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MEMORANDUM

THE WHITE HOUSE

WASHINGTON

July 26, 1983

MEMORANDUM FOR FRED F. FIELDING

FROM: JOHN G. ROBERTS *JGR*
SUBJECT: Charity Auction Gifts

Anne Higgins has asked for a review of the problem of requests for charity auction gifts. The typical scenerio -- epitomized by a July 8 letter to the President from the Pearl S. Buck Foundation -- involves a request for some Presidential memorabilia to be auctioned off, with the proceeds going to a worthy charity. Higgins notes she typically has been turning down such requests, explaining that since the President could not comply with all requests he must, in fairness, decline them all. Higgins asks if these requests present a legal or public relations problem, and whether some of the requests could be granted.

Our refusal to provide personal Presidential memorabilia for charity auctions is, I believe, a matter of prudential policy rather than legal requirement. I can think of no legal bar that would preclude the President from providing such mementoes should he desire to do so. There are several reasons, however, for adhering to the policy as a prudential matter:

- ° As noted by Higgins, the President could not comply with all such requests. Fairness would thus seem to require declining them all, particularly since the White House is ill-equipped for the task of deciding which charities are more worthy than others, and distributing Presidential memorabilia for the auction block accordingly.
- ° The White House cannot supervise auctions or the charities that would benefit from the auctions, sending a Presidential token directly implicates the President in an activity over which the White House has no control.
- ° The practice of auctioning off Presidential items is ultimately demeaning to the office of the Presidency. The prestige of the office is being marketed and sold. The fact that the proceeds might go to a worthy cause is beside the point.

I have outlined these concerns in the attached proposed memorandum for Higgins. She also asked whether articles paid for with appropriated funds may be given away. I would hope the foregoing discussion makes this question moot. The short answer, in any event, is that appropriated funds may be used only for the purposes for which they were appropriated. We should state this general rule and then offer to advise Higgins on any particular question she might have.

Attachment

THE WHITE HOUSE

WASHINGTON

July 27, 1983

MEMORANDUM FOR ANNE HIGGINS
SPECIAL ASSISTANT TO THE PRESIDENT

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

SUBJECT: Charity Auction Gifts

You have asked for our views on the frequent requests the President receives to donate memorabilia to be auctioned off for the benefit of charity. Strictly speaking, there is no legal bar that would preclude the President from donating personal items for this purpose. As a matter of policy, however, the White House declines such requests. Deviation from this policy has the potential to cause serious embarrassment to the President.

Several prudential considerations underlie the decision not to provide memorabilia for charity auctions. As noted in your memorandum, the President cannot possibly comply with all such requests, so fairness dictates that he uniformly decline them. The White House is hardly equipped to determine which charities are more worthy than others, and dispense Presidential gifts accordingly. Any preferential treatment would subject the President to charges of favoritism, a very real concern given the often competitive nature of charitable fundraising.

The White House cannot supervise charity auctions, nor can it supervise the activities of charities benefitting from the auction of Presidential memorabilia. The donation of an item thus inevitably implicates the President in activities over which the White House has no control. The potential for embarrassment in such situations is unacceptable.

Ultimately, the auctioning of Presidential memorabilia is demeaning to the office of the Presidency. The prestige of the office is being placed on the auction block and sold for a price. The fact that the proceeds go to a worthy charity is largely irrelevant.

For all of the foregoing reasons, our office has consistently advised against donating Presidential memorabilia for charity auctions.

With respect to your specific question concerning donation of articles paid for with appropriated funds, as a general matter appropriated funds may only be used for the purposes for which they were appropriated. We would be happy to review any particular questions concerning the application of this rule you might have.

FFF:JGR:aw 7/26/83

cc: FFFielding
JGRoberts
Subj.
Chron

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WHITE HOUSE CORRESPONDENCE TRACKING WORKSHEET

- ☐ O - OUTGOING
☐ H - INTERNAL
☐ I - INCOMING

Date Correspondence
Received (YY/MM/DD) 1/1

Name of Correspondent: Anne Higgins

- ☐ MI Mail Report

User Codes: (A) _____ (B) _____ (C) _____

Subject: Charity/Auction Gifts (request
attached from Dorothy S. Lowe, Pearl S.
Buck Foundation, Inc.)

