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THE WHITE HOUSE

WASHINGTON

June 29, 1982

MEMORANDUM FOR: Scheduling Office

FROM:

Jann Mahan 

Following is a confirmed list of staff and attendees who were in the room during the President's taping session in the Library June 28, 1982. 4:30 PM:

Mark Goode - Media Consultant
Jann Mahan - Media Coordinator
Karna Small - Director of Media Relations

WHCA AUDIO VISUAL

Peggy Baldwin
Glen Arnett
Tom Sanchez
Greg LaDow
Steve Fitch
Randy Federico

Mary Ann Fackelman - WH Photographer

CINEMA SOUND PRODUCTION COMPANY

Edward Thomas - Cameraman
Jude Ryan - Electrician
Bill Yates - Soundman
Milburn Linstrom - Assistant Cameraman

Dean Everett - Mutual Radio engineer

Dave Fischer - Special Assistant to the President

(ROHRBACHER/AB)

TAPING: SANTA BARBARA
JULY 4TH CELEBRATION
JUNE 28, 1982
4:30 P.M.

GREETINGS TO ALL OF
YOU IN SANTA BARBARA
CELEBRATING BOTH THE
FOURTH OF JULY AND YOUR
OWN CITY'S BICENTENNIAL.
TODAY IS SET ASIDE FOR
FESTIVITIES COMMEMORATING
OUR INDEPENDENCE AS A
NATION AND OUR FREEDOM AS
A PEOPLE.

FREEDOM AND
INDEPENDENCE HAVE ALWAYS
BEEN LINKED. THE
PATRIOTS OF THE AMERICAN
REVOLUTION FOUGHT NOT
ONLY TO FREE THE COLONIES
FROM GREAT BRITAIN, BUT
ALSO FOR THE INALIENABLE
RIGHTS OF LIFE, LIBERTY
AND THE PURSUIT OF
HAPPINESS. THE SIGNING
OF THE DECLARATION OF
INDEPENDENCE, WHICH WE
CELEBRATE TODAY, GAVE
BIRTH TO THE UNITED
STATES AS A SOVEREIGN

NATION AND IT ALSO
AFFIRMED OUR COMMITMENT
TO INDIVIDUAL LIBERTY.

TODAY, AS WE REJOICE
ON THE OCCASION OF THE
206TH ANNIVERSARY OF THAT
SIGNING, WE SHOULD TAKE
TIME TO REFLECT ON THOSE
PRINCIPLES AND VALUES
THAT KEPT OUR COUNTRY
FREE AND PROSPEROUS. THE
SPIRIT OF COMMUNITY WAS
ONE OF THE TRAITS MOST
VITAL TO THIS NATION'S
DEVELOPMENT. THAT SPIRIT
IS TODAY REPRESENTED IN
FOURTH OF JULY
CELEBRATIONS IN TOWNS AND
HAMLETS ACROSS AMERICA
SIMILAR TO YOUR
GATHERING. IN SANTA
BARBARA I UNDERSTAND THIS
MARKS THE REBIRTH OF
COMMUNITY FOURTH OF JULY
ACTIVITIES, AFTER YEARS
OF DORMANCY. IT IS
ALTOGETHER FITTING THAT

THIS SHOULD HAPPEN IN
YOUR CITY'S BICENTENNIAL
YEAR. I HOPE IT IS A
TRADITION YOU WILL
CONTINUE.

BUT LIKE ANYTHING OF
VALUE, IT WILL TAKE
COMMITMENT AND HARD WORK.
TODAY, WE ARE THE
RECIPIENTS OF THE
COMMITMENT AND HARD WORK
OF THOSE AMERICANS WHO
CAME BEFORE US -- A PROUD
PEOPLE WILLING TO FIGHT
AND DIE IF NECESSARY TO
PROTECT THEIR FREEDOM.
THE FIREWORKS DISPLAYS AT
CELEBRATIONS ACROSS
AMERICA COMMEMORATE THOSE
BRAVE MEN AND WOMEN WHO
HAVE GIVEN THEIR LIVES
FOR OUR FREEDOM.

BUT THOSE WHO WORKED
HARD AT EVERYDAY TASKS
ALSO MADE THEIR
CONTRIBUTION. THE
AMERICAN SYSTEM OF FREE

ENTERPRISE UNLEASHED AN ENERGY AND CREATIVITY IN AVERAGE PEOPLE THAT HAD NEVER BEEN IMAGINED. THE AMERICAN ECONOMIC MIRACLE WAS NOT A PRODUCT OF A CENTRAL PLAN OR THE DICTATES OF A GOVERNMENT BUREAU; INSTEAD, IT FLOWED FROM THE FREE ECONOMIC CHOICES MILLIONS OF OUR CITIZENS MADE IN ORDER TO BETTER THEIR LIVES AND THE LIVES OF THEIR FAMILIES. THE WEALTH GENERATED BY THIS AVALANCHE OF PRODUCTIVITY HAS PROVIDED US WITH A STANDARD OF LIVING THAT IS THE ENVY OF THE WORLD.

TODAY AS WE ENJOY OURSELVES, LET'S REMEMBER AND BE GRATEFUL FOR ALL THAT WE HAVE. AS OUR FOREFATHERS MET THEIR CHALLENGES, WE WILL MEET OURS. IN CLOSING, I'D

JUST LIKE TO WISH EACH OF
YOU A SPECIAL FOURTH OF
JULY. NANCY AND I ARE
PROUD TO BE YOUR
NEIGHBORS AND APPRECIATE
THIS CHANCE TO SAY A FEW
WORDS DURING YOUR
CELEBRATION.

THANK YOU AND GOD
BLESS.

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GOOD AFTERNOON. IT IS A PLEASURE FOR ME TO TAKE PART IN THIS HISTORIC BROADCAST -- THE FIRST LIVE RADIO BROADCAST FROM THE STATUE OF LIBERTY. MOST OF OUR FOREBEARS EMIGRATED TO THIS LAND, AND THIS GREAT STATUE, THIS WELCOMING SYMBOL OF HOPE, WAS THE FIRST AMERICAN SIGHT FOR MANY OF THEM. MISS LIBERTY SPOKE AS POWERFULLY TO THEM AS SHE DOES TO US TODAY OF THE FREEDOM AND OPPORTUNITY IN AMERICA.

MANY WHO PASSED UNDER HER SHADOW WERE ALSO SENT THROUGH THE GATES OF ELLIS ISLAND. SOME OF THOSE WHO SQUEEZED INTO ITS CRAMPED FACILITIES AND STRUGGLED WITH OFFICIALS WHO DID

NOT UNDERSTAND THEM MAY
NOT HAVE FOND MEMORIES OF
THIS PLACE -- MEMORIES
THEY WORKED HARD TO LEAVE
BEHIND. BUT ELLIS ISLAND
IS AN IMPORTANT PART OF
OUR NATIONAL PAST, A
REMINDER THAT WE ARE A
NEW NATION, BUILT BY
IMMIGRANTS, WITH THE
DREAMS OF THE WORLD TO
DRAW UPON.

OUR FOREFATHERS CAME
HERE IN SEARCH OF A NEW
IDEAL IN FREEDOM -- A
PLACE TO REAP THE REWARDS
OF THEIR WORK, TO LIVE IN
PEACE AND WORSHIP GOD IN
THEIR OWN WAY. THEY PUT
INTO PRACTICE AN ECONOMIC
SYSTEM THAT HAS CREATED
MORE WEALTH AND RAISED
THE STANDARD OF LIVING
FOR MORE PEOPLE IN LESS
TIME THAN ANY OTHER
SYSTEM KNOWN TO MAN.
THEY ESTABLISHED A

GOVERNMENT THAT HAS
BECOME THE MODEL FOR FREE
PEOPLE THE WORLD OVER.

I HAVE ALWAYS
BELIEVED THERE WAS SOME
DIVINE PLAN THAT PLACED
THIS NATION BETWEEN THE
OCEANS TO BE SOUGHT OUT
AND FOUND BY THOSE WITH A
SPECIAL KIND OF COURAGE
AND A BOUNDLESS LOVE OF
FREEDOM. THE THOUSANDS
WHO FLOCK TO OUR SHORES
TODAY TESTIFY THAT THE
AMERICAN DREAM STILL
LIVES IN THE HEARTS AND
MINDS OF THOSE WHO WOULD
BE FREE.

