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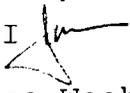
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THE WHITE HOUSE
WASHINGTON
September 7, 1983

MEMORANDUM FOR WILLIAM SITTMANN

FROM: JAMES W. CICCONI 
SUBJECT: Hispanic Heritage Week

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Tuesday: Listening session with Hispanic educators. (proposed)

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Special press briefing featuring Hispanic media.

Speech to Republican National Hispanic Assembly.

Thursday: No events scheduled or proposed.

Friday: Drop-by Mexican Embassy in honor of Diez y Seis. (proposed)

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COMMITTEE ON POST OFFICE AND CIVIL SERVICE
SUBCOMMITTEE ON CENSUS AND POPULATION
603 HOB ANNEX I

Washington, D.C. 20515

TELEPHONE (202) 226-7523

August 26, 1983

Mr. Heriberto Herrera
Deputy Administrator, SBA
1441 L Street, NW
Washington, DC 20416

Dear Mr. Herrera:

The Subcommittee on Census and Population, in conjunction with the Congressional Hispanic Caucus, will be holding a series of hearings to discuss the concerns of the growing American Hispanic Community. During three days of hearings, six areas of interest to the Hispanic Population will be addressed. These hearings will be held on Tuesday, September 13, Wednesday, September 14 and Thursday, September 15, in the Cannon Caucus Room, 345. There will be two separate sessions each day; the morning session will be held from 10 a.m. to 12 p.m., and the afternoon session will be held from 12 p.m. to 2 p.m.

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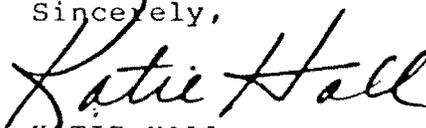
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I look forward to your input into these upcoming Hispanic hearings.

Sincerely,

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KATIE HALL
Chairwoman

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MEMOS

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MEMORANDUM

THE WHITE HOUSE
WASHINGTON

September 7, 1983

TO: Faith Ryan Whittlesey

FROM: Cathi Villalpando

SUBJECT: National Hispanic Heritage Week - Calendar

after briefing

Noon = HUD, NW Lawn
 Amb Phil Sanchez
 Sec Pierce + Asst Sec's
 Cathi V.

Hisp Contractors + Variety
 296 RSVP'd "yes"
 expected 400 =

HUD uses
 1,000 seat conv ctr in
 L'Enfant Plaza

September 12, 1983

10 a.m. - ?
(Tentative)

White House - Reception
Rose Garden

Purpose: National Hispanic Heritage Week to honor Hispanics in the Military, Public Liaison, Dept. of Defense, and V.A. involved.

10 a.m.

HUD - National Hispanic Heritage Week Events Begin.

12 noon - 1 p.m.

Cathi Villalpando to participate at Opening Ceremony.

2 p.m.

Dept. of Treasury - National Hispanic Heritage Week Event.
(OPL - Regretted invite for morning appearance. They did not want a substitute).

September 13, 1983

(Tentative)

Briefing for Hispanic Educators.

(If approved, Dept. of Education OPL and NIE will coordinate schedule)

Place: Dept. of Education or OEOB

10 a.m.

Department of Interior
"Hispanics in the Mainstream: Access and Opportunities". OPL - provided a speaker since Villalpando unable to attend.

12 noon

Luncheon
Republican National Hispanic Assembly - (RNHA)
Hyatt Regency - Crystal City

To: Faith Ryan Whittlesey
National Hispanic Heritage Week - Calendar
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September 13, 1983 (Cont'd)

2 p.m. - 3 p.m.

RNHA - Sessions:

"Efforts in Central America"

3 p.m. - 4 p.m.

"Women & the GOP"

6 p.m. - 8 p.m.

Reception honoring Hispanic Appointees.

September 14, 1983

8 a.m.

Second Annual Breakfast in Recognition of
Hispanic Women
Congressional Hispanic Caucus, Inc.
Dirksen Senate Office Building
Villalpando participating.

8:30 a.m. - 9:45 a.m.

RNHA - Breakfast
RNHA Leadership Conference Session.

