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THE WHITE HOUSE

WASHINGTON

December 10, 1987

MEMORANDUM FOR RHETT B. DAWSON

ASSISTANT TO THE PRESIDENT

FOR OPERATIONS

FROM:

ROBERT M. KRUGER

ASSOCIATE COUNSEL TO THE PRESIDENT

SUBJECT:

Enrolled Resolution S. 860 --

National March of the United States

Counsel's office has reviewed the above-referenced enrolled resolution and has no legal objection to the President signing it.

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WHITE HOUSE STAFFING MEMORANDUM

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MEMORANDUM FOR THE PRESIDENT

Enrolled Bill S. 860 - National March of the United SUBJECT:

Sponsors - Sen. Boren (D) Oklahoma and 36 others

Last Day for Action

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S. 860 passed both Houses by voice vote.

C. Miller III James Direct

Enclosures

One Hundredth Congress of the United States of America

AT THE FIRST SESSION

Begun and held at the City of Washington on Tuesday, the sixth day of January, one thousand nine hundred and eighty-seven

An Act

To designate "The Stars and Stripes Forever" as the national march of the United States of America.

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America in Congress assembled, That the composition by John Philip Sousa entitled "The Stars and Stripes Forever" is hereby designated as the national march of the United States of America.

Specker of the House of Representatives.

Vice President of the United States and-President of the Senate/

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December 10, 1987

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PAUL SCHOTT STEVENS Executive Secretary

Rhett Dawson Ext. 2702



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December 10, 1987

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MEMORANDUM FOR PAUL SCHOTT STEVENS

FROM:

FALISON B. FORTIER

SUBJECT:

S. 860, National March of the United States

The NSC concurs on Enrolled Bill S. 860 designating "The Stars and Stripes Forever" as the national march of the United States.

RECOMMENDATION

That you sign the staffing memorandum at Tab I to Rhett Dawson expressing endorsement by the NSC.

Approve Disapprove

Prepared by: David J. Matthews

Attachment

Tab I Memo to Rhett Dawson

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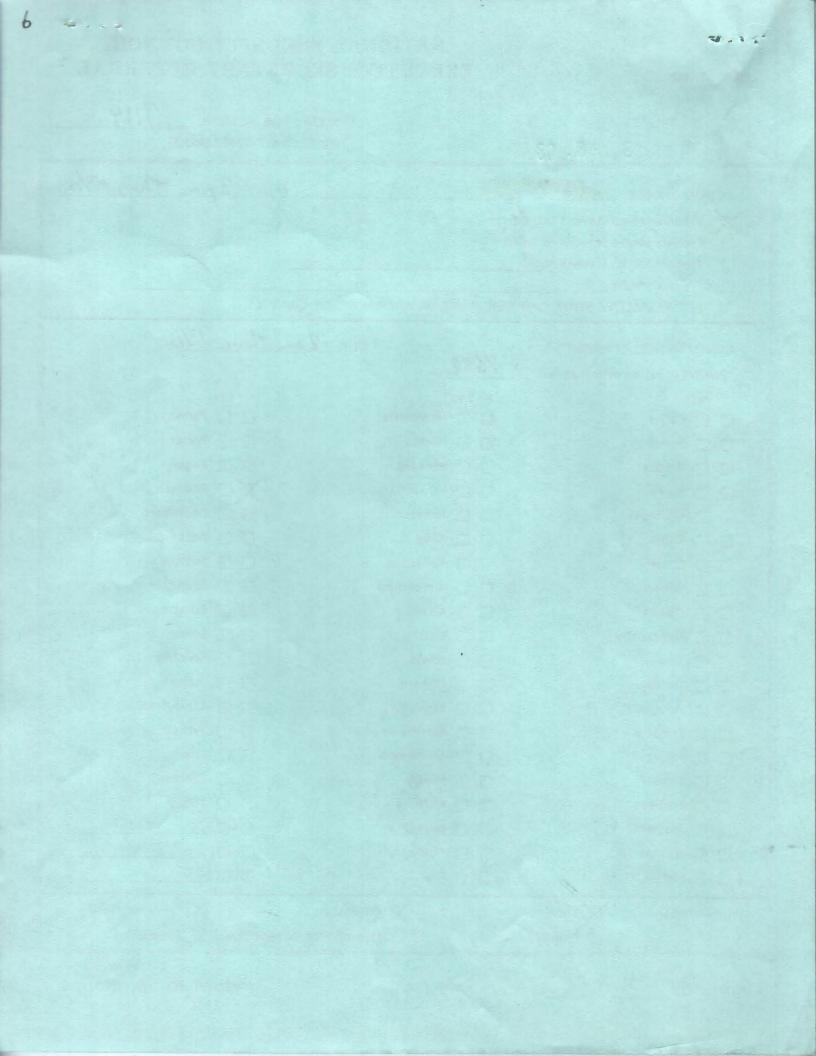
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THE WHITE HOUSE