WE WHO LIVE IN
FREEDOM MUST NEVER TAKE
IT FOR GRANTED. IN A
COUPLE DAYS, WHEN WE
CELEBRATE OUR
INDEPENDENCE, LET US
THANK GOD FOR OUR LIBERTY
AND PLEDGE TO PROTECT AND
NURTURE IT. LET US PUT

NEW ENERGY INTO OUR
NATION'S RENEWAL AND
RESTORE THESE LANDMARKS
THAT REMIND US OF OUR
RICH INHERITANCE.

LISTENERS IN
NEW YORK, NEW JERSEY AND
CONNECTICUT AND ALL
AMERICANS HAVE THE
OPPORTUNITY THIS WEEKEND
TO RE-DEDICATE THEMSELVES
TO THE DREAM THAT THE
STATUE OF LIBERTY
INSPIRES. I JOIN WITH
YOU, BOB GRANT, ON
LIBERTY ISLAND THIS
AFTERNOON IN A COMMITMENT
TO THAT DREAM AND TO THE
PRESERVATION OF ITS
SYMBOLS. WITH THE FIRM
RESOLVE OF OUR PEOPLE,
AMERICA WILL ALWAYS LEAD
THE WORLD AS A LAND OF
FREEDOM, OPPORTUNITY AND
PROMISE.

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THE WHITE HOUSE
WASHINGTON

DATE: _____

FOR: GREG NEWELL
FROM: KENNETH M. DUBERSTEIN
SUBJECT: Invitation to the President

APPROVE _____ DISAPPROVE

COMMENTS:

*M.R.
Forward to
Jan Mahan*


Last April PARADE invited President Reagan to write a July Fourth message to the nation, and this article is the result. In a letter dated May 14 Presidential assistant Michael K. Deaver writes: "This 4th of July message is the President's own words and written initially in his own hand. I thought your readers might like to know that, and that he wrote it on a yellow pad at Camp David the week before last."

NOTE: This article is reprinted from the June 28, 1981, issue of PARADE.



WHAT JULY FOURTH MEANS TO ME

by
Ronald Reagan
President of the United States





For one who was born and grew up in the small towns of the Midwest, there is a special kind of nostalgia about the Fourth of July.

I remember it as a day almost as long-anticipated as Christmas. This was helped along by the appearance in store windows of all kinds of fireworks and colorful posters advertising them with vivid pictures.

No later than the third of July—sometimes earlier—Dad would bring home what he felt he could afford to see go up in smoke and flame. We'd count and recount the number of firecrackers, display pieces and things and go to bed determined to be up with the sun so as to offer the first, thunderous notice of the Fourth of July.

I'm afraid we didn't give too much thought to the meaning of the day. And, yes, there were tragic accidents to mar it, resulting from careless handling of the fireworks. I'm sure we're better off today with fireworks largely handled by professionals. Yet there was a thrill never to be forgotten in seeing a tin can blown 30 feet in the air by a giant "cracker"—giant meaning it was about four inches long.

But enough of nostalgia. Somewhere in our growing up we began to be aware of the meaning of the day, and with that awareness came the birth of patriotism. July Fourth is the birthday of our Nation. I believed as a boy, and believe even more today, that it is the birthday of the greatest Nation on earth.

There is a legend about the day of our Nation's birth in the little hall in Philadelphia, a day on which debate had raged for hours. The men gathered there were honorable men hard-pressed by a king who had flouted the very laws they were willing to obey. Even so, to sign the Declaration of Independence was such an irretrievable act that the walls resounded with the words "treason, the gallows, the headsman's axe," and the issue remained in doubt.

The legend says that at that point a man rose and spoke. He is described as not a young man, but one who had to summon all his energy for an impassioned plea. He cited the grievances that had brought them to this moment and finally, his voice failing, he said, "They may turn every tree into a gallows, every hole into a grave, and yet the words of that parchment can never die. To the mechanic in the workshop, they will speak hope; to the slave in the mines, freedom. Sign that parchment. Sign if the next moment the noose is around your neck, for that parchment will be the textbook of freedom, the Bible of the rights of man forever."

He fell back exhausted. The fifty-six delegates, swept up by his eloquence, rushed forward and signed that document destined to be as immortal as a work of man can be. When they turned to thank him for his timely oratory, he was not to be found, nor could any be found who knew who he was or how he had come in or gone out through the locked and guarded doors.

Well, that is the legend—but we do know for certain that fifty-six men, a little band so unique we have never seen their like since, had pledged their lives, their fortunes and their sacred honor. Some gave their lives in the war that followed, most gave their fortunes, and all preserved their sacred honor.

What manner of men were they? Twenty-four were lawyers and jurists, eleven were merchants and tradesmen, and nine were farmers. They were soft-spoken men of means and education; they were not an unwashed rabble. They had achieved security but valued freedom more. Their stories have not been told nearly enough.

John Hart was driven from the side of his desperately ill wife. For more than a year, he lived in the forest and in caves before he returned to find his wife dead, his children

vanished, his property destroyed. He died of exhaustion and a broken heart.

Carter Braxton of Virginia lost all his ships, sold his home to pay his debts, and died in rags. And so it was with Ellery, Clymer, Hall, Walton, Gwinnett, Rutledge, Morris, Livingston and Middleton.

Nelson personally urged Washington to fire on his home and destroy it when it became the headquarters for General Cornwallis. Nelson died bankrupt.

But they sired a nation that grew from sea to shining sea. Five million farms, quiet villages, cities that never sleep, three million square miles of forest, field, mountain and desert, two hundred twenty-seven million people with a pedigree which includes the bloodlines of all the world.

In recent years, however, I've come to think of that day as more than just the birthday of a nation. It also commemorates the only true philosophical revolution in all history.

Oh, there have been revolutions before and since ours. But those revolutions simply exchanged one set of rules for another. Ours was a revolution that changed the very concept of government.

Let the Fourth of July always be a reminder that here in this land, for the first time, it was decided that man is born with certain God-given rights; that government is only a convenience created and managed by the people, with no powers of its own except those voluntarily granted to it by the people.

We sometimes forget that great truth and we never should.

Happy Fourth of July.

Ronald Reagan

MEMORANDUM

THE WHITE HOUSE
WASHINGTON

June 22, 1982

TO: MARY RAWLINS
FROM: FRAN FRAZIER
SUBJECT: Senator Thurmond's Request

Attached is the Thurmond request we discussed this morning. Pat Gleason, with Anne Higgins, has provided a copy of the President's Fourth of July address in 1981 in the event a tape is not made.

Let us know if we can do anything on this.

Thank you for your help.

THE WHITE HOUSE
WASHINGTON

Pat

June 18, 1982

Dear Senator Thurmond:

This is to acknowledge and thank you for your letter regarding a request of WBBQ Radio in Augusta, Georgia that the President make a special message for use at their Fourth of July celebration.

In order to ensure expeditious review of your comments, I have forwarded your letter to the appropriate member of the President's staff. You may be assured that it will be given prompt and careful consideration.

With kindest regards,

Sincerely,



Pamela J. Turner
Deputy Assistant to the President
for Legislative Affairs (Senate)

The Honorable Strom Thurmond
United States Senate
Washington, D.C. 20510

cc: ~~Anne Higgins~~ ✓

Mary Rawlin's thru Nancy Kennedy



The President Pro Tempore

UNITED STATES SENATE

June 16, 1982

Ms. Pamela Turner
Deputy Assistant to the President
for Legislative Affairs
The White House
Washington, D.C. 20500

Dear Ms. Turner:

Please find attached a letter sent to me by WBBQ Radio in Augusta, Georgia, requesting that I ask the President to make a 30 to 60-second audio tape for use at their Fourth of July celebration.

In the event that the President cannot record a personalized tape for their specific use, I feel sure that a patriotic Fourth of July message from last year, or a similar recording to be used this year, will suffice.

If you foresee any problems with this request, please contact my Press Assistant, Michael Schick, at 224-1289.

Thank you for your consideration of this matter.

