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Name of Document: BRIEFING PAPERS FOR
PRESIDENT'S SCHEDULED
APPOINTMENTS FOR SEP 22 82

Subject Codes:

PR 007.01

1) Subject: Meeting with supporters of
historically black colleges and
universities

ED
HU 013.30
FA 003.

2) Meeting with representatives of the Boy
Clubs of America to make
presentation to the winner of National
Boy - of - the - Year.

WE 009.
PR 014.12
PR 006.
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3) Presentation of the Federal Drug Abuse
Strategy Document by Carlton
Turner of the Office of Drug
Abuse Prevention.

HE 006.01
FG 006.07

4) Videotapings originally scheduled
for Monday. (See ID # 099530)

PR 011.

5) Reception for supporters of the
National Aquarium
Society Benefit

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ROUTE TO:

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THE SCHEDULE OF
PRESIDENT RONALD REAGAN



Wednesday, September 22, 1982

9:00 am (30 min)	<u>Staff Time</u> (Baker, Meese, Deaver)	Oval Office
9:30 am (15 min)	<u>National Security Briefing</u> (Clark) <i>Carey Lord</i>	Oval Office
9:45 am (15 min)	<u>Senior Staff Time</u> <i>Norman Bailey</i>	Oval Office
10:00 am (30 min)	<u>Personal Staff Time</u>	Oval Office
10:30 am (60 min)	<u>National Security Council Meeting</u> (Clark) (distributed separately)	Cabinet Room
11:30 am (15 min)	<u>Meeting with Black College Presidents</u> (Dole) <i>Open press cov.</i> (Tab A) (draft remarks attached)	East Room
11:50 am (10 min)	<u>Meeting with Representatives of Boys Clubs of America</u> (Dole) <i>Still photos only</i> (Tab B)	Roosevelt Room
12:00 m (60 min)	<u>Lunch with E. Emmett Tyrrell, Jr., etal</u> (Gergen) (Tab C)	Cabinet Room
1:00 pm (5 min)	<u>Presentation by Carlton Turner, the President's Drug Adviser</u> (Harper/Porter) (Tab D)	Oval Office
1:10 pm (30 min)	<u>Taping Session</u> (Bakshian/Goode) (Tab E)	Library
1:40 pm (4 hrs)	<u>Personal Staff Time</u>	Oval Office/ Residence
5:30 pm	<u>The President and Mrs. Reagan join the National Aquarium Benefit Reception</u> (Rosebush) (Tab F) (draft remarks attached)	State Floor

UNP 9/21/82
5:00 pm

REQUEST FOR APPOINTMENTS

USC meeting

To: Officer-in-charge
Appointments Center
Room 060, OEOB

Please admit the following appointments on September 22, 19 82
for The President of The White House
(NAME OF PERSON TO BE VISITED) (AGENCY)

State:

Secretary George P. Shultz ✓

OSD:

Secretary Caspar W. Weinberger ✓
Dep Sec Frank C. Carlucci ✓

Treasury:

Secretary Donald T. Regan ✓
Mr. Marc E. Leland ✓

Commerce:

Secretary Malcolm Baldrige ✓

CIA:

Mr. John McMahon ✓

USUN:

Amb Jeane J. Kirkpatrick ✓

USTR:

Amb William E. Brock ✓

OMB:

Dr. Alton Keel ✓

OPD:

Mr. Roger Porter ✓

CEA:

Mr. William Niskanen ✓

JCS:

General Jerome F. O'Malley ✓

White House:

Mr. Edwin Meese III ✓
Mr. James A. Baker III ✓
Judge William P. Clark ✓
Mr. Robert C. McFarlane ✓
Admiral John M. Poindexter ✓
Mr. Richard G. Darman ✓
The Vice President's Office:
Mr. Donald Gregg ✓

NSC:

Mr. Norman Bailey ✓
~~Mr. Roger Robinson~~
~~CDR Dennis Blair~~
~~Mr. Richard Pipes~~
~~Mr. Henry Nau~~
~~Col Michael O. Wheeler~~

MEETING LOCATION

Building West Wing White House Requested by Carol Cleveland
Room No. Cabinet Room Room No. 372 Telephone 3044
Time of Meeting 10:30 a.m. Date of request Sept 22, 1982

Additions and/or changes made by telephone should be limited to three (3) names or less.

APPOINTMENTS CENTER: SIG/OEOB - 395-6046 or WHITE HOUSE - 456-6742

THE SCHEDULE OF
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Wednesday, September 22, 1982

9:07 - EVAL

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THE WHITE HOUSE

WASHINGTON

MEETING WITH SUPPORTERS OF HISTORICALLY BLACK INSTITUTIONS

DATE: September 22, 1982

LOCATION: East Room

TIME: 11:30 a.m. - 11:45 a.m.

