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362-9534 - A.U. - Boys' National Office

American Legion
Boys' National

June 1870

St. Camp
2180

Centerville
room 150
3154

Allye
6772

Ray Macklin
4418

Room 1
26-3

EHD
Red
Diana
Henry Z.

REGRET

THE WHITE HOUSE
WASHINGTON

Date

5/19/82 VJ
May 10, 1982

SCHEDULE PROPOSAL

TO: GREGORY J. NEWELL, DIRECTOR
PRESIDENTIAL APPOINTMENTS AND SCHEDULING

FROM: Elizabeth H. Dole

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REMARKS REQUIRED: Brief remarks

MEDIA COVERAGE: White House press corps opportunity

RECOMMENDED BY: Elizabeth H. Dole

PROJECT OFFICER: Morton C. Blackwell

THE WHITE HOUSE
WASHINGTON

TO: *Morton*

FROM: Diana Lozano

SUBJECT:

The attached is for your:

- | | |
|---|--|
| ☐ Information | ☒ Review & Comment |
| ☐ Direct Response | ☐ Appropriate Action |
| ☐ EHD Draft Letter | ☐ Signature |
| ☐ File | ☐ Other |

Comments: _____

THE WHITE HOUSE
WASHINGTON

JUN 17 1982

MEMORANDUM

JUNE 17, 1982

TO: RED CAVANEY *74R*
FROM: FREDERICK J. RYAN, JR., DEPUTY DIRECTOR
PRESIDENTIAL APPOINTMENTS AND SCHEDULING
SUBJ: REQUEST FOR SCHEDULING RECOMMENDATION.

PLEASE PROVIDE YOUR RECOMMENDATION ON THE FOLLOWING
SCHEDULING REQUEST UNDER CONSIDERATION:

EVENT: MEETING WITH BOYS NATION PARTICIPANTS

DATE: July 23 to 30, 1982
LOCATION: White House

BACKGROUND: See attached correspondence with Commander
of American Legion.

YOUR RECOMMENDATION:

Accept___ Regret___ Surrogate___ Message___ Other___
Priority___
Routine___

IF RECOMMENDATION IS TO ACCEPT, PLEASE CITE REASONS:

RESPONSE DUE June 30, 1982 TO Fred Ryan.

March 8, 1982

STH to
Paul Conway

Dear Commander Flynt:

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Sincerely,

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Special Assistant
to the President

Commander Jack W. Flynt
National Commander
The American Legion
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Washington, DC 20006

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The American Legion

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(317) 635-8411 ★



OFFICE OF THE
NATIONAL COMMANDER

February 16, 1982

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Hon. Ronald Reagan
President of the United States
The White House
Washington, D. C. 20500

Dear Mr. President:

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Look forward to a favorable reply.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Jack W. Flynt".
JACK W. FLYNT
National Commander

THE WHITE HOUSE

WASHINGTON

July 28, 1982

MEETING WITH THE AMERICAN LEGIONBOYS NATION

DATE July 30, 1982
LOCATION Rose Garden
TIME 8 a.m.

FROM: Morton C. Blackwell

I. PURPOSE

To greet the 100 Boys Nation delegates who were selected at Boys State conferences.

II. BACKGROUND

This is the 36th annual American Legion sponsored Boys Nation program designed as a citizenship training process. Boys Nation consists of approximately 100 top high school juniors selected on the basis of two per state. These delegates spend their week in Washington getting practical insight into the operation of the federal government which includes the organization of party conventions and the nomination and election of a Boys Nation President and Vice President.

III. PARTICIPANTS

100 Boys Nation delegates and 26 staff members
(List Attached)

IV. PRESS PLAN

Full Press Coverage

V. SEQUENCE OF EVENTS

8 a.m.	Greet and welcome the Boys Nation delegates
8:05	Accept lapel pin and wall thermometer from this group
8:10	Thank the group for their presentation
8:13	Boys Nation delegates leave the Rose Garden for a White House tour at 8:15

SUGGESTED TALKING POINTS FOR THE MEETING WITH
THE AMERICAN LEGION BOYS NATION

- Welcome to the White House Rose Garden at this early hour.
- Congratulations on being chosen as delegates to the 36th annual Boys Nation. It is a great honor.
- You will return home with a greater understanding of the working of the federal government and a better preparation to meet the tasks that will face you in the years to come.
- This program will help to instill in each of you a stronger loyalty to your country and a deeper understanding of the working of our American system.
- Finally, I would like to commend the fine work that the American Legion's Boys Nation staff does each year to prepare so many outstanding young men to become patriotic and productive citizens.

next to V. P. Joseph Wiegand - Pres
232 Rimini Court
Palatine, Ill. - 60067
behind Joe - Theron Buck - V.P.
1815 Fillmore
Caldwell, Idaho 83605

REQUEST FOR APPOINTMENTS

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

Please admit the following appointments on JULY 30, 19 82

for VPOTUS of _____:
(NAME OF PERSON TO BE VISITED) (AGENCY)

PLEASE CLEAR THE ATTACHED LIST OF BOYS NATION DELEGATES
OF THE AMERICAN LEGION TO MEET WITH THE VICE PRESIDENT

PLEASE NOTE: THEY WILL BE BRINGING A LAPEL PIN AND
AND WALL THERMOMETER TO PRESENT TO THE VICE PRESIDENT
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Joe Hagin Advance Man