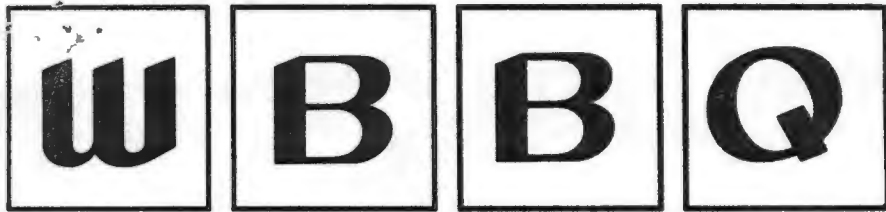
With kindest regards and best wishes,

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads "Strom Thurmond".

Strom Thurmond

ST/xxt
Enclosure



Box 2066 [13] Augusta Ga 30913

[803] 279-6610

AM / STEREO FM

April 29, 1982

Mr. Michael Schick
209 Russell Building
Washington, DC 30510

Dear Mr. Schick:

RE: Our telephone conversation of April 29th.

This year WBBQ and Augusta Mall will be hosting the biggest fireworks display ever in Augusta for the July 4th holiday. Not only will those attending be thrilled by the aerial display, but the fireworks will be set to music piped over the PA system at the Mall, and simultaneously broadcast on WBBQ. Based on past years, we fully expect 50 thousand people to attend the event, and another 50 thousand to hear the program on WBBQ-FM.

To begin the audio presentation, we would like to have a personalized July 4th message from President Reagan. The taped message should run between 30 and 60 seconds. It should be directed to the people of metropolitan Augusta (in east Georgia/west South Carolina). The President should make a few appropriate remarks to the occasion of the holiday, and invite all to join in watching and listening to this grand celebration.

Additionally, we would like to have a separate tape of Senator Thurmond with a July 4th greeting, that should end: "...ladies and gentlemen, the President of the United States." (The senator would, in effect, be introducing the President.)

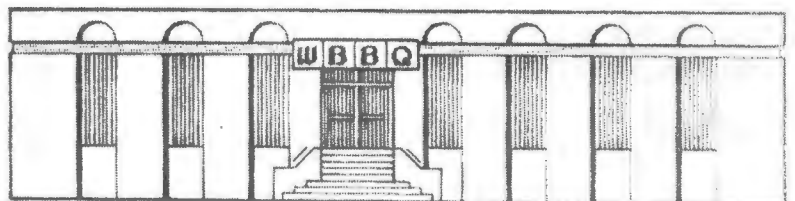
I would appreciate your and the Senator's help in obtaining these two messages; each should be on reel-to-reel audio tape, single track, 7½ or 15 ips. If you need any other information, or desire us to script the messages, please let me know. Again, thank you.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Bob Young".

Bob Young
News Director

BY/js



THE WHITE HOUSE

WASHINGTON

June 28, 1982

MEMORANDUM FOR:

Control Center
TSD
Ushers Office
WHCA

FROM:

Jann Mahan 

Today, (Monday June 28) we will be taping some messages with the President in the Library at 4:30 PM. The room should be cleared and a power box installed in the room by 2:30 PM. All furniture should be removed as usual and a chair situated by the fireplace.

The crew will arrive at the SW gate at 2:30 PM. They should proceed to the Diplomatic entrance for unloading of equipment. A uniformed escort should be provided to escort them into the Library.

WHCA should provide a teleprompter and audio recording equipment. A radio engineer will be in the room for the 4th of July audio taping.

Following is a list of crew from Cinema Sound.

Edward D. Thomas - White House pass

Milburn Linstrom - White House Pass

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THE WHITE HOUSE

WASHINGTON

June 25, 1982

FILMING SESSION

DATE: June 28, 1982

LOCATION: Library

TIME: 4:30 PM

FROM: Mark Goode

I. PURPOSE

To film a message from the President.

II. BACKGROUND

This message will be played at the July 4th celebration in Santa Barbara (at the event and on television).

III. PARTICIPANTS

The President

IV. PRESS PLAN

None

V. SEQUENCE OF EVENTS

This message will be one of three read by the President in the Library via teleprompter.

Attachment: Message will be submitted by speechwriter's office.

THE WHITE HOUSE

WASHINGTON

June 25, 1982

AUDIO TAPING SESSION

DATE: June 28, 1982

LOCATION: Library

TIME: 4:30 PM

FROM: Mark Goode

I. PURPOSE

To tape an audio message by the President.

II. BACKGROUND

This message will be played on July 2nd on WMCA radio from 2:00 PM - 4:00 PM from the Statue of Liberty. This event is to spearhead the effort commissioned by the President to restore Liberty and Ellis Island.

III. PARTICIPANTS

The President

IV. PRESS PLAN

None

V. SEQUENCE OF EVENTS

This message will be one of three read in the Library via teleprompter.

attachments: message will be submitted by speechwriters office.

THE WHITE HOUSE

WASHINGTON

June 25, 1982

AUDIO TAPING SESSION

DATE: June 28, 1982

LOCATION: Library

TIME: 4:30 PM

FROM: Mark Goode

I. PURPOSE

To audio tape a message from the President.

II. BACKGROUND

This will be the official Presidential July 4th message to the nation.

III. PARTICIPANTS

The President

IV. PRESS PLAN

NBC radio is the pool.

V. SEQUENCE OF EVENTS

This will be one of three messages read by the President in the Library via teleprompter.

attachment: will be submitted by the speechwriters office.

Ellis Island
TAPED MESSAGE

THE WHITE HOUSE
WASHINGTON

SCHEDULE PROPOSAL

June 22, 1982

TO: DIRECTOR OF PRESIDENTIAL APPOINTMENTS AND SCHEDULING

FROM: Mark Goode

REQUEST: Audio taped message from the President.

PURPOSE: To spearhead the effort commissioned by the President to restore Liberty and Ellis Island.

BACKGROUND: On July 2, WMCA radio, Straus Communications in New York, will broadcast live from the Statue of Liberty on Liberty Island. The message will be played during this time.

PREVIOUS PARTICIPATION: President Reagan commissioned Lee Iococca to head up the Ellis Island project May/82 in the East Room.

OUTLINE OF EVENT: President will read message from a teleprompter along with other messages during taping session set for June 28th.

REMARKS REQUIRED: Yes

MEDIA COVERAGE: No

RECOMMENDED BY: Craig Fuller

OPPOSED BY:

PROJECT OFFICER: Jann Mahan

wmca Radio 57 AM
Conversation Station

STRAUS COMMUNICATIONS, INC. 888 SEVENTH AVENUE AT 57 STREET NEW YORK, NEW YORK 10019

212-586-5700

June 8, 1982

Ms. Karna Small
Director of Media Relations
The White House
162 Old Executive Office Building
Washington, D. C. 20500

Dear Ms. Small:

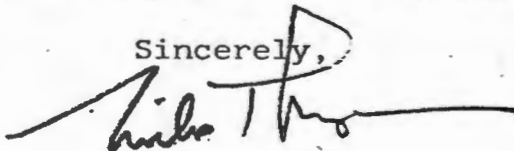
I would appreciate your bringing to the President's attention that on July 2, 1982, WMCA Radio, Straus Communications in New York, will salute America, salute two National treasures, and make broadcast history.

Between 4pm and 6pm on Friday, July 2nd, WMCA radio will broadcast live from the statue of Liberty on Liberty Island. This historic broadcast will spearhead the effort commissioned by the President to restore Liberty and Ellis Islands.

Our request, to make this broadcast "first" complete is to speak with the President live via telephone sometime between 4 and 6pm, Friday July 2nd.

I will be in touch with you shortly, to follow up. If, in the meantime, you have any questions, please call me.

Sincerely,



Mike Thompson

MT/aeb

cc: Mr. Speakes
Mr. Meese
Mr. Nofziger

**CHRYSLER
CORPORATION**

CHARLES T. CUDLIP
VICE PRESIDENT
WASHINGTON OFFICE

June 22, 1982

MEMORANDUM FOR: JANN MAHAN
FROM: CHICK CUDLIP *CC*
SUBJECT: TALKING POINTS RE. REQUEST FROM WMCA RADIO
FOR PRESIDENT REAGAN TAPED MESSAGE TO BE
AIRED JULY 2, 1982, FROM THE STATUE OF LIBERTY

I am pleased to be a part of this historic broadcast -- the first live radio broadcast from the site of the Statue of Liberty.