ROUTE TO:

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 C - Comment/Recommendation
 D - Draft Response
 F - Furnish Fact Sheet
 to be used as Enclosure

I - Info Copy Only/No Action Necessary
 R - Direct Reply w/Copy
 S - For Signature
 X - Interim Reply

DISPOSITION CODES:

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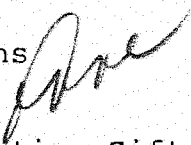
MEMORANDUM

THE WHITE HOUSE
WASHINGTON

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July 14, 1983

TO: Fred Fielding

FROM: Anne Higgins 

RE: Charity/Auction Gifts

We keep running into problems on this kind of request. It's awfully hard to turn down a charity, gracefully, especially when we are trying to build them up and encourage personal giving. For some we've been turning down saying we have to be fair and turn down all. On occasion, we've sent recipe cards or photos. I'm attaching some copies of our forms. Is this a legal problem -- the President sending items, or a P.R. problem? Obviously we can't do all. Can we do some? What can we send?

Are there legal problems with our giving away articles paid for with appropriated funds?

AVH-11 (4th Rev.)

RE: Auction Item Requested (TURNDOWN)
(President Only)

THE WHITE HOUSE

WASHINGTON

October 14, 1982

Dear /s/

President Reagan was very pleased to learn of the work you are doing. He believes people who voluntarily give of their time and abilities make life better for others. There can never be a replacement for the assistance which caring and concerned individuals provide for one another.

However, we hope you will understand that the President cannot support personally all of the worthy endeavors that are brought to his attention each day. Care must be taken not to single out individual requests for special attention.

President Reagan sends his best wishes for success in meeting your goals.

Sincerely,

Anne Higgins
Special Assistant to the President
and Director of Correspondence

(10/13/82)

/s/
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AVH-11A (3rd Rev.)

RE: Auction Item Requested (TURNDOWN)
(President and Mrs. Reagan)

THE WHITE HOUSE

WASHINGTON

October 14, 1982

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Sincerely,

Anne Higgins
Special Assistant to the President
and Director of Correspondence

(10/13/82)

/s/
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RE: Auction items - Requests by (photograph and P-21A
Republican Clubs to be enclosed)

THE WHITE HOUSE

WASHINGTON

March 18, 1982

*Reissued to change Restriction

Dear /s/

On behalf of President Reagan, I would like to thank you for your message telling him about your organization and the fine work you are doing.

We deeply regret that we are unable to grant your request. I hope you will understand that because so many other similar endeavors are brought to the attention of the President, it has been necessary for him to adopt a consistent policy of declining in each case. The sheer volume of incoming requests of this nature would make it impossible to comply.

I have, however, enclosed a greeting and a photograph for your club. Again, thank you for writing and good luck in meeting your goals.

With the President's best wishes,

Sincerely,

Anne Higgins
Special Assistant to the President
and Director of Correspondence

(7/23/82)

/s/

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Enclosures

AVH-11C (REV)

RE: Church/School card parties/bazaars

THE WHITE HOUSE

WASHINGTON

January 15, 1982

Dear /s/

Thank you for writing to President Reagan regarding your fund-raising project.

We hope you will understand that since so many worthy endeavors are brought to the attention of the President it is necessary to decline almost all of these requests. This is not a reflection of the President's support of one project over another, but a policy that has been required by the volume of incoming requests of this nature.

Again, thank you for writing and best of luck in meeting your goal!

With the President's best wishes,

Sincerely,

Anne Higgins
Special Assistant to the President
and Director of Correspondence

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Revised 1/15/82 - gjc
Proofed - mh

(1/13/82)



The Pearl S. Buck Foundation, Inc.

DEDICATED TO THE EDUCATION AND GENERAL WELFARE OF THE DISPLACED CHILDREN OF THE WORLD

July 8, 1983

President Ronald Reagan
1600 Pennsylvania Avenue
Washington, DC 20500

Dear President Reagan:

On September 11 The Pearl S. Buck Foundation is having an International Country Fair for the benefit of Amerasian children (those half-American children abandoned in Asia - Korea, Thailand, the Philippines, Okinawa, Vietnam.)

