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THE WHITE HOUSE
WASHINGTON

Date 1.19.84

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MEMORANDUM FOR: JCH

FROM: **DIANNA G. HOLLAND**

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_____ signature
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COMMENT

January 16, 1984

Dear Ms. Pineda:

Thank you for your recent letter, on behalf of the Port of Oakland, for inviting the President to tour the container-port firsthand and view the Potomac restoration in progress.

The President is most appreciative of your kind invitation. Although we do not foresee an opportunity now when we could schedule such an event, we shall be happy to keep your letter in mind.

In the meantime, please accept the warmest good wishes of the President.

Sincerely,

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

Ms. Patricia Pineda
President
Oakland Board of Port
Commissioners
Post Office Box 2064
Oakland, CA 94604

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cc w/inc to Fred Fielding/fyi

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Executive Director

November 18, 1983

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

Dear President Reagan:

On behalf of the Port of Oakland, I would like to extend our sincere appreciation to you for having taken time from your busy schedule to meet with the Potomac delegation. We, of course, were delighted and honored to have had the opportunity to share with you the details and objectives of the Potomac Restoration Project.

As I'm sure you noted, we have been quite fortunate in securing the enthusiastic participation of James Roosevelt. We hope to be able to attract other prominent individuals who also will be able to help make this worthwhile project a success.

Our staff will be contacting Fred Fielding whom you designated as the White House liaison person with the Potomac Board of Governors.

Mr. President, I would again like to invite you to tour the Port of Oakland, the second largest containerport in the United States, and to view the Potomac restoration in progress.

Thank you for your assistance and interest.

Sincerely,



Patricia Pineda
President, Oakland Board
of Port Commissioners

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THE WHITE HOUSE

WASHINGTON

December 22, 1983

MEMORANDUM FOR FRED F. FIELDING

FROM: JOHN G. ROBERTS *JGR*

SUBJECT: U.S.S. Potomac

Cornell C. Maier has written to ask that you familiarize Admiral Shear, Administrator of the Maritime Administration within the Department of Transportation, and Secretary Dole with the substance of the November 3 meeting between the President and those involved in the effort to restore the U.S.S. Potomac. Maier indicated that his group was discussing ways in which the Maritime Administration might become involved in the project. I raised this matter at a staff meeting, and you advised me that nothing took place at the November 3 meeting beyond the organizers informing the President of their plans and activities. As you know, our role in connection with this private project has been limited to keeping the President from becoming involved in fundraising for it.

The attached draft letter to Shear, accordingly, transmits some material on the U.S.S. Potomac project but explicitly states that the White House is not involved and that he will have to decide for himself whether the Maritime Administration can and should be. I have not prepared a letter to Secretary Dole, since Shear can advise his superior if he considers it necessary or appropriate. Also attached is a reply to Maier, which I hope is tactful yet conveys the message that any decision on involvement by federal agencies will be made by those agencies without pressure from the White House.

Attachment

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WASHINGTON

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I enjoyed our meeting to discuss the Potomac restoration efforts, and once again wish you every success.

Sincerely,

Fred F. Fielding
Counsel to the President

Mr. Cornell C. Maier
Chairman of the Board & CEO
Kaiser Aluminum
300 Lakeside Drive
Oakland, CA 94643

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Any participation by the Maritime Administration in the project is at your discretion. I have enclosed for your information a brochure issued by The Association for the Preservation of the Presidential Yacht U.S.S. Potomac, which contains a complete description of the efforts undertaken to restore the Potomac and the plans for the future. I have also attached a copy of my reply to Mr. Maier.

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Maritime Administrator
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400 Seventh Street, S.W.
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Subject: Restoration of the U.S.S. Potomac

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CORNELL C. MAIER
CHAIRMAN OF THE BOARD & CEO

November 22, 1983

The Honorable Fred F. Fielding
Counsellor to the President
The White House
Washington, DC 20500

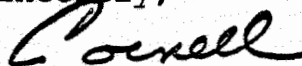
Dear Fred:

I am writing to say how pleased I am that President Reagan designated you to be our White House liaison when we met with you in the Oval Office on November 3rd.

