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THE WHITE HOUSE

WASHINGTON

MEETING WITH SENATOR CHARLES PERCY (R-ILLINOIS) AND DAVID BERGER

DATE: Tuesday, June 26, 1984
LOCATION: The Oval Office
TIME: 4:45 p.m. (5 minutes)
FROM: M. B. Oglesby, Jr. *Bo*

I. PURPOSE

To comply with a request from Senator Charles Percy (R-Illinois) for an opportunity to bring in David Berger to present to the President a photographic montage of Viet Nam veterans.

II. BACKGROUND

In September 1983 Senator Percy requested an opportunity to bring in a constituent of his, David Berger, to present to you a photographic montage entitled "Let the Healing Begin."

David is a Viet Nam veteran, and in the summer of 1983 established an organization entitled Americans for Viet Nam Veterans. The organization is a clearing house for community groups or individuals who wish to organize projects to express appreciation to Viet Nam veterans. David feels that many Viet Nam veterans need to feel a sense of pride for the service they rendered to their nation and must have public recognition of their service. Because he feels you are the first President to recognize and act to fulfill the need for public and heartfelt gratitude to Viet Nam veterans, he requested this opportunity to present his organization's poster, "Let the Healing Begin." David commissioned the artwork by Cynthia Viacunas after being inspired by a visit to the Viet Nam Memorial here in Washington. In his words, "Now that the memorial has been built, we must concentrate our attention on the living." This meeting had originally been requested for on or about the anniversary date, November 13, of the dedication of the Viet Nam memorial but you were out of the country. David will be accompanied by his wife, Sandra.

III. PARTICIPANTS

The President
The Vice President
Senator Charles Percy (R-Illinois)
David Berger
Sandra Berger

Staff

M. B. Oglesby, Jr.

IV. PRESS PLAN

White House photographer and film crew from the Senate Recording Studio.

V. SEQUENCE OF EVENTS

Senator Percy, David and Sandra Berger to arrive Northwest Gate, and be escorted from the West Lobby to the Oval Office for a 5-minute presentation and photo opportunity with the President.

Attachment: Talking Points

SUGGESTED TALKING POINTS FOR MEETING WITH
SENATOR CHARLES PERCY AND DAVID BERGER

- Welcome Senator Percy, David and Sandra Berger.
- Chuck, thank you very much for taking time from your very busy Senate schedule to bring David and Sandra in today.
- David, I'm glad you were able to come in today. I understand that you established "Americans for Viet Nam Veterans" as an organization to help express appreciation to Viet Nam veterans. Your poster, "Let the Healing Begin," says much about what we need to do for our veterans. I've been told that you said, after the dedication of the Viet Nam Memorial, that "Now that the memorial has been built, we must concentrate our attention on the living." This is indeed what we must do.
- Our veterans accepted a mission and fulfilled their duty for their country. America hasn't always shown its appreciation to these patriots, and it is time we amend this. We must show all of our veterans our heartfelt gratitude, and allow them to feel pride for their service to their nation. We must always honor and support those who fight, and remember the great sacrifices so many have made, in order that we may preserve our way of life.
- Thank you David for this poster. It means very much to me and gives me great pleasure to receive it.

THE WHITE HOUSE

WASHINGTON

June 21, 1984

MEETING WITH SENATOR MACK MATTINGLY (R-GEORGIA)
AND MR. AND MRS. JOHN CLINKSCALES

DATE: Tuesday, June 26, 1984

LOCATION: The Oval Office

TIME: 4:50 p.m. (5 minutes)

FROM: M.B. Oglesby, Jr. *MO*

I. PURPOSE

To respond to Senator Mack Mattingly's (R-Georgia) request for an opportunity to bring Mr. and Mrs. John Clinkscales to the White House to meet the President.

II. BACKGROUND

On May 31, 1984, you signed into law S.J. Res. 94 which designated May 8 to June 19 as "Family Reunion Month." This resolution, which was sponsored by Senator Mattingly, recognizes the family as "the foundation of our society" and urges missing and estranged family members to reunite and reaffirm their family ties or at least contact each other. It also recognizes the network of volunteer organizations which exists throughout the country to aid families in locating missing members.

