the pkg and have RR sgn Tab B also. I have given you a cy of the other part of the pkg, ie what Bud gave to RR. Any questions just call.
Thanks,

Kathleen Shanahan 
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THE WHITE HOUSE

WASHINGTON

ACTION

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RecommendationOKNo

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Prepared by:
Michael Lazan

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WHITE HOUSE STAFFING MEMORANDUM

DATE: 9/5/84 ACTION/CONCURRENCE/COMMENT DUE BY: 9/6/84

SUBJECT: LETTER TO MRS. ANN KERR RE FUNDRAISING DRIVE OF AMERICAN
UNIVERSITY OF BEIRUT

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REMARKS:

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RESPONSE:

Richard G. Darman
 Assistant to the President
 Ext. 2702



American University of Beirut

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May 30, 1984

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Name of Correspondent: Richard Daiman

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Subject: Letter to Mrs. Ann Kerr re Fundraising
Drive of American University of Beirut

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- S - Sealed
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- V - Telephone
- X - Miscellaneous
- Y - Study

THE WHITE HOUSE

WASHINGTON

September 6, 1984

MEMORANDUM FOR RICHARD G. DARMAN
ASSISTANT TO THE PRESIDENT

FROM: FRED F. FIELDING *Orig. signed by FFF*
COUNSEL TO THE PRESIDENT

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FFF:JGR:aea 9/6/84

cc: FFFielding/JGRoberts/Subj/Chron

THE WHITE HOUSE
WASHINGTON



September 6, 1984

MEMORANDUM FOR FRED F. FIELDING

FROM: JOHN G. ROBERTS *JGR*

SUBJECT: Letter to Mrs. Ann Kerr Regarding
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Richard Darman has asked for our views by close of business today on a proposed letter from the President to Mrs. Ann Kerr, widow of the late president of the American University of Beirut (AUB), Malcolm Kerr. The President met with Mrs. Kerr and her son on May 24, and on May 30 Mrs. Kerr wrote asking the President to help secure financial support for AUB from Congress and to write a letter in support of an AUB fundraising drive. The draft letter, prepared by NSC, states that the President has directed State, Treasury, and OMB to work with Congress on a program of support for AUB. Enclosed with the letter is a "dear friend" letter from the President, urging financial support for AUB.

A letter from the President to be used in a private charitable fundraising drive does, of course, contravene established White House policy. That policy, frequently invoked, is based on the inability of the White House to monitor the activities of charitable organizations benefitting from the President's endorsement, and the manifest unfairness of granting some requests but not other, essentially indistinguishable requests in the highly competitive arena of charitable fundraising. It is of course often difficult to adhere to this policy when dealing with the worthiest charitable organizations, but the difficulty is eased considerably by being able to state that the policy is uniformly applied. Any exceptions, of course, seriously undermine this position.

On the other hand there is no purely legal bar to the President signing the letters in question, and it can be argued that the case of AUB is sui generis and that Presidential support for its fundraising does not create a troublesome precedent. I recommend simply reminding Darman of our policy, and the evident costs of an exception, and leaving it to those more familiar with the Lebanon issue to decide if the benefits of support for AUB outweigh those broader costs.

WHITE HOUSE STAFFING MEMORANDUMDATE: 9/5/84 ACTION/CONCURRENCE/COMMENT DUE BY: 9/6/84SUBJECT: LETTER TO MRS. ANN KERR RE FUNDRAISING DRIVE OF AMERICAN
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RESPONSE:

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Sincerely yours,

Mrs. Ann Kerr
American University of Beirut
850 Third Avenue
New York, New York 10022

THE WHITE HOUSE

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WASHINGTON

ACTION

MEMORANDUM FOR THE PRESIDENT

FROM: ROBERT C. McFARLANE

SUBJECT: Letter in Response to Mrs. Ann Kerr

Issues

Whether to sign the letter to Mrs. Ann Kerr and the letter for use in the private fundraising drive of the American University of Beirut.

Facts

Mrs. Kerr is the widow of Malcolm Kerr, the late president of the American University of Beirut. In late May, you met with Mrs. Kerr and her son, Steven. Shortly thereafter she sent a letter to you (Tab C) asking you to support proposed legislation to assure the permanent funding of the University. The Departments of State and Treasury have been working with Congress on this legislation. Mrs. Kerr also requested a letter from you for use in the University's private fundraising drive.

Discussion

In your reply (Tab A) you inform Mrs. Kerr that you have directed the Departments of State and Treasury, as well as the Office of Management and Budget, to work with Congress to help fashion a program in support of the University. You also enclose a letter (Tab B) for use in the University's fundraising drive. Counsel has approved the letters.

RecommendationOKNo

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| _____ | _____ | 1. That you sign the letter to Mrs. Kerr at Tab A. |
| _____ | _____ | 2. That you sign the letter at Tab B, for use in the fundraising drive of the American University of Beirut. |

Attachments

Tab A Reply to Mrs. Ann Kerr
Tab B Letter for use in AUB fundraising drive
Tab C Letter from Mrs. Ann Kerr

Prepared by:
Michael Lazan

THE WHITE HOUSE

WASHINGTON

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Mrs. Ann Kerr
American University of Beirut
850 Third Avenue
New York, New York 10022

THE WHITE HOUSE

WASHINGTON

Dear Friend:

The American University of Beirut has played an important role in promoting American friendship with the peoples of the Middle East for over 100 years. Despite the calamitous events that have befallen the Lebanese people these past nine years, the American University of Beirut has survived as a vital institution. However, as you are well aware, AUB has not remained unscathed. The tragic assassination of AUB President Malcolm Kerr, the effects of war on the University's physical plant, and the trying circumstances of the past decade have all taken a heavy toll.

Student tuitions and government aid alone are not enough to ensure that AUB will continue to flourish. Friends of the American University of Beirut, such as yourself, have always helped the University meet its financial needs. Today, more than ever, the University needs the assistance of the great American tradition of voluntarism. I urge you to be generous in your support of this important institution in its time of need.

Sincerely,



American University of Beirut

NEW YORK OFFICE • 850 THIRD AVENUE, NEW YORK, NEW YORK 10022 • (212) 319-2425

May-30, 1984

The Honorable Ronald W. Reagan
The White House
Washington, D.C. 20500

Dear Mr. President:

I wish to thank you for making time in your busy schedule last Thursday to meet with my son Steve and me. Your personal interest in the work my husband was doing at the American University of Beirut means a great deal to our family.