I would appreciate it very much, in that connection, if you would familiarize Admiral Shear and, of course, Secretary Dole with the substance of that meeting and of our hopes for the restoration of the USS Potomac.

We have been discussing the possibility of Maritime Administration involvement in the Potomac project and making the ship available to cadets from the California Maritime Academy for training purposes. I think that a word from you about the White House's interest in the project would be very helpful.

Sincerely,



CCM:j

Cornell C. Maier

THE WHITE HOUSE

WASHINGTON

September 12, 1983

MEMORANDUM FOR FRED F. FIELDING

FROM: JOHN G. ROBERTS *JGR*

SUBJECT: Request by James Roosevelt for Meeting
with the President to Discuss U.S.S.
Potomac Restoration Efforts

James Roosevelt, son of FDR, has written Michael Deaver to ask for a meeting between the President and several individuals associated with the effort to restore FDR's Presidential Yacht, Potomac. The yacht is owned by the Port of Oakland, and is being restored by the Association for the Restoration of the Presidential Yacht Potomac (the Association). The Association is filing for 501(c)(3) status.

You may recall that on July 6, 1983, you wrote a public relations firm working on behalf of the Association, denying its request to use the Presidential Seal in connection with its fundraising efforts. Mr. Meese has also corresponded with Association members in the past, in response to their requests to have the President visit the project. Meese was noncommittal. Deaver now wants your advise on whether the President should meet with Roosevelt and his friends.

Assuming that the Association is successful in obtaining 501(c)(3) status, we can interpose no serious objection to such a meeting. We would have to alert Association members that the meeting could not be used to aid their fundraising, although I suspect that is their primary motivation in asking for a meeting in the first place. The attached draft memorandum to Deaver notes no legal objection, but also suggests that the meeting may not be as useful as those seeking it would like it to be.

Attachment

THE WHITE HOUSE

WASHINGTON

September 12, 1983

MEMORANDUM FOR MICHAEL K. DEAVER
ASSISTANT TO THE PRESIDENT
DEPUTY CHIEF OF STAFF

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COUNSEL TO THE PRESIDENT

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NAME OF CORRESPONDENT: James Roosevelt
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COMMENTS: _____



September 1, 1983

The Hon. Michael Deaver,
Deputy Chief of Staff &
Assistant to the President
The White House
Washington, D.C. 20500

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Dear Michael:

I have the privilege of being associated with the ~~U.S.S. Intrepid~~, the Presidential Yacht my father used frequently during his Administration. The many good reasons to dedicate this memorial are reflected in the accompanying statement from the Board of Governors.

As you can see, President Reagan has been apprised of this ambitious project. His response is particularly gratifying to the Roosevelt family.

A delegation of friends is now making an appointment with ~~the President~~ to discuss our progress and ask for his continuing encouragement. The other individuals accompanying me are identified below:

The Honorable Lionel J. Wilson, Mayor of Oakland
Ms. Patricia Pineda, President, Oakland Board of
Port Commissioners
Mr. Douglas Fraser, President Emeritus, International
Union of United Auto Workers
Mrs. Emelyn K. Jewett, Senator Knowland's daughter

Naturally, we would like to see the President as soon as his schedule permits. I look forward to hearing from you.

Warmest personal regards,

Sincerely,

Jim Roosevelt
James Roosevelt

JR:cf

CC: The Hon. Frederick J. Ryan,
Director of Presidential
Scheduling & Appointments

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A STATEMENT FROM THE BOARD OF GOVERNORS
OF THE ASSOCIATION FOR THE PRESERVATION
OF THE PRESIDENTIAL YACHT U.S.S. POTOMAC

Throughout American history the private homes and personal retreats of Presidents have emerged as symbols of their greatness and as tangible reminders of the heritage and freedom we share.

Today we honor the U.S.S. Potomac, the Floating White House of the Presidency of Franklin Delano Roosevelt. This converted Coast Guard Patrol Boat became a symbol of hope and strength to all the free world during the pivotal Roosevelt years.

