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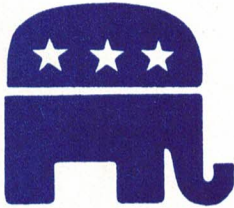
Memorandum

TO: DONNA BLUME
FROM: CHARLES A. DONOVAN *CD*
RE: Mail on Hunger Issue

The figures on mail re the issue of hunger in America, as I mentioned to you, are primarily focused on the remarks made in early December by Ed Meese. The figures for counted mail (all telegrams/mailgrams, all letterhead, a portion of regular mail - i.e., handwritten cards or messages from the general public) are as follows:

CON	PRO	COMMENTS
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Samples of the mail in each of these categories are attached. I hope you find this information helpful.



December 12, 1983

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Honorable Ronald W. Reagan
President of The United States
The White House
Washington, D.C.

Dear President Reagan:

I am writing to you as Lorain County Republican chairman and as a member of the Ohio Republican State Central and Executive Committee for the 13th Congressional District. Our part of Ohio, particularly, Lorain County, the 9th largest county in the state, has been especially hard hit economically.

The recent remarks made by Mr. Meese, regarding the hunger problem in this country or the lack of it, are devastating to our chances, in terms of what we had hoped will be an excellent Republican year with yourself at the head of the ticket. Even when the economy is healthy, we have difficulty electing Republicans due to a 2.5 to 1 registration deficit. Mr. Meese's remarks reflect adversely on your administration, which I am certain, is well aware of the hunger problem.

I am enclosing clippings from our two major daily newspapers to give you some idea of the impact of his remarks, as well as one which reflects the results of a local poll regarding the return of our forces from Beirut.

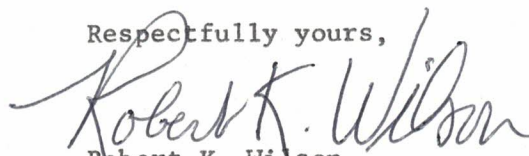
We understand the thrust of Mr. Meese's remarks, but his choice of words was very poor and nearly impossible to retrieve and re-state.

Please understand, we are 150% behind you, Mr. President, but we cannot survive with a continuation of irresponsible statements such as these. This will make our job even more difficult.

I trust you will receive my thoughts in the constructive spirit with which they are sent to you.

Best wishes for a very Merry Christmas and a successful and healthy New Year to you and your family.

Respectfully yours,


Robert K. Wilson
Executive Chairman

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Robert K. Wilson, Executive Chairman
LORAIN COUNTY REPUBLICAN ORGANIZATION

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Honorable Ronald W. Reagan
President of The United States
The White House
Washington, D.C.



The Chronicle-Telegraph

Elyria, Ohio

*Saturday, Dec. 10, 1983

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'Bring 'em home,' say C-T readers

By STEVE FOGARTY
C-T Staff Writer

ELYRIA — As U.S. servicemen continue to fall victim to attacks in Beirut, Lebanon in their role as bulwark of the multinational peacekeeping force stationed there, C-T readers overwhelmingly say American forces should be brought home.

By a resounding 7-1 margin, 132 of 150 persons responding to the poll in Tuesday's C-T, said U.S. servicemen should be pulled out of the war-torn nation.

In sharp contrast, only 18 indicated support for President Reagan's vow to keep American forces stationed there.

THERE HAVE been 254 U.S. military deaths so far this year, including 239 Marines who died in a terrorist bombing of their base Oct. 23. Another 8 Marines

died Monday during an artillery attack on the Beirut airport fortification.

"The U.S. should not walk away from a commitment. They also should finish the job, one thing our government has not done since the Korean mess," wrote one reader, who, like the great majority of those responding, chose to remain anonymous.

"They should stay, but when attacked, strike back with full force and not sit there with their hands tied. The Marines are capable of knocking the hell out of any enemy," said another.

WHILE THOSE supporting Reagan's position were emphatic in their opinions, the vast majority opposing the administration viewpoint were equally forceful.

"The escalation by the Hawk-

ish Reagan administration proves once again that their diplomacy yields turmoil, suffering, and death," said Richard Coreno, 266 Race Street, Berea.

Fear of another Vietnam, coupled with the belief that foreign intervention would do little to resolve the conflict, was cited by numerous readers.