FROM: ELIZABETH H. DOLE



I. PURPOSE

To highlight Administration initiatives in regard to Black Colleges and Universities and to recognize Black College Day slated for September 27.

II. BACKGROUND

On September 15, 1981, you signed an Executive Order on Historically Black Colleges and Universities. This Executive Order mandated a Federal initiative "designed to achieve significant increases in participation of historically Black Colleges and Universities in Federally sponsored programs". At a recent meeting of the full Cabinet, Secretary Bell presented the final report of Federal agency plans for FY 82 to you and the Cabinet. You endorsed this plan but it has not been released.

National Black College Day will be Monday, September 27. Supporters of Black Colleges will recognize the day in various events across the country.

III. PARTICIPANTS

Black College Presidents, Representatives of Student Government Associations and Alumni Associations, Religious Leaders, and others who have supported Historically Black Institutions.

IV. PRESS PLAN

Open Press

V. SEQUENCE OF EVENTS

11:30 a.m. You enter the East Room and make remarks.

11:40 a.m. You thank your guests and invite them to attend a reception in the State Dining Room.

11:41 a.m. You depart, shaking hands as you proceed.

(Rohrabacher/AB)
September 21, 1982
3:00 p.m.

PRESIDENTIAL REMARKS: DROPBY AT BLACK COLLEGE PRESIDENTS AND
CEO's, SEPTEMBER 22, 1982

It is a pleasure for me to have all of you back with us at the White House to commemorate the first anniversary of Executive Order 12320 (one twenty-three twenty) and to reconfirm this Administration's ongoing commitment to historically black colleges and universities. Some of you may be aware that I attended a small college in Eureka, Illinois. That was back in the bleak days of the depression, and it was a struggle just to keep the doors of our campus open.

In the exuberance of youth, I was not as understanding of the folks trying to pay the bills and manage the budget as I am now. I ended up leading one of the first student protests in the history of my college. So I guess you have a former student radical standing before you.

Seriously, there are only a few jobs harder than being President of the United States and one of them is being president of a college. And your task is, in the long run, just as vital to the future of this country. Frederick Douglass, an adviser to President Lincoln and -- if I might add a partisan note -- one of the first great black Republicans, once said: "A little learning . . . may be a dangerous thing, but the want of learning is a calamity to any people. . . ."

During these times when we are all trying to pull our country out of an economic disaster brought on by a decade of irresponsibility, we want to make certain that your

institutions -- colleges and universities which are so significant to the heritage of black America -- are not damaged by economic conditions you had no part in creating.

That was an important reason behind our decision last year to move forward decisively in this area. Today I want to reaffirm this Administration's continued commitment; not only so your institutions will survive, but so they will flourish.

Last year when we gathered to announce the issuing of the Executive Order, I don't doubt that there were skeptics who took a "wait and see" attitude. Last week when I spoke to a gathering of black Republicans over at the Shoreham Hotel, I told them we should look at the record. Well, I understand that Secretary Bell, Secretary Pierce and others have been reviewing with you the record of the last 12 months. I deeply believe it is a record of real accomplishment -- a record of promises kept.

Although I don't want to go over ground that has already been covered, I would like to mention that I am particularly proud that we were able to come to the aid of Meharry (Mah-hairy) Medical College when circumstances threatened its survival. Together, we were able to keep this vital door into the medical profession open to the black community. Meharry, a school that has trained 40 percent of all black physicians, was facing an avalanche of problems. We saw the need, and we acted.

Among other things, it was in danger of losing its accreditation because it lacked access to a sufficient number of patients to provide its students with the proper clinical training. We directed the Veterans Administration to expand an

already existing affiliation with Meharry so that 200 additional teaching beds would be available at a nearby Veterans' Hospital.

It is this kind of creative and timely action that we had in mind when we issued last year's Executive Order. I know you've heard other examples of what's been accomplished.

But that was last year. Let's talk about the future. Today, I am pleased to announce that I am issuing a new Presidential directive to the heads of all Federal departments and agencies that will clarify and strengthen E.O. 12320 and insure the continued attention to the issues that affect you most.

- We are directing the Federal departments and agencies to target Federal program funds to improve the administrative infrastructure of historical black colleges.
- Agencies are further directed, even in this era of necessary budget cuts, to strive to increase the percentage of total available funds that black colleges and universities will receive.
- Third, they are to step up efforts to eliminate regulations and policies that are barriers to your full participation in Federal programs.
- The last and potentially most important part of this directive focuses on the need to further enlist the resources of the private sector in our efforts to support historically black colleges and universities.