On May 18 in the East Room of The White House, Secretary of Interior Watt and I announced the formation of the Statue of Liberty--Ellis Island Centennial Commission which is chartered to raise sufficient funds to restore and preserve the Statue of Liberty and Ellis Island and to oversee the celebration of the centennials of these two treasured national landmarks beginning in 1984.

Under the leadership of its Chairman, Lee Iacocca, I know that the Commission will be successful in achieving its objectives. The Commission will be asking all Americans to re-educate themselves on the history of immigration into the United States and the great contributions made by those who entered America through Ellis Island and worked to build our great Nation.

I am honored to salute America and honor the symbol of liberty which stands as a gateway to freedom and a promise to so many people throughout the world.

Listeners in New York, New Jersey and Connecticut and all Americans have the opportunity this weekend to re-dedicate themselves to the dream that Lady Liberty inspires. I join with you, Bob Grant, on Liberty Island this afternoon with the resolve that America will always lead the world as a land of freedom, opportunity and promise.

Santa Barbara Vapes Message

APPROVE VIDEO

HASKELL ENTERPRISES

1224 COAST VILLAGE CIRCLE
SANTA BARBARA, CALIFORNIA 93108
(805) 969-4117

DEC 16/82

GJM

Mike D.
I'd be pleased to
do this.

December 16, 1981

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

Dear Mr. President:

Enclosed find another letter from our mutual artist friend, Jack Swanson. I have always checked with Holmes before using your ZIP Code and I hope this meets with your approval.

Holmes also has approved my working with Bob Tuttle on a massive Fourth of July Celebration being put together by a very patriotic police officer named Edward A. Aasted who has already raised thousands of dollars for fireworks. We believe it will easily be the best exhibition in California at least.

I have already told the committee that it is not rational to have you make an appearance in the 20,000 crowd they are expecting due to security but I hope we might get a tape, video or otherwise, for a short patriotic comment from you. If so, we will arrange for National TV coverage.

I hesitate to try this since my experience where I arranged for the Thunder Birds, with their approval, and the approval of Major General Coy to fly over your Ranch before the inauguration. I was shot down by a Carter appointee at the last minute. I hope this one will be more successful.

Like most Americans, I wish to congratulate you on your unbelievable successes so far, and, as one of those who went into France in the invasion, I am also pleased to learn of the preparations for Cuba.

Respectfully yours,

Eldon Haskell

Eldon Haskell
EH:hk

16mm film
← Bill.



(805) 964-6320
Home.

Santa Barbara Traditions Committee, Inc.

Post Office Box 548, Santa Barbara, California 93102

January 21, 1982

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Founder-Chairman

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President Ronald Reagan
The White House
Washington, D.C. 20500

Dear Mr. President:

We are delighted and inspired by your willingness to join in our forthcoming Independence Day celebration, and we are confident that our efforts to rekindle community and national spirit will surely bring success.

Mr. Eldon Haskell has indicated to me that your office may need a synopsis of salient points to be included in your message. With this in mind, I have enclosed letters and newspaper articles expressing the growing and exhilarating flow of spirit within our community.

With the assistance of a friend of mine, Mrs. Mary Lynn Radford, we have composed an example of the message that you might find appropriate to deliver on the 4th of July.

As for the method of delivery, we expect national network coverage of the presentation, live from the Western White House to the stadium, via either telephone or a possible television link that would be viewed by all. In any event, we will also be simulcast on radio.

The tentative plan calls for your message to be delivered at 9:00 p.m. to be followed by what I now call "Countdown to Freedom," where the entire stadium, after your speech, will count down from 10 to 0, as a prelude to 14 minutes of aerial rockets in two locations. A fireworks birthday cake blazing with "200 candles" will be suspended overhead by a helicopter.

Again, Mr. President, we express our appreciation for your interest and support. We eagerly look forward to joining with you in a community celebration which we know will help to rekindle a national spirit as well.

Sincerely,

Edward A. Aasted
Chairman

EAA:cae

Enclosures

PROPOSED INDEPENDENCE DAY MESSAGE

FELLOW AMERICANS:

TONIGHT AS WE WATCH THE CITY OF SANTA BARBARA CELEBRATING OUR NATION'S INDEPENDENCE DAY AND ITS OWN BICENTENNIAL, THE SOUND OF FIREWORKS AND PATRIOTIC MUSIC IS ECHOING HERE AND IN TOWNS AND CITIES ACROSS THE LAND; FOR IT IS ON THIS DAY THAT WE HONOR THE SPIRIT OF OUR FOREFATHERS WHO HAD THE COURAGE AND DETERMINATION TO WAGE THE STRUGGLE FOR INDEPENDENCE AGAINST OVERWHELMING ODDS.

IN PAUSING TO REKINDLE THAT SPIRIT, WE RECALL THE VISION OF THE DECLARATION OF INDEPENDENCE ON THAT ORIGINAL JULY 4TH, 1776, EXPRESSING AN IDEA OF GOVERNMENT WHICH AT THAT TIME WAS AMERICA'S GIFT TO THE WORLD; NAMELY, THAT ALL MEN ARE ENDOWED BY THEIR CREATOR WITH CERTAIN UNALIENABLE RIGHTS, AMONG THEM THE RIGHTS TO LIFE, LIBERTY AND THE PURSUIT OF HAPPINESS..." IN THE WAR WHICH FOLLOWED, MEN FROM 13 COLONIES WOULD GIVE THEIR LIVES IN THOUSANDS IN ORDER TO MAKE THE VISION A REALITY.

TODAY THE EFFORT TO PRESERVE THEIR GIFT OF FREEDOM CONTINUES, AND EACH OF US IS INVOLVED IN THAT EFFORT IN DIFFICULT TIMES. ECONOMIC STRESSES AT HOME AND THREATS TO WORLD PEACE ABROAD CAN CAST A SHADOW OVER CELEBRATIONS SUCH AS THESE. IN FACT, IN SANTA BARBARA, THIS 4TH OF JULY CELEBRATION IS THE FIRST IN MANY YEARS. THE TRADITIONAL FESTIVITIES WERE SUSPENDED SOME TIME AGO BECAUSE OF A VARIETY OF DIFFICULTIES, UNTIL THIS YEAR, WHEN A DETERMINED GROUP OF CITIZENS BANDED TOGETHER. THEIR VISION: TO RESCUE TRADITIONS SUCH AS THE JULY 4TH CELEBRATION FROM DEATH BY APATHY AND BUDGET-CUTS; THEIR GOAL TO PROMOTE THE KINDS OF ACTIVITIES THAT INSPIRE PRIDE, PARTICIPATION, AND A SENSE OF BELONGING TO THE COMMUNITY AND THE NATION.

THEIR ENTHUSIASM CAUGHT ON, AND TONIGHT'S GALA CELEBRATION IS JUST ONE RESULT OF THEIR JOINT EFFORTS, DRAMATIC PROOF THAT THE AMERICAN SPIRIT IS ALIVE AND WELL HERE IN SANTA BARBARA, ON ITS 200TH BIRTHDAY. AND, ONCE AGAIN, WE SEE THE PROMISE OF DEMOCRACY FULFILLED -- THAT A SMALL GROUP OF CITIZENS, A GRASSROOTS EFFORTS SHOULD NEVER BE UNDERESTIMATED.

THERE IS A SAYING: THAT AS THE COMMUNITY GOES, SO GOES THE NATION; AND SO ON THIS NIGHT IT IS MY HOPE THAT THE SPIRIT DEMONSTRATED HERE WILL FLOW OUTWARD AND IGNITE A NEW OPTIMISM IN THE MANY TOWNS AND CITIES WHO, LIKE SANTA BARBARA, ARE FEELING THE PRESSURES OF THE TIMES.

AS A HIGHLIGHT OF THE FESTIVITIES HERE, EARLIER THIS EVENING SOME NAVY F4C'S ROARED BY OVERHEAD REMINDING US OF THE VITAL PART OUR MILITARY PLAYS BOTH HERE AND ABROAD IN PRESERVING OUR FREEDOMS. AND YET THE COMMITMENT TO FREEDOM DOESN'T BEGIN AND END HERE. IT REALLY BEGINS IN COMMUNITIES LIKE YOURS AND MINE WHO CARE ENOUGH TO PRESERVE THE TRADITIONS WHICH EMBODY OUR NATIONAL SPIRIT. TRADITIONS THAT DRAMATIZE FOR OUR CHILDREN, AND THEIRS IN TURN, OUR COUNTRY'S HERITAGE, AND AWAKEN AN ONGOING DEDICATION TO OUR PRICELESS FREEDOMS.