You were kind enough to ask if there is anything you could do to help. I have given your offer a great deal of thought these past few days, and there are two things in particular I would like to ask. The best possible memorial to my husband would be to assure the permanent funding of the university. The relevant committees of the Congress are now considering proposals for doing this, and your support for legislation to accomplish this goal would be most helpful. Second, AUB is undertaking a major private fundraising effort. If you could send a letter for us to use in this drive, I know it would be a tremendous help.

Again, thank you for your courtesy and thoughtfulness in seeing us last week.

Sincerely,

Ann Kerr

Ann Kerr

OFFICE OF THE VICE PRESIDENT
WASHINGTON, D.C.

June 12, 1984

TO: CAROL CLEVELAND

FROM: NATALIE WOZNIAK

Carol:

Per our telephone conversation --

This is a thank you note to President Reagan from Mrs. Kerr, who met him in the Oval Office May 24 with the Vice President.

She is the widow of Malcolm Kerr, - former president of the American University of Beirut, who was killed there.

Thank you for forwarding.

THE WHITE HOUSE
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Staff to Rosebush

INCOMING

DATE RECEIVED: JUNE 15, 1984

NAME OF CORRESPONDENT: MRS. ESTHER COOPERSMITH

SUBJECT: INVITATION TO SERVE AS HONORARY PATRONS AND
ATTEND THE 1984 AMBASSADORS BALL ON SEP 11 84
IN WASHINGTON, DC



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July 20, 1984

Dear Mrs. Coopersmith and Mrs. Vander Jagt:

The President and Mrs. Reagan thank you for inviting them to serve as Honorary Patrons of the 1984 Ambassadors Ball, benefiting the National Multiple Sclerosis Society.

They are pleased to accept and want you to know they appreciate your thoughtfulness of them.

With best wishes.

Sincerely,

FREDERICK J. RYAN, JR.
Director, Presidential
Appointments and Scheduling

Mrs. Jack Coopersmith
Mrs. Guy Vander Jagt
The Ambassadors Ball
National Multiple Sclerosis Society
Suite 601
1200 15th Street, N.W.
Washington, D.C. 20005

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Fred Ryan

THE WHITE HOUSE

WASHINGTON

JUNE 20, 1984

MEMORANDUM

TO: JAMES ROSEBUSH

FROM: FREDERICK J. RYAN, JR., DIRECTOR
PRESIDENTIAL APPOINTMENTS AND SCHEDULING

SUBJ: REQUEST FOR SCHEDULING RECOMMENDATION

RECEIVED

JUN 22 1984

SCHEDULING
OFFICE

PLEASE PROVIDE YOUR RECOMMENDATION ON THE FOLLOWING
SCHEDULING REQUEST UNDER CONSIDERATION:

EVENT: Honorary Patrons - 1984 Ambassadors Ball -
benefiting the National Multiple Sclerosis Society

DATE: ---

LOCATION: ---

BACKGROUND: See attached

APPROVED FOR

Date.

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*HONORARY
PATRON'S*

6/27/84

✓ PD

FJR

cc: First Lady's Office

The President and Mrs. Reagan have accepted
honorary patrons for 1981, 1982 and 1983

YOUR RECOMMENDATION:

Accept X Regret ___ Surrogate ___ Message ___ Other ___
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IF RECOMMENDATION IS TO ACCEPT, PLEASE CITE REASONS:

*Sure, its a good cause. / Harnden
P. Rusk.*

RESPONSE DUE 6/25/84

TO JEAN APPELBY JACKSON

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The Ambassadors Ball
National Multiple Sclerosis Society
 1200 15th Street, N.W., Suite 601
 Washington, D.C. 20005
 (202) 466-6152

*Scheduling
 attn: Fred Ryan*

Mrs. Jack Coopersmith, 1984 Chairman
Mrs. Guy Vander Jagt, Co-Chairman

June 13, 1984

The President
 and Mrs. Reagan
 The White House
 Washington, D. C. 20500

Dear Mr. President and Mrs. Reagan:

// We are writing in the hope that you will once again agree to serve as Honorary Patrons of the 1984 Ambassadors Ball, benefiting the National Multiple Sclerosis Society. The Honorary Patronage of the President has been a tradition of the Ball, whose purpose it is to honor the Ambassadorial Corps in the Nation's Capital.

The funds raised by the Ball are used to support the research and patient services programs of the National Multiple Sclerosis Society. Since 1979, energetic volunteers and dedicated patrons have raised over \$900,000, in support of these programs. New research developments this past year give us hope that, with continued effort and financial support, it will be possible to bring this crippling disease under control.

Your continued support of the Ambassadors Ball has a very special meaning to the many volunteers and patients involved in the fight against MS.

// We would be honored if you would agree to serve as our Honorary Patrons, allowing us once more to list your names on the formal invitation and program. In addition, we would be delighted if you could join us at the Ball on September 11th, your schedules permitting.

Respectfully,

Esther Coopersmith

Mrs. Jack Coopersmith
 Chairman

Carol Vander Jagt

Mrs. Guy Vander Jagt
 Co-Chairman
 1984 Ambassadors Ball

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Subject: Requests a letter of "recognition" for her
son with regard to his being prosecuted
for grand theft
David Melden**ROUTE TO:****ACTION****DISPOSITION**

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THE WHITE HOUSE

WASHINGTON

March 29, 1984

Dear Mrs. Reinoehl:

Your March 19, 1984 letter to the President requesting a letter of support for your son who is being prosecuted for grand theft has been referred to me for response.

Please be assured that we do not view the trial your son is facing as "trivial"; rather we share with you the enormity of the charge and the anguish it must cause you and your son.

Nevertheless, it would be inappropriate for the President to become involved in a matter such as this which is presently pending before the courts, as to which he has no knowledge. Thus, as a matter of policy, any requests of this nature are declined.

I regret that we cannot be of assistance, but trust you will understand the reasons which prompt this decision.

Thank you for writing.

Sincerely,

Orig. signed by FFF

Fred F. Fielding
Counsel to the President

Mrs. Mabel Reinoehl
10333 Kim Lane
Hudson, Florida 33562

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THE WHITE HOUSE

WASHINGTON

March 27, 1984

Kathryn

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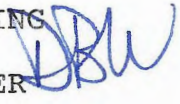
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10333 Kim Lane
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THE WHITE HOUSE
WASHINGTON

March 27, 1984

FOR: FRED F. FIELDING
FROM: DAVID B. WALLER 
SUBJECT: Request for Letter of Support from the President

By the attached March 19, 1984 letter to the President, Mrs. Mabel Reinoehl requests that the President write a letter in support of her son, the former Fire Chief of Port Richey, Florida who is presently being prosecuted for grand theft. She states that her son met the President in 1976 while he was campaigning in Florida, and that her son appointed the President as "Honorary Fire Chief of New Port Richey." She attaches a copy of a photograph of her son's meeting with the President.

