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# **WHITE HOUSE CORRESPONDENCE TRACKING WORKSHEET**

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Received (YY/MM/DD) 1 / 1Name of Correspondent: Richard Daiman☐ MI Mail Report

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 SUBJECT: PRESIDENTIAL SPEECH PLANNING SCHEDULE

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**REMARKS:**

PLEASE PROVIDE ANY COMMENTS OR SUGGESTIONS TO BEN ELLIOTT,  
WITH A COPY TO MY OFFICE. THANK YOU.

**RESPONSE:**

Richard G. Darman  
Assistant to the President  
Ext. 2702

July 2, 1984

PRESIDENTIAL SPEECH PLANNING SCHEDULE

EVENT DATE WRITER  
RESEARCHER TOPIC/THEME/PURPOSE

A. SPEECHES

ADDRESS TEXAS BAR ASSOCIATION  
(San Antonio, TX)

07/06  
Friday

Tony  
Kim

ADDRESS NATIONAL CAMPERS & HIKERS  
ASSOCIATION CAMPVENTION  
(Bowling Green, KY)

07/12  
Thursday

Peter  
Julie

B. RADIO TALKS

RADIO TALK:

07/07  
Saturday

Ben

RADIO TALK:

07/14  
Saturday

Ben

RADIO TALK:

07/21  
Saturday

Ben

RADIO TALK:

07/28  
Saturday

<u>EVENT</u>	<u>DATE</u>	<u>WRITER RESEARCHER</u>	<u>TOPIC/THEME/PURPOSE</u>
<u>C. REMARKS</u>			
"FIRECRACKER 400" AUTO RACE (Daytona Beach, FL)	07/04 Wednesday	Dana KimW	
SPIRIT OF AMERICA RALLY (Decatur, AL)	07/04 Wednesday	Peggy Julie	
GM ASSEMBLY PLANT (Detroit, MI)	07/05 Thursday	Dana KimW	
REGIONAL PRESS BRIEFING/LUNCHEON FOR EDITORS & BROADCASTERS	07/09 Monday	Peter KimW	
DROPBY MEETING OF AMERICAN COALITION FOR TRADITIONAL VALUES	07/09 Monday	Ben Elizabeth	
VISIT TO CHESAPEAKE BAY FOR ENVIRONMENTAL EVENT	07/10 Tuesday	Dana Kim	
COMMEMORATION OF 30TH ANNIVERSARY OF FOOD FOR PEACE PROGRAM	07/10 Tuesday	Peggy Julie	
DROPBY BRIEFING FOR CITIZENS FOR AMERICA	07/11 Wednesday	Peggy Elizabeth	
PRESENTATION OF ENVIRONMENTAL QUALITY REPORT AT THEODORE ROOSEVELT ISLAND	07/11 Wednesday	Al Kim	

<u>EVENT</u>	<u>DATE</u>	<u>WRITER RESEARCHER</u>	<u>TOPIC/THEME/PURPOSE</u>
AMERICAN FARM BUREAU FEDERATION	07/13 Friday	KimW	
LUNCH WITH ELECTED GOP WOMEN OFFICIALS	07/13 Friday	Peggy Kim	
SIGNING CEREMONY FOR CAPTIVE NATIONS WEEK PROCLAMATION	07/16 Monday	Ben	
25TH ANNIVERSARY OF THE SAINT LAWRENCE SEAWAY (Massena, NY)	07/17 Tuesday	Dana	
RECEPTION FOR PRESIDENT'S PRIVATE SECTOR SURVEY ON COST CONTROL	07/18 Wednesday	Tony Elizabeth	
NATIONAL POW-MIA RECOGNITION DAY	07/20 Friday	Peggy Julie	
GREET GIRLS' NATION GROUP	07/20 Friday	Peter Kim	
RECEPTION FOR FUTURE FARMERS OF AMERICA	07/24 Tuesday	Al KimW	
POLISH-AMERICAN LUNCHEON	07/25 Wednesday	Peggy	
GREET BOYS' NATION GROUP	07/26 Thursday	Peter	

