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JAMES RENTSHLER TO WILLIAM CLARK RE
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WASHINGTON

SCHEDULE OUTLINE

TO: GREGORY NEWELL

FROM: MICHAEL K. DEEVER

REQUEST: Meeting with Icelandic President Vigdis Finnbotadottir as part of official or State visit.

PURPOSE: The visit would enable the President to honor the Chief of State of an important NATO ally in whose country we have major strategic interests (the Keflavik base). President Finnbotadottir is the only democratically elected female chief of state anywhere in the world, and her presence here would help enhance the President's image both domestically and internationally.

BACKGROUND: The Icelandic President is already scheduled to visit the U.S. in conjunction with a major Scandinavian exhibit during the period September 7-9. Elevating the status of her visit will demonstrate U.S. support for, and interest in our smaller allies. At the same time, it would help disarm the small but vocal Communist element in Iceland which backs positions hostile to our interests.

PREVIOUS PARTICIPATION: None.

DATE: Anytime during the period September 7-9, 1982.

LOCATION: Oval Office.

PARTICIPANTS: US: Alexander Haig, William Clark, U.S. Ambassador to Iceland Marshall Brement, James M. Rentschler (NSC); Iceland: President Finnbotadottir and others to be determined.

OUTLINE OF EVENT: South Lawn arrival ceremony; office meeting; state dinner or lunch.

MEDIA COVERAGE: Meeting will be announced; full photo opportunity; informal press remarks at conclusion of office meeting.

RECOMMENDED BY: State and NSC.

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MEMORANDUM

8/3/82

TO: WILLIAM CLARK

FROM: WILLIAM K. SADLEIR *WKSadler*

SUBJ: APPROVED PRESIDENTIAL ACTIVITY

PLEASE IMPLEMENT THE FOLLOWING AND NOTIFY AND CLEAR ALL PARTICIPANTS. THE BRIEFING PAPER AND REMARKS SHOULD BE SUBMITTED TO RICHARD DARMAN BY 3 P.M. OF THE PRECEDING DAY.

NOTE: AS PROJECT OFFICER FOR THIS ACTIVITY, YOU ARE RESPONSIBLE TO SUBMIT A COMPLETE, CONFIRMED LIST OF STAFF AND ATTENDEES, IDENTIFIED BY TITLE, TO THE OFFICE OF PRESIDENTIAL APPOINTMENTS AND SCHEDULING WITHIN 5 DAYS AFTER THE EVENT.

MEETING: Time reserved for President Vigdis of Iceland
11:30 am - 30 minutes - Meeting - Oval Office
12:15 pm - 75 minutes - Luncheon - Residence

DATE: September 8, 1982

TIME: As shown

DURATION: As shown

LOCATION: As shown

REMARKS REQUIRED: Yes

MEDIA COVERAGE: Coordinate with Press Office

FIRST LADY
PARTICIPATION: Yes

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July 22, 1982

MEMORANDUM FOR L. PAUL BREMER, III
Executive Secretary
The Department of State

SUBJECT: Working Visit of President Finnbogadottir
of Iceland

This is to advise that the White House has approved the issuance of an invitation to President Vigdis Finnbogadottir of Iceland for a Working Visit on Wednesday, September 8 -- a meeting scheduled at 11:30 a.m. -- followed by a social luncheon at 12:00 noon to which other visiting Nordic heads of state, or their representatives, will be invited. There will be no other meetings scheduled with other Nordic heads of state or their representatives.

When the visit has been confirmed, briefing papers for the President's use and recommended meeting and luncheon participants would be appreciated by close of business on Monday, August 30.

Please coordinate simultaneous press announcement with Mort Allin, 456-2947.

Thank you.

Michael O. Wheeler
Michael O. Wheeler
Staff Secretary

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The White House

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L. Paul Bremer, III

REMARKS:

MEMORANDUM

THE WHITE HOUSE

WASHINGTON

July 19, 1982

ACTION

MEMORANDUM FOR WILLIAM P. CLARK

FROM:

CHARLES P. TYSON *CNT*

SUBJECT:

Working Visit of President Finnbogadottir
of Iceland

Attached at Tab I is a Wheeler-Bremer memorandum advising approval of the issuance of an invitation to President Vigdis Finnbogadottir of Iceland for a Working Visit on Wednesday, September 8 -- a meeting at 11:30 a.m. -- followed by a social luncheon at 12:00 noon to which other visiting Nordic heads of state, or their representatives, will be invited. There will be no other meetings scheduled with other Nordic heads of state or their representatives.

for *DB* Jim Rentschler and *DB* Dennis Blair concur.

Upon confirmation of the visit, briefing papers and recommended meeting and luncheon participants have been requested.

RECOMMENDATION

That you approve for signature the Wheeler-Bremer memorandum at Tab I.

