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WASHINGTON

MEETING WITH THE CADET EDITORS OF THE UNITED STATES
MILITARY ACADEMY YEARBOOK STAFF

Thursday, February 23, 1984
The Oval Office
4:30 P.M.

FROM: EDWARD V. HICKEY, JR. E. U. H.

I. PURPOSE.

To present the 1984 Howitzer, the yearbook of the United States Military Academy, to the President

II. <u>BACKGROUND</u>.

The Cadet Yearbook Staff of the United States Military Academy traditionally desires to present the Commander-in-Chief his personal copy of the <u>Howitzer</u> each year.

III. PARTICIPANTS.

Cadet Dean Chang, Editor-in-Chief, <u>Howitzer</u>
Cadet Alec E. Alessandra, Production Manager, <u>Howitzer</u>
Major Charles E. Libershal, Officer-in-Charge, <u>Howitzer</u>
Mr. Edward V. Hickey, Jr.

IV. PRESS PLAN.

White House Photographer only

V. SEQUENCE OF EVENTS.

- -- Mr. Hickey introduces Cadet Staff and Major Libershal
- -- Cadets Chang and Alessandra present 1984 Howitzer to the President
- -- Photographs of the President with Cadets Chang, Alessandra and Major Libershal

WASHINGTON

VARIETY CLUBS INTERNATIONAL

DATE: Thursday, February 23, 1984

LOCATION: Oval Office TIME: 4:30 p.m.

FROM: Faith Whittlesey

I. PURPOSE:

To be presented with a lifetime gold membership card.

II. BACKGROUND:

Variety Clubs International is a major international children's charity with a strong "show business" connection. The organization was founded in 1927 and now includes 46 clubs in ten countries, with a total membership of 15,000. The organization raised over \$22 million last year. Every President of the United States since Franklin D. Roosevelt has been a gold card holder of Variety Clubs.

Major programs of Variety include: the Life Patron Program, which helps sick, handicapped, and underprivileged children in over eighty countries, and which brings children with life-threatening medical conditions to the United States for emergency treatment; the Children's Limb Bank, which manufactures and fits electronic prostheses; and, the Sunshine Coach Program, which provides transportation to children "shut-in" due to handicap or poverty. Variety has also built children's hospitals and clinics throughout the U.S. and abroad.

Senator Slade Gorton expressed his support for this activity. In November 1978, the President attended a Variety Clubs dinner in honor of Prince Charles.

III. PARTICIPANTS:

D'AMATO, Alphonse United States Senator, New York

FAIRBANKS, Douglas, Jr. Member, Variety Clubs International

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III. PARTICIPANTS: (continued)

HASSANEIN, Salah President, Variety Clubs International

MORLEY, Eric Past President, Variety Clubs International

MYERSON, Bernard Vice President, Variety Clubs International

SINAY, Joseph Vice President, Variety Clubs International

TURNER, Steve President of Variety Club of Washington, D.C.

IV. PRESS PLAN:

White House photographer

V. SEQUENCE OF EVENTS:

4:30 p.m. - Guests enter Oval Office

4:31 p.m. - President presented with gold membership card

4:32 p.m. - President and guests talk

4:35 p.m. - Guests exit

Attachment:

1. Talking points

TALKING POINTS

FOR

VARIETY CLUBS INTERNATIONAL

- -- I know that all the good work of Variety Clubs International began with a group of show people who came to the aid of a baby girl abandoned on Christmas Eve and left on a seat in the Sheridan Square Theatre in Pittsburgh.
- -- Since then, you have helped millions of children all around the world. You have given handicapped children a day in the sunshine; you have given sick children clinics and hospitals; and you have provided the gift of electronic arms and legs to children without limbs.
- -- I am proud to applaud the 15,000 members of Variety Clubs
 International for your heartfelt and loving concern for children
 in need. The people of Variety prove that private individuals
 and organizations like yours perform miracles every day.