Mrs. Reinoehl states that she realizes that her son's trial "is trivial" among the matters with which the President must deal, but prays that he "send a letter of recognition [sic] of this matter."

A proposed response is attached for your review and signature.

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MRS. MABEL REINOEHL
10333 Kim Lane
Hudson, FL 33562
(813) 856-5115

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March 19, 1984

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

Dear Mr. President:

I am writing to you about my son, whom you met February 26, 1976, while campaigning in New Port Richey, Florida.

During your visit to this area, he appointed you Honorary Fire Chief of New Port Richey. I understand that the helmet he gave you is among your prized possessions.

David Melden served as Fire Chief of New Port Richey for eleven years. Prior to that he served four years as a patrolman of New Port Richey Police Department. He has been a dedicated upstanding citizen with the protection of this community forefront in his life. Not only striving to improve the Fire Department, but dedicated to the improvement of the community as well.

Instead of being commended for his many years of unselfish dedication; He is being prosecuted! He has been charged with grand theft, a politically motivated, personal vendetta by one man.

David, (as yourself) being a man of conviction, honesty, and sense of fair judgment, opted for a jury trial as opposed to plea bargaining. He is not guilty! He refuses to admit guilt by plea bargaining. He hopes a jury, hearing his side, will recognize his innocence and will render such a verdict.

I realize that such a trial is trivial among the vast amount of matters you must deal with on a daily basis. However, I do pray that you could spare the time to send a letter of recognition of this matter.

I believe that, no one man within city or county government should have the power to ruin an innocent persons good name, as is the case here.

Respectfully

Mabel Reinoehl

Mabel Reinoehl
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March 23, 1984

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Dear Mrs. Belman:

On behalf of Mrs. Reagan, I am pleased to inform
you that she will accept your thoughtful invitation
to once again serve as Honorary Chairman of the
St. John's Child Development Center's Spring
Benefit.

Please contact me at (202) 456-7905 to discuss the
details of Mrs. Reagan's chairmanship.

Sincerely,

Ann Wrobleski
Director of Projects
Office of the First Lady

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Mrs. Murray J. Belman
President
The Ladies' Board
3711 Fordham Road, N.W.
Washington, D.C. 20016

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March 23, 1984

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Dear Mrs. Davidson:

On behalf of Mrs. Reagan, I am pleased to inform
you that she will accept your thoughtful invitation
to once again serve as Honorary Chairman of the
1984 Washington Opera Ball.

Please contact me at (202) 456-7905 to discuss the
details of Mrs. Reagan's chairmanship.

Sincerely,

Ann Wrobleski
Director of Projects
Office of the First Lady

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Mrs. Stuart C. Davidson
Chairman, Women's Committee
The Washington Opera
John F. Kennedy Center
for the Performing Arts
Washington, D.C. 20566

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THE WHITE HOUSE

June 1984

Dear Friends:

I am delighted to serve as Honorary Chairman of the 1984 Opera Ball. May "The Queen's Birthday Ball" be a celebration more special than ever.

The Washington Opera enriches the cultural life of the nation's capital immeasurably. For 29 years, the Opera has provided us so many reasons to be proud of the exceptional performing arts in this city. To each of you as friends of the Opera, my heartfelt thanks for helping make it all possible.

Although I cannot join you for this lovely evening, please accept my best wishes for an enjoyable event and know that my thoughts are with you.

Sincerely,

NANCY REAGAN

1984 Washington Opera Ball

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THE WHITE HOUSE

WASHINGTON

March 23, 1984

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Sincerely,

Ann Wrobleski
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Washington, D.C. 20566



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John F. Kennedy Center for the Performing Arts
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*Ann
yes*

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March 15, 1984

Mrs. Reagan
The White House
Washington, D.C. 20500

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now*

My dear Mrs. Reagan,

On behalf of our 1984 Opera Ball Chairman, The Honorable Barbara S. Thomas, I am writing to ask you to serve once again as Honorary Chairman of this year's Ball. His Excellency the Ambassador of Great Britain and Lady Wright will host "The Queen's Birthday Ball" at the Embassy on Friday, June 8th. The official celebration of the Queen's birthday will be June 9th, so we shall toast Her Majesty at midnight.

Your participation in past years as our Honorary Chairman has been most appreciated by both the Opera and our host Ambassadors.

Enclosed for your information is a copy of last year's ball program. A letter from you along these lines will be most appreciated, and appropriate for the Queen's Birthday Ball. We thought it very nice using the photograph last year and would like to do so again.

We would be so honored if you and the President could attend. The Ball begins at 10:00 at the British Embassy.

I look forward to hearing from you. On behalf of The Washington Opera, thank you for your interest and support.

Very truly yours,

Sally V. Davidson

Mrs. Stuart C. Davidson
Chairman
Women's Committee

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March 23, 1984

Dear Mr. Jova:

On behalf of Mrs. Reagan, I am pleased to inform you that she will accept your thoughtful invitation to again serve as Honorary Patron for the 1984 Meridian House Ball the evening of October 12, 1984.

Please contact me at (202) 456-7905 to discuss the details of Mrs. Reagan's patronship.

Sincerely,

Ann Wrobleski
Director of Projects
Office of the First Lady

X

Mr. Joseph John Jova
President
Meridian House International
1630 Crescent Place, N.W.
Washington, D.C. 20009

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☐ MI Mail Report

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Subject: Cancellation of stateside commemoration
of D-Day and request for approval
for historical observance in the U.S.

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THE WHITE HOUSE

WASHINGTON

May 26, 1984

MEMORANDUM FOR DIANNA G. HOLLAND

FROM: PETER J. RUSTHOVEN 
SUBJECT: Letter from Peter F. Panzeri about
D-Day Commemoration in United States

Mr. Panzeri, who styled himself "Director" of an organization called the "National WWII Historic Federation," wrote the President to complain that Under Secretary of the Navy James F. Goodrich had "cancelled the only stateside commemoration of D-Day." Panzeri's letter implied that the Department of the Navy had been supporting a D-Day reenactment at Virginia Beach being sponsored by his Federation in honor of the 40th Anniversary of the Normandy Invasion, but that the Navy backed out after he "requested increased support" for the project due to the "overwhelming response" the Federation received "from so many veteran's groups."