IN CLOSING, IT IS TIMELY TO NOTE THAT IT IS ALSO THE 200TH ANNIVERSARY OF OUR NATIONAL EMBLEM, THE BALD EAGLE. ON THIS 4TH OF JULY THE MAJESTIC BALD EAGLE REMINDS ME OF AMERICA'S PERENNIAL OPTIMISM, THE FREEDOM TO SOAR EVEN HIGHER; AND IT IS TO EVER NEW HEIGHTS THAT THIS NATION SEEMS DESTINED TO BE CALLED.

AS OUR GREAT PRESIDENT, ABRAHAM LINCOLN, SAID IN 1863 WHEN THE UNION WAS IMPERILED BY CIVIL WAR: "IT IS FOR US THE LIVING TO BE HERE DEDICATED TO THE UNFINISHED WORK WHICH THEY WHO FOUGHT HERE SO NOBLY ADVANCED, THAT WE HERE HIGHLY RESOLVE, THAT THIS NATION UNDER GOD SHALL HAVE A NEW BIRTH OF FREEDOM..."

AND SO, ON THIS INDEPENDENCE DAY, LET US ANSWER THE CALL, BY REDEDICATING OURSELVES TO THOSE COMMUNITY TASKS AND TRADITIONS THAT ARE OUR SPIRIT AND OUR STRENGTH.

ON THIS INDEPENDENCE DAY AT A TIME IN HISTORY WHEN OUR WAY OF LIFE IS UNDER CHALLENGE -- THIS TIME BY ECONOMIC STRESSES WITHIN AND THREATS TO PEACE WITHOUT, LET US REKINDLE THE FLAME ^{OF THE ROCKET'S RED GLARE} ONCE AGAIN, MY FELLOW AMERICANS.

GOOD NIGHT.

Karna -

please call
when you return
and have a
record -

Chick Cook

862-5400

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~~David
Please
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4th of July

CONTROL NO. 2881-1

June 18, 1982

Ms. Karna Small
Director of Media Relations
The White House
162 Old Executive Office Building
Washington, D.C. 20500

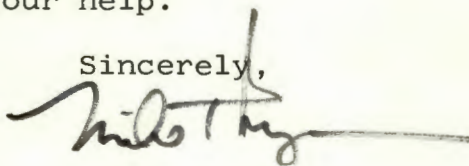
Dear Ms. Small:

I would appreciate your bringing the enclosed message to the President's attention. We would air this taped statement during a broadcast on WMCA, Straus Communications in New York, live from the Statue of Liberty, Friday July 2, 1982.

Bob Grant, the host for this memorable Salute to America, would be particularly honored if the President could join the broadcast by tape. Bob Grant was the first talk radio host to interview the President as a politician on KABC, Los Angeles on December 14, 1965.

Thank you for all your help.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Mike Thompson", with a long horizontal flourish extending to the right.

Mike Thompson
Producer

I AM PROUD TO BE PART OF THIS HISTORIC BROADCAST,
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LISTENERS IN NEW YORK, NEW JERSEY AND CONNECTICUT
AND ALL AMERICANS HAVE THE OPPORUNITY THIS WEEKEND
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WITH THE RESOLVE THAT AMERICA WILL ALWAYS LEAD THE WORLD
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Two of the most stirring American symbols—the Statue of Liberty and Ellis Island—are about to reach their centennials.

In 1984, it will be one hundred years since the Statue of Liberty was given to the people of the United States by the people of France; in 1986, it will be one hundred years since “The Lady” took her place in New York harbor as a beacon of hope and freedom.

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And, in 1992, it will be one hundred years since the opening of Ellis Island — entry point for over 17 million immigrants. Today, almost one-half of all Americans can trace their ancestry to family members whose first steps in America were on Ellis Island.

*B*ut before the celebrations begin...

The Statue is in serious need of repair. And to save Ellis Island from decay will require major restoration and rehabilitation.

To see that this is accomplished — in time for the centennial celebrations — is one of the goals of the Statue of Liberty-Ellis Island Centennial Commission. To achieve this, we must start now.

Your time, contributions and talents are vital. Join us. Help ensure that these two great symbols of our past will continue to serve as living memorials — as inspirations for the future.



The Commission is working with the Statue of Liberty-Ellis Island Foundation, Inc., a not-for-profit corporation, to raise funds to accomplish the Commission's three primary purposes:

- To restore and preserve the Statue of Liberty and Ellis Island
- To establish a lasting memorial to the millions of immigrants who built the United States of America
- To plan and implement the Statue of Liberty and Ellis Island centennial celebrations

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CHARLES T. CUDLIP
VICE PRESIDENT
WASHINGTON OFFICE

June 22, 1982

MEMORANDUM FOR: JANN MAHAN

FROM: CHICK CUDLIP *CC*

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Under the leadership of its Chairman, Lee Iacocca, I know that the Commission will be successful in achieving its objectives. The Commission will be asking all Americans to re-educate themselves on the history of immigration into the United States and the great contributions made by those who entered America through Ellis Island and worked to build our great Nation.

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SECRETARY WATT
WHITE HOUSE
May 18, 1982

Ladies and gentlemen, it is my distinct pleasure to welcome you here this afternoon to announce a most significant private initiative to restore two of our Nation's greatest symbols of opportunity -- the Statue of Liberty and Ellis Island.

As many of you are aware, Ellis Island, the portal to freedom for millions of hopeful new Americans seeking a better life, has lain all but abandoned in New York Harbor since the mid-fifties and is now in a serious state of disrepair. And the Statue of Liberty, a gift from the people of France and a beacon of freedom to all the world's people is equally in need of major repairs due to the ravages of time, the constant moisture of New York Harbor, and the footsteps of millions of visitors a year climbing to her crown.

In a time when expenditures of Federal dollars must be restrained in order to help preserve those very freedoms these great symbols represent, we are calling upon dedicated citizens and private institutions to help with this massive restoration effort.

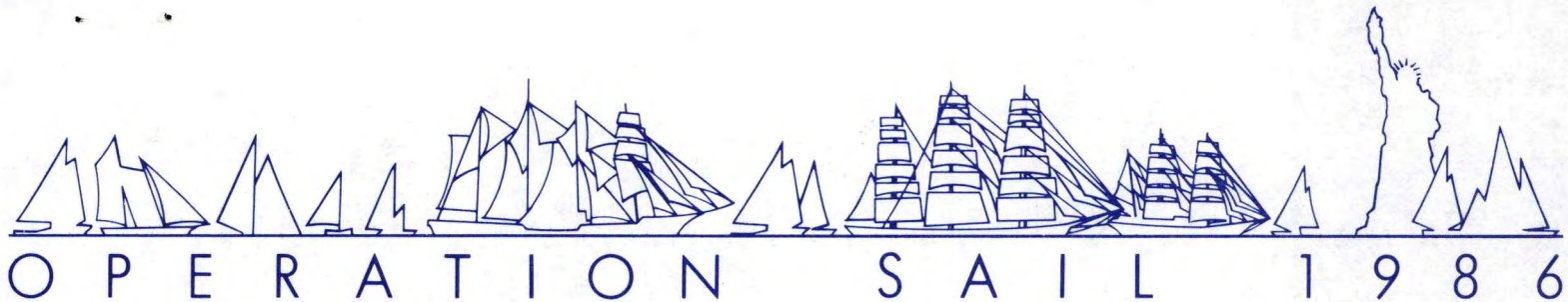
With this objective in mind, we have asked a group of outstanding citizens to help us mobilize this effort; individuals who know the results of hard work and the opportunities provided by our system of free enterprise and private initiative. Individuals who have not forgotten this that is, and always has been a nation of immigrants.

We have been called a melting pot, but I believe that more accurately America is a mosaic, a tapestry of individuals where pride of origin is a great strength woven into our culture; where the seeds of hope brought our shores from all over the world have blossomed and borne fruit that is the envy of the rest of the world.