It was then, and there, on the decks and in the staterooms of the Potomac, that great ideas were born. Decisions were shaped that would carry the nation through the dark realities of its darkest moments.

During her historic years of Presidential service, the Potomac entertained the British Royal family, Queen Wilhelmina of the Netherlands, Princess Martha of Norway, and many other distinguished world leaders.

More than once the President addressed the nation from her Radio Room. He delivered his final Jackson Day Dinner speech from what he called "the little cabin of the little ship Potomac."

STATEMENT FROM THE BOARD
Page Two

In that speech, the President said: "If our kind of civilization gets run over, the kind of peace we seek will become a mere unattainable dream. That is why, in the comparative quiet of this week, I have become more than ever clear that the time calls for courage and more courage -- action and more action."

There is no doubt that President Roosevelt wrote these stirring words aboard the Potomac. Above all, this was his own quiet place, a place for "thinking things through." And in that role, this little ship did indeed shape history.

Our challenge now is to remember. By restoring the Potomac to her 1939 condition, we create an opportunity for future generations to recapture the memory of the Roosevelt years. We bring the pages of history to life for America's children. We teach the great lessons of a democratic nation. And we pay tribute to one of America's most beloved sons.

The use of the California Conservation Corps for the education and employment of young men and women on board the Potomac adds to the value of the project in a way that would have had special meaning for President Roosevelt. This same spirit is evident in the broad base of support already being garnered for the Potomac restoration.

STATEMENT FROM THE BOARD
Page Three

President Reagan has already taken the project under consideration. Edwin Meese III, Counselor to the President, has written that President Reagan "was particularly interested in the private sector participation and the establishment of the job-training program for disadvantaged young people."

Clearly, the support of the project before us is strong. And clearly, our mission is one of historic importance to the American people.

We cannot, we must not, forget the lessons of the past. It is our duty -- indeed our privilege -- to restore the U.S.S. Potomac, make her once again a vital, active force in America, and honor her throughout future generations.

Together we pledge to preserve the Potomac as a living tribute to the Roosevelt years. May this unique historic national treasure always remind us of the triumphs we have known. This vessel will give Americans a glimpse of the political life of our nation -- a perspective required to prepare us for future challenges; not unlike those faced by Franklin Delano Roosevelt.

The Board of Governors

8/30/83

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James Roosevelt

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the U.S.S. Potomac

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10/21/83

MEMORANDUM

TO: JOHN ROGERS

FROM: FREDERICK J. RYAN, JR. *fr*

SUBJ: APPROVED PRESIDENTIAL ACTIVITY

MEETING: Meeting with James Roosevelt, etal (UNP)

DATE: November 3, 1983

TIME: 4:15 pm

DURATION: 15 minutes

LOCATION: Oval Office

REMARKS REQUIRED: Talking points to be covered in briefing paper

MEDIA COVERAGE: If any, coordinate with Press Office

FIRST LADY
PARTICIPATION: No

NOTE: PROJECT OFFICER, SEE ATTACHED CHECKLIST

cc: R. Darman	C. McCain
R. Deprospero	J. Rosebush
K. Duberstein	R. Scouten
B. Elliott	B. Shaddix
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G. Hodges	A. Wroblewski
	Nell Yates



Bill
don't let this
slip —

October 3, 1983

APPROVED FOR
Date. 10/3/83
Time. 4:15
Length. 15 min
Date. 10/10/83 FJR

The Honorable Michael K. Deaver,
Assistant to the President
Deputy Chief of Staff
The White House
Washington, D.C. 20500


Dear Mike:

Thank you for your good letter of 9-14. I have taken some time to reply in order to make sure all of our people understand the rules respecting fund raising and we will, of course, strictly adhere to the rules. I shall be awaiting Fred Ryan's call. We are all lined up here and I will fill him in with the details.

Needless to say, I do hope you know how much I appreciate your help and I do hope it will be of benefit to the President. I shall, of course, keep you informed of the arrangements as they are developed.

