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THE WHITE HOUSE

OFFICE OF THE FIRST LADY'S PRESS SECRETARY

EMBARGOED UNTIL
12:00 p.m., July 4, 1986

July 4, 1986

NOTICE TO THE PRESS: Background on Luncheon honoring Madame Mitterrand, wife of the President of the French Republic.

Mrs. Reagan will host a Luncheon at the Chief of Staff's Residence on Governor's Island in New York honoring Madame Mitterrand on Friday, July 4, 1986 at 12:00 p.m.

- Pale yellow tablecloths with white overlays will be used.
 - Yellow and white arrangements of sweet peas, garden roses, summer wildflowers, and freesia will decorate the tables.
 - The menu: Cold Beet Soup with Caviar, Gruyere Cheese Twists; Crab Mousse American, Horseradish Sauce, Baby Carrots and Artichokes Vinaigrette; Lady Liberty Sorbet with Fresh Fruit, Petits Fours sec
- The Wine: Sonoma-Cutrer Chardonnay 1983
- Guest List attached.

Luncheon Honoring Madame Mitterrand
Governor's Island
Friday, July 4, 1986 - 12:00 p.m.

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Mrs. Ronald Reagan
Mrs. George Shultz (Helena) - wife of the Secretary of State
Mrs. Casper Weinberger (Jane) - wife of the Secretary of Defense
The Reverend Linda A. Poindexter - wife of Admiral John
Poindexter - Assistant to the President for National Security
Affairs
Mrs. Joseph Rodgers (Honey) - wife of United States Ambassador to
France
Captain Deming - spouse of Roxanne Ridgway - Assistant Secretary
of State for Canadian/European Affairs
Dr. Richard Davis - brother of Mrs. Reagan
Mrs. Richard Davis - wife of Dr. Davis
Miss Anne Davis - niece of Mrs. Reagan
Mr. Geoffrey Davis - nephew of Mrs. Reagan
Mr. Jon Peterson - escort of Miss Davis

Mrs. Francois Mitterrand (Danielle) - wife of the President of
the French Republic
Mrs. Jean Bernard Raimond (Monique) - wife of the Minister of
External Affairs
Mrs. Andre Giraud (Claudine) - wife of the Minister of Defense
Mrs. Emmanuel de Margerie (Helene) - wife of the French
Ambassador

Mrs. Reagan's Remarks
Statue of Liberty Ribbon-Cutting Ceremony
Liberty Island, New York
July 5, 1986

-- Thank you, Walter. I am so delighted to be here and participate in this historic event. Thank you for inviting me.

-- One hundred years ago when the S.S. Isere sailed from France to America, the children of our country embarked on a project to complete the pedestal for what was then the largest statue in the world -- representing the mutual love of freedom shared by France and America. They sacrificed their pennies and in April 1886, the last block was set.

-- And now, one hundred years later, as we rededicate the Statue of Liberty, children are once again playing a major role.

Through a special fund-raising campaign in our schools to help restore Lady Liberty, students raised five million dollars -- from selling cookies and candy to collecting tin cans and pop bottles. And, even more importantly, they went beyond the fund-raising and focussed greater attention on the meaning of this special symbol. They painted murals, performed plays, and wrote books on her history -- so much that their excitement stimulated an essay contest, giving them a chance to express what liberty means in their lives.

-- Because the children of France had been so involved with Statue of Liberty originally, French children were also invited to write essays, recalling their nation's influence on our lives as Americans.

-- The contest took on an even greater meaning for school children after the heartbreaking tragedy of the space shuttle.

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And in memory of the first teacher in space, they recommended it be renamed the "Christa McAuliffe Essay Contest."

-- We are honored to have Christa's husband and children with us on Liberty Island. I know I speak for all Americans, especially the children, when I say that she inspired us with her hopes and ambitions for a better tomorrow -- through education.

-- I wish I could read to you every single essay written by the children here today. They were all so wonderful and the President and I were deeply moved by their words. While they are all "winners" from each of the fifty states, Jason Verhelst of Madison, Wisconsin, has been selected to read his essay on behalf of all American children.

(American Child Reads Essay)

Thank you, Jason.

-- In France, while the American contest was under way, French students were asked to write on the "birth and history of the United States." Winners of that contest were then chosen to write essays on what liberty means to them. And today, representing French children, Laurence Lemoine, will read her essay for us.