MEETING LOCATION

Building WHITE HOUSE

Requested by MORTON BLACKWELL

Room No. ROSE GARDEN

Room No. 191 Telephone 2657

Time of Meeting 8 am

Date of request July 29, 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

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Legion**



For God and Country

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(317) 635-8411 ★

July 28 4 PM FIRM
Per Bob Kruse / Carolyn 6/8/82

Do they know?
Ask them for another slot because at the dinner event,
May 14, 1982
31-44-31

Mr. Morton C. Blackwell
Special Assistant to the President
Executive Office Building
17th & Pennsylvania Avenues
Washington, DC 20500

Dear Morton:

It is my pleasure to invite you to speak to Boys Nation at American University on Thursday, July 29, at 6:45 p.m. I feel that this time would be most appropriate since Boys Nation is scheduled to meet with the President on Friday, July 30.

I realize that due to world events and other commitments the President may have to require a change in our scheduled visit to The White House, but I certainly would work with you to accommodate your appearance before Boys Nation as your schedule will allow.

As I told you during my visit to your office last March, Please feel free to take as much time as you deem necessary to give your message to our outstanding citizens. I look forward to working with you again.

Sincerely,

Bob

ROBERT C. KRUSE, Assistant Director
Americanism and Children & Youth Division

6/8
LEFT WORD
ANY OTHER NIGHT
EXCEPT CS

You are getting an award at a pro-life dinner.

The creep is going to the Rose Garden although Elizabeth signed off on the proposal for the President.

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MEMORANDUM

THE WHITE HOUSE
WASHINGTON

July 13, 1982

MEMORANDUM

TO: MORTON BLACKWELL
OFFICE OF PUBLIC LIAISON

FROM: CAROL MCCAIN *McCain*
DIRECTOR
WHITE HOUSE VISITORS OFFICE

SUBJECT: SPECIAL GROUP TOUR

This memorandum will confirm that you have a reserved group tour of the White House for 100 High School Boys Nation Delegates on Friday, July 30, 1982.

It is understood that the group will meet with the Vice President in the Rose Garden at 8:00 a.m. and will go on their tour at 8:15 a.m. The tour guide will pick them up there.

Please express my best wishes to your group for a most enjoyable tour of the White House.

THE WHITE HOUSE
WASHINGTON

July 2, 1982

TO: PAT BYRNE

FROM: MAISELLE SHORTLEY ext. 2657

Can you let me know if the attached request has been taken care of for this group?

As you know this is an annual event for them and means a great deal.

I am almost positive that this has been scheduled by your office but I just haven't had any confirmation.

Once again, thanks for your help

*White House Tour
confirmed by Pat Byrne
7/9 she will send us
a memo on this
the tour is at 8:15*

March 30, 1982

TO: Carol Mc Cain
Visitors Office

FROM: Morton Blackwell
Office of Public Liaison

RE: White House tour for the 100 high school Boys Nation
delegates, sponsored by the American Legion
week of July 23rd

We have received a request from the American Legion, one of the strongest of the veterans groups in support of the President and the Administration.

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I hope you can schedule a tour for this group.

Thank you.

MEMORANDUM

THE WHITE HOUSE
WASHINGTON

May 27, 1982

TO: Jennifer Fitzgerald

FROM: Maiselle Shortley

Attached is a schedule proposal for the American Legion Boys Nation delegation for July 30, 1982 which has unfortunately been turned down by the scheduling office.

Morton Blackwell wondered if, once again this year, the Vice President might be able to spend ten minutes with them in the Rose Garden.

I would appreciate you letting me know as soon as possible, since they are in the process of making their arrangements and need to start to firm things up fairly soon.

Once again thanks for your time and your help.

*ok per Jennifer Fitzgerald 6/1
prepare briefing paper and talking
points by July 25*

*8 a.m. Rose Garden / State Dining Room on July
1 call social office to reserve
East Room in case of rain (7064)*

THE WHITE HOUSE

WASHINGTON

May 10, 1982

MEMORANDUM FOR RED CAVANEY

FROM: MORTON C. BLACKWELL 
SUBJECT: Boys Nation Schedule Proposal

I think we should proceed with the Boys Nation schedule proposal. It has proved to be logistically impossible for Boys Nation and Girls Nation to reschedule their trips to be here at the same time. All the state events have been scheduled for both these groups for a very long time and cannot be changed.

The Boys Nation group is much better organized and, for the Legion, a much higher priority. They frequently contact us for Boys Nation and only mention Girls Nation in passing.

We have told the Legion that we will endeavor to get a White House tour for Girls Nation if they give us more than the one week notice they gave us last year.

Attached is the Boys Nation schedule proposal.

THE WHITE HOUSE

WASHINGTON

SCHEUDLE PROPOSAL

May 10, 1982

TO: GREGORY J. NEWELL, DIRECTOR
PRESIDENTIAL APPOINTMENTS AND SCHEDULING

FROM: Elizabeth H. Dole

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(meeting 30 MARCH)

February 16, 1982

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MEMORANDUM

THE WHITE HOUSE

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FROM: ELIZABETH H. DOLE

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DATE: July 30, Friday, 8:00 A.M. is best
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MEDIA COVERAGE: White House press corps opportunity.

RECOMMENDED BY: Elizabeth H. Dole

PROJECT OFFICER: Morton Blackwell

March 30, 1982

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