WASHINGTON

December 10, 1987

OFFICE

PRO07

SCHEDULE PROPOSAL

TO:

FREDERICK J. RYAN, JR., Director of 554466 Presidential Appointments and Scheduling FE006

FROM:

WILLIAM L. BALL, III

REQUEST:

Signing Ceremony for S. 860. a bill to designate "The Stars and Stripes Forever" by John Philip Sousa as the national march of the United States of America.

PURPOSE:

To respond to requests from Senator Boren (D-OK), and Representatives Quillen (R-TN), Morella (R-MD), Boland (D-MA), and Coelho (D-CA), for a Presidential bill signing ceremony to mark the official designation of a national march.

BACKGROUND:

The legislation provides in its entirety: "That the composition by John Philip Sousa entitled 'The Stars and Stripes Forever' is hereby designated as the national march of the United States of America."

The bill enjoyed broad bipartisan support in the Congress.

DATE AND TIME:

Prior to or on December 16, 1987, which is the constitutional deadline for Presidential action on S. 860.

LOCATION:

Rose Garden in good weather, or the East Room in inclement weather. (The location should be large enough to accommodate the participants, guests, the press, and a military band.)

PARTICIPANTS:

To be provided.

OUTLINE OF EVENTS:

President makes brief remarks in honor

of John Philip Sousa.

Military band plays Sousa's "The Stars

and Stripes Forever."

President signs S. 860 into law.

REMARKS REQUIRED:

To be provided.

MEDIA COVERAGE:

White House Press Pool.

RECOMMENDED BY:

William L. Ball, III

OPPOSED BY:

None

PROJECT OFFICERS:

Alan M. Kranowitz David S. Addington

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THE WHITE HOUSE

WASHINGTON

February 4, 1988

MEMORANDUM FOR THE FILE

FROM:

C. DEAN MCGRATH, JR.

ASSOCIATE COUNSEL TO

SUBJECT:

Telephone Inquiry from Charles Clark

In response to a telephone inquiry from Charles Clark (Department of Agriculture) about flying the U.S. flag on Martin Luther King Day, I orally advised Mr. Clark that pursuant to 36 U.S.C. § 174(d) "the flag should be displayed on all days, especially . . . [named days] and such other days as may be proclaimed by the President of the United States." I further advised that Martin Luther King Day, which had been proclaimed by the President, fell within the meaning of the statute, and I could conceive of no basis for a federal agency not flying the U.S. flag on Martin Luther King Day.

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THE WHITE HOUSE CORRESPONDENCE TRACKING WORKSHEET

INCOMING

DATE RECEIVED: MAY 16, 1988

NAME OF CORRESPONDENT: THE HONORABLE BOB MCEWEN

SUBJECT: ENCLOSES COPY OF REQUEST FROM MR. GEORGE E. BAILEY FROM XENIA, OHIO, WHO IS INTERESTED IN

SINGING THE NATIONAL ANTHEM AT THE

INAUGURATION NEXT YEAR

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May 13, 1988



Mr. Alan Kranowitz Assistant to the President for Legislative Affairs The White House Washington, D.C.

Dear Mr. Kranowitz:

Please find enclosed a copy of the constituent form received from Mr. George E. Bailey, 2135 El Camino, Xenia, Ohio 45385, who is interested in singing the National Anthem at the Inauguration next year.

If you could assist me in replying to this inquiry by requesting someone on your staff to investigate the matter and provide to me the appropriate information, I would be most grateful.