"We can't keep a peace which does not exist," wrote Norman and Shirley Stewart, 201 Columbia Avenue. "Those people have been fighting each other for more than 3,000 years. All we can do is provide additional targets."

"I REMEMBER two world wars supposed to make the world safe for democracy. This present situation will lead to another Vietnam situation or war, and either way we lose," read another response.

Still others said U.S. forces should withdraw not only from Lebanon, but from all foreign conflicts.

"We daily show a superb inability to effectively run our cities, counties, states, (and) country. How can we try to run a world? Nuts to politicians," said one.

"Reagan seems to think the U.S. (or he) is the world's police force," wrote a second, while a third took a much harsher stance.

"Stick to the Monroe Doctrine and develop a fortress America."

AMERICA'S position with respect to Israel was reflected in a number of answers.

"The situation in Lebanon is too complicated for the U.S. government to understand —

Israel has initiated the protocol and the U.S. is falling pret cover up Israel's faults, needs for expansionism," one Elyrian. That view

countered by the follow "Israel is our trusted ally a Syria or any other Mos elements were to threaten Israel's border, I think America should intervene militarily help Israel."

One reader felt the U.S. has a potential situation worse Vietnam where "we were up against political ideology Lebanon we face religious fics."

BUT THE concerns of area couple were more personal. "As the parents of a 19-year old in the Marines we don't want our son to be a sitting duck." One interesting response

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Meese on the menu

Dems roast him over 'no hunger' remark

WASHINGTON (AP) — Democrats are having a field day with White House counselor Edwin Meese's public questioning of whether hunger is a problem in America. Former Vice President Walter F. Mondale, campaigning for president in Mobile, Ala., added a tour of a Salvation Army soup kitchen to his schedule today. Several other presidential candidates were quick to criticize the presidential aide.

Meese's comments to reporters — that he has never seen any "authoritative figures that there are hungry children" in America and that some people go to soup kitchens "because the food is free and that's easier than paying for it" — prompted cries of outrage from political critics and individuals involved in feeding the poor.

"I WOULD invite Mr. Meese to come to Paterson and let him rub elbows with the poor and look them in the eye and tell them they're not hungry," said Sister Catherine Rowe, who operates Eva's Kitchen in

Paterson, N.J.

White House spokesman Larry Speakes cited statistics purporting to show that government spending on hunger-related programs was \$17.2 billion in 1980. He said the figure for 1983, taking inflation into account, would be the equivalent of \$19.7 billion in 1980 dollars.

Sen. John Glenn of Ohio, campaigning Friday for president in a senior citizen's food distribution center in Springfield, Ill., called Meese's remarks "an outrage. ... The tragedy is that I think Ed Meese doesn't know any better and, worse still, I think he's accurately reflecting the attitude of Ronald Reagan and his administration."

House Speaker Thomas P. O'Neill, said 34 million Americans are living below the poverty line, the highest level since 1965 and 5.5 million more than 1980, and that 17,000 children in his home state of Massachusetts have had their growth stunted by malnutrition.

'Meese should come to Lorain County...'

By KAREN BALMER
C-T Staff Writer

ELYRIA — White House counselor Edwin Meese III "lives in an ivory tower" if he thinks people go to organizations providing hot meals "because the food is free and that's easier than paying for it," according to local people in charge of such programs.

Those in charge of hot meal programs here said there is a definite need for them, that families come because they have no food. None of the churches or organizations felt the programs were being abused.

"MY INITIAL reaction (to Meese's statement) was anger, but I'm not really surprised. He represents an administration that is uncaring about human needs," said Rev. Bob Wentz, of St. Mary Catholic Church, 320 Middle Ave. Wentz said his church, the first in Elyria to start a hot meal program, feeds about 300 people a month. "We're offering a band-aid remedy to the real problem," he said. "If the government would respond to the needs of the people, as a government should, we wouldn't need the program."



A HUNGRY man eats a meal at a soup kitchen in New York's Church of the Holy Apostle Friday. The hungry line up daily outside the church for what will be their only meal of the day. (AP)

ASKED IF he could tell if people coming for the meals really needed them, Wentz said, "Oh yes, oh yes. Meese should come here and see them. It's not easy to swallow your pride and come for a free meal."

Bernice Waidmann, wife of Rev. Martin G. Waidmann of the St. Paul United Church of Christ, 9715 E. River, said she believes Meese "lives in an ivory tower. He's just not with the people. If he'd come to Lorain County, he'd see hungry people."