Senator Mattingly was inspired to introduce this legislation after learning of the experience of Mr. and Mrs. John Clinkscales of LaGrange, Georgia. The Clinkscales became involved with assisting broken families after their 22 year-old son, Kyle, disappeared eight years ago. Kyle, an Auburn University student, left his LaGrange home on the night of January 27, 1976 on a routine 42-mile drive back to Auburn. His family has not seen or heard from him since. Kyle's car was never found; his bank account and credit cards were never touched. He vanished without any warning or indication to his family and friends. Several years later, following an exhaustive and frustrating search for any clues on the whereabouts of their missing son, the Clinkscales started FIND-ME, Inc. a non profit organization which attempts to give assistance and guidance to families with missing members and to contact the missing person by publicizing the situation.

Mr. and Mrs. Clinkscales went to Capitol Hill several years ago in an attempt to get Congress to pass a resolution recognizing Family Reunion Month. After Mattingly introduced the resolution, they began a personal crusade to many Congressional offices to gain support for the resolution. Today the Clinkscales are continuing their efforts -- John Clinkscales has published a book, KYLE'S STORY -- FRIDAY NEVER CAME, in which he chronicled not only their search for Kyle, but also stories of other families searching for lost family members. Recently, John Clinkscales was named to serve on the Board of Directors of the National Center for Missing and Exploited Children.

Senator Mattingly originally requested a signing ceremony for his resolution, but due to scheduling constraints, it was not possible to accommodate his request. In lieu of the formal signing ceremony, he requested that he be permitted to bring Mr. and Mrs. Clinkscales to the White House to meet you in conjunction with their efforts on behalf of "Family Reunion Month."

III. PARTICIPANTS

The President
The Vice President
Senator Mack Mattingly (R-Georgia)
John Clinkscales
Louise Clinkscales

Staff

M.B. Oglesby, Jr.

IV. PRESS PLAN

White House photographer only

V. SEQUENCE OF EVENTS

Senator Mattingly and guests to arrive Northwest Gate, and be escorted from the West Lobby to the Oval Office. During the five-minute photo opportunity, President Reagan will present John and Louise Clinkscales with a pen commemorating the signing of S.J. Res. 94.

Attachment: Talking Points

SUGGESTED TALKING POINTS FOR MEETING WITH
SENATOR MACK MATTINGLY AND JOHN AND LOUISE CLINKSCALES

- Mack, I want to thank you for taking time from your busy Senate schedule to come down here -- and John and Louise, it's a pleasure to meet you.
- Mack has told me of your personal ordeal and also of the outstanding work of FIND-ME, Inc. The service performed by this organization provides hope for the thousands of families who experience the despair of a missing member.
- Although it was not possible to have a formal signing ceremony for S.J. Res. 94, I would like to present this pen commemorating the May 31 signing of this resolution to John and Louise.

(President presents pen to the Clinkscals)
- John and Louise, your tireless efforts on behalf of Family Reunion Month, along with Mack's sponsorship, have brought this problem to the attention of the American public, and hopefully, this increased awareness will result in the reunion of some missing individuals with their families.
- Again, thanks for coming down here today.

THE WHITE HOUSE

WASHINGTON

June 25, 1984

MEETING WITH SENATOR JESSE HELMS (R-NORTH CAROLINA)

DATE: Tuesday, June 26, 1984

LOCATION: The Oval Office

TIME: 4:55 p.m. (5 minutes)

FROM: M.B. Oglesby, Jr. *SO*

I. PURPOSE

To respond to Senator Helms' request to present you with the 400th Anniversary Standard commemorating the establishment of the first English settlement in America.

II. BACKGROUND

This year marks the beginning of three years of state-wide celebrations in North Carolina commemorating the 400th anniversary of the first English settlement in America. The focal point of the celebration will be on Roanoke Island, North Carolina, one of the sites chosen for the first settlement of the English in the new world.

The standard being presented to you by Senator Helms measures two and one-half feet by seven and one-half feet. It displays the official logo for the celebration; the state seal and motto; and a falcon holding the Tudor rose which symbolizes the Guardian of Elizabethan Heritage. This standard was handmade especially for Senator Helms to present to you.

Senator Helms and other members of the North Carolina Congressional delegation invited you and Mrs. Reagan to visit Roanoke Island in July, however, due to heavy scheduling commitments, this invitation was regretted.

