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THE WHITE HOUSE

WASHINGTON

February 27, 1986

MEMORANDUM FOR CHARLES DONOVAN
DEPUTY DIRECTOR OF CORRESPONDENCE

FROM: JOHN G. ROBERTS
ASSOCIATE COUNSEL TO THE PRESIDENT

SUBJECT: Anonymous Money Order

You have asked for guidance on an anonymous money order made out to "President Ronald Reagan and NASA." You stated that past experience indicates it is impossible to determine the identity of the donor in such cases.

The money order should be sent to NASA, consistent with the advice you recently received from this office on the general handling of donations received in the wake of the Space Shuttle tragedy. NASA will accept the donation as an unconditional gift.

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February 27, 1986

MEMORANDUM FOR BRANDEN BLUM
LEGISLATIVE ATTORNEY
OFFICE OF MANAGEMENT AND BUDGET

FROM: JOHN G. ROBERTS
ASSOCIATE COUNSEL TO THE PRESIDENT

SUBJECT: Revised DOJ Report on H.R. 3810, the
"Immigration Control and Legalization
Amendments Act of 1985"

Counsel's Office has reviewed the above-referenced revised DOJ report and finds no objection to it from a legal perspective.

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February 27, 1986

MEMORANDUM FOR FILES

FROM: JOHN G. ROBERTS

SUBJECT: FBI Report on Jed Dean Christensen

Today at 12:40 p.m. I provided Senator McClure with the summary memorandum of the FBI background investigation on Mr. Christensen, whose nomination is pending to be Director of the Office of Surface Mining Reclamation and Enforcement. Senator McClure read the summary memorandum for five minutes, returning it to me at the conclusion of his review.

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February 27, 1986

MEMORANDUM FOR BEN ELLIOTT
DEPUTY ASSISTANT TO THE PRESIDENT AND
DIRECTOR OF SPEECHWRITING

FROM: JOHN G. ROBERTS  
ASSOCIATE COUNSEL TO THE PRESIDENT

SUBJECT: Presidential Radio Talk: Packard Commission

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

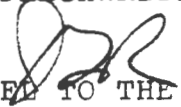
cc: David L. Chew

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February 27, 1986

MEMORANDUM FOR BEN ELLIOTT
DEPUTY ASSISTANT TO THE PRESIDENT AND
DIRECTOR OF SPEECHWRITING

FROM: JOHN G. ROBERTS  
ASSOCIATE COUNSEL TO THE PRESIDENT

SUBJECT: Presidential Remarks: Drop By
Dinner Honoring Senator Laxalt

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

cc: David L. Chew

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February 26, 1986

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

FROM: JOHN G. ROBERTS
ASSOCIATE COUNSEL TO THE PRESIDENT

SUBJECT: Draft Proclamation: Red Cross Month, 1986

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

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February 28, 1986

MEMORANDUM FOR DIANNA G. HOLLAND

FROM: JOHN G. ROBERTS

SUBJECT: Reappointment of John Hotchkis to
the Advisory Committee to the Pension
Benefit Guaranty Corporation

I have reviewed the Personal Data Statement submitted by John Hotchkis in connection with his prospective reappointment to the Advisory Committee to the Pension Benefit Guaranty Corporation. Pursuant to 29 U.S.C. § 1302(h), the President appoints seven members to the Committee, from recommendations submitted by the Board. Of the seven members, two represent employee organizations, two employers who maintain pension plans, and three the general public. Members must have experience in the area, and no more than four may be of the same political party. The purpose of the Committee is to render advice on appointment of trustees, investment of funds, and related issues.

Mr. Hotchkis is a general partner in an investment adviser firm. He owns no stocks or bonds. He clearly satisfies the statutory criteria for appointment, and his PDS presents no problems.

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February 28, 1986

Dear Judge Rosenstein:

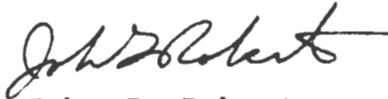
Thank you for your letter of January 29 to the President. In that letter you suggested that the Government pursue immediate plans to finance a replacement for the Space Shuttle Challenger through private contributions.

