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MEMORANDUM

THE WHITE HOUSE

WASHINGTON

March 14, 1983

MEMORANDUM FOR FRED F. FIELDING

FROM: JOHN G. ROBERTS *JGR*

SUBJECT: Postage Stamp Honoring Douglas Fairbanks, Sr.

At a March 18 meeting, the Citizen Stamp Advisory Committee will reconsider a proposal to issue a commemorative stamp honoring the actor Douglas Fairbanks, Sr. The Committee declined to recommend the issuance of such a stamp at an earlier meeting. Douglas Fairbanks, Jr., wrote W.R. Hearst to seek his support for the stamp, and Hearst contacted Bob Gallagher. Gallagher has inquired what can be done by the President in connection with this matter, and Becky Norton Dunlop has sent the inquiry to you, noting that the younger Fairbanks is a personal friend of the President. She asks, specifically, if the President can and should contact the Chairman of the Committee in support of the Fairbanks stamp.

The Citizen Stamp Advisory Committee is a Postal Service advisory committee. It issues recommendations to the Postmaster General, who makes the final decision on issuance of stamps. It receives some 4,000 proposals for commemorative stamps each year; less than twenty are issued annually.

I do not think the President should become involved in this matter. A mechanism is in place for selecting commemorative stamps, and a call or letter from the President would constitute interference with established procedures on behalf of a personal friend. This is particularly objectionable since the Committee previously voted not to issue a Fairbanks stamp.

I have drafted a memorandum to Dunlop for your signature, advising that the President not involve himself in this affair. Dunlop has requested a response by close of business.

THE WHITE HOUSE

WASHINGTON

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MEMORANDUM FOR BECKY NORTON DUNLOP
SPECIAL ASSISTANT TO THE PRESIDENT

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

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cc: FFFielding
✓JGRoberts
Subj.
Chron

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WHITE HOUSE CORRESPONDENCE TRACKING WORKSHEET

☐ O - OUTGOING☐ H - INTERNAL☐ I - INCOMINGDate Correspondence
Received (YY/MM/DD) 1 / 1Name of Correspondent: Becky Norton-Dunlop☐ MI Mail Report

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

Subject: Postage Stamp Honoring Douglas Fairbanks, Sr.

ROUTE TO:

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DISPOSITION

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ACTION CODES:

A - Appropriate Action
 C - Comment/Recommendation
 D - Draft Response
 F - Furnish Fact Sheet
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I - Info Copy Only/No Action Necessary
 R - Direct Reply w/Copy
 S - For Signature
 X - Interim Reply

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THE WHITE HOUSE
WASHINGTON

March 14, 1963

MEMORANDUM FOR FRED FIELDING

FROM: BECKY NORTON DUNLOP *BNE*
SUBJECT: POSTAGE STAMP HONORING DOUGLAS
FAIRBANKS, SR.

Attached is a package of material concerning the postal service's upcoming opportunity to adopt a postage stamp honoring Douglas Fairbanks, Sr.

The meeting at which this option will be discussed is March 18, Friday.

The President is a personal friend of Douglas Fairbanks, Jr. who is very interested in seeing this honor bestowed on his father.

Can the President send a letter or make a phone call to the Chairman of the committee supporting a stamp honoring Douglas Fairbanks, Sr.? Should he?

Please respond directly to Dick Darman by close of business, if possible.

Thank you.

THE WHITE HOUSE
WASHINGTON

March 10, 1983

NOTE TO BECKY

FROM PATSY *pf*

SUBJECT: Fairbanks Stamp

The Postmaster General's office has advised me that the Citizens Stamp Advisory Committee will reconsider the Fairbanks Stamp on March 18. They have indicated that lots of letters supporting it would certainly be a major influence in a vote of approval. If it is not approved, however, it can be brought up at the next meeting again and again and again and again.

Should I hold this file until after March 18 or would you like a draft memo done for Darman or whoever?