III. PARTICIPANTS

The President
The Vice President
Senator Jesse Helms (R-North Carolina)

Staff

M.B. Oglesby, Jr.

IV. PRESS PLAN

White House photographer only.

V. SEQUENCE OF EVENTS

Senator Helms to arrive through the Northwest Gate to the West Lobby and be escorted to the Oval Office for a five minute photo opportunity with the President.

Attachment: Talking Points

SUGGESTED TALKING POINTS FOR MEETING WITH SENATOR JESSE HELMS

- Welcome Senator Helms to the White House.

- Jesse, I'm honored to be presented with the standard commemorating the 400th anniversary of the first English settlement in America.

- I hope the celebrations being held throughout North Carolina are a success. I know that all North Carolinians are proud of their heritage. I'm sorry that my schedule will not permit Nancy and me to attend events on Roanoke Island in July.


- Thank you, Jesse, for coming to the White House and presenting me with this standard.

THE WHITE HOUSE

WASHINGTON

June 26, 1984

Taping Session
Future Business Leaders of America

DATE: June 26, 1984
LOCATION: Diplomatic Reception Room
TIME: 5:00 p.m.
FROM: Jann Duval 

I. PURPOSE

To provide a videotaped message for the National Leadership Conference of the Future Business Leaders of America (FBLA). The tape will be aired on July 5 at the Opening General Session in Atlanta, Georgia.

II. BACKGROUND

FBLA was founded in 1942 and currently has 200,000 members. The goals of the organization are to foster independence in the students and to facilitate their transition from school to the work force. FBLA has been actively involved in the Task Force on Private Sector Initiatives and has been mentioned in the Saturday radio addresses.

III. PARTICIPANTS

The President

IV. SEQUENCE OF EVENTS

Standard videotape set up.

V. REMARKS

Provided by speechwriters.

(Robinson/BE)
June 25, 1984
4:30 p.m.

PRESIDENTIAL TAPING: NATIONAL LEADERSHIP CONFERENCE OF FUTURE
BUSINESS LEADERS OF AMERICA
TUESDAY, JUNE 26, 1984

I'm delighted to have this opportunity to speak to you, the members and advisors of Future Business Leaders of America - Phi Beta Lambda, as you celebrate over four decades of involvement in American business. Special greetings go to the adult volunteer leadership of your association. Your State and local advisors give freely of their time and talent to help American students learn about business, and each of you has my heartfelt thanks.

All of us agree, though, that this conference belongs to one group alone -- you, the young people. As high school and college students, you'll have the chance at this conference to make new friends, learn about leadership, and develop self-confidence. But most important, you'll be able to explore one of the most exciting aspects of life in our Nation -- free enterprise.

American business challenges the talents of each individual while providing vast benefits to millions. American improvements in fertilizers, land-use, livestock and crop production have made the United States the Earth's granary, and have increased agricultural productivity around the globe. Our medical profession and pharmaceutical companies have made breakthrough after breakthrough. And our telecommunications industry has made it possible for us to receive satellite transmissions from all over the Earth in a matter of seconds.

Thanks to risk-taking, innovations, and trade by American businesses, we can help people all over the world to eat better, live longer, and be less subject to famine and disease than ever before. Those of you who choose to give your time and talents to free enterprise will become builders of progress, providers of hope, and leaders in pointing the way to prosperity. You have a great adventure ahead of you, and on behalf of the American people, I wish you a good conference and Godspeed.

Thank you, and God bless you all.

THE WHITE HOUSE


WASHINGTON

June 26, 1984

Taping Session

Annual Convention of the Elks Club

DATE: June 26, 1984
LOCATION: Diplomatic Reception Room
TIME: 5:00 p.m.

FROM: Jann Duval 

I. PURPOSE

To provide a videotaped message for the Annual Convention of the Benevolent and Protective Order of the Elks.

II. BACKGROUND

The Elks is the largest fraternal organization in the United States with a membership of 1.6 million. This year's convention will be on July 6 in Houston, Texas. The First Lady provided a videotape for last year's convention.

III. PARTICIPANTS

The President

IV. SEQUENCE OF EVENTS

Standard videotape set up.