All good wishes and appreciation.

Sincerely,


James Roosevelt

JR:cf

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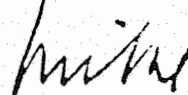
Dear Jim:

Thank you for your letter of September 1st. I have spoken with Fred Ryan, Director of the Scheduling office and he will be getting in touch with you to set a time for a meeting with the President. However I must explain that we object to any effort to use the meeting to involve the President in fundraising.

We have already denied a request filed on behalf of the association to use the Presidential Seal in fundraising for the restoration effort. It must further state that the fact of the meeting, or any statement of photographs flowing from it may not be used to aid in fundraising.

If there is anything else I can do please get in touch.

Sincerely,



MICHAEL K. DEAVER
Assistant to the President
Deputy Chief of Staff

The Honorable James Roosevelt
120 Newport Center Drive, Suite 206
Newport Beach, California 92660

THE WHITE HOUSE
WASHINGTON

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OFFICE

SEPTEMBER 7, 1983

MEMORANDUM

TO: JOHN ROGERS

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

SUBJ: REQUEST FOR SCHEDULING RECOMMENDATION

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

EVENT: Meeting with James Roosevelt, etal, to discuss
progress of restoration of U.S.S. Potomac,
the Presidential Yacht used by President
Roosevelt.

DATE: ---

LOCATION: The White House

BACKGROUND: See attached

YOUR RECOMMENDATION:

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Priority___
Routine___

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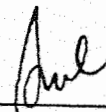
IF RECOMMENDATION IS TO ~~ACCEPT~~, PLEASE CITE REASONS:

My recommendation to regret this meeting is based on the political sensitivities surrounding the former Presidential Yacht, the Sequoia. (Similarities may be sighted between this yacht, U.S.S. Potomac, and the Sequoia.)

RESPONSE DUE 9-12-83

TO

Sarah Long



JIM ROOSEVELT

September 1, 1983

The Hon. Frederick J. Ryan,
Director of Presidential
Scheduling & Appointments

Dear Fred:

Just so you have my copy of my letter
to Mr. Deaver, please find the enclosed.

Warm personal regards,

Sincerely,

Jim Roosevelt.

THE WHITE HOUSE

WASHINGTON

September 12, 1983

MEMORANDUM FOR FRED F. FIELDING

FROM: JOHN G. ROBERTS *JGR*

SUBJECT: Request by James Roosevelt for Meeting
with the President to Discuss U.S.S.
Potomac Restoration Efforts

James Roosevelt, son of FDR, has written Michael Deaver to ask for a meeting between the President and several individuals associated with the effort to restore FDR's Presidential Yacht, Potomac. The yacht is owned by the Port of Oakland, and is being restored by the Association for the Restoration of the Presidential Yacht Potomac (the Association). The Association is filing for 501(c)(3) status.

You may recall that on July 6, 1983, you wrote a public relations firm working on behalf of the Association, denying its request to use the Presidential Seal in connection with its fundraising efforts. Mr. Meese has also corresponded with Association members in the past, in response to their requests to have the President visit the project. Meese was noncommittal. Deaver now wants your advise on whether the President should meet with Roosevelt and his friends.

Assuming that the Association is successful in obtaining 501(c)(3) status, we can interpose no serious objection to such a meeting. We would have to alert Association members that the meeting could not be used to aid their fundraising, although I suspect that is their primary motivation in asking for a meeting in the first place. The attached draft memorandum to Deaver notes no legal objection, but also suggests that the meeting may not be as useful as those seeking it would like it to be.

Attachment



September 1, 1983

The Hon. Michael Deaver,
Deputy Chief of Staff &
Assistant to the President
The White House
Washington, D.C. 20500

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Dear Michael: .

I have the privilege of being associated with the voluntary effort to restore the U.S.S. Potomac, the Presidential Yacht my father used frequently during his Administration. The many good reasons to dedicate this memorial are reflected in the accompanying statement from the Board of Governors.