In following up on this letter with the Goodrich's office, I was advised that in fact the Navy had never supported or given any encouragement to Panzeri's plans. Rather, the proposed D-Day reenactment (much like, I gather, the Federation itself) is a project that Panzeri -- who is around 25 years old -- has been pushing by himself. Accordingly, the Navy continued to handle any necessary correspondence about this matter with Panzeri. This month, Panzeri wrote Goodrich that the D-Day event had been "cancelled" because of "administrative and scheduling problems," and that he was "resigning from any further directional activities with the National WWII Historic Federation. A copy of Panzeri's letter was forwarded by Goodrich's office and is attached for our files.

No further action is needed on this matter and these materials may simply be filed. Thank you.

Attachment

NATIONAL WWII HISTORIC FEDERATION
15 May 1984

Peter F. Panzeri Jr.
WWII HF Director
D-Day Commemoration
609 Abbey Dr.
Va. Beach, VA 23455

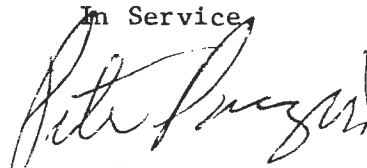
The Under Secretary of the Navy
ATTN: ~~Mr. J. J. [redacted]~~
Washington, DC 20350

Dear Sir,

This is to inform you that due to administrative and scheduling problems, all activities of the National WWII Historic Federation 40th Anniversary D-Day Commemoration have been cancelled. All WWII HF members are encouraged to participate individually in other previously established observances.

I am resigning from any further directional activities with the National WWII Historic Federation. I apologize for any inconvenience caused, and sincerely thank you for your attention to this endeavor. May God bless you abundantly.

In Service



Peter F. Panzeri Jr.

ATTN: Counsel,

The media has
contacted some of
our people as to
our plight. I am
very concerned that prompt
action must be taken.

Pete Pargen

WWII Historic Federation

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NATIONAL WWII HISTORIC FEDERATION

Peter F. Panzeri
Director WWII HF
D-Day Commemoration
609 Abbey Dr.
Virginia Beach, VA 23455

22 March 1984

President Ronald W. Reagan
The White House
Washington, D.C. 20350

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Dear President Reagan:

I am writing to you on behalf of the thousands of WWII veterans who are unable to go to Europe for the 40th Anniversary of D-Day on June 6, 1984. I know that you will agree, these Americans deserve our tribute. Due to the WWII veteran's average age, very few will be available on the 50th Anniversary. This is our last chance to honor them!

We had invited many fraternal and veteran organizations to attend the WWII Historic Federation's Commemoration here in Virginia Beach, VA. We held a similar D-Day Re-Enactment as a rehearsal in 1982. The Army provided landing craft and beach at Fort Story, VA. We had planned the 40th Anniversary Commemoration with cooperation from the Naval Amphibious Base at Little Creek, VA. When we received an overwhelming response from so many veteran's groups we requested increased support from the Navy. This was over six months ago.

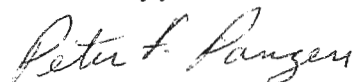
As a result of that request the Under Secretary of the Navy has canceled the only stateside commemoration of D-Day. (copy enclosed) The Amphibious Base is no longer authorized to provide us with a site for the Commemoration. I have personally checked with the local units and training facilities involved. All are very enthusiastic and clear of training conflicts for this weekend event. Many want to offer volunteer time to help honor these veterans. There is only a small amount of support necessary.

As it stands now there will be no Historical Observance in the U.S. without Presidential Approval, and we have no means to inform the many veterans who are already coming.

Mr. President we urgently and rapidly need your approval for this event. Without it America will be asking one question in June: Why have we neglected our veterans here in America?

I thank you immensely for your time and consideration. May God Bless You Abundantly.

Sincerely,



Peter F. Panzeri

Encl: 2



THE UNDER SECRETARY OF THE NAVY

WASHINGTON, D. C. 20350

15 March 1984

Mr. Peter F. Panzeri, Jr.
Director
D-Day Commemoration
609 Abbey Drive
Virginia Beach, VA 23455

Dear Mr. Panzeri:

I am responding to your recent letter in which you requested U.S. Navy support in staging a re-enactment of the Allied invasion of Normandy on June 1-3, 1984, at the Naval Amphibious Base, Little Creek, Virginia.

Regrettably, the U.S. Navy will not be able to provide the personnel support and facilities you seek for this re-enactment due to the high tempo of training operations scheduled during the same period of time.

As a matter of information, plans are presently being formulated by the four services to commemorate this historic event in Normandy, France, on June 6, 1984. The Department of the Army has been designated as Executive Agent for this event. Should you desire information concerning the proposed agenda, may I suggest you contact Colonel John C. Grant, U.S. Army, Executive Officer, Coordinating Activity for Historical Observances, Hoffman II Building, 200 Stovall Street, Alexandria, Virginia 22332, telephone (703) 325-0158.

I regret my response could not be more favorable. I hope, however, that it will be possible for your organization to be a part of the 40th Anniversary of D-Day.

Sincerely,


James F. Goodrich

RELIVE D-DAY!

ADVANCE NOTICE -----1-3 JUNE, 1984.



A cool mist dampens the dawn's air and clings to the beaches as the sun rises to warm the day. The men hunker down in their positions, rechecking their weapons, ever eyeing the approaching invasion fleet. The enemy must be stopped at the water's edge.

Story and Photo by Gary L. Kleffer
from Fort Story '82 D-Day

NATIONAL 40th ANNIVERSARY D-DAY COMMEMORATION

WWII HISTORIC FEDERATION

1-3 JUNE 1984 Virginia Beach, VA

Friday, 1 June 1984

- *Period Living History Encampments
- *Movie: "The Longest Day"
- *USO SHOW/Party, '40s Attire only, Big-Band music live

Saturday, 2 June 1984

- *Field Mess for Re-Enactors, Camp Demonstrations
- *Amphibious and Airborne training for Re-enactors
- *Military Vehicles Collector's Club Rally, MVCC Competition & Trail Ride
- *Vehicle Parade and Pass-in-review for Historical Units.
- *Authentic FFI Resistance units
- *Simulated AIRBORNE Nite-drop

Sunday, 3 June 1984

- *Dawn Amphibious Landing, Tactical Scenario
- *Extensive Beach Defenses, obstacles
- *WWII Aircraft Flyover & Simulated Naval Bombardment
- *Afternoon Public Battle
- *Commemoration Ceremony
- *Military Controllers and Unit Graders

These are highlights of the 40th Anniversary Celebration, to honor those veterans who served in WWII. Additional information available to all veterans' organizations. With the experience gained in the 1982 rehearsal landing we intend to make this commemoration a living history experience of "The Longest Day." A tribute to D-Day for spectator and re-enactors alike. Historical Military Units from the WWII NHRS, MVCC, AND NHF are eligible as participants. Preregistration is mandatory for Historical Units.