Reagan aide doubts U.S. hunger problem

By The Associated Press

WASHINGTON — Presidential counselor Edwin Meese III says he has not seen any authoritative evidence there are hungry children in America and that many people go to soup kitchens "because the food is free and that's easier than paying for it."

In an interview yesterday, Meese said the Task Force on Food Assistance was created by President Reagan in September "to get to the bottom of some of these allegations that have been unsubstantiated."

"So, if there are hungry children, the question is why are they hungry? The United States government is spending more on food assistance than it ever has in history."

Proclaiming World Food Day last Oct. 14, the president said there was "no reason for hunger anywhere in America ... Food and help are available to anyone who is hungry in America."

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"The problem of hunger is indeed continuing to grow in cities despite recent reports and indications of an economic recovery," said the mayors.

They added that the hunger problem "has been exacerbated, clearly, by the recent drastic cuts in federal benefits and the high cost of basic necessities, such as food, shelter and energy."

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Front Page - Lorain, Ohio Lorain Journal 12/10/83

Angry reaction to Reagan aide: Tell the poor they're not hungry

By The Journal Staff
And The Associated Press

Social service agencies locally and across the nation would like presidential counselor Edwin Meese III to "rub elbows with the poor and look them in the eye and tell them they're not hungry."

That's the reaction from those who work directly with the needy and hungry to comments by Meese Thursday that America's bread lines include people who don't need handouts.

Officials were both angered and dismayed to learn that Meese had said, "I know we have considerable information that people go to soup kitchens because the food is free and that's easier than paying for it."

The Reagan Administration, he said, has "provided for those who are truly needy." But local social service agencies are reporting more pleas for help than ever before.

In just three months recently, Lorain County agencies and programs served meals to 400,000 needy people.

The requests are coming from people whose unemployment benefits have expired, from the elderly and more and more from those who are on welfare but who don't have money left, after paying for other necessities, to buy enough food for their families.

"I wonder where he's been living!" Mary Ann Schneider said of Meese. She directs the Sacred Heart Church Emergency Food Bank in Elvira.

Meese also said, when asked about hungry children: "I've heard a lot of anecdotal stuff, but I haven't heard any authoritative figures."

Mrs. Schneider's reaction: "He ought to come around here to some of our soup kitchens and food banks to see some of our hungry kids. People come in here and say they have always contributed to food drives and never dreamt the day would come when they would be a recipient. Three-fourths have never had to seek help before."

Others agree that President's Reagan's close aide doesn't really know what is happening to the people they comfort and feed every day.

"I think he must not get out in the world very much. I'd like him to come to Ohio or Michigan. In the cities where unemployment is high, and see the situation," said Kathy Griffin, adult program director at the Lorain YWCA. "He's probably looking at the same figures that say the economy is recovering. Maybe it is in other parts of the country, but not here."

9,593 served

The YWCA, which distributes food to the needy, served 318 people in 1982. So far this year, 2,947 families — totaling 9,593 people — have requested aid, Ms. Griffin said.

Jo-Anne Ohms, communications director of the United Community Services, said, "Perhaps he should visit Lorain County to have first-hand knowledge and see what the needs are like. The demand is phenomenal."

"Last year the County Cupboard (the area food bank) distributed \$80 to 400 food boxes a month. Now it is about 1,200 a month," Ms. Ohms said.

In the last two months, Lt. Sherry Calvert of the Norwalk Salvation Army has had four calls from people who have no food. "I personally feel there are people out there

who are hungry," she said. "I've done home visits. I've seen it. Unless you work with this every day you can't make that kind of statement like Meese (did)."

Last year, her agency gave away about 190 Christmas food baskets. This year, workers are preparing 250. In addition, the Norwalk soup kitchen, which is open the last two weeks of each month and began last January, now serves 200 meals a day — an amount that has tripled since its onset.

"People need to face reality that this is really happening in their communities," Lt. Calvert said.

The local reaction was echoed by a score of directors of rescue missions, food banks and soup kitchens contacted by The Associated Press yesterday for their opinions of Meese's comments.

"I would invite Mr. Meese to come to Paterson and let him rub elbows with the poor and look them in the eye and tell them they're not hungry," said Sister Catherine Rowe, who operates Eva's Kitchen in Paterson, N.J.