As you can see, President Reagan has been apprised of this ambitious project. His response is particularly gratifying to the Roosevelt family.

A delegation of friends is now seeking an appointment with the President to discuss our progress and ask for his continuing encouragement. The other individuals accompanying me are identified below:

The Honorable Lionel J. Wilson, Mayor of Oakland
Ms. Patricia Pineda, President, Oakland Board of
Port Commissioners
Mr. Douglas Fraser, President Emeritus, International
Union of United Auto Workers
Mrs. Emelyn K. Jewett, Senator Knowland's daughter

Naturally, we would like to see the President as soon as his schedule permits. I look forward to hearing from you.

Warmest personal regards,

Sincerely,

Jim Roosevelt
James Roosevelt

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CC: The Hon. Frederick J. Ryan,
Director of Presidential
Scheduling & Appointments

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A STATEMENT FROM THE BOARD OF GOVERNORS
OF THE ASSOCIATION FOR THE PRESERVATION
OF THE PRESIDENTIAL YACHT U.S.S. POTOMAC

Throughout American history the private homes and personal retreats of Presidents have emerged as symbols of their greatness and as tangible reminders of the heritage and freedom we share.

Today we honor the U.S.S. Potomac, the Floating White House of the Presidency of Franklin Delano Roosevelt. This converted Coast Guard Patrol Boat became a symbol of hope and strength to all the free world during the pivotal Roosevelt years.

It was then, and there, on the decks and in the staterooms of the Potomac, that great ideas were born. Decisions were shaped that would carry the nation through the dark realities of its darkest moments.

During her historic years of Presidential service, the Potomac entertained the British Royal family, Queen Wilhelmina of the Netherlands, Princess Martha of Norway, and many other distinguished world leaders.

More than once the President addressed the nation from her Radio Room. He delivered his final Jackson Day Dinner speech from what he called "the little cabin of the little ship Potomac."

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In that speech, the President said: "If our kind of civilization gets run over, the kind of peace we seek will become a mere unattainable dream. That is why, in the comparative quiet of this week, I have become more than ever clear that the time calls for courage and more courage -- action and more action."

There is no doubt that President Roosevelt wrote these stirring words aboard the Potomac. Above all, this was his own quiet place, a place for "thinking things through." And in that role, this little ship did indeed shape history.

Our challenge now is to remember. By restoring the Potomac to her 1939 condition, we create an opportunity for future generations to recapture the memory of the Roosevelt years. We bring the pages of history to life for America's children. We teach the great lessons of a democratic nation. And we pay tribute to one of America's most beloved sons.

The use of the California Conservation Corps for the education and employment of young men and women on board the Potomac adds to the value of the project in a way that would have had special meaning for President Roosevelt. This same spirit is evident in the broad base of support already being garnered for the Potomac restoration.

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President Reagan has already taken the project under consideration. Edwin Meese III, Counselor to the President, has written that President Reagan "was particularly interested in the private sector participation and the establishment of the job-training program for disadvantaged young people."

Clearly, the support of the project before us is strong. And clearly, our mission is one of historic importance to the American people.

We cannot, we must not, forget the lessons of the past. It is our duty -- indeed our privilege -- to restore the U.S.S. Potomac, make her once again a vital, active force in America, and honor her throughout future generations.

Together we pledge to preserve the Potomac as a living tribute to the Roosevelt years. May this unique historic national treasure always remind us of the triumphs we have known. This vessel will give Americans a glimpse of the political life of our nation -- a perspective required to prepare us for future challenges; not unlike those faced by Franklin Delano Roosevelt.

The Board of Governors

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James Roosevelt

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Subject: Writer would like the President to know that a non-profit organization utilizing disadvantaged young people of the California Conservation Corps, has been formed to restore and operate former President Roosevelt's yacht, the Potomac.

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6 July 1983

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Thank you for your recent letter concerning the efforts that you and others are making, in conjunction with the Port of Oakland, to restore and operate the Potomac. I know this will have great historical significance, since the use of this ship by President Roosevelt is well known. In addition, the use of the California Conservation Corps and your own activities as Chairman of the Board of Governors of the non-profit organization, add to the value of this enterprise.