WHITE HOUSE STAFFING MEMORANDUM

DATE: 3/7/83 ACTION/CONCURRENCE/COMMENT DUE BY: 3/14/83

SUBJECT: LETTER OF FEBRUARY 10 FROM W.R. HEARST

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VICE PRESIDENT	☐	☐	GERGEN	☐	☐
MEESE	☐	☐	HARPER	☐	☐
BAKER	☐	☐	JENKINS	☐	☐
DEAVER	☐	☐	MURPHY	☐	☐
STOCKMAN	☐	☐	ROLLINS	☐	☐
CLARK	☐	☐	WHITTLESEY	☐	☐
DARMAN	☒ P	☐ SS	WILLIAMSON	☐	☐
DUBERSTEIN	☐	☐	VON DAMM	☐	☐
FELDSTEIN	☐	☐	BRADY/SPEAKES	☐	☐
FIELDING	☐	☐	ROGERS	☐	☐
FULLER /DUNLOP	☒	☐		☐	☐

Remarks:

Would you please check into this?

Richard G. Darman
 Assistant to the President
 (x2702)

Response:

THE WHITE HOUSE
WASHINGTON

TO: Dick Darman

FROM: KATHY OSBORNE
Personal Secretary
to the President

DATE: 2-25-83

Please note the March
deadline. D. Fairbanks,
Jr. is a personal friend
of RR. Can RR be involved
in this??????

THE WHITE HOUSE

WASHINGTON

25 February 1983

TO: Kathy Osborne

FROM: Bob Gallagher

RE: Special Request

I received a telephone call from Mr. Hearst concerning this letter he received from Douglas Fairbanks, Jr.

Would you be so kind as to look at it and see what you think can be done.

Thank you so much for your thoughtful consideration and assistance with this request.

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HEARST NEWSPAPERS

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February 10, 1963

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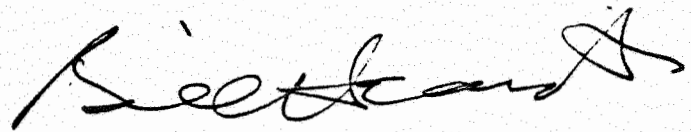
Mr. Bob Gallagher
Presidential Inquiry
White House Office
Washington, D.C. 20500

Dear Bob:

This is all the information I have and I
second the motion; for what that's worth.

I'm sure if the Boss knows about it, he'll
say a word to somebody about it as, after all, that
was his original occupation too.

Sincerely,



W. R. Hearst, Jr.

m
att.

February 4, 1983

Recd

Mr. William R. Hearst, Jr.
810 Fifth Avenue
New York, N.Y. 10021

*Bob Gallagher
Presidential Inauguration
White House
20500*

Dear Willie:

There is a movement well afoot - in fact it all started some time ago - to request the Postal Service to issue a commemorative stamp honoring my father (this year happens to be the Centenary of his birth). A number of family and friends wrote in but the Committee that decides these things passed over the proposal (even though they had already approved George M. Cohan, the Barrymores, D.W. Griffith, et al). This made some of us feel that it was a most unfair decision as his status as an international star has never been equalled by anyone since, nor has his influence on the young of his generation, nor, indeed, on the "pro-American" effect which his image projected world-wide.

Now the Postal Service says the Board will reconsider the proposal this coming March and they will be influenced by the letters and support the suggestion gets by the time they meet. If you feel such a posthumous honor would be justified, I - and all my wide-ranging tribe - would be proudly grateful if you could just drop a line to:

Mr. Jack Williams
Stamp Division
U.S. Postal Service
Washington, D.C. 20260

If you don't feel like it, or feel it inappropriate, or you haven't time, don't fret as I'd understand perfectly (in fact, I need never know if you did or didn't!!).

Meanwhile, thanks for reading this.

Yours, *Love from the
to both Les and
T. C. C.*
Douglas Fairbanks, Jr.

DF/g

*P.S. How I loved
the film "The Sign of the Cross" - your
great birthday book!*