WASHINGTON

PRESENTATION BY OLAF WIEGHORST

February 23, 1984 DATE:

4:30 p.m. (5 minutes) TIME:

LOCATION: Oval Office
FROM: David C. Fischer

I. PURPOSE

Olaf Wieghorst, one of our nation's most respected artists, will present the first print of a lithograph of his 1961 painting, "Nomads of the Plains."

II. BACKGROUND

Olaf, 85 years old, has lead a varied and exciting life including a brief stint as a seaman, rode with the horse calvary, spent three years as a cowboy, then served 20 years as a New York City Mounted Police Officer. Mai, his wife of 59 years, will accompany him.

III. PARTICIPANTS

The President Olaf Wieghorst Mai Wieghorst Ray Johnson, publisher Susan Johnson

IV. PRESS PLAN

Possible wire photographers.

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WASHINGTON

February 22, 1984

MEETING WITH THE NATIONAL FEDERATION OF INDEPENDENT BUSINESS

DATE February 23, 1984

LOCATION Oval Office TIME 4:30 p.m.

FROM: FAITH R. WHITTLESEY

I. PURPOSE

To recognize the new president and chief executive officer of the largest small business association in the country and to acknowledge the importance and the contributions of small businesses to the Nation's economic prosperity and way of life.

II. BACKGROUND

The National Federation of Independent Business (NFIB) represents approximately 660,000 small and independent businesses nationwide. The majority of NFIB's members are "mom and pop" businesses.

NFIB has been supportive of your economic recovery program, efforts to cut the federal budget, the concept of OMB Circular A-122, and a host of other initiatives.

The photographs obtained from this session are primarily intended for use in NFIB publications throughout 1984, including NFIB's newsletter, the MANDATE. This newsletter is received by all 660,000 members, prospective members (approximately 6,000 per day), and a select list of educators, chambers of commerce, and media.

III. PARTICIPANTS

Mr. John Sloan, President and Chief Executive Officer of NFIB

IV. PRESS PLAN

White House Photographer

V. SEQUENCE OF EVENTS

4:30 p.m. Mr. Sloan and Faith R. Whittlesey enter Oval Office.
Faith R. Whittlesey introduces Mr. Sloan to you.
You thank Mr. Sloan for the support you have received from NFIB and pose for photographs. Mr. Sloan exits the Oval Office with Faith R. Whittlesey.

WASHINGTON

PRIVATE MEETING WITH LEW LEHRMAN

Thursday, February 23, 1984 5:00 p.m. (15 minutes)
The Oval Office Study

FROM: RICHARD G. DARMAN ().

I. PURPOSE

The meeting is to allow Lew Lehrman an opportunity to discuss issues of concern to him.

II. BACKGROUND

Lew Lehrman sent you two papers prior to the State of the Union on issues he felt strongly about -- one favoring a flat tax; the second favoring more accommodative monetary policy. He was originally scheduled to discuss these with you in January, but the meeting had to be rescheduled. It was rescheduled -- but Lew was forced to cancel after staying in a plane for 5 hours waiting for fog to clear. This is the third try.

III. AGENDA

Lew is pleased that you came out for the tax simplification plan in the State of the Union. He remains concerned about monetary policy. We do not know what else Lew may wish to bring up, but he will certainly wish to argue for a growth-oriented monetary policy.

WASHINGTON

February 22, 1984

MEETING TO SIGN EXECUTIVE ORDER FOR PURPLE HEART AWARD

DATE: February 23, 1984

LOCATION: Roosevelt Room

TIME: 4:30 - 4:35 p.m.

FROM: ROBERT C. McFARLANE

I. PURPOSE

To sign the Executive Order entitled "Award of the Purple Heart" in a ceremony attended by Senator Warner and leaders of veterans groups.