The one hundredth anniversary of the dedication of the Statue of Liberty is coming up in 1986; that's just a few years away, and with the help of this new commission and the generous offer of assistance from the people of France, we hope to have "The Lady", as she is affectionately known, completely rejuvenated for a grand birthday party. At the same time, we hope a restored Ellis Island will be open to the public.

With these hopes and ambitions in mind, it is my great pleasure to introduce Mr. Lee Iacocca, whose parents came to America through the gates of Ellis Island, as the chairman of the Statue of Liberty-Ellis Island Centennial Commission. Mr. Iacocca....

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FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE

New York June 19, 1982

TALL SHIPS TO RETURN IN A SALUTE TO LIBERTY - OPSAIL '86

Plans are already under way to bring back Operation Sail in 1986 in a three-day Fourth-of-July weekend celebration of the year of the Statue of Liberty's 100th birthday. This was the first "significant and memorable event" selected for recognition and support by President Reagan's Statue of Liberty/Ellis Island Centennial Commission which was introduced today aboard the luxury liner "Atlantic" at New York Passenger Terminal, Pier 90, Hudson River. It was recalled that President Ford called Operation Sail '76 the "crowning event of the nation's bicentennial celebration," witnessed by six million people gathered along the shores of New York harbor and by millions more on television.

Representing the OpSail '86 board of directors and its chairman, Emil Mosbacher, Jr., who are again organizing this dramatic undertaking, Vice Chairman Henry R. Geyelin said, "It is fitting that these many magnificent sailing vessels from many nations salute the great lady and all she stands for to the many peoples who have molded our great nation. We of OpSail look forward to working with this Committee to ensure that our Salute to Liberty will be a pageant of which we shall all be proud."

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CALL: J. S. (Bud) Fullerton

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June 8, 1982

Mrs. Karna Small
Director, Office of Media Relations and Planning
152 Old Executive Office Building
Washington, D.C. 20500

Dear Mrs. Small:

For 13 years, the First Evangelical Church of Rockford has produced an annual patriotic and inspirational musical concert for the community. This event is usually tied to the July 4th celebration of Independence.

This year, we expect over 10,000 people to attend the concert series scheduled for July 12-15.

As part of a professionally-produced multi-media presentation within the musical production, we would like to use a 16mm filmed statement by President Reagan. Could your office help us obtain a brief statement of a challenging, inspirational or patriotic nature? Perhaps you already have such an item in your library we can use.

However, if it is possible to film specific comments similar to those I have included, we would be greatly appreciative.

Our second choice would be an audio tape of such a statement which could be illustrated with photographic slides.

Could we hear from you regarding this request?

Cordially,

Joe Musser
Vice President

JM:lh
Enc.

THE WHITE HOUSE

Office of the Press Secretary

For Immediate Release

May 18, 1982

REMARKS OF THE PRESIDENT
AT CEREMONY FOR
STATUE OF LIBERTY-ELLIS ISLAND COMMISSION

The Rose Garden

1:35 P.M. EDT

THE PRESIDENT: I'm very proud to accept that on behalf of the people of the United States, my landlords. (Laughter).

Good afternoon. And today we're launching, as you well know, a commission whose task will be the rehabilitation of one of our most cherished symbols of liberty.

Much has been said over the years about the diversity of the American people and the vitality and resilience of the American character.

Well, that character isn't centered around any one religious denomination for in our country there are many religions. Everyone has a right to worship God as he or she chooses. It isn't based on any one ethnic group or race for our people come in all shades and shapes and we remain dedicated to the proposition that all of them are created equal. And I've found out in my present capacity now that -- I love to tell jokes now and then but I -- almost restricted to Irish jokes. (Laughter). I can't stray for fear of some misunderstanding. (Laughter).

But our national character is based on a common identity with a single ideal, a shared value that overcomes our differences and unites us as a people. What has made us a nation is our love of liberty and our realization that we're part of a great historic venture, an experiment in freedom to test the ability of people to live together in freedom, respecting the rights of others and expecting that their rights, in turn, will be respected.

I've said on a number of occasions that I can't help but believe, you can call it mysticism if you will, that God must have placed this land here between the oceans to be found by a certain kind of people and a kind only in one thing, that whatever corner of the world they came from they had the courage and the desire for freedom that went with it to uproot themselves and come to this strange land beginning back when it was the most underdeveloped land in the world

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and come here leaving family and come to a strange language and everything that went with that kind of a move.

I think our vision of liberty is reinforced by shared symbols and experiences. Perhaps the strongest image of them all is the one that for millions of Americans was their first glimpse of America that Statue of Liberty.

At the turn of the century, America was blessed with an influx of new immigrants who became citizens and played a significant role in building our country and protecting our freedom. Most of them entered under the shadow of the Statue and were processed into the United States, as we know, through Ellis Island. Between 1892 and its closing in 1954, Ellis Island was the clearing house for millions of immigrants. Many who passed through the gates at Ellis Island had little more than what they carried with them. Yet they possessed a determination that with hard work and freedom, they would live a better life and their children even more so.

They were captured by the American dream and both they and their new country were the better for their efforts and their faith because they not only came here for something but just as they came from every corner of the world, they brought something from every corner of the world to this great melting pot. And maybe in so doing, they proved how artificial are the prejudices and the hatreds that exist in the world because we proved that we could all mix and, I don't know, to this day, one of the first questions you usually ask when you make friends with someone is, what is their ancestry, what country and it use to be that they'd say Irish or German or French or whatever and now they have to say three or four names because they've mixed. In fact, I've got three in mine -- Irish, English, and Scotch but -- and our children can add a fourth and have another country now. But today we declare that no longer functioning as it is, the Ellis Island as a processing center, its contribution is not over. It remains a unifying memory for millions of our citizens.

Our goal is to restore Ellis Island in time for the celebration of the centennial of the Statue of Liberty beginning on July 4th, 1984. I might add one note. The Statue of Liberty was built with funds contributed by people from all over France. Its base was constructed in part with contributions from American school children. And restoring Ellis Island, another monument to our freedom, is worthy of the same kind of heartfelt, voluntary effort. Both the Statue of Liberty and Ellis Island can help us all remember how grateful we should be to live in this land of freedom and good will.

You know, I know that there's one here, or have you already told them? Lee's parents came to this country in search of that kind of opportunity and through Ellis Island. And he certainly has proven what America has to offer for those immigrants or for the sons and the daughters of them.

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So, now I just thank you all for being here with us today to help launch this campaign. And God bless you all.

SECRETARY WATT: Thank you very much, Mr. President.
(Applause.)

When I introduced the other members of the commission, I failed to have them stand up. Would you stand up and -- I'm not sure where you are, the other members of the commission that have been appointed and if, Mr. President, I'd like -- if these men that have agreed to serve on the President's commission would come forward, I'd like to introduce the President to you and we'll catch him before he gets out, if I could ask you men to come over here. And Lee, if you'll join us.

(The Secretary introduces the commission members.)

THE PRESIDENT: I think we're all grateful to these gentlemen who that are going to take on this task and I know that we'll get it done. And they told me now that I have to leave and go back to work. (Laughter. Applause.)

END

1:35 P.M. EDT

THE STATUE OF LIBERTY AND ELLIS ISLAND

The Statue of Liberty. The American symbol of freedom and hope, this proud Lady has witnessed almost a century's growth of a free and democratic society. And the Lady has been the welcoming beacon of hope for millions who have sought to fulfill their dreams in a free country.

Over seventeen million immigrants have passed the Lady to land at Ellis Island — their gateway into the United States.

Many of them (and their sons and daughters) have shaped our history...and in the process, have made us all proud to be called Americans. Frankfurter. Einstein. Carnegie. Cardozo. Sikorsky. Keller. Salk. Ormandy. Carver. Marconi. Bell. Anthony. Steinmetz. Iturbi. Pei. The list of men and women of accomplishment could fill more pages than we have here — and they distinguished themselves in every category of endeavor...the arts, sciences, medicine, law, business, athletics, labor, government and public service.

Conceived as a rallying and unifying point for the French people who had just achieved freedom themselves, it was decided that this symbol of liberty would be given to the young nation that was demonstrating to the world the true meaning of democracy.

Money was raised by gifts from the people of France — from workers and housewives, from the old and the young, even from school children who contributed their small savings. All together the people of France gave more than \$250,000 to the project.