Sister Rowe said that on Wednesday, "I had about 180 people and I'm sure there are a couple of people who are ripping off the system. But when you have people waiting in line for an hour and a half in freezing rain, they've got to be hungry."

The Rev. Larry Rice, of the New Life Evangelistic Center in downtown St. Louis, said, "There's no way to draw the conclusions that Meese has and still be aware of the condition of people living on the street ... It's a very understandable conclusion from someone making \$70,000 or \$80,000 a year, however."

Meese: No hungry children

'People go to the soup kitchens to avoid paying'

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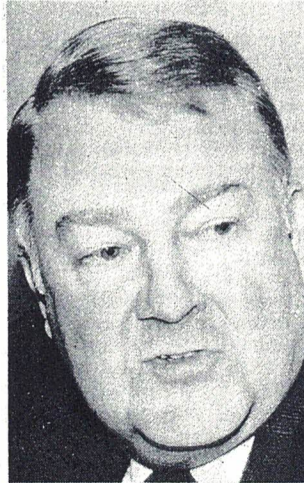
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During the same period, a group of physician told a House subcommittee that studies in the states of Massachusetts and New York as well as in Chicago



EDWIN MEESE III
... 'no authoritative evidence'

found increases in the number of people, especially children and the elderly, suffering from inadequate diets.

ASKED ABOUT reports of hungry children, Meese said, "I've heard a lot of anecdotal stuff, but I haven't heard any authoritative figures."

"With all the resources of the federal government, with all of the resources of state and local government, with all of the voluntary organizations," he added, "if people are going hungry there must be some problem that has not yet been addressed and it is not lack of funds."

He called some of the allegations "purely political."

He said the Reagan administration has "provided for those

who are truly needy" and then added:

"I think some people are going to soup kitchens voluntarily. I know we have considerable information that people go to soup kitchens because the food is free and that's easier than paying for it...."

"WE HAVE a system in this country that virtually everyone is taken care of by one program or another," he said.

Meese was interviewed by reporters from The Associated Press, Reuters and United Press International.

On other matters, he said:

— He is confident Reagan will run for a second term but the president has not told his closest advisers of his plans for 1984.

— He does not expect White House Chief of Staff James A. Baker III to leave government to become commissioner of baseball. He also has no expectation that Martin Feldstein, Reagan's chief economic adviser, will soon leave the administration. Feldstein came under fire for dissenting from Reagan's opposition to tax increases to reduce budget deficits.

— SAID REAGAN is concerned about deficits "and he is concerned about the fact that he has been unable to convince the Congress and they have been unwilling to cooperate on a real deficit reduction program."

— He expects the administration to ask for a larger increase in next year's defense budget, but he declined to how much larger.

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The President
The White House
Washington DC 20097

Mr. President:

It pains me to write you concerning this matter. I and most of my family have supported you and your philosophies since your days on television for GE. However some of your appointees have done much to discredit your cause and standing. One had the grace to finally resign and depart the scene. He should be joined by Ed Meese at your request.

The recent cause celebre of one Ed Meese (-his reference to those at soup kitchens and missions-) is just too much. A small amount of arrogance is tolerable if accompanied by a modicum of common sense. But blind unfettered arrogance accompanied by utter stupidity and a total lack of understanding as to the political implications of his remarks is inexcusable. Why do you tolerate employees who give such valuable aid and support to our common enemy such as Tip O'Neill, Fritz Mondale, etc.

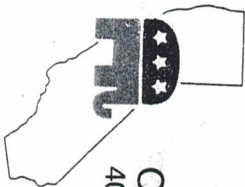
I have been holding several of the myriad Republican requests for funds with the idea of parceling my few available dollars among them. However, I feel it more appropriate to send copies of this note (in their "No Postage Necessary" envelopes) to each of the ones I had under consideration so that they too may know of my feelings. I have listed these below for your information.

National Republican Senatorial Committee
Republican National Committee
Campaign for Prosperity
Americans for the Reagan Agenda
California Republican Senate Committee
California Republican Party

The country's progress under your leadership has been good. But not everyone views it as you and I. 1984 will be a tough enough battle without helping the Democrats who seek any opening to attack your administration for insensitivity to the poor and needy. Neither you nor Mr. Meese can afford to act as Jesus and state that "the poor are always with us"!