V. REMARKS

Provided by speechwriters.

(Myer/BE)
June 25, 1984
5:30 p.m.

PRESIDENTIAL TAPING: ANNUAL CONVENTION OF THE BENEVOLENT AND
PROTECTIVE ORDER OF ELKS
TUESDAY, JUNE 26, 1984

Greetings to all the men of the Elks, their fine ladies, and their supportive families.

Before I begin, Nancy sends her love and thanks you for the opportunity to speak to you last year. She's delighted that the Elks have joined the fight against drug abuse, and have made it their national priority.

The Elks have always cared. It's easy to come up with a motto for a group or project and to say that the motto stands for something. But the Elks live by their motto -- every day, in every State, and in so many ways. You remember that the Bible tells us, "Though I have all faith, so that I could remove mountains and have not charity, I am nothing." Yes, the Elks care.

You care by providing funds and volunteers for a crippled children's hospital and school in Sioux Falls, South Dakota. You care by maintaining a statewide program for handicapped children in Oregon, a program now in its 35th year. You care by doing what the Alabama Elks did 23 years ago, converting an abandoned apartment complex into a center for the care of the handicapped that now helps more than 100 people a day.

Whether it's an entertainment program at a veterans' home in Rhode Island, a home service program in Pennsylvania for those with cerebral palsy, or scholarships offered by almost all of

your lodges, the same level of care and compassion is always there.

And this year, you've taken another proud step. Nancy and I are so pleased that the Elks, in cooperation with ACTION, have started a nationwide drug awareness education program. You understand that drug abuse is a major threat to the future of our Nation. And you know that no matter how effective we are against the pushers and drug smugglers, it still comes down to our young people making the right choice -- the choice that keeps them free of drugs.

Now before I sign off, I want to tell you about a very special troop of Girl Scouts I met last year. An Elks lodge from El Cajon, California sponsored a Washington sightseeing tour for a troop of handicapped Girl Scouts. Thankfully, I had the chance to meet those remarkable young ladies. If you could have seen their bright, eager, smiling faces, you would never have any doubt about the value of your work.

All of us have the opportunity to do good, and when we do, we repay the kindness of God who gives us life. This is what you do every day and you have my sincere appreciation and deep respect.

I hope that your convention is a resounding success. Thank you and God bless you all.


THE WHITE HOUSE

WASHINGTON

June 26, 1984

Taping Session

Gospel Business Men's Fellowship Convention

DATE: June 26, 1984
LOCATION: Diplomatic Reception Room
TIME: 5:00 p.m.
FROM: Jann Duval 

I. PURPOSE

To provide a videotaped message for the 31st World Convention of the Full Gospel Businessmen's Fellowship International in Anaheim, California, July 3 - 7.

II. BACKGROUND

This is the largest organization of Christian businessmen in the world. It is a cross-section of leaders from the business and Christian community, both nationally and internationally, with a national size of 50,000. They expect approximately 20,000 people to attend the convention. The influence of the convention will reach 35 million households as it is beamed live via Trinity Broadcasting Network, a Christian television network.

III. PARTICIPANTS

The President

IV. SEQUENCE OF EVENTS

Standard videotape set up.

V. REMARKS

Provided by speechwriters.

(Elliott)
June 25, 1984
3:00 p.m.

PRESIDENTIAL TAPING: FULL GOSPEL BUSINESSMEN'S FELLOWSHIP
INTERNATIONAL WORLD CONVENTION
TUESDAY, JUNE 26, 1984

Ladies and gentlemen, nothing could give me greater pleasure than to be able to pay tribute to you, the members of the Full Gospel Businessmen's Fellowship. I know your convention must be a cause for joy and celebration. I'm told that, in the 31 years of your existence, you have become the largest laymen's organization in the world. And I think I know why. Through all those years, you've never looked back, you've always looked up -- up to the one, great source of truth and hope, love and beauty, grace and glory -- our Father, our Creator, our Lord and loving God.

There is a passage from the teachings of Jesus -- it's in the book of Mark -- that I think explains the secret of your success: ". . . but whoever desires to become great among you shall be your servant . . . For even the Son of Man did not come to be served, but to serve, and to give His life a ransom for many."