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March 28, 1984

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Dear Mr. Hayes:

I have been asked to acknowledge and thank you for your February 21 letter inviting the President and Mrs. Reagan to be the honorary patrons of the one hundred day celebration of the centennial of the birth of John McCormack and to attend a dinner at the Shoreham Hotel in Washington on June 14.

The President and Mrs. Reagan are most honored that you have invited them to participate in these very special celebrations and although they would very much enjoy the opportunity of attending the anniversary night dinner, regrettably their very heavy schedule will preclude them from joining you. With this in mind, unfortunately it will also not be possible for them to accept the privilege of becoming your honorary patrons, since these acceptances are limited to those functions and events where their participation is feasible.

In sending regrets, please accept the warm regards of the President and First Lady and convey their very best wishes and thanks to the members of the American-Irish Bicentennial Committee for thinking of them.

Sincerely,

FREDERICK J. RYAN, JR.
Special Assistant to the
President, Director of
Appointments and Scheduling

Mr. Patrick Hayes
American Irish Bicentennial Committee
Post Office Box 75417
Washington, D.C. 20013

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THE WHITE HOUSE

WASHINGTON

MEMORANDUM

MARCH 6, 1984

TO: FAITH WHITTLESEY

FROM: FREDERICK J. RYAN, JR., DIRECTOR
PRESIDENTIAL APPOINTMENTS AND SCHEDULING

SUBJ: REQUEST FOR SCHEDULING RECOMMENDATION

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OFFICE

PLEASE PROVIDE YOUR RECOMMENDATION ON THE FOLLOWING
SCHEDULING REQUEST UNDER CONSIDERATION:

EVENT: Honorary Patrons - One hundred day celebration
of the centennial of the birth of John McCormack,
the legendary Irish tenor - June 14, 1884.

DATE: March - June 1984

LOCATION: ---

BACKGROUND: See attached

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FJR

YOUR RECOMMENDATION:

Accept XXX Regret Surrogate Message Other
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IF RECOMMENDATION IS TO ACCEPT, PLEASE CITE REASONS:

PLEASE SEE ATTACHED MEMORANDUM.

FRW

RESPONSE DUE ASAP

TO JEAN APPLEBY JACKSON

THE WHITE HOUSE

WASHINGTON

March 7, 1984

MEMORANDUM FOR FRED RYAN

FROM:

FAITH RYAN WHITTLESEY 

SUBJECT:

John McCormack "Centennial" Banquet
June 14, 1984

This memorandum is in response to your scheduling recommendation request of March 6 regarding the invitation to the President and Mrs. Reagan to be honorary patrons and guests of the John McCormack Centennial Banquet on June 14, 1984.

I recommend that the President and Mrs. Reagan agree to be honorary patrons, but that the President regret the event. Washington, D.C. is not a very Irish city, thus, the President's participation would not make an especially large impression on the Irish-American community. Also, I note that Secretary Heckler is participating in the program and I believe that she will represent the Administration very well.

THE WHITE HOUSE
WASHINGTON

3/6/84
From
??
Mary

Feb. 29, 1984

TO: MARY RAWLINS

FROM: NANCY THEIS

CHILDREN'S CORRESPONDENCE

Room 77, Ex. 7734

Would you kindly look at this?

If you would like me to send a
special message just let me know.

Thanks for your continued help.

Gratefully,

Nancy

PATRICK HAYES

Photo taken at Kennedy Center night of
Marine Band Concert, 185th Anniversary date.

Attorney General of Ireland had arrived that
day and will never get over meeting the
President and having his photo taken with him!

I am in the middle with Mrs. Hayes. The
Ambassador and his wife are far right in photo.

Taking the photo was the President's idea
as we entered the room to pay our respects.

It was intermission time at the concert.

Please return the photo when you have seen it - no
hurry.

Patrick Hayes

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February 21, 1984

Mrs. Nancy Theis
The White House
Washington, D.C.

Dear Mrs. Theis:

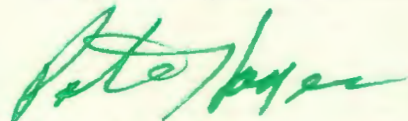
Coral Schmid is one of my best friends, and it is on her advice that I send the enclosed letter to you for attention and consideration.

What is proposed is, I think you will agree, of extraordinary proportions, and of a kind that literally comes once in a hundred years.

I would be pleased to receive a telephone call to reply to any questions that might come to mind about what is proposed in our invitation to the President and Mrs. Reagan.

With gratitude and appreciation,

Very Truly Yours,



Patrick Hayes

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February 21, 1984

President Ronald Reagan
The White House
Washington, D.C.

Dear Mr. President:

I have the honor to invite you and Mrs. Reagan to be the honorary patrons of a one hundred day celebration of the centennial of the birth of John McCormack, the legendary Irish tenor, who was born in Athlone, Ireland, June 14, 1884. He became an American citizen in 1917. & attend dinner in Washenton.

Honorary sponsors of the centennial celebration will be the Ambassador of Ireland, Tadhg O'Sullivan, Honorable Margaret (O'Shaughnessey) Heckler, Honorable William Bolger, Archbishop James Hickey of Washington, Bishop John R. Keating of Arlington, Virginia, and Speaker Thomas P. O'Neill, Jr.

With Joseph H. Riley and Julia Montgomery Walsh of Washington as co-chairmen of the centennial, a "Committee of One Hundred" is being recruited.

Over a year of planning has developed the following:

On March 7, John McCormack's son, Cyril, arrives from abroad, together with his sister, Mrs. Gwen Pyke. The next day there will be a press conference announcing the centennial period and activities.

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The evening of the 8th, Count Cyril McCormack and his sister will be the guests of honor at the annual party of the St. Patrick's Day Parade Committee in the Gold Room of the Rayburn building.