(French Child Reads Essay)

Thank you, Laurence.

-- And now, on behalf of the Statue of Liberty- Ellis Island foundation, we want to thank each and every student who contributed to this great moment in history. We also want to

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thank their teachers, parents, and especially the sponsors who made their trip to the ceremony possible.

-- I would like to conclude by reading a short poem which I feel expresses it all. It was written for the contest by Brad Travis, a fourth grader from Louisiana.

Oh, Lady of Liberty
Teach me to see
Where I need to go
And what to be.

Let me be like you;
Tall and proud and free,
Our statue
Teacher of liberty.

-- Thank you and God bless you.

REMARKS FOR STATUE OF LIBERTY RIBBON-CUTTING

DRAFT I

Liberty
Island

-- THANK YOU, WALTER. I AM SO DELIGHTED TO BE HERE AND PARTICIPATE IN THIS HISTORIC EVENT. THANK YOU FOR INVITING ME.

-- ONE HUNDRED YEARS AGO WHEN THE S.S. ISERE (ee-zere) SAILED FROM FRANCE TO AMERICA, THE CHILDREN OF OUR COUNTRY EMBARKED ON A PROJECT TO COMPLETE THE PEDESTAL FOR WHAT WAS THEN THE LARGEST STATUE IN THE WORLD -- REPRESENTING THE MUTUAL LOVE OF FREEDOM SHARED BY FRANCE AND AMERICA. THEY SACRIFICED THEIR PENNIES AND IN APRIL 1886, THE LAST BLOCK WAS SET.

-- AND NOW, ONE HUNDRED YEARS LATER, AS WE REDEDICATE THE STATUE OF LIBERTY, CHILDREN ARE ONCE AGAIN PLAYING A MAJOR ROLE. THROUGH A SPECIAL FUND-RAISING CAMPAIGN IN OUR SCHOOLS TO HELP RESTORE LADY LIBERTY, STUDENTS RAISED FIVE MILLION DOLLARS -- FROM SELLING COOKIES AND CANDY TO COLLECTING TIN CANS AND POP BOTTLES. ^{AND} ~~PERHAPS~~) EVEN MORE IMPORTANTLY, THEY WENT BEYOND THE FUND-RAISING AND FOCUSED GREATER ATTENTION ON THE MEANING OF THIS SPECIAL SYMBOL. THEY PAINTED MURALS, PERFORMED PLAYS, AND WROTE BOOKS ON HER HISTORY -- SO MUCH THAT THEIR EXCITEMENT STIMULATED AN ESSAY CONTEST, GIVING THEM A CHANCE TO EXPRESS WHAT LIBERTY MEANS IN THEIR LIVES.

-- BECAUSE THE CHILDREN OF FRANCE HAD BEEN SO INVOLVED WITH STATUE OF LIBERTY ORIGINALLY, FRENCH CHILDREN WERE ALSO INVITED TO WRITE ESSAYS, RECALLING THEIR NATION'S INFLUENCE ON OUR LIVES AS AMERICANS.

FOR
-- THE CONTEST TOOK ON AN EVEN GREATER MEANING ~~TO~~ SCHOOL CHILDREN AFTER THE HEARTBREAKING TRAGEDY OF THE SPACE SHUTTLE. AND IN MEMORY OF THE FIRST TEACHER IN SPACE, THEY RECOMMENDED IT BE RENAMED THE "CHRISTA MCAULIFFE ESSAY CONTEST."

-- WE ARE HONORED TO HAVE CHRISTA'S HUSBAND AND CHILDREN WITH US ON LIBERTY ISLAND. I KNOW I SPEAK FOR ALL AMERICANS, ESPECIALLY THE CHILDREN, WHEN I SAY THAT SHE INSPIRED US WITH HER HOPES AND AMBITIONS FOR A BETTER TOMORROW -- THROUGH EDUCATION.

-- I WISH I COULD READ TO YOU EVERY SINGLE ESSAY WRITTEN BY THE CHILDREN HERE TODAY. THEY WERE ALL SO WONDERFUL AND THE PRESIDENT AND I WERE DEEPLY MOVED BY THEIR WORDS. WHILE THEY ARE ALL "WINNERS" FROM EACH OF THE FIFTY STATES, Jason Verhelst, HAS BEEN SELECTED TO READ [HIS ~~ESSAY~~] ESSAY ON BEHALF OF ALL AMERICAN CHILDREN.