The emphasis on the private sector is consistent with the general philosophy of this Administration. We happen to believe

there are vast untapped resources out there because for too long people have looked only to government. I want to especially acknowledge all that Vice President Bush has done to get this ball rolling. He has held receptions on two occasions in his home, playing host to many of you and also to the chief executive officers of 50 major corporations. We now need to move toward campus-based action programs, and I am counting on the Private Sector office in the White House to provide you with the guidance and creative energy necessary to tap the vitality of the private sector so it can be used where it will do the most good.

Of course, making any initiative a success requires the energy and creative talents of dedicated men and women. I am particularly proud of the team that emerged over the last 12 months. Secretary Bell has provided superb leadership. And with him in the Department of Education there is another man who has been doing a magnificent job in your behalf. I am, of course, referring to Dr. Tom Melady (Mah-lay-dee). Dr. Melady, I want to congratulate you on a job well done. I understand you will soon be returning to your duties as President of Sacred Heart University. We will miss you, but we can appreciate that there are others who need your talent. And although Dr. Melady is going, we can all count on the continued efforts of such fine people as Dr. Ed Elmendorf, Dr. Margaret Seagears and William Butts who will be working directly with Secretary Bell on issues concerning historically black colleges.

Finally, the emphasis on the Directive I am issuing today is, as I mentioned, channeling the power of the private sector

into this area of concern. If you will pardon these private thoughts, our goal is to get you through a particularly rough time -- not only a time of economic uncertainty, but also a time when you are reexamining your fundamental role in American education. We fully expect that as our program is successful -- due to your efforts as well as ours -- the Federal involvement will diminish. That's our ultimate goal, and I am certain it is yours as well.

Over the last few decades, no greater harm has been done than by government programs designed so poorly that they maneuvered people in need into a terrible dependency. Instead of strengthening recipients and helping them along the way, many well-intentioned programs did nothing but destroy pride and create a feeling of helplessness among those who needed encouragement and hope.

Perhaps this is why your institutions are so important for us to preserve. You are a symbol that even in times of great adversity men and women can work together and improve their lot. In a shameful period in American history, you offered hope and provided a vehicle for advancement to millions of Americans. Your story can serve to inspire all those who struggle to better themselves. And today I am proud that I have been given this opportunity to be a part of repaying you for all you've done for America.

When I spoke at the Shoreham last week, I mentioned that if those who share my philosophy have had any failure it's been a failure to communicate what's in our hearts to the black

community. This has led to misunderstanding and sometimes mistrust. I hope that next Monday, when the Nation celebrates Black College Day, you will share with others the legitimate concern that this Administration has shown toward your problems and our sincere dedication to equality of opportunity for all Americans. The other night I found a quote by Alex de Tocqueville that expresses it well.

"Democracy and socialism," de Tocqueville said, "have nothing in common but one word: equality. But notice the difference: while democracy seeks equality in liberty, socialism seeks equality in restraint and servitude."

So today let's move forward together, striving for equality through liberty. That's what America is all about. Thanks for being here today and God bless each of you.

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THE WHITE HOUSE

WASHINGTON

September 21, 1982

MEETING WITH REPRESENTATIVES OF THE BOYS CLUBS OF AMERICA

DATE: September 22, 1982
LOCATION: Roosevelt Room
TIME: 11:50 - 12:00 noon

FROM: Elizabeth H. Dole 

I. PURPOSE

To congratulate and make the official presentation to the winner of the Boys Clubs of America's National Boy-of-the-Year.

II. BACKGROUND

The Boys Clubs of America's National Boy-of-the-Year Program has been sponsored annually for 36 years by the Reader's Digest Foundation. Five finalists are chosen from over 1,000 young men who compete in regional and state competitions. The candidates are chosen on the basis of service to home, community, place of worship and Boys Club. The five finalists and their local club directors then travel to Washington, D.C. for the final judging. One of these five finalists will become the national Boy-of-the-Year and will represent a million Boys Club youth. Beginning with President Eisenhower, every winner has been installed by the President at the White House. You are the Honorary Chairman of the Boys Clubs of America.

III. PARTICIPANTS

See attached.

IV. PRESS PLAN

Press Pool Photo Opportunity.

V. SEQUENCE OF EVENTS

- 11:50 a.m. You join your guests already assembled in the Roosevelt Room, where you stand under the "Roughrider" picture with the Boy-of-the-Year next to you.
- 11:51 a.m. John Burns, Chairman of Boys Clubs of America, steps forward and presents the Boy-of-the-Year plaque to you, asking you, as Honorary Chairman of the Boys Clubs of America, to make the official presentation to the winner.