Approve

RCN/H

Disapprove

Attachment

Tab I - Wheeler-Bremer Memo

MEMORANDUM

THE WHITE HOUSE
WASHINGTON

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June 28, 1982

Is this one we
agreed on at
Versailles?

④ yes

ACTION

MEMORANDUM FOR MIKE DEEVER

FROM: BILL CLARK *WB*

SUBJECT: Schedule Outline: Working Visit by Icelandic
President Finnbogadottir

At Tab B is a State Department memorandum recommending that the President meet with Icelandic President Finnbogadottir for fifteen minutes on September 8, 9 or 10, followed by a luncheon, duration 90 minutes.

At Tab A is a Schedule Outline.

RECOMMENDATION:

That you approve the request and forward the Schedule Outline to Fred Ryan for scheduling on the President's calendar.

_____ Approve

_____ Disapprove

Attachments:
Tab A - Schedule Outline
Tab B - State Memo

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Mike + Chuck:
Why not P. visit + VP. lunch?

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SCHEDULE OUTLINE

TO: FREDERICK J. RYAN, JR.

FROM: MIKE DEAVER

REQUEST: Working Visit (Short meeting followed by lunch)

PURPOSE: To strengthen U.S.-Icelandic relations

BACKGROUND: President Finnbogadottir of Iceland will be visiting the United States on September 8 to open the Scandinavia Today festival at the Kennedy Center. Iceland is the only NATO ally whose Chief of State has not been received in the United States. We have an important interest in keeping and improving our air base in Iceland, which is opposed by a strong minority in that country. A working visit by President Finnbogadottir, an attractive and influential lady, will strengthen the U.S. position in our relations with Iceland.

PREVIOUS PARTICIPATION: None

DATE: September 8, 1982 (primary)
September 9, 10, 1982 (backup)
Duration: 15 minutes (meeting)
90 minutes (lunch)

LOCATION: Oval Office, State Dining Room

PARTICIPANTS: Meeting - US: Vice President, Secretary of State, William Clark
ICELAND: President Finnbogadottir, plus three others

OUTLINE OF EVENT: The President to receive President Finnbogadottir for a 15-minute meeting in the Oval Office, followed by a 90-minute lunch in the State Dining Room

MEDIA COVERAGE: Photo coverage for meeting and lunch

RECOMMENDED BY: Department of State

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NATIONAL SECURITY COUNCIL

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June 16, 1982

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MEMORANDUM FOR WILLIAM P. CLARK

FROM: DENNIS BLAIR/JIM RENTSCHLER

SUBJECT: Working Visit by Icelandic President Finnbogadottir

On 4 May, State sent over their recommendations for working visits for the second half of 1982 (Tab II). On the top of that list was the Icelandic President, Mrs. Finnbogadottir. We have delayed forwarding any of these requests because all scheduling energies were directed towards the President's visit. It is now time to think through the rest of the year.

We strongly support State's recommendation that the President receive Mrs. Finnbogadottir for a working visit -- a short meeting plus lunch. Iceland is the only NATO ally whose Chief of State has never been received in the United States, and a visit would help our position in improving the vital base we have in Iceland. In addition, she is acting as a representative of all five Nordic Chiefs of State at the opening of the Scandinavia Today festival, and is therefore an appropriate choice for a Presidential invitation. *

RECOMMENDATION:OKNO That you sign the memo to Mike Deaver at Tab I.

Attachments:

Tab I Clark memo to Deaver
 A - Schedule Outline
 B - State Memos - 5/4 & 6/11

CC: Charles Tyson

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* She is also an attractive woman, which should play well domestically for the President. JR



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June 11, 1982

MEMORANDUM FOR MR. WILLIAM P. CLARK
THE WHITE HOUSE

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SITUATION ROOM

Subject: US Visit by Nordic Heads of State

Our memorandum of May 4 recommended that Icelandic President Finnbogadottir be invited for a working visit in September in conjunction with her presence in Washington to open the Scandinavia Today program.

The Danish Embassy has reminded us that Queen Margrethe will be in the US for the same program. Ambassador Borch has approached us urging that the Queen be treated on an equal footing with President Finnbogadottir and any other Heads of State who are present for Scandinavia Today. He left the impression that he plans to make his view known to the NSC directly.

We continue to believe that the President of Iceland, the only Ally whose Head of State has never been received in this country, be welcomed for an official working visit. Other visiting Nordic Heads of State, or their representatives, might then be included at a function as invited guests, as appropriate.

L. Paul Bremer, III
Executive Secretary



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MEMORANDUM FOR MR. WILLIAM P. CLARK
THE WHITE HOUSE

Subject: Visit of Icelandic President Vigdis Finnbogadottir

Attached is a proposed toast for the President on the occasion of the September 8 luncheon in honor of President Vigdis Finnbogadottir and other Nordic Representatives to Scandinavia Today.