10:30 a.m. - 11 a.m.

CBI Ceremony - White House

11:30 a.m.

Hispanic Press - Catholic Press and Labor
Briefing - White House
Public Affairs Office

4 p.m. - 6 p.m.

Briefing for Hispanic Evangelicals
Room 450 - OEOB

7 p.m.

RNHA Chairman's Reception

8 p.m.

RNHA Dinner
President Reagan to address.

September 15, 1983

6:30 p.m.

(Hispanic Defense Contrib event)

Congressional Hispanic Caucus - Reception

7:30 p.m.

Congressional Hispanic Caucus - Dinner
Washington Hilton Hotel.
Villalpando invited to sit at table
sponsored by GTE as special guest of
Rita de Martino

Evening (?)

White House State Dinner
President of Portugal

To: Faith Ryan Whittlesey
National Hispanic Heritage Week - Calendar
September 7, 1983

September 16, 1983

Tentative

Presidential Visit to
Mexican Embassy

6 p.m. - 10 p.m.

National Council of La Raza
"Open House"
20 F Street N.W.

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MEMORANDUM FOR JOHN HERRINGTON

FROM: JAMES W. CICCONI 
SUBJECT: Hispanic Heritage Week

As you know, the President has proclaimed the week of September 11 through 17 as Hispanic Heritage Week. Several Hispanic oriented events have already been scheduled and others are under consideration.

Since appointments is one of the major areas of concentration, it would be helpful if a few Hispanic appointments could be announced next week. Are there any such decisions which could be accelerated for such an announcement? In this regard the level of appointment is not necessarily as important as the indication of forward movement. Thus, even a few Hispanic nominations to advisory boards or commissions would be of assistance.

Thanks for your help.

THE WHITE HOUSE
WASHINGTON

8 Sept 1983

TO: JAB III

Jose Cano of the GI Forum has called me, and is anxious to set up a brief meeting with you next week. He would bring along the new head of the organization. Cano said that you told him in El Paso that you'd be happy to do this, and that he should contact me to set it up.

This would mean that you would have brief meetings next week with both Cano and Mario Obledo (provided I get the assurances I've asked for).

These requests occur only because they are in town for Hispanic Heritage Week events. While there should be no need for you to do a series of such meetings, I think these two are important. I'll keep them small, and calling for as little response as possible from you (get acquainted/listening sessions) if you agree to them.

*especially given
our own Hispanic
emphasis next week.*

JC

THE WHITE HOUSE

WASHINGTON

September 8, 1983

MEMORANDUM FOR JOHN S. HERRINGTON

FROM: JAMES W. CICCONI

SUBJECT: General Counsel position at the
Department of Transportation.

For your information:

Recently I received a phone call from Chairman Jim Miller at the Federal Trade Commission. Miller wanted to indicate his support for David Clanton to be General Counsel at the Department of Transportation. He said it was his understanding that Secretary Dole would also like to name Clanton to the position.

Miller recognized that Clanton lacks solid Reagan credentials but feels that he would be a "good match" with Elizabeth Dole since she has worked with him previously at the Commission. Miller said that Clanton is a good lawyer; he also stressed that "on the issues that matter at DOT" Clanton is in tune with the President's philosophy, and would be both firm and effective.

Miller concluded by mentioning that he had spoken with Becky Dunlop on the subject, but was told the position was not open. (As I understand it, the position has not yet been filled, though it was agreed that the choice would rest solely with the WH.) Miller expressed the hope that we would at least interview Clanton.

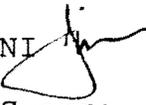
cc: James A. Baker, III

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MEMORANDUM FOR BARBARA McQUOWN

FROM: JAMES W. CICCONI 
SUBJECT: Resume of Cip Guerra

Attached is the resume of Cip Guerra, a prominent Hispanic Republican in Texas. Cip has been active on behalf of party candidates, including the Reagan/Bush ticket, for quite a long time, and is considered a leader in the Hispanic community in San Antonio. I would strongly recommend him for an appropriate advisory board or commission. Any such appointment would receive favorable notice in the San Antonio media and would redound to our benefit.