I have advised the President of this project and he was particularly interested in the private sector participation and the establishment of the employment training program for disadvantaged young people.

We will certainly keep in mind your kind offer for the President to personally to witness the work on the yacht, in the hope that this might be worked in to a future trip to the Oakland area.

Thanks again for bringing this to my attention and best personal wishes.

Sincerely,

EDWIN MEESE III

Mr. James Roosevelt
The Association for the Restoration
of the Presidential Yacht Potomac
95 Jack London Square
Oakland, California 94607

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THE COUNSELLOR TO THE PRESIDENT

6 July 1983

Dear Jim:

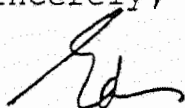
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EDWIN MEESE III

Mr. James Roosevelt
The Association for the Restoration
of the Presidential Yacht Potomac
95 Jack London Square
Oakland, California 94607

THE WHITE HOUSE
WASHINGTON

29 April 1983

Dear Jim:

Thank you for your recent letter regarding the ongoing efforts to restore and operate former President Roosevelt's yacht, the Potomac.

I am sure that the President will be pleased to hear about this program, especially since it is a private sector venture utilizing disadvantaged young people of the California Conservation Corps.

We will keep in mind your kind offer for him to personally witness the work on the yacht, and I hope you will keep us informed as to the progress of this worthwhile project.

With best personal wishes,

Sincerely,

EDWIN MEESE III
Counsellor to the President

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95 Jack London Square
Oakland, CA 94607

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The Association for the Restoration of the Presidential Yacht Potomac

A Non-Profit Organization Established for the Restoration of the President Roosevelt Yacht — U.S.S. Potomac
95 Jack London Square, Oakland, California 94607 • 415/444-3188

April 15, 1983

The Honorable Edwin Meese
Counsellor to the President
The White House
1600 Pennsylvania Avenue
Washington, D.C. 20500

Dear Ed:

The Port of Oakland acquired the former President Roosevelt's yacht, Potomac, for the purpose of restoring and operating this historic vessel as a floating maritime museum. I have agreed to serve as the Chairman of the Board of Governors of the non-profit organization which has been formed to direct this program and to obtain support for this community project. One of the first steps taken in the restoration process was to establish an innovative employment training program which utilizes disadvantaged young men and women of the California Conservation Corps -- an organization which has its origins in Mr. Reagan's Ecology Corps, started when he was governor, and my father's Civilian Conservation Corps.

I have visited the project and observed the work being done by these young Californians and it is impressive. We have been encouraged to expand this unique job training program to include other segments of the community. Because of the enthusiasm and growing support for this project we believe the President will want to know more about this successful partnership between government and the private sector. The Board of Governors represents all aspects of the community. The Board is now engaged in a national fund raising campaign to obtain the funds needed to complete the restoration and establish an endowment to make it possible for school children and senior citizens to travel on the ship at no cost to them, or to the public.

Work on the Potomac is well underway and, because of the success we are having, I believe you might want to share this information with President Reagan.

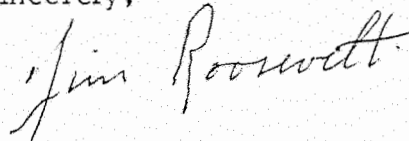
We anticipate the restoration will be far enough along by the late summer or early fall of 1983 to open the yacht to public view. Perhaps the President might wish to plan a visit to personally observe the work in progress and to meet with some of the wonderful young persons who are giving so much to this project.

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This project represents the kind of model advocated in President Reagan's new job training partnership act, and, because of the key role of the Port of Oakland in the Potomac restoration and its status as the leading export facility in the United States for the Far East, I think such a visit would serve to dramatically underscore the President's initiative on restoring a popular training program started in the 1930's by my father, and this President's concern with the role of the United States in promoting international trade.

