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THE WHITE HOUSE

WASHINGTON

November 1, 1985

MEMORANDUM FOR ANNE HIGGINS
SPECIAL ASSISTANT TO THE PRESIDENT
DIRECTOR OF CORRESPONDENCE

FROM: JOHN G. ROBERTS
ASSOCIATE COUNSEL TO THE PRESIDENT

SUBJECT: Draft Proclamation: National
Drug Abuse Education Week, 1985

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

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November 1, 1985

MEMORANDUM FOR:

FRED FIELDING
ALFRED H. KINGON
M. B. OGLESBY
JACK SVAHN
MITCH DANIELS
PAT BUCHANAN
FRED RYAN (FYI)

FROM:

(for) Phil Nicolaides
ANNE HIGGINS
94 OEOB

SUBJECT:

(DRAFT PROCLAMATION)

National Drug Abuse Education Week,
1985

Attached for your review is the above mentioned proclamation designating the week of November 3 through 9, 1985, as "National Drug Abuse Education Week."

It was submitted by the White House Office of Drug Abuse Policy and edited/revised by this office.

(IMMEDIATE ATTENTION REQUIRED.) Written response required by no later than CLOSE OF BUSINESS TODAY, November 1. For routine clearance, call Anita Bevacqua, extension 2941. For questions or discussion, call Phil Nicolaides, extension 7610.

Thank you.

cc: Ron Geisler

NATIONAL DRUG ABUSE EDUCATION WEEK, 1985

BY THE PRESIDENT OF THE UNITED STATES OF AMERICA

A PROCLAMATION

Only a decade ago, many people believed that drug abuse was an insurmountable problem. We now know this is not the case, and renewed efforts by law enforcement officials, parents, educators, and other community leaders have achieved success. Law enforcement and international cooperation have contributed to reducing the availability and supply of illegal drugs. Research and experience have given us insight into the cause and treatment of drug and alcohol abuse. Most importantly, Americans have changed their attitudes toward both drugs and abusers. Negative attitudes have been replaced with understanding, and drug abuse is recognized as dangerous to the health of both individuals and society as a whole. We have developed a sense of responsibility, collectively and individually. Today, we hold the key to creating a drug-free society: prevention of drug abuse through awareness and education.

Many people have contributed to this improved situation. During the past four years, all segments of American society have worked together to stop drug abuse among our young and have brought about new laws and public policies. Young people everywhere are moving away from drug-taking behavior and embracing positive goals such as excellence in education, physical fitness, and personal integrity. Drug abuse is seen for what it really is: destructive of life's potential and a tragic waste of health and opportunity.

Parents have banded together, and young people are receiving strong support for behavior that is anti-drug, pro-achievement, and that recognizes individual responsibility. These efforts are creating an environment that nurtures the Nation's greatest asset -- our children.

But while much has been done, we cannot relax our guard against illicit drugs and those who would profit from the havoc they wreak.

We must continue to work together to address drug and alcohol problems in our homes and families. And we must carry these concerns into our schools, churches, workplaces, and community life. By heightening awareness, we can gather the moral strength to do what is right and channel it into effective measures against this menace.

To encourage widespread participation in efforts directed at preventing drug abuse, the Congress, by House Joint Resolution 126, has designated the week of November 3 through November 9, 1985, as "National Drug Abuse Education Week" and authorized and requested the President to issue a proclamation in observance of this occasion.

NOW, THEREFORE, I, RONALD REAGAN, President of the United States of America, do hereby proclaim the week of November 3 through November 9, 1985, as National Drug Abuse Education Week. I call upon all Americans to join me in observing this week with personal dedication and a public commitment to protect the future of our Nation by eliminating drug abuse.

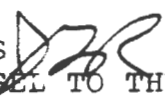
IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I have hereunto set my hand this
day of November, in the year of our Lord
nineteen hundred and eighty-five, and of the Independence of
the United States of America the two hundred and tenth.

THE WHITE HOUSE

WASHINGTON

November 6, 1985

MEMORANDUM FOR ANNE HIGGINS
SPECIAL ASSISTANT TO THE PRESIDENT
DIRECTOR OF CORRESPONDENCE

FROM: JOHN G. ROBERTS 
ASSOCIATE COUNSEL TO THE PRESIDENT

SUBJECT: Draft Proclamation: Thanksgiving Day, 1985

Counsel's Office has reviewed the proposed Thanksgiving Day proclamation, and finds no objection to it from a legal perspective. Our feelings are hurt, however, to find that, in the second full paragraph on page two, the proclamation thanks God for the achievements of almost every professional or occupational group (including writers), but, I assume inadvertently, omits lawyers.

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November 6, 1985

MEMORANDUM FOR:

✓ FRED FIELDING
ALFRED H. KINGON
M. B. OGLESBY
JACK SVAHN
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PAT BUCHANAN
FRED RYAN (FYI)

FROM:

(for)

Phil Nicolaides
ANNE HIGGINS
94 OEOB

SUBJECT:

(DRAFT PROCLAMATION)

Thanksgiving Day, 1985

Attached for your review is the above mentioned proclamation designating November 28, 1985, as a day of national thanksgiving.