Respectfully yours,


Allen R. Stokke



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*President Reagan
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EXECUTIVE OFFICES

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President Ronald Regan
1600 Penna. Ave.
Washington D.C. 20500

Dear Mr. President

This is a letter to urge your immediate action to the release of funds for the transportation and the distribution of food for the needy.

We are a committee of people that are involved with the referral of the unemployed to take care of the basic human needs. We have first hand knowledge of these needs.

Please give this matter your undivided attention for the welfare of our brothers and sisters who are in need but are still able to cast a vote. Mr. Meese may not be having a problem with hunger or the basic needs but let this committee well assure you, Mr. President, the people of this county are in a bad way. The recovery in this county is very slow, slower than most of the neighboring countys.

We as a committee hope you do not share the narrow-minded views of this man. Please collect your data and it will speak for itself and us, your constituents.

Thank you for your time.

Local 1872 Community Services Committee
Marlo Palmieri, Chairman

Marlo Palmieri

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Dear President Reagan: Dec 10, 1983

Please thank Mr Ed
 Meese for telling the truth about
 hunger in America. Its about time we
 get over the silly idea that people are
 starving in this country.

Just to let you know that
 I have lived my entire life in this area
 of Northern Minnesota & we have the highest
 unemployment rate of anyplace in the U.S.
 but NOBODY IS SUFFERING FROM HUNGER

We have far too many give away programs
 we are destroying a generation of Americans
 who think our Govt. owes them a living
WE MUST CUT OUT THESE FREEBIES

Thank you again Mr President & Mr. Meese

Sincerely
 Bernard F.

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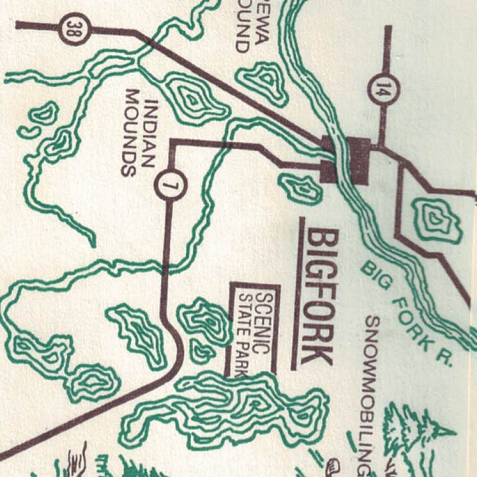


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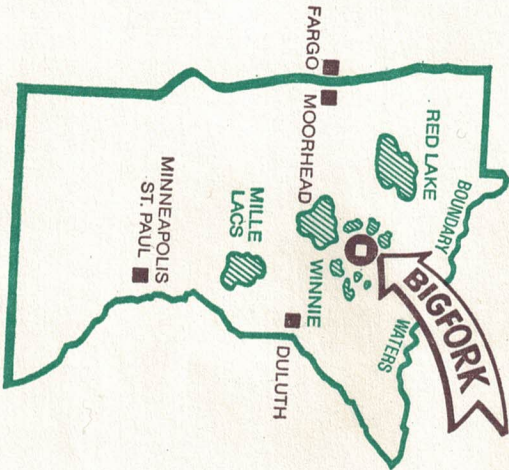
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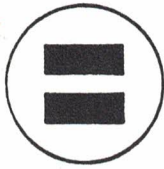
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December 15, 1983

The Honorable Ronald Reagan
President
United States of America
The White House
Washington, D.C. 20500

Mr. President:

This letter is in direct response to the ridiculous comment made by Presidential Advisor Edwin Meese, regarding a lack of Hunger in America.

Obviously, Mr. Meese is out of touch with the true problems of our country. Everyday I see more and more Americans standing in Soup Lines acting like beggars. Does his statement mean that fathers and mothers should bring their children with them, so they can also stand and be visible in the Soup Lines, or, does Mr. Meese believe unemployed people, or people on low-and fixed incomes don't have children? If you were going for a hand-out, and, had to stand in line, would you want your children to see you?

Mr. Meese's comment points out very clearly, that he does not understand the problems of poverty or hopelessness. Therefore, he is not qualified to develop policy recommendations about subjects of which he has no knowledge.

As a voter who worked for your presidency, I must urge you to replace Mr. Meese, in this capacity, with someone who is knowledgeable of food and nutrition problems.