I look forward to your response.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Jim Roosevelt". The signature is written in dark ink and is positioned above the printed name.

James Roosevelt

THE WHITE HOUSE

WASHINGTON

September 12, 1983

MEMORANDUM FOR MICHAEL K. DEEVER
ASSISTANT TO THE PRESIDENT
DEPUTY CHIEF OF STAFF

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

SUBJECT: Request by James Roosevelt for Meeting
with the President to Discuss U.S.S.
Potomac Restoration Efforts

You have asked for our views on the request from James Roosevelt that the President meet with him and several other individuals associated with the effort to restore FDR's Presidential Yacht, Potomac. The effort is a joint project of the Port of Oakland and the Association for the Restoration of the Presidential Yacht Potomac. The latter organization, which has filed for 501(c)(3) status with the IRS, is actively involved in raising funds for the project.

Assuming that the Association is granted 501(c)(3) status, we would have no objection to several of its members, and others involved in the restoration project, meeting with the President to advise him of their efforts. We would, however, object to any effort to use the meeting to involve the President in fundraising. We have already denied a request filed on behalf of the Association to use the Presidential Seal in fundraising for the restoration effort.

Should a meeting be held, Mr. Roosevelt and his colleagues should be made fully aware in advance that the fact of the meeting, or any statements or photographs flowing from it, may not be used to aid their fundraising. Such a limitation may remove their main purpose in seeking the meeting.

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THE WHITE HOUSE

WASHINGTON

April 24, 1984

MEMORANDUM FOR FRED F. FIELDING

FROM:

JOHN G. ROBERTS *JGR*

SUBJECT:

Information Concerning the Potomac
Restoration Project from James Roosevelt

At the behest of James Roosevelt, Walter A. Abernathy, Executive Director of the Port of Oakland and ex officio member of the Board of Governors of the Association for the Restoration of the Presidential Yacht Potomac, has sent you a packet of material on the Potomac restoration project. According to Abernathy, the material was sent as background for your scheduled May 2 meeting with Mr. Roosevelt, who is Chairman of the Association.

The Potomac was Franklin D. Roosevelt's Presidential yacht. After Roosevelt's death it fell on bad times and was eventually purchased at a salvage auction by the Port of Oakland in 1981. It is now the subject of an agreement between the Port and the Association. Under the agreement the Association will restore, operate, and maintain the vessel, which will be docked at the Port. The Port has granted some \$400,000 seed money for the restoration effort, and the Association is actively engaged in raising the necessary funds to complete the project.

Our office has dealt with issues concerning the Potomac on several occasions. On July 6, 1983, you denied a request by a public relations firm for permission to use the Seal of the President in connection with fundraising for the Association. On September 12, 1983, you sent a memorandum to Mr. Deaver, noting no legal objection to the President meeting with Association leaders but stressing that the Association leaders could not use the fact of the meeting or any photographs derived from it in fundraising. On November 3, 1983, Association leaders met with the President and you. The meeting was purely informational. Lastly, on November 22, 1983, Cornell C. Maier, who attended the White House meeting, wrote you asking that you familiarize Secretary Dole and Admiral Shear, the Maritime Administrator, with the substance of that meeting. You provided the Admiral with information about the restoration project, making it quite clear to Shear and Maier that any decision about involvement by the

Federal Maritime Administration (FMA) would be that of the FMA alone, and that the White House was not involved in the private effort. Copies of all prior memoranda and correspondence from our office involving the Potomac project are attached.

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PORT OF OAKLAND
OAKLAND, CALIFORNIA 94607

OFFICE OF THE
EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR

April 4, 1984

Mr. Fred Fielding
Counsel to the President
The White House
Washington, D.C. 20500

Dear Mr. Fielding:

James Roosevelt asked me to send you the attached information package concerning the Potomac restoration project in anticipation of your meeting on May 2. I hope this will give you helpful background information concerning the goals and status of the project.

If you have any questions or need additional information, please do not hesitate to let me know.

Sincerely,

Walter A. Abernathy
Executive Director

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cc: James Roosevelt

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