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OPENING CEREMONY OF SUMMER OLYMPICS (Los Angeles, CA)	07/28 Saturday	Peggy	

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E. TAPINGS

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TAPING: PUBLIC SERVICE ANNOUNCEMENT FOR UNITED NEGRO COLLEGE FUND	07/09 Monday	Peter Elizabeth	
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TAPING: MESSAGE FOR REAGAN-BUSH PRE-CONVENTION CELEBRATIONS	07/09 Monday		
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TAPING: MESSAGE TO LOCAL CELEBRA- TIONS ON EVE OF PRESIDENT'S NOMINATION AT CONVENTION	07/09 Monday		
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TAPING: NATIONAL COUNCIL ON ADOPTABLE CHILDREN	07/24 Tuesday		
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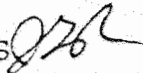
THE WHITE HOUSE

WASHINGTON

July 3, 1984

MEMORANDUM FOR RICHARD A. HAUSER.

FROM:

JOHN G. ROBERTS 

SUBJECT:

Presidential Remarks: Anniversary  
of Duck Stamp Program

Richard Darman has asked that comments on the above-referenced remarks be sent directly to Ben Elliott by 9:00 a.m. today. The remarks praise the duck stamp program, and its creator, cartoonist Ding Darling. I have reviewed the remarks and have no objections. The tone of the remarks suggests a reference to the golden anniversary of Donald Duck would not, after all, be appropriate.

Attachment



THE WHITE HOUSE  
WASHINGTON

July 3, 1984

MEMORANDUM FOR BEN ELLIOTT  
DEPUTY ASSISTANT TO THE PRESIDENT  
DIRECTOR, PRESIDENTIAL SPEECHWRITING

FROM: RICHARD A. HAUSER *Original signed by RAH*  
DEPUTY COUNSEL TO THE PRESIDENT

SUBJECT: Presidential Remarks: Anniversary  
of Duck Stamp Program

Counsel's Office has reviewed the above-referenced remarks,  
and finds no objection to them from a legal perspective.

cc: Richard G. Darman

RAH:JGR:aea 7/3/84

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TUESDAY, JULY 3, 1984

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## REMARKS:

The attached has gone forward to the President. Please forward any minor edits directly to Ben Elliott in room 100 by 9:00 a.m. TOMORROW, TUESDAY, JULY 3, 1984.

Thank you.

## RESPONSE:

Richard G. Darman  
Assistant to the President  
Ext. 2702

1984 JUL -2 PM 5:21

(Robinson/BE)  
July 2, 1984  
4:30 p.m.

PRESIDENTIAL REMARKS: ANNIVERSARY OF DUCK STAMP PROGRAM  
TUESDAY, JULY 3, 1984

Secretary Clark, ladies and gentlemen, good morning and welcome to the White House.

Today we join in honoring the 50th anniversary of one of the most successful and popular of all Federal wildlife conservation programs. Officially, the centerpiece of this program is called the Migratory Bird Hunting and Conservation Stamp, but to wildlife lovers across the country, it's simply the Duck Stamp.

The Duck Stamp was the brain child of a famous Iowan and a great American, the award-winning editorial cartoonist and conservationist Jay N. Darling, known to all as "Ding." Ding was one of the foremost conservation figures of his day. And throughout his career as a cartoonist, that commitment to conservation came through loud and clear. Sometimes Ding drew a bleak picture. But he did so for a purpose -- to shake his fellow citizens out of their complacency about our resources. Too many still considered our resources inexhaustible. Ding knew different, and for millions of Americans, he made the concept of conservation come alive.

Ding saw the greed and foibles that threatened to wreck our resources, but he also saw the abiding goodness in one very important species -- his fellow man. Ding was convinced that Americans would respond to the call to help our wildlife, and that their efforts could reverse the serious decline that was

affecting our wildlife and waterfowl. He was right on both counts. The people responded, and the waterfowl came back.