You have already helped Amerasian children a lot...when you signed the bill that allows these forgotten Americans preferential visas and with one small gesture you can help a great deal more.

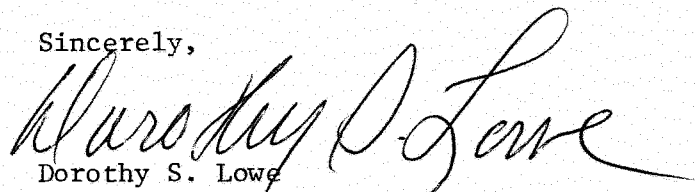
Julie Eisenhower sent us a five piece place setting of Dwight D. Eisenhower's china used on the Presidential plane, the Columbine. Already the advance bids are pushing up to \$1,000. (Think of how many Amerasian children that would feed!)

A gift from the Reagan's auctioned in the presence of the thousands of people who come here each year would not only feed our Foundation children but would further your image as a great caring American President.

Please have somebody in your administration send us a Reagan memento to arrive by early August.

Thank you on behalf of the children you helped by signing the Amerasian Bill.

Sincerely,


Dorothy S. Lowe
Communications Director

DSL/tlp



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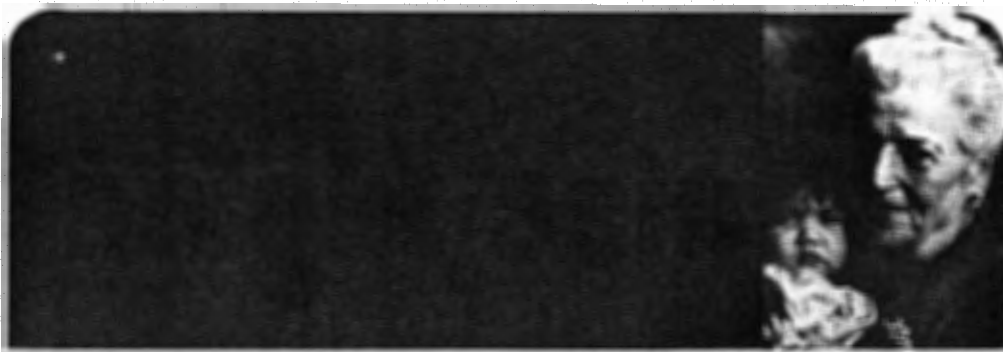
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From The Pearl S. Buck Foundation, Inc.® Green Hills Farm, Bucks County, Perkasie, PA 18944



Trinh Quoc Nam and John A. Shade, Jr., Executive Director of The Pearl S. Buck Foundation, on the plane from Vietnam. This Foundation was the organization invited in to Ho Chi Minh City to remove these first half "Americans".

The Pearl S. Buck Foundation knows...

**IT TAKES MORE THAN JUST HOLDING
HANDS TO MAKE THIS VIETNAMESE-
AMERICAN CHILD FEEL SECURE!**

...but holding John's hand helps.

Called 8/29:

- policy is to discourage participation in fundraisers, because leads to flood of requests, + can't control whom they solicit, etc.
- exception for traditional, like Red Cross

THE WHITE HOUSE
WASHINGTON

25 August 1983

John:

In Mr. Meese's absence, I wonder if you could check into the attached to see if it would be alright for EM to lend his name to this benefit.

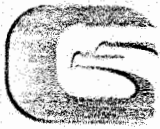
Let me know if you have any questions.

Many thanks.



Marie Thessen
X-2235

Attachments



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ROBERT KEITH GRAY
CHAIRMAN

22 AUG 1983

August 19, 1983

The Honorable
Edwin Meese, III
Counselor to the President
The White House
Washington, D.C. 20500

Dear Ed:

I have had the honor of working on behalf of many worthy causes over the years. I can think of none more worthy than that brought to my attention by Irene and Abe Pollin benefitting the Medical Crisis Counseling program at the University of Maryland.