Sunday, March 11, Count Cyril will be the Grand Marshall of the Washington St. Patrick's Day Parade on Constitution Avenue beginning at 1 P.M.

The climax of the centennial will be a dinner at the Shoreham Hotel in Washington on the anniversary night, June 14, 1984. It is possible that you and Mrs. Reagan will have returned from your trip to Ireland by that date and if so, we would be honored and most pleased if you would attend the dinner, or pay us a visit for part of the evening.

Postmaster-General William Bolger has arranged for a commemorative stamp to be issued in honor of John McCormack.

RCA-Victor is issuing a commemorative album of McCormack's earlier recordings, and a gift copy will presently be forwarded to you.

I forgot to mention above that the Dublin tenor, Frank Patterson who sang for you at the White House last year, will sing for us on June 14 at the Shoreham. Mr. Patterson will also sing with the National Symphony Orchestra on the Capitol grounds when it plays its annual Memorial Day concert.

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There will be many other observances and commemorative events which will enliven the Washington Irish-American Community and leave us rich memories.

If we have the honor and privilege of your acceptance to be our honorary patrons, we would like to announce this at the March 8th press conference.

Thank you for your consideration of our invitation, which comes in the name of the official sponsors of the centennial celebration, the American-Irish Bicentennial Committee, of which I am an honorary member,

Patrick Hayes
2122 California Street NW
Washington, D.C. 20008
202 462 4134

From: "The Music Diary, 1984"

This Diary is the successor to the Musician's Diary which was established in memory of Sir Henry Wood

Edited by Robert Cowan

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Some Notable Centenaries

Count John McCormack (1884-1945)

Some notes on the life and career of the great Irish lyric tenor

Photo of a program cover

Photo of John McCormack

Signature: John McCormack

In Old English: Twenty-Fifth Anniversary Concert

The programme cover for McCormack's 25th Anniversary Concert, at the Royal Albert Hall, 24th April 1932 (at 3 o'clock pm). The concert was presented by Leslie Boosey.

- 1884 Born on 14th June, in Co. Athlone, of Scots and Irish ancestry.
- 1889 Education begins, at St. Mary's National School, Athlone.
- 1891 Sings in public for the first time (at school): "Shades of Evening Close."
- 1896 Wins a scholarship to Summerhill College: excels at Classical languages, mathematics, English and science. Develops a passion for singing and is much praised for his performance in the school choir.
- 1897 First public performance of an aria ("In Native Worth" from "The Creation").
- 1900 First paid engagement as a solo singer: receives an invitation to sing in a concert at Blackrock, Co. Dublin -- for the sum of five shillings!
- 1902 Leaves school, in spite of academic successes. His thoughts turn more and more to singing.
- 1903 Commences serious music study with organist and choirmaster V. O'Brien. Enters Feis Ceoil (Irish National Music Festival): wins outright, receives an ovation (where applause is strictly forbidden!)
- 1904 Sails to America to appear at St. Louis World Fair, where he becomes engaged to Lily Foley. On September 12, makes first ten recordings for the Edison Co., beginning with "The Snowy Breasted Pearl." Three days later makes the first in a series of records for the Gramophone & Typewriter Co.

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- 1905 Decides to further his singing studies, with Vincenzo Sabatini.
- 1906 Operatic debut at Teatro Chiabrera, Savona, near Genoa (January 13th) in "L'Amico Fritz" (title role). Many more recordings. Marries Lily Foley.
- 1907 Covent Garden debut, as Turiddu in "Cavalleria Rusticana" (...at 23, the youngest-ever principal tenor at the Opera House!)
- 1908 Sings at Adelina Patti's Farewell Concert. Offered the song, "I Hear You Calling Me (his acoustic recording sold 4,150,000 copies!)
- 1909 Mario Sammarco arranges McCormack's debut at San Carlo Theatre, Naples. He is engaged by Hammerstein for the Manhattan Opera House, New York, where he makes his U.S. debut in "Traviata."
- 1910-11 Sings with the Boston Opera Co.
- 1912-14 Sings with the Chicago Opera Co.
- 1914 Is invited to the Salzburg Festival by Lilli Lehmann, but war intervenes.
- 1917 Becomes an American citizen (as much of his time is by now spent in the United States). During the war period he donates his enormous earnings to the International Red Cross; raises more money by his efforts to sell war bonds than any other single person. Sends large consignments of cigarettes and sweets to British soldiers at the Front.
- 1920 Triumph at the Beethoven Festival in Paris. A visit from Caruso, who considers him 'the greatest tenor of the time.'
- 1922 An acute attack of streptococcal tonsillitis. His recovery is considered 'a matter of luck'. Theatre and concert audiences all over America stand in one minute's silent prayer for his recovery. Returns to England for a period of convalescence.
- 1923 Last ever operatic appearance, at the Monte Carlo Opera. Appears with the Berlin Philharmonic (under Walter). Receives the Freedom of Dublin.
- 1924 Makes 20 records for HMV...the first in a series of 200 sides made for that company between 1924 and 1942 (McCormack made 854 recordings in all).
- 1928 Made a Papal Count by Pope Pius XI.

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1929 Accepts the leading part in the film 'Song O' My Heart'.

1929-38 The zenith of his singing career. His records sell by the million; his concert performances are packed to capacity.

1938 Decides to retire -- while still on top form! Fairwell Concert: Royal Albert Hall.

1939-43 Sings on behalf of the Red Cross for England. Again raises large sums of money; sings in canteens and army bases.

1943 The rigours of wartime winters bring on an attack of emphysema. His condition gradually deteriorates.

1945 Dies peacefully at his home 'Glena' in Booterstown, Co. Dublin, on September 16th.

From: "The Music Diary, 1984"

John McCormack: A Personal View

Everyone needs a hero. Mine was born one hundred years ago in the town of Athlone right in the centre of Ireland. Before this man was thirty years of age, he was known around the world as the great Irish tenor John McCormack. His voice was the first recorded sound I can remember hearing. My father, who was a tenor in the early days of radio, was a friend of John McCormack and as a result our home in New York was filled with 'John's recordings,' as my Irish-born mother so lovingly referred to them. With 'John's recordings' as models, my father taught me to sing.