Thanks.

cc: Joe Salgado

CIPRIANO F. GUERRA, JR.

Residence:

123 Sunrise Drive
San Antonio, Texas 78228
(512) 736-3124

Business:

415 N. Main Avenue
P.O. Box 1176
San Antonio, TX 78294
(512) 222-0547

CURRENT BUSINESS ACTIVITIES

Consultant to the President, UA-Columbia Cablevision of Texas, Inc.
Chairman, Board of Directors and Acting President, Plaza Bank, N.A.
Vice-President, Hispano-Technica, S.A., Inc.
Board of Directors, Greater San Antonio Chamber of Commerce

RECENT EXPERIENCE

October, 1980 to Present: Consultant to the President, UA-Columbia Cablevision of Texas, Inc. Represent UA-Columbia Cablevision on all matters dealing with the 21 municipalities, 5 military bases and 3 counties in which UA-Columbia is constructing and operating a cable TV system in the San Antonio metropolitan area.

Vice-President, Hispano Technica, S.A., Inc. Hispano-Technica is a business development, real estate and technical consulting company composed of three principals and five associates. Specializes in matching the talents and experience of retired military personnel to specific opportunities as diverse as (1) establishing a hyperbaric chamber of treatment facility (along with related professional and management organizations), (2) assisting the Department of Health and Human Services in evaluating the medical services needs of Cuban refugees, (3) obtaining cable TV franchises, as well as (4) providing real estate broker services for local residential and commercial real estate transactions.

Chairman, Board of Directors and Acting President, Plaza Bank, N.A. Plaza Bank, a five year old independent bank with assets of over \$20 million in downtown San Antonio. Small business loans are a major part of the bank's commercial loan portfolio.

October, 1978 to October, 1980: Vice-President and General Manager, UA-Columbia Cablevision of Texas, Inc. Put together the necessary organization to begin construction and operation in the San Antonio area of what will, for a time, be the largest cable TV system in the United States.

Continued as Vice-President for Hispano-Technica, S.A., Inc.

February, 1978 to October, 1978: President, Hispano-Technica, S.A., Inc. Under a personal services contract with UA-Columbia Cablevision, Inc. succeeded within 9 months in obtaining 17 municipal cable TV franchises, including the City of San Antonio, and cable TV agreements in three counties.

July, 1972 to December, 1977: Director, Planning and Community Development and Associate City Manager for Management Planning. Designated by City Council as Acting City Manager in case of incapacitation of the City Manager. Managed Departments of Finance, Personnel, Purchasing, Planning (including Manpower and Economic Development), Municipal Courts, Management Services and Land Division for the City of San Antonio, the ninth largest city in the United States. (The Associate City Manager title was abolished in May, 1973). Served as the chairman of ad hoc groups such as (1) the Farmer's Market redevelopment, (2) the development of a delapidated housing rehabilitation loans and grants program, (3) the development of the necessary legal instruments to permit the City to use Community Development Funds (HUD) for the conversion and renovation of downtown structures into middle income apartments and condominiums, (4) Manpower planning and management activities required by the Department of Labor, (5) use of City property for hotels and public garages and (6) the City's first-time use of its' power to agree to delayed annexation to further economic development. Acting City Manager for three months during City Manager's illness. Cited by the House Appropriations Committee for having achieved the lowest administrative cost to funds ratio in the nation for the first three years of the Community Development Act programs. During this time, also served as President/Vice-President, Region 7, Texas Municipal League.

1970 to July 1972: Regional Vice-President (for Texas), National Economic Development Association (NEDA), a business development company. While Vice-President of NEDA, responsible for over 100 business loans and contracts. Selected as NEDA Man-of-the-Year in 1971.