The Statue was designed by F.A. Bartholdi, a French sculptor of Italian extraction. Entitling his creation "Liberty Enlightening the World," Bartholdi spent more than 20 years bringing his concept to reality.

After the 152-foot statue was built and covered with a hand-hewn, 3/32-inch copper exterior, it was dismantled in France before being shipped to America.

At the same time, on the other side of the Atlantic, a 150-foot base was being built by Americans under the direction of Gen. Charles P. Stone following the design of Richard M. Hunt.

The underpinnings which support the Statue were designed by Alexander Eiffel — the renowned French architect who designed the symbol of Paris—the Eiffel Tower.

The assembly and erection was undertaken by a diverse group of American workers, many of them Irish who had come to America after the famines of the 1840's.

Following the example of the French, the American people — by means of a popular subscription effort, and in a remarkable display of generosity during a period of financial hardship — contributed \$270,000.

The Statue was presented to the American people by the French on July 4, 1884, our Nation's 108th birthday.

On October 28, 1886, the Statue was dedicated by President Grover Cleveland at a gala ceremony in New York Harbor with many of America's most distinguished citizens in attendance.

During the next decades, America's Lady of Liberty witnessed the transformation of a nation — from a sparsely populated agricultural country to a mature, complex industrial nation — the leader of the Free World.

During 1886, more than 800,000 immigrants arrived. And, at the same time, plans were being readied to use Ellis Island as a processing center for future arrivals...to handle the millions more who were seeking the opportunity to fulfill their own personal dreams.

Between 1905 and 1914, an average of more than 1 million immigrants arrived each year...two-thirds from Eastern and Southern Europe..and they brought skill — skills that would build the foundation of the world's most productive industrial nation.

Although many came from Europe to escape the problems that were leading to the disaster of World War I, there was a substantial influx of new arrivals from China, Australia, Africa and Canada — from every corner of the world, more than 30 nations altogether.

Before 1917, and prior to restrictions that would limit immigration, the Statue of Liberty extended her open arms to all. Due to a series of restrictive regulations, many groups were excluded after the early 1920's. Yet, the Ellis Island facility was still used to admit three million persons from 1920 to 1930.

During World War II, Ellis Island served the nation as a hospital site for returning and wounded GI's...it also served as a Coast Guard Station...and a detention center for suspected enemy aliens. In 1951, the U.S. Public Health Service closed the hospital...and the detention center ceased to operate.

In November, 1954, Ellis Island was officially closed and declared "excess" federal property. The Island's 62 years of service to the nation came to an end.

Today, both the Statue of Liberty and Ellis Island are in a serious state of deterioration. The Statue of Liberty no longer allows visitors to ascend into her right arm...and the Lady has serious structural problems.

Much restoration and preservation work urgently needs to be done. And at Ellis Island, the Great Hall, the Infirmary and all the other buildings which once throbbed with the vitality of newly arrived immigrants — now are silent in decay.

With the Centennial events beginning in only two years, time is of the essence to meet pressing deadlines:

1. To restore and preserve the Statue of Liberty and the Ellis Island facility.
2. To establish a lasting memorial to the millions of brave immigrants who created and built this country.
3. To plan and implement significant and memorable centennial celebration events.
4. To develop ongoing plans for future events to support these historic symbols of liberty.
5. To raise 100 to 200 million dollars to accomplish these goals.

The Centennial Commission's mandate is to meet these deadlines successfully. No two American monuments could be more deserving.

COMMISSION MEMBERS: Lee A. Iacocca, Chairman; Bob and Dolores Hope; Peter G. Peterson, Chairman of the Board, Lehman Brothers, Kuhn, Loeb, Inc.; Russel E. Dickenson, Director, National Park Service; John W. Kluge, Chairman of Metromedia; Armen G. Avedisian, Chairman of Avedisian Company; Phillip Lax, President, Ellis Island Restoration Commission; Phillipe Vallery-Radot, President, French-American Committee for the Restoration of the Statue of Liberty; T. Robert Zochowski, representative of the Governor of New Jersey; Morris Pesin, a representative of the Mayor of Jersey City, New Jersey and Peter Ueberroth, Chairman, Los Angeles Olympic Organizing Committee.

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SHIPBOARD GALA LAUNCHES STATUE OF LIBERTY CENTENNIAL PLANS

NEW YORK, NY, June 19, 1982 — Over 350 celebrities, government dignitaries and business leaders boarded the luxury cruise ship "Atlantic" Saturday, for a gala shipboard celebration honoring America's most revered national symbols — the Statue of Liberty and Ellis Island.

The event, marked by ceremonies and press conference at noon, announced the establishment of the national Statue of Liberty - Ellis Island Centennial Commission, headed by Chrysler Chairman Lee A. Iacocca.

The Commission, appointed by President Ronald Reagan, will oversee a long overdue restoration and preservation campaign for the two landmarks, to be capped by the celebration of their centennial anniversaries beginning in 1984.

Mr. Iacocca, Undersecretary of the Interior Donald Paul Hodel, and a star-studded list of invited guests joined in a shipboard champagne reception and noon ceremonies, followed by an international buffet prepared by the "Atlantic" staff.

In a spectacular finale, 5,000 "I Love the Lady" helium balloons flew overhead, and red, white and blue fountains dazzled guests while Robert Goulet sang "The Star Spangled Banner" accompanied by the 76-piece U.S. Military Academy band from West Point.

The Home Lines cruise ship "Atlantic" was docked at Pier 92 at the New York Passenger Ship Terminal.

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A NEW BEGINNING FOR OUR NATIONAL SYMBOL

THE EVENT: Shipboard Gala to launch the Statue of Liberty-Ellis Island Centennial Commission.

Lee A. Iacocca, Chairman, Chrysler Corporation, and Chairman of the Commission, will keynote the ceremonies.

Over 350 invited guests representing government, show business, the arts, professional sports, business and industry will attend.

THE PLACE: Aboard the luxury cruise ship "Atlantic"
Passenger Ship Terminal
West 55th Street, Hudson River Pier 92

THE DATE: Saturday, June 19, 1982

THE TIME: 11:00 A.M. to 2:00 P.M. — Champagne reception in ship's lounge with ceremonies and press conference at noon. Details attached.

THE PURPOSE: The Statue of Liberty-Ellis Island Commission has been appointed by President Ronald Reagan to oversee a two-year program of restoration and preservation of the Statue of Liberty and Ellis Island, as well as the celebration of the centennials of these two treasured national landmarks beginning in 1984.

SPECIAL FEATURES: Lounge of Atlantic decorated with:

- o Flags of all states and territories.
- o Ice sculpture of Statue of Liberty.
- o Peter Max paintings of Statue of Liberty.
- o Philip Ratner's sculpture of immigrants arriving at Ellis Island.

Special pilot boat for trip around Statue and Ellis Island, open bar. Departs at 2 P.M. by invitation only.

Helicopter flights over Statue and Ellis Island, from 2 P.M., by special arrangement only.

GUESTS: Lee A. Iacocca, Robert Goulet, Celeste Holm, Geraldine Page, Anne Bancroft, Members of the cast of 42nd Street, Liv Ullman, Eddie Fisher, Natalie Cole, Cab Calloway, Victor Borge, Danny Aiello, Fred Lebow (President of New York Marathon), Brooke Shields, Arlene Dahl, Bowie Kuhn, Brendan Gill, Jim Jensen are among the 350 guests who will be on hand.