Katherine Sullivan

L. Paul Bremer, III
Executive Secretary

Attachment:
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DRAFT TOAST FOR THE PRESIDENT AT THE LUNCHEON
IN HONOR OF PRESIDENT VIGDIS FINNBOGADOTTIR AND
OTHER NORDIC REPRESENTATIVES TO SCANDINAVIA TODAY
WEDNESDAY, SEPTEMBER 8, 12:00 NOON

MADAME PRESIDENT, YOUR MAJESTY, YOUR ROYAL HIGHNESSES,
DISTINGUISHED GUESTS: IT IS INDEED A GREAT PLEASURE TO WELCOME
YOU TO THE WHITE HOUSE THIS AFTERNOON.

IT IS CERTAINLY AN UNUSUAL OCCASION WHEN WE ARE ABLE TO
HOST THE CHIEFS OF STATE OF TWO NATIONS, REPRESENTATIVES OF
THREE ROYAL HOUSES, AND THE ARRAY OF CABINET MEMBERS ASSEMBLED
HERE TODAY. AS HONORED AS WE ARE TO HAVE YOU ALL GATHERED,
TOGETHER, THIS WILL NOT BE A UNIQUE EVENT. MANY OF MY FELLOW
AMERICANS WILL BE ABLE TO SHARE THIS SAME PRIVILEGE AS THE
SCANDINAVIA TODAY PROGRAM MOVES FROM CITY TO CITY IN THE UNITED
STATES.

MADAME PRESIDENT, THIS IS THE FIRST STOP IN YOUR FIRST
VISIT TO THIS COUNTRY. YOU AND YOUR NORDIC COLLEAGUES WILL SEE
FOR YOURSELVES JUST HOW MUCH YOUR COUNTRYMEN HAVE CONTRIBUTED
TO THE CULTURAL, ECONOMIC, AND SOCIAL DEVELOPMENT OF THIS
NATION.

THOUGH WE HAVE BEEN HOME TO MANY SCANDINAVIAN SETTLERS
OVER THE YEARS, WE WERE FAR FROM THEIR FIRST OR ONLY REFUGE.
YOUR OWN NATION OF ICELAND WAS PERHAPS THE FIRST OVERSEAS LAND
MASS TO BE SETTLED BY EUROPEAN IMMIGRANTS.

AS A RESULT OF THAT IMMIGRANT HERITAGE AND SHAPED BY A
RUGGED ENVIRONMENT, ICELANDERS SHARE MANY OF THE SAME FRONTIER

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TRAITS, CHARACTERISTICS, AND VALUES OF AMERICANS. A TOUGH, INDEPENDENT PEOPLE, ICELANDERS PLACE A GREAT PREMIUM ON INDIVIDUAL RIGHTS AND RESPONSIBILITIES AND HAVE CREATED, UNDER DIFFICULT CONDITIONS, WHAT IS AMONG THE LEAST CLASS-CONSCIOUS AND MOST LITERATE SOCIETIES IN THE WORLD.

WE ARE PARTICULARLY APPRECIATIVE THAT ONE OF THE SYMBOLS OF THAT UNIVERSAL ICELANDIC LITERACY, THE GREAT MEDIEVAL SAGAS, WILL BE EXHIBITED IN THIS COUNTRY DURING SCANDINAVIA TODAY.

THIS, AND THE OTHER EXHIBITIONS, PERFORMANCES, AND ARTISTIC DISPLAYS, WILL ONLY ENHANCE OUR ALREADY GREAT ADMIRATION FOR NORDIC CONTRIBUTIONS TO OUR NATIONAL LIFE.

MADAME PRESIDENT, YOUR BACKGROUND AS DIRECTOR OF THE NATIONAL THEATRE MAKES YOU ESPECIALLY WELL-SUITED TO REPRESENT ICELAND AND TO KEYNOTE SCANDINAVIA TODAY. I AM SURE THAT YOU WILL AGREE THAT THERE IS HARDLY A BETTER WAY TO STRENGTHEN THE ALREADY CLOSE TIES BETWEEN THE UNITED STATES AND THE FIVE NORDIC DEMOCRACIES THAN THROUGH THE MEDIUM OF CULTURAL EXCHANGE. THUS, THE PROGRAM THAT YOU WILL OPEN LATER THIS AFTERNOON AT THE KENNEDY CENTER IS ONE WHOSE IMPORTANCE WILL OUTLAST THE RELATIVELY SHORT SPAN OF THE EVENTS THEMSELVES.

LADIES AND GENTLEMEN, PLEASE JOIN ME IN A TOAST TO PRESIDENT VIGDIS FINNBOGADOTTIR, THE SUCCESS OF SCANDINAVIA TODAY, AND THE TRADITIONAL WARM BONDS JOINING AMERICA AND THE NORDIC COUNTRIES.

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REPS TO SCANDINAVIA TODAY

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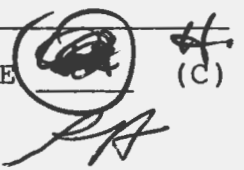
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