All this you have done. For 31 years, the Full Gospel Businessmen's Fellowship has been serving America and serving God -- with all the faith, strength, and courage that human hearts can bear. It's your commitment and confidence, your values of faith, family, and freedom that make us know Americans are a good and decent people, and that inspire us to believe America can be a great Nation. That's why I said on Inauguration Day, Let us renew our courage and our strength, and let us renew

our faith and our hope. We have every right to dream heroic dreams, to believe in ourselves, to believe that, together with God's help, we can and will resolve the problems which now confront us.

I believe America is stronger today than we were before -- stronger economically, militarily, and, yes, spiritually too. But what we have succeeded in doing is only a fraction of what needs to be done.

How can we rest, how can we be satisfied, knowing that the God who blessed our land has been expelled from our children's schools? We cannot and we will not. If enough of us pray together, stand together, and work together, then the gates of resistance will fall -- and we will see the day, once again, when freedom of voluntary, vocal prayer has been restored to every classroom in America. And if we can get God and discipline back in our schools, maybe we can get drugs and violence out.

Neither can we rest, nor can the conscience of America be at peace, when the lives of over 4,000 unborn children are being snuffed out every day -- 4,000 children who will never laugh, never sing, never know the joy of human love; will never strive to heal the sick, feed the poor, or make peace among nations. Let us go forth with renewed determination, knowing that no challenge is more important than restoring the right to life, for without that right, no other rights have any meaning.

Within our families and communities, let us continue reaching out, striving for a spirit of friendship and fellowship among people and nations -- among all who share our lives and our

dreams for a better world. And let us remember that the blessings of liberty we enjoy do not belong to us alone; they are gifts from God to men and women everywhere; and we have a duty to support all who struggle for freedom. We have it within our power to begin the world all over again. We can be a shining city upon a hill.


Thank you and God bless you all.

THE WHITE HOUSE

WASHINGTON

June 26, 1984

Taping Session
Jack Dales Luncheon

DATE: June 26, 1984
LOCATION: Diplomatic Reception Room
TIME: 5:00 p.m.
FROM: Jann Duval 

I. PURPOSE

To provide a videotaped message for the Motion Picture and Television Fund lunch, and surprise award presentation to John L. Dales (Jack).

II. BACKGROUND

Jack Dales, presently President of the Motion Picture and Television Fund, has been selected, unbeknownst to him, as the recipient of the Silver Medallion Award for 1984. The Award will be presented to him at a luncheon at the Brown Derby on June 28th. He thinks that this Award will not be given this year because of the failure of the Board to find a worthy recipient and is expecting to preside over the meeting to give some minor awards. It is hoped, therefore, that this presentation will be a complete surprise.

III. PARTICIPANTS

The President

IV. SEQUENCE OF EVENTS

Standard videotape set up.

V. REMARKS

Provided by speechwriters.

(Myer/BE)
June 25, 1984
2:30 p.m.

PRESIDENTIAL TAPING: TRIBUTE FOR JACK DALES
TUESDAY, JUNE 26, 1984

Greetings to all of you in sunny California, and thank you for letting me be part of your tribute to a very special American: Jack Dales. I wish Nancy and I could be with you today, but, believe me, we're with you in heart and spirit.

It comes as no surprise that the Motion Picture and Television Fund is honoring Jack with its Silver Medallion Award of Honor. If anybody deserves to be recognized for unselfish service to humanity in the motion picture industry, Jack Dales does. Jack proves one of the great lessons of life -- if you set high standards and do your best to live up to them, you'll never go wrong.

In honoring Jack, you honor America's greatest strength and best hope for the future -- the mighty spirit of free people under God. Ever since America was founded, we've been a Nation of volunteers. The spirit that moved Betsy Ross to create the original stars and stripes has been woven into our national fabric. Voluntarism ties us to the traditions that make us a good and caring people, traditions that remind us America was built by people helping people.

Today, we're witnessing a great rebirth of concern and involvement, a wonderful reawakening of the American spirit. It's a spirit that Jack has never lost. For the past 20 years, he has been a source of great strength to the Motion Picture and Television Fund, first as a trustee, then as Vice-President, and

ever since 1980, as President. By the way, since you've been reelected President twice -- any advice?