Thank you for your attention to this matter. If I may provide any additional information necessary to you, please do not hesitate to call upon me.

With warmest personal regards,

Sincerely,

BOB MCEWEN

Member of Congress

BM: mm

Enclosure

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Four years ago. I wrote to you expressing my desire to sing the National Anthem at the inauguration of Fresident Reagan. We now approach the election again, and the inauguration of George Bush. In 1984, we were unable to pull it off, as my letter/appeal ended up with the Inaugural Committee who said many famous people had volunteered their service for the inauguration.

It is now 1988 and I would like to submit my talent again. I will be glad to send a resume and demo tape, as required. If perchance my anonymity precludes me from being chosen, I'll just wait till your inauguration about which I presume you will have a significant say-so.

Please check it out at your convenience and let me know. I stand by you in your reelection, and have confidence in your success.

Thanks.

George E. Bailey 2135 El Camino Xenia OH 45385

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Philip Nicolaides 5316 Inverchapel Road Springfield, VA 22151

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President Ronald W. Reagan The White House Washington, DC 20500



Dear Mr. President:

I don't need to tell you who Irving Berlin is, or what he means to American popular music, or the unique place he holds in the hearts of all Americans.

Above and beyond the illustrious roster of his countless unforgettable songs, there is one very special song that enshrines the deep love this Jewish immigrant boy has always had for the land of his adoption. Berlin wrote this song, as you know, just a few years before the outbreak of World War II. The opening words — which are rarely sung anymore — refer prophetically to that imminent struggle: "While the storm clouds gather, far across the sea, let us raise our voices for a land that's free..."

On May 11th of this year, when he celebrates his 100th birthday, Irving Berlin can look back on a life that has unrolled like a magical fulfillment of dreams -- dreams beyond the wildest hope of an immigrant kid who never learned to read music.

How could young Izzie Baline have guessed, for example, that a gifted young Hollywood actor -- years after appearing with him in the movie version of one of his hit Broadway musicals -- would become the best-loved president of our time? How could he have guessed that president would be the very embodiment of his own unabashed love of America and his own buoyant optimism? -- an optimism anchored in faith. And how could he have guessed he would live to celebrate the centenary of his birth while that great president was serving his second term in the White House.

Mr. President, there is one more dream you have the power to make a reality for Irving Berlin. It's a dream I am sure he has never even dared to dream:

You can propose to the Congress that his song, "God Bless America," be declared to be the "National Hymn."

What a birthday present that would be for him! What a fitting acknowledgement of his great contribution to our popular culture and his lifelong love affair with America!

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APS 15.88 Note From Ken Duberstein for

Mind, you, Mr. President, this would not involve dethroning "The Star Spangled Banner," which would, of course, continue to be the "National Anthem." Let me also note that the Congress itself has recently set a precedent by naming John Philip Sousa's "The Stars and Stripes Forever" as the "National March."

It is hard to imagine who could oppose this, Mr. President, except militant atheists -- a negligible minority at best. Surely, most Christians, whether Catholic or Protestant, would welcome it; and the great majority of American Jews would feel an extra thrill of pride to see one of their own honored so on his birthday. At a difficult time in US-Israeli relations, it would also be a strong reminder of the abiding patriotism of America's Jewish community.

I hope, Mr. President, you will give this suggestion every consideration. By this single act you would do honor to America, to a great American -- and to God!

With great respect and admiration, I remain,

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Sincerely,

Philip Nicolaides

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President Ronald W. Reagan The White House Washington, DC 20500

Dear Mr. President:

I don't need to tell you who Irving Berlin is, or what he means to American popular music, or the unique place he holds in the hearts of all Americans.

Above and beyond the illustrious roster of his countless unforgettable songs, there is one very special song that enshrines the deep love this Jewish immigrant boy has always had for the land of his adoption. Berlin wrote this song, as you know, just a few years before the outbreak of World War II. The opening words — which are rarely sung anymore — refer prophetically to that imminent struggle: "While the storm clouds gather, far across the sea, let us raise our voices for a land that's free..."

On May 11th of this year, when he celebrates his 100th birthday, Irving Berlin can look back on a life that has unrolled like a magical fulfillment of dreams -- dreams beyond the wildest hope of an immigrant kid who never learned to read music.