Donations for that purpose have been arriving at NASA and at the White House. The handling of these donations is somewhat complicated by the fact that at present NASA only has statutory authority to accept unconditional gifts, see 42 U.S.C. § 2473(c)(4). Those donations that are unconditional are being accepted. Many of the donations are conditional, however, in that they are earmarked for a replacement shuttle. Legislation has been introduced to permit NASA to accept such gifts under these limited circumstances. NASA is holding conditional gifts in a special escrow account, pending consideration of this legislation.

We appreciate your interest in this question and are grateful for the benefit of your views and suggestions. Please be assured that they will be given every appropriate consideration.

With best wishes,

Sincerely,



John G. Roberts
Associate Counsel to the President

The Honorable Samuel M. Rosenstein
Senior Judge
2200 S. Ocean Lane
Apartment 1508
Fort Lauderdale, Florida 33316

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February 28, 1986

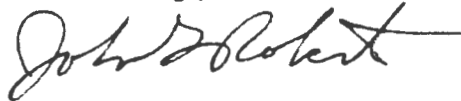
Dear Mrs. Muir:

Thank you for your recent letter to the President, and the belated Christmas card. In your letter you suggested that Mrs. Reagan consider running for President in 1988. You also expressed support for a single six-year presidential term or, alternatively, retention of two four-year terms. Finally, you indicated your concern over the Libyan situation.

Mrs. Reagan has not expressed any interest in elective office, though I am certain she appreciates your expression of support. The President, as you note, has questioned the wisdom of the Twenty-Second Amendment, which imposes the two-term limitation. With respect to the Libyan situation, I can only assure you that the President will act responsibly to protect American interests and reduce the threat of terrorism.

Thank you for sharing your views with us. We appreciate hearing from you.

Sincerely,



John G. Roberts
Associate Counsel to the President

Mrs. Mildred E. Muir
132 N. Sunset Place
Monrovia, California 91016

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February 28, 1986

MEMORANDUM FOR DAVID L. CHEW
STAFF SECRETARY AND DEPUTY ASSISTANT
TO THE PRESIDENT

FROM: JOHN G. ROBERTS
ASSOCIATE COUNSEL TO THE PRESIDENT

SUBJECT: Proposed Presidential Response to
United Airlines' Assistance Following
Shuttle Challenger Accident

You have asked for our views on the advisability of a Presidential message to United Airlines thanking that company for its assistance, rendered in connection with the Young Astronaut Program, during the Space Shuttle Challenger accident. This office would have no objection to a brief, appropriately-worded message that discussed solely United's contributions and not any aspect of its commercial endeavors. This office should review any such message before it is sent.

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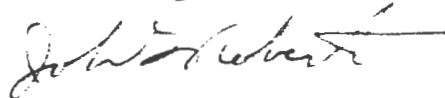
February 28, 1986

Dear Mr. Leibman:

Enclosed is the Personal Data Statement that we discussed this morning. The questions may be answered in any form that is convenient for you. Please do not hesitate to contact me if I may be of any assistance.

With best wishes,

Sincerely,



John G. Roberts
Associate Counsel to the President

Morris Leibman, Esquire
Suite 4800
One 1st National Plaza
Chicago, Illinois 60603

Enclosure

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February 28, 1986

Dear Mr. Leibman:

Enclosed is the Personal Data Statement that we discussed this morning. The questions may be answered in any form that is convenient for you. Please do not hesitate to contact me if I may be of any assistance.

With best wishes,

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in dark ink, appearing to read "John G. Roberts", with a stylized, flowing script.

John G. Roberts
Associate Counsel to the President

Morris Leibman, Esquire
1550 Lakeshore Drive
Chicago, Illinois 60610

Enclosure

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February 28, 1986

MEMORANDUM FOR RICHARD DAVIS
ASSOCIATE DIRECTOR
CABINET AFFAIRS

FROM: JOHN G. ROBERTS
ASSOCIATE COUNSEL TO THE PRESIDENT

SUBJECT: Disaster Declaration for Nevada

Our office was asked to review a request from Governor Richard Bryan of Nevada for Presidential declaration of a "major disaster," within the meaning of the Disaster Relief Act of 1974, Pub. L. 93-288.