On October 2, Irene and Abe will host a most unusual and entertaining event at the Capital Centre to raise much needed support funds for the Crisis Center. "Sports A-Poppin'" will be a fashion and entertainment gala where Cabinet members, Members of Congress, entertainers, national and local celebrities will be the star "models".

On behalf of my friends, Irene and Abe, I ask that you join me in supporting this worthwhile effort by lending your name to the list of committee members organizing the event. As you see from the attached list of other committee members, you will be serving with an outstanding group.

The Medical Crisis Counseling Program -- the first of its kind in the nation -- under the Linda Pollin Professorship, will train physicians, nurses, social workers, psychologists and rehabilitation specialists in counseling the chronically ill and their families.

We want to make "Sports A-Poppin'" a resounding success, and with your participation, I am confident we will.

Best,

Enclosure



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THE WHITE HOUSE

WASHINGTON

April 11, 1986

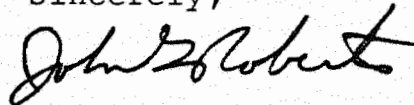
Dear Mr. Harbuck:

Senator Denton has forwarded to the White House a copy of your letter to him concerning the terrorist incident involving TWA flight 847. You enclosed with that letter a check for ten dollars, payable to the President, as a personal contribution to be used toward a reward fund for the apprehension and conviction of the terrorists responsible for that tragedy.

While we certainly appreciate the concern expressed in your letter, the Federal Government is not permitted to accept private donations for these purposes. We are, accordingly, returning your check to you. Please be assured that the President is doing everything possible to confront the menace of international terrorism.

Thank you for sharing your views on the issue with us.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in dark ink, appearing to read "John G. Roberts", written in a cursive style.

John G. Roberts
Associate Counsel to the President

Mr. Allen W. Harbuck
Route 1
Red Level, Alabama 36474

Enclosure

THE WHITE HOUSE
CORRESPONDENCE TRACKING WORKSHEET

INCOMING

DATE RECEIVED: SEPTEMBER 11, 1985

NAME OF CORRESPONDENT: THE HONORABLE JEREMIAH DENTON

SUBJECT: ENCLOSURES LETTER FROM ALLEN HARBUCK REGARDING
THE REWARD FOR THE APPREHENSION AND
CONVICTION OF THOSE TERRORISTS RESPONSIBLE
FOR THE PIJACKING OF TWA FLIGHT 847

		ACTION		DISPOSITION	
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(ROOM 75, OEOB) EXT-2590
KEEP THIS WORKSHEET ATTACHED TO THE ORIGINAL INCOMING
LETTER AT ALL TIMES AND SEND COMPLETED RECORD TO RECORDS
MANAGEMENT.

THE WHITE HOUSE
WASHINGTON

September 11, 1985

MEMORANDUM FOR: DIANNA HOLLAND
FROM: KATHY RATTE JAFFKE *Kris*
SUBJECT: Check Made Out to President Reagan for
the Purpose of Apprehending Terrorists
Involved in the TWA Hijacking

Attached is the letter that I mentioned to you today from Senator Jeremiah Denton. The Senator's constituent, Mr. Allen W. Harbuck, has forwarded a check made out to President Reagan for the apprehension and conviction of the terrorists responsible for the TWA hijacking.

I appreciate your assistance in responding to this inquiry.

cc: Records Management - FYI

United States Senate

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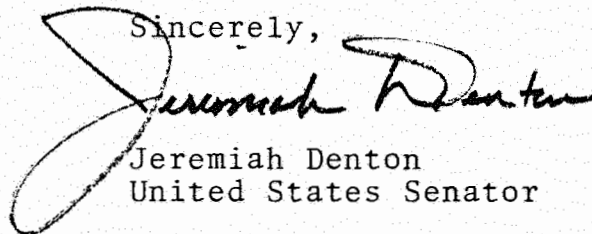
9 September 1985

Honorable Ronald W. Reagan
President
1600 Pennsylvania Avenue
Washington, D.C. 20500

Dear Mr. President:

Mr. Allen Harbuck has sent to me a check made out to you to be used for the reward for the apprehension and, conviction of those terrorists responsible for the hijacking of TWA flight 847. A copy of his letter is attached for your information.