From as far back as I can recall, I was mesmerised by the beautiful timbre of McCormack's voice as it leapt from the spinning grooves of those countless 78 rpm records. The stories he told with his sparkling diction of Brown Birds Singing and Tumpeters calling filled me with wonder, as did his Songs of Araby and Pale Hands in far off Kashmir, all of which were my fairy tales as a child. Even though I did not understand the Italian words, I was captivated too by the long lines he sang without ever seeming to breathe in *Il Mio Tesoro*.

In the course of following my own career as a singer, I have never forgotten my debt to John McCormack as a musician and artist and, in a sense, as teacher. His great quality as I perceive it through those old records is that he never held back his voice or his heart when he shared his gift of song. It

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John McCormack: A Personal View

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astounds me so often now to find in talking to audiences everywhere how much John McCormack is remembered, not just as a famous singer in history, but as a man whose art and ability to touch still move people today.

s/ Robert White

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March 27, 1984

Dear Ms. Zamierowski:

Ann Wrobleski has referred to me your letter and the draft press release on Mrs. Reagan's acceptance of the joint honorary chairmanship of ERVK's Centennial Committee.

Attached is the approved release in which we have made some changes. You may wish to solicit individual comments from the former First Ladies. Mrs. Reagan can only speak on her own behalf.

If we can be of any further assistance, please let me know.

Sincerely,

Sheila Tate
Press Secretary
to Mrs. Reagan

Ms. Margaret R. Zamierowski
Director
Eleanor Roosevelt's Val-Kill, Inc.
Box 255
Hyde Park, NY 12538

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Let's talk

Ms. Ann Wrobleski
Director of Projects
Office of the First Lady
The White House
Washington, D. C.

Dear Ms. Wrobleski:

Enclosed is a draft of a press release regarding Nancy Reagan's acceptance of joint Honorary Chairmanship of ERVK's Centennial Committee for Mrs. Reagan's consideration.

It would be good for all concerned if this announcement could be presented soon and we would appreciate your addressing this as soon as possible. Nina Roosevelt Gibson will be in Washington on March 31 and, if convenient, would be happy to stop by to review the completed release.

Thank you for your attention to this matter.

Sincerely yours,

M. R. Zamierowski
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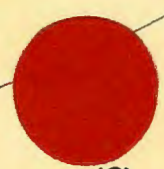
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- Y - Study

THE WHITE HOUSE

WASHINGTON

April 11, 1984

Dear Ms. Dutton:

The First Lady has asked me to respond to your letter of March 28, in which you advise that you have named the President and First Lady as references on your resume, prepared in connection with your interest in serving on the President's Commission on Executive Exchange.

Although I very much regret the necessity of this request, I must ask that you remove the names of the President and First Lady from your list of references. Because of the large number of requests that the President and the First Lady receive asking them to serve as personal references, it was decided very early in the Administration that we should adhere to a very strict policy of not providing any such references.

I am aware that this letter may come as a real disappointment to you. Please know it is nothing personal and that we trust you will understand the reason we must adhere to the policy described above, in consideration to the President and First Lady.

Sincerely,

Orig. signed by FFF

Fred F. Fielding
Counsel to the President

Ms. Leslie C. Dutton
Leslie C. Dutton & Associates
2210 Wilshire Boulevard
Suite 174
Santa Monica, California 90403

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THE WHITE HOUSE
WASHINGTON

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MEMORANDUM FOR:

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FROM:

DIANNA G. HOLLAND

ACTION

Approved

Please handle/review

For your information

For your recommendation

For the files

Please see me

Please prepare response for
signature

As we discussed

Return to me for filing

COMMENT

EFF is going to send
out w/o memo going
to Crispin. Thanks.

THE WHITE HOUSE

WASHINGTON

April 11, 1984

MEMORANDUM FOR FRED F. FIELDING

FROM: WENDELL L. WILLKIE *W2W*

SUBJECT: Leslie Dutton's Listing of the President and
First Lady as Personal References

Attached is the letter to Leslie Dutton on the above-referenced matter, incorporating your changes.

THE WHITE HOUSE

WASHINGTON

April 2, 1984

MEMORANDUM FOR FRED F. FIELDING

FROM: WENDELL L. WILLKIE *W2W*

SUBJECT: Leslie Dutton's Listing of the President and
First Lady as Personal References

The First Lady has requested that we prepare a letter to Leslie C. Dutton, asking that she remove the names of the President and First Lady from the list of references on her resume, prepared in connection with her interest in serving on the President's Commission on Executive Exchange.*

I have prepared in draft form the attached letter to Dutton, requesting that she discontinue her use of the names of the President and First Lady as references on her resume. Also attached for your review and signature is a memorandum to Elaine Crispen, forwarding this draft for review by Crispen and the First Lady.

*You will recall our letter to Ms. Dutton of March 12, in which we advised her that the President would not be able to provide a personal endorsement of her corporate stockholder relation's program. (A copy is attached.)

THE WHITE HOUSE
WASHINGTON

March 27, 1984

TO: Fred Fielding

FROM: Elaine Crispen

Attached is the letter
Mrs. Reagan discussed
with you on the phone
concerning using The
President and Mrs. Reagan
as personal references.

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Leslie C. Dutton & Associates

2210 Wilshire Boulevard
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Governmental/Industrial Affairs

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March 28, 1984

Mrs. Ronald W. Reagan
The White House
1600 Pennsylvania Avenue, N.W.
Washington, D.C. 20500

Dear Mrs. Reagan,

A few weeks ago I met with President Reagan in the Oval office and it was a very special occasion. While I have visited the Oval office before during President Nixon's administration, this one was much more meaningful because of our long journey to put Ronald Reagan in the White House.

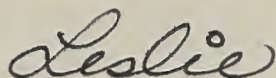
During my visit with the President, we discussed the possibility of my serving on a Presidential Board or Commission. Since then I have been in touch with staff members and have identified the Presidential Commission for Executive Exchange as the one which would be ideal for my talents and background. The Commission is composed of mostly male executives and with the departure of Helene von Damm to Austria, would be better balanced with the addition of a woman executive to the membership. Two of the latest appointments have been blacks and one was a woman.

Now that I am familiar with the work of the Executive Exchange program I am very enthusiastic about the prospect of serving in this area. It is my understanding that June Walker, Executive Director of the Commission will have to approve any appointment also. While I have never met June before, I hear that she is doing a great job for the Administration with the program, and thought that you may be acquainted with her.

That is why I have taken the liberty of listing your name as a reference on the enclosed resume. It seemed likely that June would want to know of my background in California politics and who else knows more about all of our efforts with Proposition One and our telephone campaigns to Jerry Brown after you left Sacramento, than the First Lady.