More than anything else, it was Ding's idea for a Duck Stamp that enabled that change to take place. The Duck Stamp quickly caught on with duck hunters, corporations, and conservation groups of all kinds. To date, more than 90 million stamps have been sold, for revenues totalling nearly \$300 million. And those revenues have been used to purchase thousands of acres of wetlands. One hundred and eighty-six of our national wildlife refuges have been funded wholly or in part through the Duck Stamp program. These refuges serve as a haven for waterfowl, protect fish and other wildlife, reduce flooding, and serve as natural water purifiers.

For five decades, you, the sportsmen and conservationists who've been buying Duck Stamps, have been giving our Nation a gift of beautiful wetlands and flourishing wildlife. On behalf of all Americans, I thank you. And as Duck Stamps begin their second half century, I believe we can expect to see more and more Americans join you in your tradition of giving.

Thank you, God bless you, and now I'd like to buy a Duck Stamp myself.

THE WHITE HOUSE

WASHINGTON

July 16, 1984

MEMORANDUM FOR FRED F. FIELDING

FROM: JOHN G. ROBERTS *JGR*

SUBJECT: Presidential Remarks: Signing  
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SUBJECT: PRESIDENTIAL REMARKS: SIGNING CEREMONY FOR LEGISLATION TO RAISE

NATIONWIDE DRINKING AGE  
TUESDAY, JULY 17, 1984

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**REMARKS:**

Please provide any edits/comments directly to Ben Elliott in room 100 by 9:00 a.m. MONDAY, JULY 16, with an information copy to my office.

Thank you.

**RESPONSE:**

Richard G. Darman  
Assistant to the President  
Ext. 2702

1984 JUL 13 PM 3:53

Received  
1984 JUL 13 PM 3:01

(Robinson/BE)  
July 13, 1984  
2:00 p.m.

PRESIDENTIAL REMARKS: SIGNING CEREMONY FOR LEGISLATION  
TO RAISE NATIONWIDE DRINKING AGE  
TUESDAY, JULY 17, 1984

Good afternoon and welcome to the White House. When I accepted the nomination of my party to run for President nearly 4 years ago, I shared my vision of the future. I said, "We need a rebirth of the American tradition of leadership at every level of government, and in private life as well. The United States of America is unique in world history because it has a genius for leaders -- many leaders -- on many levels."

Since then, we've seen the rise of a great national movement -- a movement led by men and women in all walks of life. It began in communities, spread to State governments, and has now won wide support here in our Nation's Capital -- the movement against drunk driving. The bill we've gathered to sign today reflects the will of the American people and takes the battle to stop drunk driving one crucial step further.

Permit me to tell you why I believe this bill is so important. We know that drinking plus driving can spell death and disaster. We know that people from 18 to 20 are more than twice as likely to be in alcohol-related accidents as those in any other age group. We know that America has a clear stake in making certain that her sons and daughters, so full of vitality and promise, are not crippled or killed. And we know one simple measure that will save thousands of young lives -- raising the drinking age to 21.

Now, raising the drinking age isn't a fad or an experiment. It's a proven success. Every State that has raised the drinking age to 21 has produced a significant cut in teenage driving fatalities. In Illinois, teenage fatalities have dropped 23 percent; in New Jersey, 26 percent; and in Michigan, 31 percent.

Yet, today, only about half our States have age-21 laws. That leaves us with a crazy-quilt of different State drinking laws, and far too many "blood borders" -- borders teens drive across to reach States with lower drinking ages. These teenagers drink, then careen home, all too often causing crippling or fatal accidents.

This problem is bigger than the individual States -- it's a grave national problem that touches all our lives. With a problem so clear-cut and a proven solution at hand, I have no misgivings about this judicious use of Federal power. I'm convinced it will help persuade State legislatures to act in the national interest and save our children's lives.

Many have toiled long and hard to make this bill possible. Members of the Congress, Secretary Dole, and the thousands of concerned Americans like the members of Mothers Against Drunk Driving, by supporting this legislation, you've done our Nation a service, and each of you has my heartfelt thanks.

Thank you, God bless you, and now let me sign the bill.