I believe Mr. Meese's statement reflects very negatively on your administration, and, I strongly urge you to move quickly and decisively to deal with the real problems of starvation and low nutrition that many Americans including many innocent children face everyday.



Contributions to the TUL are tax deductible.

I can't believe your administration is that far out of touch with the fundamental problems in our country. Please do something to change my mind, and, let me feel comfortable about the leadership in our country.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read 'R. Klein', with a large, stylized 'R' and a long, sweeping horizontal stroke.

Roger C. Klein, Director
Tacoma Urban League, Inc.

RCK:dl

cc: Norm Dicks
Congressman

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December 16, 1983

President Ronald Reagan
The White House
Washington, D.C. 20004

Dear Mr. President:

I am extremely distressed by Mr. Meese's recent comments about participants of feeding programs and about hungry children.

Certainly, in Chicago, there are many individuals who, for a variety of reasons, do not have adequate food unless they take advantage of feeding programs.

Our firm is under contract with the City of Chicago's Department on Aging and Disability. One of our services is to monitor the congregate and home delivered meals programs offered to senior citizens. We visit feeding sites every week and can testify that the program plays a vital role in allowing these men and women to live independent lives. Let me say that the benefits extend beyond what is on the dinner plate; the fellowship is an important aspect of the nourishment that takes place. I think this is also important to the homeless and disadvantaged who are found in other feeding programs.

We have also worked with the City's Department of Human Services to assemble emergency food boxes. I assure you, these provisions are not given without due cause.

I have never experienced severe hunger, but I think if I was hungry, it would be very difficult to think about much else. Looking for a job is tough, even on a full stomach.

All of the publicity about taskforce reports and data gathering sounds like you are taking a poll to decide whether hunger deserves attention. And even if Mr. Scrooge was "justified" in his actions towards Bob Cratchett, is this the image you want to hold out to the world? I want the President of my country to be compassionate and caring, as well as showing concern for the almighty dollar.

Sincerely,



Anne G. Hunt

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THE WHITE HOUSE

WASHINGTON

December 27, 1983

MEMORANDUM FOR MICHAEL K. DEEVER

FROM:

CRAIG L. FULLER 

SUBJECT:

Food Assistance Programs

Attached is a description of the 13 federal food assistance programs administered by USDA's Food and Nutrition Services.

This material was received from USDA today following your request for information on Friday, December 23rd.

Let me know if you wish additional information. We will have a more complete briefing in conjunction with the report of the Food Assistance Task Force next month.

FEDERAL FOOD ASSISTANCE PROGRAMS
(1984 Projections based on July 83 OMB Assumptions)

Food Stamp Program

- Provides monthly benefits to low income households to help them purchase a nutritionally adequate diet. The amount of benefits is determined by income and asset tests. Gross income eligibility is at 130 percent of poverty (\$12,870 for a family of four).

	<u>1983</u>	<u>1984(projected)</u>
Dollars Spent (millions)	12,005 (plus \$825 M for Puerto Rico)	11,600 (plus \$825 M for Puerto Rico)
Participation (millions)	21.6 (plus 1.6 M in Puerto Rico)	

National School Lunch Program

- Serves elementary through high school children in public and nonprofit private school and public licensed, nonprofit, private residential child care institutions. All school lunches are subsidized, with children below 130 percent of poverty (\$12,870 for family of four) receiving free meals and children between 130 and 185 percent of poverty (\$18,315 for a family of four) receiving reduced price meals.

	<u>1983</u>	<u>1984(projected)</u>
Dollars Spent (millions)	3,203	3,283
Participation (millions)	23.2	

School Breakfast Program

- Serves children in schools and residential institutions serving lunch program. Benefits vary according to family income, but most meals are served to participants at or below 130 percent of poverty.

	<u>1983</u>	<u>1984(projected)</u>
Dollars Spent (millions)	344	364
Participation (millions)	3.4	

Child Care Food Program

- Serves nutritious meals to children up to age 12 in nonresidential institutions such as day care centers, head start centers and family day care homes.

	<u>1983</u>	<u>1984(projected)</u>
Dollars Spent (millions)	349	368
Participation (millions)	.9	

Summer Food Service Program

- . Provides meals to school children in needy areas during summer vacation.
- . Eligible sponsors include: public or nonprofit, private school food authorities and residential camps; units of local, municipal, county or State governments.