I hope that this letter finds you in good spirits. I know you must be looking forward to your trip to China in April. Have a wonderful time and keep up the good work, we are all so proud to have you and the President representing us.

Best regards,



Leslie C. Dutton

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PRESIDENT and Chief Executive Officer of Leslie C. Dutton and Associates Governmental/Industrial Affairs, specializing in corporate projects of a national and international nature. The firm was formed in September 1983.

VICE PRESIDENT and Senior Account Executive with The Hannaford Company, Public Relations/Public Affairs, Los Angeles. Specializing in national and international corporate and political projects. Client responsibility included New York Stock Exchange President, John J. Phelan, Jr., American Medical International (Governmental Affairs), Citicorp, U.S.A. (Western Division), Committee for Fair Insurance Rates (Washington D.C.), Tosco Oil Corporation (Governmental Affairs), Baltic American Freedom League (Washington, D.C. and Los Angeles)

CAMPAIGN MANAGEMENT As an independent contractor and community leader managed campaigns for candidates and issues among them; 1977-1979 Santa Monica City Council races, 1978 Statewide Initiative for Judicial Reform (Southern Calif.) 1973 Ronald Reagan's Proposition One (Los Angeles-Westside Co-ordinator), 1974 Brian Van Camp (Secretary of State-California), 1978 Southern California Initiative Co-ordinator to Ban Public Employee Strikes, 1972 Re-elect the President, Santa Monica)

POLITICAL Elected member of Los Angeles County Republican Central Committee, Appointed member State Republican Party, 1976 Regular Delegate to GOP National Convention for Ronald Reagan), Founder, past President and Chief Operating Officer of the Westside Republican Council. 1972-1975 GOP Precinct Chairman, West Los Angeles Assembly Districts., 1975 Grassroots Tribute to Ronald Reagan-Chairman, Campaign-community co-ordinator for L.A. County Supervisor James Hayes (1972-74), U.S. Congressman Alphonzo Bell (1972-74), Senator S. I. Hayakawa 1976, Dr. Earl Brian for U.S. Senate 1974.

MEMBERSHIPS California Yacht Club, since 1966 active in Pacific Handicapped Racing Fleet and Women's Auxiliary program. Co-ordinated media relations for California Cup Race-1975. Children's Home Society of California, Los Angeles County Membership Chairman 1981, World Affairs Council, since 1974 active in State Department visitors program.

ADMINISTRATION AND PERSONAL REFERENCES President Ronald Reagan, Nancy Reagan, Edwin Meese III, Michael K. Deaver, Helene von Damm, Craig Fuller, Lyn Nofziger, Jack Courtemanche, Elaine Crispen, Rose Marie Monk, Bay Buchanan Jackson, Lynn Ross Wood, Dodie Livingston.

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THE WHITE HOUSE

WASHINGTON

April 2, 1984

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Dear Mrs. Bostwick:

On behalf of Mrs. Reagan, I am pleased confirm her acceptance to be Honorary Chairman of the Washington Antiques Show. —

Although I do not foresee a time when she would be able to participate in a celebration event at the White House, she is delighted to serve as Honorary Chairman of the show.

Please call me at 202/456-7905 to discuss the details of Mrs. Reagan's chairmanship.

Sincerely,

Ann Wrobleski
Director of Projects
Office of the First Lady

Mrs. Phillip D. ^xBostwick
Co-Chairman
5344 Falmouth Road
Bethesda, MD 20816

Mrs. Charles B. King ^x

THE THRIFT SHOP
WASHINGTON ANTIQUES SHOW
WASHINGTON, D. C.

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March 23, 1984

Mrs. Ann Wrobleski
Director of Projects
Office of the First Lady
The White House
Washington, D.C. 20500

Dear Mrs. Wrobleski:

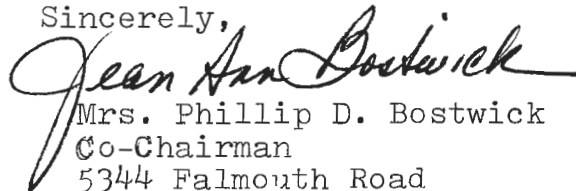
Enclosed please find the copy of our letter asking for Mrs. Reagan's support as Honorary Chairman of the Washington Antiques Show.

We are delighted and honored that Mrs. Reagan has accepted, and look forward to working with her to aid our five hospital beneficiaries.

We shall be in touch concerning a photograph for our catalogue, and we do hope that we can arrange a special celebration at the White House at Mrs. Reagan's convenience.

Please feel free to contact either one of us for additional information. Thank you for your attention.

Sincerely,



Mrs. Phillip D. Bostwick
Co-Chairman
5344 Falmouth Road
Bethesda, Md. 20816
229-0328

Mrs. Charles B. King
Co-Chairman
5302 Blakeford Court
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THE THRIFT SHOP
WASHINGTON ANTIQUES SHOW
WASHINGTON, D. C.

March 5, 1984

Mrs. Ann Wrobleski
Director of Projects
Office of the First Lady
The White House
Washington, D.C. 20500

*have
accepted
HP
should we
decline WH
reception?*

yes pls.

Dear Mrs. Wrobleski:

As per our conversation today, I am writing on behalf of the Washington Antiques Show to ask that Mrs. Reagan lend her support to our efforts as our Honorary Chairman.

The Washington Antiques Show is the second oldest Show in the country, and it will be celebrating its thirtieth anniversary this year. The profits from the events which are held during the week of the Show benefit five child health-oriented charities: The Children's Hospital National Medical Center; The Columbia Hospital for Women - Clinics; The Child Health Center Board of Children's Hospital; The Hospital for Sick Children; and The St. John's Child Development Center. All of these hospitals currently are involved with the development or continuing support of drug abuse and drug-related programs. For each of the past two years, we have raised approximately \$175,000 which was distributed to these charities to further their work.

The theme for the 1985 Show, which is being held January 8 - 13, is Historic Preservation. During this election year, it seems particularly appropriate that we focus on the White House in our Loan Exhibit and our Catalogue. Along these lines, we would also hope to have, under the patronage of Mrs. Reagan, a special anniversary celebration at the White House sometime in October. We would, of course, incur any expenses involved in the reception.

I appreciated the opportunity to talk with you this morning and I look forward to hearing from you soon. If you need additional information or have any further questions, please do not hesitate to contact me.

Most sincerely,

Mrs. Phillip D. Bostwick
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