CIVIC ACTIVITIES

Member, Coordinating Board, Texas College and University System
 Member, Foreign Trade Zone Advisory Group, City of San Antonio
 Member, Economic Development Council, Greater San Antonio Chamber of Commerce
 Member, Urban Affairs Council Steering Committee, Greater San Antonio Chamber of Commerce
 Member, Board of Directors, Mexican-American Business and Professional Association
 Member, Bexar County Jail Commission
 State Parliamentarian, Air Force Association - Texas
 Member, World Affairs Council of San Antonio
 Director, KPAC, a not-for-profit classical music FM station

Past Chairman, San Antonio Advisory Board, National Economic
Development Association
Past Member, Governor's Task Force on Bilingual Education

OTHER ACTIVITIES SINCE RETIRING FROM USAF IN 1970

Organized and served as first Chairman of the Board of Mission
Federal Savings and Loan Association, San Antonio, Texas

Provided direction to the group that organized Plaza National
Bank, San Antonio, Texas

MILITARY EXPERIENCE

1965 to 1969: Staff Development Engineer for B-1 Bomber and Cruise
Missile at Headquarters, Air Force Systems Command, latter period
Acting Chief, Offensive Strategic Systems Division.

Served short tours in Navy and Army then joined USAF. Flew 100
combat (fighter) missions in Korea. Awarded Distinguished Flying
Cross, Bronze Star and Air Medals. Served nine years as Jet
Fighter Check Pilot and Instructor and as Operations Officer.

ACADEMIC INFORMATION

1967 American University, Postgraduate, R & D Management
1961 Air Force Institute of Technology, B.S. Aeronautical Engineering
1949 St. Mary's University, San Antonio, B.S. Biology

PERSONAL DATA

Date of Birth: July 31, 1928
Social Security No.: 456-34-9446
Marital Status: Married, five children
Military Status: Lt. Colonel USAF (Retired)

THE WHITE HOUSE

WASHINGTON

September 9, 1983

MEMORANDUM FOR FAITH RYAN WHITTLESEY

FROM: JAMES W. CICCONI *JWC*
SUBJECT: Meeting with Distinguished Industrialists

Bob Michel has recommended that the President meet personally with a group of "distinguished industrialists" who are adversely affected by the disparity between the dollar and the Japanese yen. He asked that such a meeting be held before the President goes to Japan. Michel suggested that executives from Honeywell, Borg-Warner, and Caterpillar be included in the group.

Jim Baker asked if you would handle the action on this request.

He suggested, as a first step, that you discuss the matter with Treasury, and that you then get in touch with Congressman Michel. Any such meeting should, of course, be closely coordinated with Treasury and appropriate WH staff.

Thanks.

cc: Craig Fuller
Ken Duberstein

Bob
Michel

Jim
Ed Hall

THE WHITE HOUSE
WASHINGTON

Since we really didn't
get the Pres to personally
confront Nakasone of Japan
with the disparity between the
Dollar & the Yen,

Would it be possible to
have possibly several
distinguished industrialists*
advisedly affected to
personally talk to the
Pres about it before he goes
to Japan.

impls Honeywell
Borg Warner
Caterpillar etc.

ACTION: Whittelsey

Treasury

bes in touch with Michel.

JC memo

THE WHITE HOUSE

WASHINGTON

September 12, 1983

MEMORANDUM FOR DAVE GERGEN

FROM: JAMES W. CICCONI

SUBJECT: Suggestion for Saturday Radio Speech

As you know, the Job Training Partnership Act takes effect on October 1. Given the significance of Job Training Partnership Act as a major accomplishment of this Administration, it might be appropriate to consider it as a subject for the President's radio speech that day.

Thanks.

Jim -
Agreed - That was to
be part of radio speech last
week until we moved to VOA.
Have asked Ellis to make
employment / JTPA the topic for

Oct. 1 - Thanks -

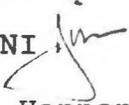
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THE WHITE HOUSE

WASHINGTON

September 12, 1983

MEMORANDUM FOR BARBARA McQUOWN

FROM: JAMES W. CICCONI 

SUBJECT: Resume of Paul Hannon

Attached is a resume of Paul Hannon, which was forwarded to me by Mr. Michael Butler. Mike is a solid Republican, and was formerly a law partner of Jim Baker's. I do not know Mr. Hannon, though he seems to have a good deal of experience in international trade matters.

Thanks.