	<u>1983</u>	<u>1984(projected)</u>
Dollars Spent (millions)	99	98
Participation (millions)	1.4	

Special Supplemental Food Program for Women, Infants and Children (WIC)

- . Serves infants, children up to age 5 and pregnant or postpartum women determined to be at nutritional risk. Provides specific foods containing nutrients known to be lacking in the diet of persons considered nutritional risks.

	<u>1983</u>	<u>1984(projected)</u>
Dollars Spent (millions)	1,130	1,400
Participation (millions)	2.5 (average annual- high of 2.9 in Sept.)	

Special Milk Program

- . Serves children in schools not participating in other Child Nutrition Programs. Provides one half-pint of milk per day per child.

	<u>1983</u>	<u>1984(projected)</u>
Dollars Spent (millions)	20	19
Participation (millions)	--	

Food Distribution Program on Indian Reservations

- . Serves households living on Indian reservations or Indian tribal members. Provides USDA donated commodities available in household sizes.

	<u>1983</u>	<u>1984(projected)</u>
Dollars Spent (millions)	50	58
Participation (millions)	.1	

Commodity Supplemental Food Program

- . Serves infants, children up to age 6 and pregnant or postpartum women who are vulnerable to malnutrition. Provides USDA donated commodities high in nutrients most lacking in the diets of the target population.

	<u>1983</u>	<u>1984(projected)</u>
Dollars Spent (millions)	42	40
Participation (millions)	.14	

Nutrition Education and Training Program

- . Provides grants to State education agencies for the purpose of: 1) encouraging good eating habits and teaching children the relationship between food and health; 2) training foodservice personnel in nutrition and foodservice management and encouraging the use of the cafeteria as an environment for learning about food and nutrition; 3) instructing educators in nutrition education and in the use of the cafeteria as a learning laboratory; and 4) developing appropriate educational materials and curricula.

	<u>1983</u>	<u>1984(projected)</u>
Dollars Spent (millions)	5	5

Commodities for Charitable Institutions

- . Provides commodities for meal service to needy recipients through soup kitchens and other charitable institutions. Commodities provided are based on availability.

	<u>1983</u>	<u>1984(projected)</u>
Dollars Spent (millions)	204	280
Participation (millions)	2.2	

Commodities for the Elderly

- . Provides commodities in support of meal service on a per meal basis. Commodities include surplus removal items (meat, poultry, fruits and vegetable) and price support items (dairy products, cereals and grains, peanut products and vegetable fats and oils).

	<u>1983</u>	<u>1984(projected)</u>
Dollars Spent (millions)	124	124
Participation (millions)	.7	

Commodities for Family Feeding

- Provides commodities for home consumption through food banks. Commodities include cheese, butter, nonfat dry milk, honey and cornmeal. Food packages are also distributed based on nutritional needs.

	<u>1983</u>	<u>1984</u> (projected)
Dollars Spent (millions)	1,054	1,000
Participation (millions)	10.2	



OFFICE OF THE SECRETARY OF THE TREASURY

WASHINGTON, D.C. 20220

December 21, 1983

MEMORANDUM FOR THE HONORABLE CRAIG L. FULLER
ASSISTANT TO THE PRESIDENT
FOR CABINET AFFAIRS

From: Christopher Hicks *CH*
Executive Secretary and
Special Assistant to the Secretary

Subject: Martin Luther King Birthday

We recently received the attached letter from Coretta Scott King inviting the Secretary to attend, in Atlanta, the observance of Dr. King's birthday. The letter also urges attendance by members of Treasury staff.

I presume other departments, and probably the President, have received similar invitations. I would appreciate any guidance you could provide on how we should respond.

Attachment

*Bill
see Jennifer
if VP wants to
go - how about
this date? Smith 07*

THE WHITE HOUSE
WASHINGTON

December 27, 1983

MEMORANDUM FOR MICHAEL K. DEEVER

FROM:

CRAIG L. FULLER *CF*

SUBJECT:

Martin Luther King's Birthday

You will recall that I raised this at the planning meeting held last week.

You indicated that we would probably send a representative for the administration to one or more of the events planned for the observance of Dr. King's 55th birthday. The events occur between January 8th and 15th.

I have advised Secretary Regan that a representative will be selected and I believe that the Secretary intends to decline the invitation.

