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THE WHITE HOUSE
WASHINGTON

December 14, 1981

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MEMORANDUM FOR:

GREG NEWELL ✓
TRICIA ROGERS

FROM:

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Re the attached Schedule Proposal, would prefer not doing California option since Wadsworth was the site of the VA sit-ins this spring. If the President does do Wadsworth, we'll need to reconstruct issues/resolutions of those sit-ins.

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Dr. Page:
Excellent idea

MEMORANDUM

REGRET

Date

12/16/81

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THE WHITE HOUSE
WASHINGTON

SCHEDULE PROPOSAL

December 8, 1981

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

FROM: ELIZABETH H. DOLE *ED*

REQUEST: To visit a Veterans Administration hospital during the Christmas recess.

PURPOSE: To visit hospitalized veterans during the Christmas season to display concern and provide special recognition to those who have served their country.

BACKGROUND: There are two hospitals that have been recommended. During the week before Christmas when the President will be in Washington, the VA hospital is the Washington Medical Center, 50 Irving St. and the Director is Mr. Aladino Gavazzi. This hospital opened in May, 1965 and is a 708 bed general medical and surgical center. During the week after Christmas when the President will be in California, the VA hospital is the Wadsworth Medical Center, Wilshire and Sawtelle Blvd. Los Angeles, and the Director is Mr. William Anderson. This hospital originally opened following the Civil War as a soldiers' home. It now provides 1,160 hospital beds and services 350,000 patients annually.

PREVIOUS PARTICIPATION:

DATE: Open, during Christmas recess

LOCATION: One of these VA hospitals

DURATION: 30 minutes

PARTICIPANTS: VA Administrator Robert Nimmo
Director of the VA hospital

OUTLINE OF EVENTS: President will be greeted on arrival, tour the hospital, and visit various hospital wards greeting the patients.

REMARKS REQUIRED: Brief remarks

MEDIA COVERAGE: Full press coverage

RECOMMENDED BY: Elizabeth H. Dole, Robert Nimmo

OPPOSED BY:

PROJECT OFFICER: Morton Blackwell

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MEMORANDUM

THE WHITE HOUSE
WASHINGTON

SCHEDULE PROPOSAL

December 7, 1981

TO: GREGORY J. NEWELL, DIRECTOR
Presidential Appointments and Scheduling

FROM: ELIZABETH H. DOLE

REQUEST: To visit a Veterans Administration hospital
during the Christmas recess.

PURPOSE: To give special recognition to the unfortunate,
especially to hospitalized veterans during
the Christmas season.

BACKGROUND: There are two hospitals that have been recommended.
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is Mr. William Anderson. This hospital originally
opened following the Civil War as a soldiers' home.
It now provides 1,160 hospital beds and services
350,000 out-patients annually.

PREVIOUS
PARTICIPATION:

DATE: Open, during week before Christmas recess

LOCATION: One of these VA hospitals

DURATION: 30 minutes

PARTICIPANTS: VA Administrator Robert Nimmo
Director of the VA hospital

OUTLINE OF EVENTS: President meets with the VA Medical Center staff
and walks through a few hospital wards.

REMARKS REQUIRED: Brief remarks

MEDIA COVERAGE: Full press coverage

RECOMMENDED BY: Elizabeth H. Dole, Robert Nimmo

OPPOSED BY:

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