[AMERICAN CHILD READS ESSAY]

THANK YOU, Jason.

-- IN FRANCE, WHILE THE AMERICAN CONTEST WAS UNDER WAY, FRENCH STUDENTS WERE ASKED TO WRITE ON THE "BIRTH AND HISTORY OF THE UNITED STATES." WINNERS OF THAT CONTEST WERE THEN CHOSEN TO WRITE ESSAYS ON WHAT LIBERTY MEANS TO THEM. AND TODAY, REPRESENTING FRENCH CHILDREN, Laurence Lemoine, WILL READ [HIS/HER] ESSAY FOR US.

[FRENCH CHILD READS ESSAY]

THANK YOU, Laurence.

-- AND NOW, ON BEHALF OF THE STATUE OF LIBERTY-ELLIS ISLAND FOUNDATION, WE WANT TO THANK EACH AND EVERY STUDENT WHO CONTRIBUTED TO THIS GREAT MOVEMENT ~~RESTORE THIS GREAT MONUMENT~~ IN HISTORY. WE ALSO WANT TO THANK THEIR TEACHERS, PARENTS, AND ESPECIALLY THE SPONSORS WHO MADE THEIR TRIP TO THIS CEREMONY POSSIBLE.

-- I WOULD LIKE TO CONCLUDE BY READING A SHORT POEM WHICH I FEEL EXPRESSES IT ALL. IT WAS WRITTEN FOR THE CONTEST BY BRAD TRAVIS, A FOURTH GRADER FROM LOUISIANA.

OH, LADY OF LIBERTY
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LET ME BE LIKE YOU;
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OUR STATUE
TEACHER OF LIBERTY.

-- THANK YOU AND GOD BLESS YOU.

Each
Luncheon
is
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Approved -
L.T.

cc -
Bill

Friday
July 4, 1986
14 20 Guests
Location - New York - *Governor's Island*

Luncheon

Cold Beet Soup with Caviar

Gruyere Cheese Twists

Crab Mousse American

Horseradish Sauce

Baby Carrots and Artichokes Vinaigrette

Lady Liberty Sorbet ~~Dessert~~
with Fresh Fruit

Petits Fours sec

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SEATING FOR MRS. REAGAN'S LUNCH
FOR MRS. MITTERRAND
July 4, 1986

AMERICAN GUESTS

MRS. REAGAN

Ronald

Mrs. Shultz

(Helena) George - wife of Sec. of State

Mrs. Weinberger

(Dave) Casper - wife of Sec. Defense

The Reverend Linda A. Poindexter

(wife of Adm. P. - Nat. Sec. Council)

Mrs. Rodgers

Joseph - wife of French Ambassador

Captain Deming

(Ridgway's husband)

Dr. Davis

Richard

↳ spouse of Roxanne Ridgway - Asst.

Mrs. Davis

Richard - brother of Mrs. Reagan

Sec of State for Canadian/European

Miss Davis

Anne (Patricia) wife of

European Affairs

Mr. Davis

Niece of Mrs. R.

Nathan

Mr. Peterson

Jaw

(Anne's beau)

Affairs

FRENCH GUESTS

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Mrs. Raimond

Mrs. Giraud

Mrs. de Margerie

Francoise (Danielle) wife of the Pres of French Republic

↳ Jean Bernard (Monique) - wife of the Minister of External Affairs

↳ Emmanuel (Helene) (Clardine) wife of the Minister of Defense

↳ wife of the French Ambassador

Andre

wife of

NR

Luncheon

Honoring

~~His Excellency~~

~~The President of the French Republic~~

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Petits Fours Sec

Sonoma-Cutrer Chardonnay 1983
~~*La Grande Dame 1979*~~

GOVERNOR'S ISLAND, *New York*

Friday, July 4, 1986

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Mrs. Giraud

Mrs. de Margerie

MEMORANDUM

THE WHITE HOUSE

WASHINGTON

April 4, 1986

TO: ELAINE CRISPEN ✓
LINDA FAULKNER
JANE ERKENBECK •
MARTY COYNE
KEN BARUN

FROM: JACK L. COURTEMANCHE *JL*

SUBJECT: ^{4:00}~~3:30~~pm Staff Meeting with Mrs. Reagan

Attached you will find a copy of a memo to Mrs. Reagan regarding "Liberty Weekend" 1986. This information will be brought up in the Monday staff meeting with Mrs. Reagan. Please take note.