Sincerely,



Jeremiah Denton
United States Senator

JD:wj
Enclosure

Route 1
Red Level, AL 36474
July 8, 1985

10-2-445

The Honorable Jeremiah Denton
U.S. Senate
Washington, D.C. 20510

Dear Mr. Denton:

Attached please find a check in the amount of \$10 .00. I heard on the radio one day recently that President Reagan was considering offering a reward of \$5 million for the apprehension and conviction of those terrorists responsible for the hijacking of the recent TWA flight and the subsequent murder of the U.S. seaman. If such a thing is possible, I would like to make a personal contribution towards this effort. I feel a strong sense of conviction that I, as so many others, often sit back and do not get involved when we should at the very least make our feelings known to our elected officials. If possible, please see that President Reagan gets the check.

I would also like to take this opportunity to very briefly mention some of my major concerns relating to the operation of the federal government and the agencies under its control. First of all, I am concerned about the image of our country as perceived by others and the apparent lack of gratitude and/or respect by so many of the nations and peoples we try to help. I have no suggestion for remedying this and I am sure better minds than mine have dwelt on this topic. However, a real concern remains.

Secondly, I am concerned about what appears to be the turning of so many of our leaders and so many of the regions of our country away from the God who has blessed us so much. Many times I wonder what it will take to make us turn back to Him in humbleness and prayer.

Next, I am concerned about espionage within our country. I recognize that ours is an open society and that this makes espionage easier. I am convinced, however, that there are measures which could be taken. Could we not, as a nation, limit the number of officials in our country representing such nations as the U.S.S.R. and its east bloc allies which contribute to this problem? Could we not provide more serious penalties for U.S. citizens who betray their country? It seems that there are almost daily articles in the newspapers and in news journals bringing to light the most recent discoveries. Will we never learn?

I am also concerned about the budget deficit. I am in favor of taking the measures necessary to immediately halt the deficit spending which has gotten us into this mess. Towards this goal, I would support a revision of the income tax system to include an increase in personal income taxes if at the same time we would initiate cuts in federal spending programs on a similar magnitude. I am sick of reading about so much waste in government spending, especially in the Pentagon's programs (but this will be addressed below).

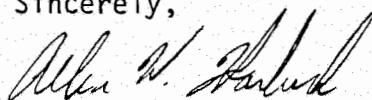
Almost daily, I become more concerned with the foreign trade deficit. I do not feel it right for us to open our markets to trade from other nations which highly restrict import of U.S. goods. At the same time, however, I recognize that there would certainly need to be some sort of safeguard to insure that U.S. firms and workers do not take unfair opportunity of such a situation to increase their prices and wages.

As mentioned above, I am sick of hearing and reading about U.S. military waste. There seems to be a never-ending barrage of stories on T.V., in the newspapers and in the news magazines about Pentagon waste. One Friday evening recently, I sat down at home with a pair of scissors and a couple of month's worth of Wall Street Journals and began clipping. Copies of those clippings (and this is by no means all of them) are attached. I don't know how much time is available for you to read the newspapers as I am sure you always have more than you can get done in each day. Since I have always been on the side of increased defense spending, this has been especially eye-opening for me. I am no longer in favor of increased military spending as I am convinced it is not managed efficiently. I expect this is going to become a pet pieve of mine. I also expect to be sending more clippings in the future. If your schedule does not allow time for you to read them personally, I hope that they may be given to an aide favored by you.

Lastly, I am sick and tired of hearing of the fraud and waste in our welfare and social security systems. I am glad to pay social security taxes because I feel that maybe at least the majority is going to individuals who really need it and are really deserving of it. I do not like the idea of giving what I could use myself to someone who abuses his or her rights as a U.S. citizen.

Well, I will close for now by saying that similar letters have been sent to Bill Dickinson. I hope that something will come about to indicate that I have not completely wasted my time by writing this.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in cursive script, appearing to read "Allen W. Harbuck".

Allen W. Harbuck

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