Back to Cicconi



THE WHITE HOUSE
WASHINGTON
September 12, 1983

MEMORANDUM FOR JAMES A. BAKER, III
FROM: JAMES W. CICCONI *JW*
SUBJECT: Today's Cabinet Meeting

For your information:

Unitary Tax

At today's Cabinet Meeting various arguments were presented to the President regarding CCEA's unanimous recommendation that the Administration bar state use of the unitary tax method. Ed Meese, along with Lee Verstandig, made strong arguments against restricting state powers to determine methods of taxation (most of the arguments made were the same as those we discussed at breakfast this morning). As a result of Ed Meese's statements and the President's subsequent comments, the Cabinet Council agreed that no steps would be taken to restrict use of the unitary tax method. Instead, the President said he would discuss with Governor Thompson et al., the possibility of working with a group of governors and business representatives to devise a set of standards to bring uniformity to the system. (There is probably little likelihood, however, of reaching a consensus on this issue.)

FSC Extension

On another subject, the President agreed to support legislation that would extend the Federal Supplemental Compensation (FSC) Program for 18 months, provided that Congress makes no change in our 1981 Extended Benefit reforms. It is felt that an 18 month extension would avoid the political problems and increased costs which would inevitably result from a sequence of 6 month extensions. The President agreed further that it be tiered on a 6-8-10 week basis depending on the severity of unemployment in any given state. (The present program is tiered on a 8-10-12-14 basis, with significantly higher costs.) The President agreed with Secretary Donovan's recommendation that we also include our proposal for a job voucher option and a summer youth wage differential; Donovan stated, however, that these proposals would require a commitment of strong White House support, perhaps implying that such support was lacking in the past.

cc: Richard G. Darman

Talking Points Against H.R. 5
Coastal and Ocean Block Grants

Major benefitting States are better off financially than the Federal Government

These six States would receive 52% of the funds in the House Bill.

- Alaska: Has no general sales and gross receipts tax, has no corporate income tax, and has a negative individual income tax. Had cash and security holdings other than insurance trusts of \$16,000 per capita in 1981 (\$2.9B in total). Got \$1.6B in rents and royalties in 1981. Pre-recession (1981) revenues exceeded expenditures by 102%.
- California: Allowed credits for 20% of individual income tax liability in 1980 and 16% in 1981. Decreased the corporate income tax in 1981. Got \$509M in rents and royalties in 1981. Received \$25M in shared Federal lands receipts in 1981. Pre-recession (1981) revenues exceeded expenditures by 2%.
- Florida: Has no individual income tax. Revenues in 1981 exceeded expenditures by 9%.
- Louisiana: Got \$815M in severance taxes and \$543M in rents and royalties in 1981. Revenues in 1981 exceeded expenditures by 1%.
- New York: Repealed its unincorporated business tax in 1981. Revenues in 1981 exceeded expenditures by 8%.
- Texas: Has no corporate income tax, or individual income tax. Got \$2,198M in severance taxes and \$778M in rents and royalties in 1981. Revenues in 1981 exceeded expenditures by 18%.
- U.S. Government: Revenues fell short of expenditures in 1981 by 9%. Near term deficits are about \$200B per year. Debt is more than \$1 trillion.

September 14, 1983

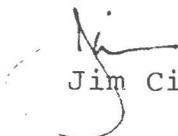
THE WHITE HOUSE
WASHINGTON

16 Sept 1983

TO: CHRIS HICKS

The attached is per our conversation. She is interested in a Spec Asst job in Dennis Thomas' office at Treasury.

Thanks for handling this.


Jim Cicconi

Sept. 4th
George Towne

Dear Jim -

You may remember me from your first year law section or my brother from the opposition regarding he did on Mark White when he worked on the elements for Governor race this last season.

Enclosed is a copy of a letter I have just sent to Mr. Baker.

I hope he will feel he can respond positively to it.

I will contact you in a few days to see what the disposition is and maybe you can advise me at that time. Thank you,

Rita Solon

(ENCLOSED IS A RESUME FYI.)

copy

September 1, 1983

James A. Baker III
Chief of Staff
The White House
1600 Pennsylvania Avenue, N.W.
Washington, D.C. 20500

Dear Mr. Baker:

By introduction, I am Rita Solon, from Dallas, Texas. During the campaign, I worked with Martin Anderson's Policy Development division in it's efforts to send fast paced research to the Reagan plane. I also worked as an issue press aide with Jim Brady during the transition.