Through your support of the Motion Picture and Television Fund Hospital, the Country House and Francis Goldwyn Lodge, you are helping to make the lives of many industry people -- particularly the elderly -- safe, healthy, and enjoyable. And with the outpatient care that is available at your Hollywood and Woodland Hills Health Care Centers, industry people are receiving quality care.

As you all know so well, our senior citizens provide invaluable experience, skill, and the wisdom that comes only with age. Older Americans have much to give -- and that's not meant as an advertisement. Well, the Motion Picture and Television Fund, with Jack Dales at the helm, is working hard to give retirees of the industry the dignity, care, and opportunity they so richly deserve.

Now before I sign off, I want to thank everyone who made today's luncheon possible. And Jack, Nancy and I send our love, best wishes, and congratulations for a most deserving award.


God bless you all.

THE WHITE HOUSE

WASHINGTON

June 26, 1984

Taping Session
National Computer Conference

DATE: June 26, 1984
LOCATION: Diplomatic Reception Room
TIME: 5:00 p.m.
FROM: Jann Duval 

I. PURPOSE

To provide a videotaped message to the 1984 National Computer Conference which will take place in Las Vegas from July 9 - 12.

II. BACKGROUND

The National Computer Conference is attended by professional societies in the information processing field. The 1983 conference hosted over 95,000 attendees. This year's conference is expected to be as large, or larger. The National Computer Conference has become a major media event, as well as the key industry forum.

III. PARTICIPANTS

The President

IV. SEQUENCE OF EVENTS

Standard videotape set up.

V. REMARKS

Provided by speechwriters.

(REMARKS AVAILABLE LATER)

THE WHITE HOUSE

WASHINGTON

June 26, 1984

Taping Session
U.S. Olympic Basketball

DATE: June 26, 1984
LOCATION: Diplomatic Reception Room
TIME: 5:00 p.m.

FROM: Jann Duval 

I. PURPOSE

To provide a videotaped message for the July 9 basketball game between the U.S. Olympic Team and the NBA All Stars.

II. BACKGROUND

This event, the basketball game between the U.S. Olympic Team and the NBA All Stars, will occur on July 9 in the Hoosier Dome. There will be approximately 70,000 basketball devotees watching the game, the proceeds from which will go toward the Amateur Basketball Association.

III. PARTICIPANTS

The President

IV. SEQUENCE OF EVENTS

Standard videotape set up.

V. REMARKS

Provided by speechwriters.

(Rohrabacher/BE)
June 25, 1984
5:30 p.m.

PRESIDENTIAL TAPING: OLYMPIC BASKETBALL TRIBUTE
TUESDAY, JUNE 26, 1984

Greetings to all of you at the Hoosier Dome. You're not only witnessing a classic athletic contest, you're also supporting the Amateur Basketball Association, a major force behind our Olympic Basketball Team. Our Olympic efforts are totally dependent on the backing of people like yourselves who voluntarily do their part. So to all of you who have made this game possible: Congratulations.

That goes as well for Coach Bobby Knight, who is doing a magnificent job in putting together our men's basketball team. It's not easy to select 12 individual athletes -- the best players in the country -- and mold them into a cohesive, well-disciplined team. And they're not just a team; they're the American team.

Olympic basketball has been an American strong point and, as all of you know, this year we've got two teams of which to be proud. We've got great hopes for Coach Head-Summit and her fine players, who are breaking new ground for women's athletics.

This year's Olympiad will be the biggest and best yet, with 142 countries and over 7,500 athletes participating. By supporting our basketball team, you're telling our athletes that when they're marching behind Old Glory as the games begin, and as they're straining to do their best in their events, each and every one of us will be at their side.

In only a few days, the Olympic Village will be opening in Los Angeles and athletes from all over the world will begin arriving. Then on July 28 -- 19 days from now -- it will be my honor to be in Los Angeles to help open the games and cheer on our team.

There have been some questions about the absence of the athletes from several countries. Well, we are sorry, for the sake of the athletes. But the free people of the world are proving, by their strong participation in these games, that no one is going to dampen the spirit and vitality of this event. The Los Angeles Olympics are moving forward and by all indications they are going to be a tremendous success.

So my warm regards to our Olympic teams, to the All Stars, and to all of you. God bless you. And on to Los Angeles.