Would you have someone let me know who is designated to attend the event as I imagine other cabinet officers will be seeking guidance.

Thanks.



**THE MARTIN LUTHER KING, JR. CENTER
FOR NONVIOLENT SOCIAL CHANGE, INC.**
449 Auburn Avenue, N.E., Atlanta, Georgia 30312 (404) 524-1956

December 14, 1983

The Honorable Donald T. Regan
Secretary
U.S. Department of the Treasury
15th Street and Pennsylvania Avenue, N.W.
Washington, D.C. 20220

Dear Mr. Secretary:

I was pleased to be present on Wednesday, November 2nd when President Reagan signed into law the legislation designating the third Monday in January as a national holiday honoring Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. The legislation takes effect in 1986. The President praised Dr. King as a man "whose words and deeds...stirred our nation to the very depths of its soul." The President went on to say that the dream King spoke of in his speech from the steps of the Lincoln Memorial in 1963 will live on to encourage future generations of Americans.

The Martin Luther King Jr. Center for Nonviolent Social Change, Inc. was established as the official national memorial to carry on the work and legacy of Dr. King and has provided the leadership for the national and world wide observance of his birthday these many years. We have been pleased to see our Federal departments and agencies join with The King Center to sponsor these annual observances. We have been grateful for the offerings and contributions which were sent to help The King Center continue Dr. King's Dream.

We are making plans for the observance of Dr. King's Fifty-fifth Birthday, January 8 - 15, 1984 in Atlanta and throughout the nation and the world during the entire month of January. I want to encourage you and your personnel to work with The King Center in planning your 1984 observance program and I hope that you will send any contributions or offerings to The King Center. I also ask that you list The King Center as a co-sponsor of your department or agency birthday observance program.

The theme of our 1984 observance is: "Mandate For The Beloved Community: Forging A Covenant For Jobs, Peace & Freedom." We are interested in working with you and your personnel on your observance program and we have a special kit available on "How to Observe Dr. King's Birthday." For additional information, please have your staff contact Mr. Lloyd Davis, Executive Vice President of The King Center at (404) 524-1956. I have enclosed a tentative schedule of events for the Fifty-fifth observance of Martin's Birthday in Atlanta, January 8 - 16, 1984. We would be honored to have you present for one or more of the activities, and we also urge attendance by members of your staff.

Sincerely,

Coretta Scott King

Enclosure



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ANNOUNCEMENT!!!!

NOW AVAILABLE!! The official kit on 'HOW TO OBSERVE MARTIN LUTHER KING, JR.'S BIRTHDAY'!

We are pleased that you are interested in honoring Dr. King and we have prepared authentic accounts and information about him, selected from our archives. Orders can now be submitted to obtain the "official" kit on how to observe the birthday anniversary of Martin Luther King, Jr. by **DETACHING THE FORM BELOW** and returning it to The King Center. The King Center is the only official national memorial established to honor Dr. King and to carry on his unfinished work.

CONTENTS:

- o 'HOW WE OBSERVE THIS HOLIDAY', by Coretta Scott King, President and CEO of The King Center
- o BIOGRAPHICAL SKETCH of Martin Luther King, Jr. - his birth, life and death and five famous quotations on cards
- o HOW TO PLAN events, programs and activities of maximum involvement and participation
- o SAMPLE PROGRAM SUGGESTIONS - Interfaith Service & Music Celebration, Community Service Awards & Recognition Program, Youth & Young Adult Motivation Rally, Labor/Management/Government Social Responsibility Awards Breakfast, March & Rally and other suggestions
- o CHRONOLOGY of Dr. King's life and works and large educational poster
- o A LITANY OF COMMEMORATION to The Reverend Martin Luther King, Jr.
- o DESCRIPTION OF THE MARTIN LUTHER KING, JR. CENTER for Nonviolent Social Change, Inc. and Photo Album of birth home and Freedom Hall Complex
- o FIVE GLOSSY PHOTOGRAPHS depicting the life of Dr. King
- o AUDIO CASSETTE RECORDING of Dr. King's famous speech, "I Have a Dream"
- o OTHER ITEMS to help you plan

HOW TO ORDER: All orders must be received on or before **DECEMBER 31, 1983** to guarantee delivery by January 6, 1984. Cost of each kit is: \$45.00, plus \$3.00 Shipping & Handling.

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