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SCHEDULE OF EVENTS

Saturday, June 19, 1982

- 11 A.M. Guest Arrival and Champagne Reception
- Continuous Entertainment by United States Military Academy Band
- 12 NOON Ceremonies and Press Conference
- Lee A. Iacocca, Chairman, Statue of Liberty-Ellis Island Centennial Commission
- The Hon. Donald Paul Hodel, Undersecretary, U.S. Department of the Interior
- N. Nick Cretan, Executive Director, The Maritime Association of the Port of New York
- 12:30 P.M. International Buffet on Lido Deck
- Entertainment by L.A. Machine
- 1:30 P.M. Spectacular Finale on Lido Deck
- National Anthem: Roberta Peters
- Music: United States Military Academy Band, West Point
- Release of 5,000 "I Love the Lady" helium balloons from beneath the ship
- Red/white/blue water fountain display at Statue of Liberty and Ellis Island
- From 2 P.M. Cocktail cruise on special pilot boat past Statue of Liberty and Ellis Island - by invitation
- Helicopter flights over Statue and Ellis Island - by special arrangement

THE WHITE HOUSE


WASHINGTON

MEMORANDUM

6/24/82

TO: ARAM BAKSHIAN/MARK GOODE ✓
FROM: ^{FR}FREDERICK U. RYAN, JR.
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, IT IS YOUR RESPONSIBILITY 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: Taping Session:
(1) Message for Santa Barbara July 4th Observance
(2) Independence Day Message for the Nation
(3) Statue of Liberty, Ellis Island

DATE: June 28, 1982

TIME: 4:30 pm

DURATION: 15 minutes

LOCATION: Library

REMARKS REQUIRED: Yes

MEDIA COVERAGE:

FIRST LADY
PARTICIPATION:

cc: A. Bakshian	E. Hickey	WHCA Audio/Visual
M. Brandon	M. McManus	WHCA Operations
R. Darman	E. Rollins	R. Williamson
R. DeProspero	C. Romero	N. Wormser
K. Duberstein	B. Shaddix	A. Wrobleski
D. Fischer	L. Speakes	W. Sittmann
C. Fuller	S. Studdert	

THE WHITE HOUSE
WASHINGTON

SCHEDULE PROPOSAL

June 14, 1982

TO: DIRECTOR PRESIDENTIAL APPOINTMENTS AND SCHEDULING

FROM: Mark Goode

REQUEST: Taped (audio or video) message for the 4th of July

PURPOSE: To be released throughout the country as an "inspirational" patriotic message.

BACKGROUND: Attached are 2 requests for a message - I'm sure there will be more.

PREVIOUS PARTICIPATION: The President taped a 4th of July audio message last year.

DATE: Before July 1 DURATION: 1 minute

LOCATION: Oval Office Study (if audio) Library (if video)

PARTICIPATIONS: The President

OUTLINE OF EVENT: The President will read statement from a teleprompter either in the Library or Oval Office Study depending on the format.

REMARKS REQUIRED: Yes

MEDIA COVERAGE: None

RECOMMENDED BY: Karna Small

OPPOSED BY:

PROJECT OFFICER: Jann Mahan

THEME: IT'S A BIG, WIDE WONDERFUL WORLD

Rockford is a unique place in this "big, wide, wonderful world." Founded by Swedish and Italian immigrants seeking freedom of religion or independence of thought and vocation, Rockford's early pioneers were furniture craftsmen, builders, farmers and tool-makers.

Your city has given the world not only quality goods and services, but a quality of life seen best in the lives and character of its citizens--persons such as the great humanitarian, Jane Addams.

Although dark clouds of war and difficulty now darken the world's skies, we pray it's just a momentary gloom. I am personally optimistic because this wonderful country has demonstrated--just as you great folks in Rockford have seen--the overall record of our Republic is one of progress and achievement.

As Abraham Lincoln--another famous citizen of Illinois--once said: "Why should there not be a patient confidence in the ultimate justice of the people? Is there any better or equal hope in the world?"

Our democracy is still the basis for the world's hope. It was framed from Judeo-Christian ethics and values and is no worse for wear after two centuries of hard use.

I leave you with this challenge nearly two thousand years old, penned by Saint Paul: "It is important that we go forward in the light of such truth as we have already learned."

This month we celebrate our nation's birth. I challenge you good people of Rockford to dedicate yourselves anew to the values and principles that made our country great...and which makes America a bright beacon of hope to that "big, wide, wonderful world" you've been singing about.

(BAKSHIAN)

INDEPENDENCE DAY MESSAGE FOR THE NATION

TAPING: JUNE 28, 1982

MY FELLOW AMERICANS:

TWO HUNDRED & SIX
YEARS AGO, ONE OF
HISTORY'S GREATEST
ADVENTURES BEGAN WHEN A
SMALL BAND OF PATRIOTS IN
PHILADELPHIA RESOLVED TO
STAKE THEIR ALL -- "THEIR
LIVES, THEIR FORTUNES &
THEIR SACRED HONOR" --
FOR FREEDOM &
INDEPENDENCE. ON THAT
DISTANT DAY, AMERICA WAS
BORN. OUR COUNTRY HAS
BEEN AN INSPIRATION FOR
FREE MEN & WOMEN AROUND
THE WORLD EVER SINCE.

THE SCRIPTURES TELL
US THAT, "WHERE THE
SPIRIT OF THE LORD IS,
THERE IS LIBERTY," AND
FOR MORE THAN TWO
CENTURIES NOW, OUR

BLESSED LAND HAS GROWN
AND PROSPERED, GUIDED BY
A DEEP FAITH IN THE
ALMIGHTY AND AN
UNQUENCHABLE THIRST FOR
FREEDOM. AS GEORGE
WASHINGTON ONCE WROTE TO
ANOTHER OF THE FOUNDING
FATHERS, JAMES MADISON,
"LIBERTY, WHEN IT BEGINS
TO TAKE ROOT, IS A PLANT
OF RAPID GROWTH." THANKS
TO THE FAITH AND
FORTITUDE OF OUR
ANCESTORS, FREEDOM HAS
FLOWERED ON OUR SHORES,
AND HAS BROUGHT A LEGACY
OF LIBERTY & OPPORTUNITY
TO WAVE AFTER WAVE OF
IMMIGRANTS FROM EVERY
QUARTER OF THE GLOBE.

IN WAR & PEACE, IN
GOOD TIMES & BAD, EACH
GENERATION OF AMERICANS
HAS PASSED ON THE TORCH
OF FREEDOM. SOME OF OUR
ANCESTORS FACED TRIALS

THAT WE WILL NEVER
KNOW -- THE SNOWS OF
VALLEY FORGE, THE
CRUCIBLE OF A BITTER,
BLOODY CIVIL WAR, AND THE
INCREDIBLE HARDSHIPS
ENDURED IN TAMING A
SAVAGE WILDERNESS. BUT
THE SPIRIT OF
DETERMINATION & LOVE OF
COUNTRY THAT SAW THEM
THROUGH TO VICTORY STILL
BEATS IN AMERICAN HEARTS
TODAY.

WE, TOO, FACE STRONG
CHALLENGES TO OUR FREE,
ABUNDANT WAY OF LIFE.
AMERICA IS AT PEACE, BUT
WE LIVE IN A TROUBLED
WORLD. AMERICAN
ABUNDANCE IS STILL THE
MARVEL OF MANKIND, BUT WE
STILL FACE SERIOUS
ECONOMIC & SOCIAL
PROBLEMS.

FAR MORE IMPORTANT,
THOUGH, IS THE FACT THAT,

AS A FREE PEOPLE, WE HAVE
BOTH THE MEANS & THE
VISION NEEDED TO SOLVE
OUR PROBLEMS PEACEFULLY,
FAIRLY AND
DEMOCRATICALLY. BECAUSE
WE ARE A FREE PEOPLE, WE
CAN WORK TOGETHER,
VOLUNTARILY, IN A WAY NO
SYSTEM BASED ON TYRANNY
EVER WILL. THAT ALWAYS
HAS BEEN AND ALWAYS WILL
BE AMERICA'S ULTIMATE
STRENGTH.

IN THE WORDS OF
DWIGHT EISENHOWER, "FREE
MEN DO NOT LOSE THEIR
PATIENCE, THEIR COURAGE,
THEIR FAITH, BECAUSE THE
OBSTACLES ARE
MOUNTAINOUS, THE PATH
UNCHARTED. GIVEN
UNDERSTANDING THEY
INVARIABLY RISE TO THE
CHALLENGE."

SO ON THIS SPECIAL
DAY, THE BIRTHDAY OF OUR

NATION, IN THE MIDST OF
ALL THE JOYOUS
CELEBRATIONS, LET US TAKE
A MOMENT TO REMEMBER THE
DEBT OF THANKS WE OWE TO
THOSE WHO CAME BEFORE US,
TO THE SAME GOD WHO
GUIDES US ALL, AND TO THE
SPIRIT OF FAITH AND
PATRIOTISM WHICH STILL
MAKES AMERICA THE LAND OF
THE FREE AND THE HOME OF
THE BRAVE.

THANK YOU, GOD BLESS
YOU, AND GOD BLESS
AMERICA.

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