- 11:53 a.m. You make brief remarks, read the plaque and present it to the winner.
- 11:55 a.m. The Boy-of-the-Year thanks you and presents you with a gift.
- 11:56 a.m. The Boy-of-the-Year introduces you to the Regional finalists. Each boy and his director will step forward to meet you. Photos are taken of each boy shaking your hand.
- 11:58 a.m. A group photo will be taken
- 11:59 a.m. John Burns introduces you to Martin "Bud" Seretean, Chairman, Government Relations Committee, Boys Clubs of America, who presents the "Status Report" on the Boys Clubs of America to you.
- 12:00 p.m. You thank your guests and depart.

SUGGESTED TALKING POINTS FOR MEETING WITH
REPRESENTATIVES OF THE BOYS CLUBS OF AMERICA

- Thank you John. I am happy to see all of you here this morning.
- Congratulations to all the finalists. I know that the competition for this honor has been challenging, and you are to be commended for your service to your families, school, community, and churches.
- You are outstanding examples of America's youth, and your accomplishments are indeed something to be proud of.
- Now, as Honorary Chairman, and on behalf of the American people, I'll go ahead and read this plaque so I can announce and congratulate this year's Boy-of-the-Year.

PARTICIPANTS

Five Boy-of-the-Year Finalists

Edward Alameda, Tucson, Arizona
Bruce Allen Wilson, Omaha, Nebraska
Juan Carlos "Charlie" Perez, Orlando, Florida
Andre Bouley, Billerica, Massachusetts
Orlando Rudolph Vega, Denver, Colorado

Club Directors

Lloyd Tolle
Thomas O. Davis
Frank Moletteire
Brian P. Skanes
William E. Cope

John L. Burns, Chairman, Boys Clubs of America
Jeremiah Milbank, President, Boys Clubs of America
Martin B. Sereteau, Chairman, Government Relations
Committee, Boys Clubs of America
William Bricker, National Director, Boys Clubs of America
Tanis Erdmann, Senior Editor, Readers' Digest
Davis F. Winn, Boys Clubs of America
Richard Miller, Boys Clubs of America
Jerry A. Bergman, Boys Clubs of America
Peter Cott, Boys Clubs of America
Michael Perangelo, Boys Clubs of America
Morris Semiati, Boys Clubs of America
Roxanne H. Spillet, Boys Clubs of America

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THE WHITE HOUSE

WASHINGTON

September 21, 1982

PRESENTATION OF FEDERAL DRUG ABUSE STRATEGY DOCUMENT

DATE: September 22, 1982
TIME: 1:00 PM (5 minutes)
LOCATION: Oval Office

FROM: Roger Porter *RP*

I. PURPOSE

Presentation of the first copy of the 1982 Federal Strategy for Prevention of Drug Abuse and Drug Trafficking by your Drug Advisor Carlton E. Turner, with Vice President Bush.

II. BACKGROUND

Your campaign against drug abuse began early in the Administration. Major initiatives include the South Florida Task Force, the Commission on Drunk Driving, and restructuring the Drug Enforcement Administration and the Federal Bureau of Investigation. On June 24, 1982, you, the Vice President and the First Lady met with Carlton Turner and the heads of 18 Federal agencies with responsibilities in drug law enforcement and health. You asked for their assistance in the development of a strategy.

The resulting 1982 Federal Strategy is a milestone in our fight against drug abuse and challenges each individual citizen to join in the campaign.

The Strategy provides the framework for vigorous implementation of your program in five major areas:

- International Cooperation
- Drug Law Enforcement
- Education and Prevention
- Detoxification and Treatment
- Research

The program calls for improved use of Federal resources, with an emphasis on coordination and cooperation among officials at all levels of government and use of government resources as a catalyst for grassroots action. The Federal drug programs are being reoriented to meet the specific needs which exist within communities throughout the United States, with priorities established on a local or regional basis. The campaign includes a major effort to involve the business community, civic groups and individual citizens in drug abuse programs. The emphasis is on youth and the family.

Public release of the Strategy is planned for a later date, with anticipated release to be no later than October 4, 1982.

III. PARTICIPANTS

Vice President Bush
Carlton E. Turner

IV. PRESS PLAN

White House Photographer

V. SEQUENCE

Carlton Turner will present you with the first copy of the 1982 Drug Abuse Strategy. You will then make brief remarks.