Based on a review of the request and the related materials forwarded by the Federal Emergency Management Agency, the Governor's request appears to comply with the statutory requirements for a disaster declaration. We also have no legal objection to the implementation materials prepared by FEMA in connection with this request.

cc: David L. Chew

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WASHINGTON

February 27, 1986

MEMORANDUM FOR THOMAS F. GIBSON III
SPECIAL ASSISTANT TO THE PRESIDENT AND
DIRECTOR OF PUBLIC AFFAIRS

FROM: JOHN G. ROBERTS
ASSOCIATE COUNSEL TO THE PRESIDENT

SUBJECT: Request for President's View of J.R. Ewing
for Great Britain Television Network

You have asked for guidance on responding to a request from "Television Today" for the President's quotable impressions of J. R. Ewing. "Television Today" hopes to use any quotation it receives in conjunction with the return of "Dallas" to British television.

Although it would doubtless make their day, I think you will recognize that it would be inappropriate for the President to comment on a character in a commercial television series, particularly when the comment would be used in promoting the series.

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February 28, 1986

Dear Bill:

Thank you for your letter requesting a Presidential proclamation and ceremony for Law Day, May 1, 1986. I have submitted a scheduling request to the appropriate offices here at the White House and will let you know the details as soon as I hear something. I look forward to reviewing the draft proclamation you have kindly offered to prepare, and to working with you on the celebration of Law Day.

The theme you have chosen -- "Foundations of Freedom" -- is particularly appropriate in light of the coming Bicentennial of the Constitution. I am confident that this year's Law Day observance can play a significant part in developing a meaningful celebration of our constitutional heritage.

In that regard, I enjoyed reading the draft of your President's Page article. I just hope you have left a few good points for this President to make in his Proclamation!

With best wishes,

Sincerely,

Orig. signed by FFF

Fred F. Fielding
Counsel to the President

William W. Falsgraf, Esquire
President, American Bar Association
American Bar Center
750 N. Lake Shore Drive
Chicago, Illinois 60611

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February 28, 1986

MEMORANDUM FOR FRED F. FIELDING

FROM: JOHN G. ROBERTS

SUBJECT: Law Day

The President of the American Bar Association, William Falsgraf, has written to request a Presidential proclamation and ceremony for Law Day, May 1, 1986. As you know, such a proclamation is authorized by 36 U.S.C. § 164. The theme of this year's Law Day observance is not, as some have supposed, "The Transition to Private Practice," but rather "Foundations of Freedom."

Dianna has submitted a scheduling request. The attached reply for your signature notes that such a request is pending, and takes Falsgraf up on his offer to provide a draft proclamation (which I will revise).

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February 28, 1986

MEMORANDUM FOR GREGORY JONES
LEGISLATIVE ATTORNEY
OFFICE OF MANAGEMENT AND BUDGET

FROM: JOHN G. ROBERTS
ASSOCIATE COUNSEL TO THE PRESIDENT

SUBJECT: Testimony on the Activities of the Office of
Juvenile Justice and Delinquency Prevention

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

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February 28, 1986

MEMORANDUM FOR DAVID L. CHEW
STAFF SECRETARY AND DEPUTY ASSISTANT
TO THE PRESIDENT

FROM: JOHN G. ROBERTS
ASSOCIATE COUNSEL TO THE PRESIDENT

SUBJECT: Proposed Aid for Northern Ireland
and the Republic of Ireland

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

WHITE HOUSE CORRESPONDENCE TRACKING WORKSHEET

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Subject: Thank you note to United Airlines

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JANET -

CALL HIGGINS'S OFFICE +
TELL HER WE HAVE
NO PROBLEMS WITH THIS
DRAFT. THANKS.

John

Keep this worksheet attached to the original incoming letter.
Send all routing updates to Central Reference (Room 75, OEOB).
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