*Marty -
for
Gileis*

MEMORANDUM

THE WHITE HOUSE

WASHINGTON

March 24, 1986

TO: MRS. REAGAN
FROM: JACK L. COURTEMANCHE *JLC*
SUBJECT: "Liberty Weekend" 1986

On July 3-6, a national celebration: "Liberty Weekend" is being planned to celebrate the restoration of the Statue of Liberty. In addition to the "unveiling" of the statue, this four-day festival will feature concerts with famous entertainers, ethnic festivals, a naval review and "Operation Sail." Although some events have high ticket prices, the majority of activities are open to the public free of charge and will be covered by live television around the world.

Listed below is a summary of the major events including the Presidential activities. Specific details of the President's participation will be more certain when the Advance Team concludes its survey.

THURSDAY, JULY 3, 1986

OPENING CEREMONIES

John F. Kennedy Aircraft Carrier and Ellis Island

Liberty Weekend will officially begin the evening of July 3rd with Opening Ceremonies aboard the John F. Kennedy aircraft carrier anchored near the Statue of Liberty. Aboard the aircraft carrier will be 3000 invited guests and 700 members of the international press.

The Evening's festivities will open with a fanfare composed by John Williams and a short production number. Following the number, the President will be announced and will then proceed to a special Presidential box. A major star will introduce a short historical film on the Statue of Liberty tracing its origin and symbolism in the American culture. President Mitterand will then give brief remarks.

Following a brief film about Ellis Island, television coverage will switch to Ellis Island where Chief Justice Warren Burger will swear-in 2500 new citizens. Simultaneously, by satellite, over 30,000 new citizens will be sworn-in cities around the country.

Television coverage will then switch back to the aircraft carrier where the President will make brief remarks before pushing a button to "unveil" the restored Statue. The "unveiling" will be a full extravaganza with laser beams and special effects to slowly light the Statue piece by piece.

Following the unveiling of the Statue, the President will present ten "Medals of Liberty" to a group of outstanding Americans who have immigrated to our country.

At the conclusion of the medal presentation, the ship captains from Operation Sail and the International Naval Review will file by, each carrying a lighted torch from their country to be placed in a special cauldron. The President will then set in motion a "traveling flame" that will move across the harbor and up the Statue until it reaches the torch. At this point the entire harbor will be flooded with light.

The evening concludes with entertainment by Frank Sinatra, Kenny Rogers, Neil Diamond and a 100-piece Symphony orchestra on board the aircraft carrier.

FRIDAY, JULY 4, 1986

INTERNATIONAL NAVAL REVIEW/OPERATION SAIL Battleship Iowa/Governor's Island

The famous Tall Ships that participated in the 1976 Bicentennial will be brought back as part of the "Liberty Weekend" activities. On the morning of July 4th, the President will review 35 naval vessels from around the world and view a spectacular aerial show from the deck of the Battleship Iowa.

SATURDAY, JULY 5, 1986

OPENING OF THE STATUE OF LIBERTY Liberty Island

An early-morning ceremony will be held with Mrs. Reagan to officially open the Statue of Liberty to tourists. Participants will include one high school student from each of the 50 states who has participated in the Christa McAuliffe National Student Essay contest. This will be covered by all TV networks.

I think we should give top consideration to you opening the Statue of Liberty to tourists on Saturday morning July 5th. This would be a wonderful event with thousands of young children and would be live on all TV networks.

The proposed schedule would be:

THURSDAY, JULY 3, 1986

Early PM To New York with the President

7:00 PM Opening Ceremonies on Aircraft Carrier with the President

Overnight New York with the President

FRIDAY, JULY 4, 1986 New York City

AM President Reviews Naval Vessels

PM President Gives Fourth of July Address

Overnight New York with the President

SATURDAY, JULY 5, 1986

AM Mrs. Reagan Officially Opens Statue of Liberty to Tourists

11:00 AM President and Mrs. Reagan depart to Camp David