II. BACKGROUND

An Executive Order has been prepared to standardize among the military services the criteria for awarding the Purple Heart. The Order will make eligible for the award those uniformed and civilian personnel wounded or killed as a result of an international terrorist attack. It will also include those wounded or killed as a result of military operations while participating in a peacekeeping force outside the U.S.

Senator Warner suggested this modification to the Award so that we could give proper recognition to those service members who have been victimized by terrorists. The Senator, other legislators, and several leaders of veterans groups have been invited to attend the signing ceremony. Talking points are attached at Tab A.

III. PARTICIPANTS

Attached at Tab B.

IV. PRESS PLAN

Photo opportunity.

V. SEQUENCE OF EVENTS

President will step to podium and make brief remarks. President will then proceed to signing desk and sign Executive Order. President will then depart taking time for handshake with representatives of veterans organizations.

Attachments

Tab A Talking Points
Tab B List of Participants

cc Vice President
Ed Meese
Jim Baker
Mike Deaver

- -- I AM PLEASED TO SIGN TODAY THIS E.O. WHICH WILL RECOGNIZE A NUMBER OF BRAVE AMERICANS WHO HAVE BEEN THE
 VICTIMS OF ACTS OF INTERNATIONAL TERRORISM.
- THE RISE OF TERRORISM IN RECENT YEARS HAS BROUGHT TO

 THE FORE A NEW FORM OF WARFARE -- BUT IT IS A FORM OF

 WARFARE JUST AS DANGEROUS IF NOT MORE DANGEROUS THAN

 MORE CONVENTIONAL FORMS OF WARFARE.
- -- AMERICAN SERVICEMEN AND CIVILIANS SERVING WITH THEM

 HAVE BEEN SUBJECTED TO INCREASED NUMBERS OF TERRORIST

 INCIDENTS AND I BELIEVE IT IS APPROPRIATE TO RECOGNIZE

 THE SACRIFICE OF AMERICANS HARMED BY SUCH HOSTILE ACTS.
- I WANT TO SPECIFICALLY THANK SENATOR WARNER FOR SUGGESTING THAT SUCH RECOGNITION BE GIVEN. HE HAS LONG BEEN A
 FRIEND AND SUPPORTER OF OUR SERVICEMEN AND VETERANS.
 HE SERVED IN WORLD WAR II AND THE KOREAN WAR AND NOW
 SERVES AS A MEMBER OF THE SENATE ARMED SERVICES COMMITTEE.
- -- I ALSO WANT TO THANK THE OTHER MEMBERS OF CONGRESS WHO ARE HERE AND ALSO THE REPRESENTATIVES OF OUR VETERANS ORGANIZATIONS WHO REPRESENT THOSE THOUSANDS UPON THOUSANDS OF VETERANS WHO HAVE LAID THEIR LIVES ON THE LINE IN THE SERVICE OF THEIR COUNTRY.

LIST OF PARTICIPANTS

Senator John W. Warner

Senator John G. Tower

Senator Alan K. Simpson

Senator Sam Nunn

Rep. Melvin Price

Rep. William L. Dickinson

Rep. G.V. (Sonny) Montgomery

Rep. John Paul Hammerschmidt

Secretary Caspar W. Weinberger

General John W. Vessey

Harry N. Walters Administrator Veterans Administration

Wendell R. Lowe National Commander Military Order of the Purple Hearts of the U.S.A., Inc.

Dennis A. Joyner National Commander Disabled American Veterans

Keith Kruel National Commander The American Legion

Clifford G. Olson, Jr. Commander-in-Chief Veterans of Foreign Wars

Otis N. Berry Veterans of Foreign Wars Commander of Virginia Edwin J. Dentz Commander American Legion

Alfred Melton Dept. of Virginia Disabled American Veterans

Ray Evans, Jr.
Former President
Dept. of Virginia
Disabled American Veterans

White House

Edwin Meese

James A. Baker

Michael K. Deaver

Robert C. McFarlane

M. B. Oglesby

Faith Whittlesey

Christopher M. Lehman

Paul B. Thompson