How could young Izzie Baline have guessed, for example, that a gifted young Hollywood actor -- years after appearing with him in the movie version of one of his hit Broadway musicals -- would become the best-loved president of our time? How could he have guessed that president would be the very embodiment of his own unabashed love of America and his own buoyant optimism? -- an optimism anchored in faith. And how could he have guessed he would live to celebrate the centenary of his birth while that great president was serving his second term in the White House.

Mr. President, there is one more dream you have the power to make a reality for Irving Berlin. It's a dream I am sure he has never even dared to dream:

You can propose to the Congress that his song, "God Bless America," be declared to be the "National Hymn."

What a birthday present that would be for him! What a fitting acknowledgement of his great contribution to our popular culture and his lifelong love affair with America!

Mind, you, Mr. President, this would not involve dethroning "The Star Spangled Banner," which would, of course, continue to be the "National Anthem." Let me also note that the Congress itself has recently set a precedent by naming John Philip Sousa's "The Stars and Stripes Forever" as the "National March."

It is hard to imagine who could oppose this, Mr. President, except militant atheists -- a negligible minority at best. Surely, most Christians, whether Catholic or Protestant, would welcome it; and the great majority of American Jews would feel an extra thrill of pride to see one of their own honored so on his birthday. At a difficult time in US-Israeli relations, it would also be a strong reminder of the abiding patriotism of America's Jewish community.

I hope, Mr. President, you will give this suggestion every consideration. By this single act you would do honor to America, to a great American -- and to God!

With great respect and admiration, I remain,

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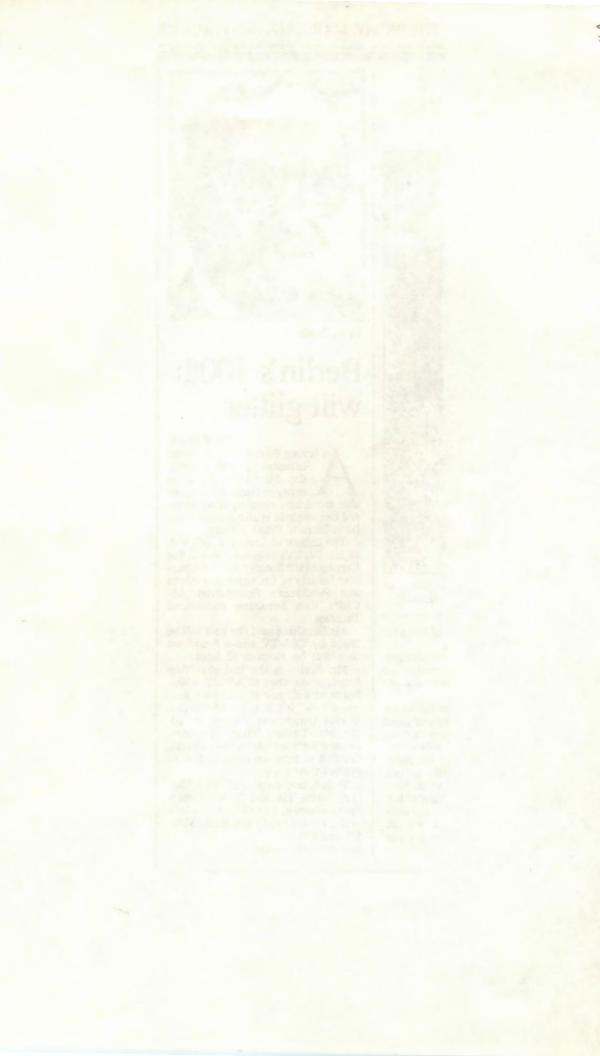
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WASHINGTON

June 21, 1988

MEMORANDUM FOR THE FILE

FROM:

BENEDICT S. COHEN BSC

ASSOCIATE COUNSEL TO THE PRESIDENT

SUBJECT:

Use of Presidential Flag

I received a call today from Mr. Allen in the Usher's Office regarding the use of the Presidential flag. I advised Mr. Allen by phone not to refer to any specific provision in declining a foreign national's request for the flag, instead merely to assert that it was restricted to the personal use of the President.

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