VI. REMARKS

- Thank you Carlton, and please convey my appreciation to all the people who worked so hard to develop our strategy.
- I look forward to reading this. I know it will be useful to the law enforcement and health care communities, and to the parents groups, business leaders, and others who will take this strategy and make it work.
- The moral fiber of our great country is being eroded by drug abuse and criminal activity. I want to stop this assault on our traditional values.
- Please keep me posted on the progress of our campaign.

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THE WHITE HOUSE

WASHINGTON

September 21, 1982

MR. PRESIDENT:

These tapings were originally scheduled to be done Monday. You have already approved the draft texts. The teleprompter versions will be available at the tapings.

A handwritten signature in dark ink, consisting of a series of connected loops and a final sharp upward stroke, followed by a period.

Richard G. Darman

THE WHITE HOUSE

WASHINGTON

September 21, 1982

MEETING WITH: National Aquarium Society Benefit
DATE: September 22, 1982
LOCATION: State Dining Room
TIME: 5:30 PM

FROM: James S. Rosebush



I. PURPOSE

To congratulate the Secretary and Mrs. Baldrige, the Aquarium Benefit Committee and Board of Directors on their efforts to help restore and revitalize the National Aquarium as a private sector operation, and to raise funds to underwrite free admission for Washington school children.

II. BACKGROUND

Mrs. Charles Wick and Mrs. Malcolm Baldrige are co-chairs of the benefit and requested this reception as a special way to thank contributors to this cause.

III. PARTICIPANTS

THE PRESIDENT AND MRS. REAGAN
The Secretary and Mrs. Baldrige
Mr. and Mrs. Charles Wick
Invited guests attending the Benefit

IV. PRESS PLAN

None

V. SEQUENCE OF EVENTS

THE PRESIDENT AND MRS. REAGAN will proceed at 5:30 pm through the Red Room to the South wall of the State Dining Room, to take their places in a receiving line. Following the receiving line the PRESIDENT will step forward to make brief remarks and then for a brief period mix and mingle with the guests before returning to the residence.

SCHEDULE OF EVENTS
Reception Regarding the National
Aquarium
Wednesday, September 22, 1982

First revision
September 20, 1982

FROM: Muffie Brandon

muffie Brandon

- 4:45 p.m. Guests begin to arrive the SouthWest Gate and Diplomatic Reception Room. They are led by Social Aides up the Grand Staircase to the State Dining Room for refreshments.
- 5:20 p.m. Social Aides begin to prepare the guests for a receiving line, which will take place in the State Dining Room on the south wall. The line will feed from the east side of the room, across the south wall to meet THE PRESIDENT AND MRS. REAGAN, then continue to the west wall where the guests may help themselves to more refreshments and prepare for THE PRESIDENT'S remarks.
- 5:30 p.m. THE PRESIDENT AND MRS. REAGAN arrive the State Floor via the elevator and proceed into the Red Room, then into the State Dining Room through the south door from the Red Room.
- As soon as they have taken their places at the south wall, the receiving line will begin.
- Following the receiving line, the PRESIDENT will make brief remarks from a podium at the south wall, then THE PRESIDENT AND MRS. REAGAN will mix and mingle briefly with the guests.
- THE PRESIDENT AND MRS. REAGAN will then depart the State Dining Room for the Residence.
- 6:00 p.m. All guests depart.

(Maseng/AB)
September 21, 1982
4:30 p.m.

PRESIDENTIAL REMARKS: NATIONAL AQUARIUM BENEFIT RECEPTION
WEDNESDAY, SEPTEMBER 22, 1982

Thank you and welcome to the White House. You may be on your way to the National Aquarium, but Nancy and I have come to feel this is the National Fishbowl.

The whole country, especially the thousands of school children who visit the Aquarium every year, owe all of you a tremendous debt of gratitude. Because of your efforts, not only will the Aquarium remain open, it will flourish. Sprucing up has begun -- thanks to strict and creative management. I understand you are already planning long-term capital improvements. I am so pleased that Midge Baldrige, the other Cabinet wives and members of the National Aquarium Society have made this cause their own. You are proving that private sector initiatives really can work.

In past decades America seemed to drift off course because our leaders insisted Government had the answer to every question and could administer the solution to every problem. Our Nation, built by people with a strong sense of self-reliance, neighborliness and community pride, was being robbed of its special American spirit.

In the last 20 months we've tried to unleash that spirit again, and I believe it is working. From across the country come reports of businessmen, volunteers and community organizations rising to the challenge. Your experience and these other examples make it clear we don't have to turn to the Federal

Government to fill every need. This kind of private sector cooperation can renew the quality of life across America.

I will stop now because I'm looking forward to talking more personally with you, but let me close by saying how grateful and how proud I am of each of you.

Thank you very much.