It was prepared by this office.

(IMMEDIATE ATTENTION REQUIRED.) Written response required by no later than CLOSE OF BUSINESS TODAY, November 6. For routine clearance, call Anita Bevacqua, extension 2941. For questions or discussion, call Phil Nicolaides, extension 7610.

Thank you.

cc: Ron Geisler

THANKSGIVING DAY, 1985

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BY THE PRESIDENT OF THE UNITED STATES OF AMERICA

A PROCLAMATION

Although the time and date of the first American thanksgiving observance may be uncertain, there is no question but that this treasured custom derives from our Judeo-Christian heritage. "Unto thee, O God, do we give thanks," the Psalmist sang, praising God not only for the "wondrous works" of His creation, but for deliverance from dangers and loving guidance.

A band of settlers arriving in Maine in 1607 held a service of thanks for their safe journey, and twelve years later settlers in Virginia set aside a day of thanksgiving for their survival. In 1621 Governor William Bradford created the most famous of all such observances at Plymouth Colony when a bounteous harvest prompted him to proclaim a special day "to render thanksgiving to the Almighty God for all His blessings." The Spaniards in California and the Dutch in New Amsterdam also held services to give public thanks to God.

In 1777, during our War of Independence, the Continental Congress set aside a day for thanksgiving and praise for our victory at the battle of Saratoga. It was the first time all the colonies took part in such an event on the same day. The following year, upon news that France was coming to our aid, George Washington at Valley Forge prescribed a special day of thanksgiving. Later, as our First President, he responded to a Congressional petition by declaring Thursday, November 26, 1789, the first Thanksgiving Day of the United States of America.

Although there were many state and national thanksgiving days proclaimed in the ensuing years, it was the tireless crusade of one woman, Sarah Josepha Hale, that finally led to the establishment of this beautiful feast as an annual

nationwide observance. Her editorials so touched the heart of Abraham Lincoln that in 1863 -- even in the midst of the Civil War -- he enjoined his countrymen to be mindful of their many blessings, cautioning them not to forget "the source from which they come," that they are "the gracious gifts of the Most High God..." Who ought to be thanked "with one heart and one voice by the whole American People."

It is in that spirit that I now invite all Americans to take part again in this beautiful tradition with its roots deep in our history and deeper still in our hearts. Let us manifest our gratitude to God for the many blessings he has showered upon our land and upon its people. Let us praise the Creator Who has caused us to dwell in a free country, Who has endowed us with unalienable rights and favored us with a form of government pledged to protect and defend them.

Let us thank Him for our abundant harvests and the productivity of our industries; for the discoveries of our laboratories; for the researches of our scientists and scholars; for the achievements of our artists, musicians, writers, clergy, teachers, physicians, businessmen, engineers, public servants, farmers, mechanics, artisans, and workers of every sort whose honest toil of mind and body in a free land rewards them and their families and enriches our entire Nation.

Let us thank Him also for inviting us to respond with open hearts to the cry of the afflicted and the needy, for in being generous toward others we come to be more like Him Who has been so generous to us. Let us thank Him for His mercy, for He has delivered us from many trials and dangers and has enabled us to survive and prosper as one Nation formed out of many -- trusting always in Him and pledged to liberty and justice for all. Let us thank Him for granting us peace and making us strong to defend the right and compassionate to aid the weak.

Let us thank Him for our families, friends, and neighbors, and for the joy of this very festival we celebrate in His name. And let us thank Him for prompting us to repent of our misdeeds and to strive to follow His law more faithfully in the future.

Let every house of worship in the land and every home and every heart be filled with the spirit of gratitude and praise and love on this Thanksgiving Day.

NOW, THEREFORE, I, RONALD REAGAN, President of the United States of America, in the spirit and tradition of the Pilgrims, the Continental Congress, and past Presidents, do hereby proclaim Thursday, November 28, 1985, as a day of national Thanksgiving. I call upon every citizen of this great Nation to gather together in homes and places of worship and offer prayers of praise and gratitude for the many blessings Almighty God has bestowed upon our beloved country.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I have hereunto set my hand this
day of November, in the year of our Lord
nineteen hundred and eighty-five, and of the Independence
of the United States of America the two hundred and tenth.



EXECUTIVE OFFICE OF THE PRESIDENT
OFFICE OF MANAGEMENT AND BUDGET
WASHINGTON, D.C. 20503

NOV 1 1985

MEMORANDUM FOR: THE PRESIDENT

FROM: MICHAEL J. HOROWITZ
GENERAL COUNSEL

SUBJECT: THANKSGIVING DAY, 1985

Attached is a proposed proclamation which would designate November 28, 1985, as Thanksgiving Day. Although not requested by congressional resolution, Thanksgiving Day has been proclaimed by Presidents since 1789. It is a national holiday under 5 U.S.C. 6103, but the Presidential proclamation is a matter of tradition.

The proposed proclamation was submitted by the White House Speechwriters, and has been retyped in this office to reflect minor editorial changes and as to format.

The proposed proclamation has the approval of the Director of the Office of Management and Budget.

Enclosure