I write at this time to appeal for your assistance. I have been seeking a position in the Administration since a thirty day appointment at the White House expired in March 1981, three months into the Administration.

The first hurdle I hit that proved to have a chilling effect on my prospects was Dave Gergen telling me that "anyone with past Democratic experience does not deserve a job in the White House". Mr. Brady tried to help me straighten out this situation. Four days before Mr. Brady's accident, he told me that he had talked to Mr. Baker who said that if I was "a Mexican from Texas", then I was "okay". Unfortunately things never worked out. Next I am told that a Memo was seen passing through Wendy Borchart's office on White House stationery claiming that I was a "Kennedy spy" and there was need to get me "out of the White House". All this predicated, as nearly as I can figure, on my past Democratic involvement.

Early on I was advised to remove from my resume all pre-1978 Democratic involvement. The gap would have been obvious and besides, I was not ashamed of my political involvement. I am the product of an old Texas family in a one party state and did not meet an ideological Republican who took the time to talk ideology till 1978. In addition, I reasoned that it would be obvious that we did not become the party of the majority without people crossing the line. This reasoning did not sell well.

The next hurdle I hit (and I can document this) was that for an entire year I continued to drop off resumes and have letters of recommendation sent to Presidential personnel. Still as of August, 1982 I HAD NO FILE. Continuely I had been told not to go to the agencies but to "cooperate" with Presidential Personnel. When I strayed from this advice, I never got further than the "very fine resume, we'll sure keep it on file". Also I never got a call from Presidential Personnel.

At this point I am very upset- there is hardly a year left of this term. I am anxious to solidify not only my party switch but my campaign and transition involvement. It hardly seems to have sustained meaning without the continuity of working in the Administration.

Recently, three things have happened that further aggravate my frustration.

- 1) I was called in by the Albosta Committee last week. From the questioning it was clear that someone had mentioned me as a possible Democratic/Kennedy spy. When asked why I did not have a job with the Administration and whether I wanted one, I did not know what to answer.
- 2) In the course of the last few weeks, I have been called by reporters asking me if as a campaign worker, I knew about the debate papers and the "intelligence operation" during the campaign. After asking if I was with the Administration and ascertaining that I was not, they asked why not and if I would like to be. Last week, the day after the my Albosta hearing, I was called and asked if "as a Hispanic women, a former Democrat and former campaign worker who never got a job", wasn't I "disgruntled" with the Administration. I said no, I currently had my own company and was pleased and hung up.
- 3) Lastly, it has come to my attention that in Austin I am being used as an example of how this Administration treats young hispanic women who switched parties, even if they did work on the campaign in a substantive area. (It apparently was pointed out that people who worked on the ethnic part of the campaign were never properly taken care of.) To make matters worse, a few weeks ago I was asked by the Texas Land Commissioner (who ran the Krueger for U.S. Senate race, my final Democratic involvement) to return to the Texas party, that they needed me and that "all sins would be forgiven" on the assumption that surely by this time I'd had enough. Also, ironically enough, since working for Reagan, I have had one job offer, an unsolicited offer from a Democratic Congressman to join his staff.

I have remained patient, even at one point fearing that I might be a raving incompetent. But, that is not so, I did some very good, hard work during the campaign and transition. I have remained loyal and continue to believe that my transfer to this party and my work for Reagan-Bush was a necessary decision if this country was to survive. My party switch was ideological (this party reflected what I believed, I never switched ideas) and it has involved abuse from my former colleagues, sacrifice and setbacks. Please keep in mind that politics is my life and it has been the source of much of my professional life.

Time is growing short and if I am to ever be a part of this Administration, I can not afford to trip over the same hurdle time and again.

Recently a friend on the Hill was asked to recommend someone for a position at Treasury and my name was forwarded. It is a Special Assistant (International) slot at the Department of Treasury. It would be a fine position and I have asked to be considered a candidate based on my current work with investments and international trade. Two months have passed and I fear this too may prove an unfruitful investment of my time and effort, and frankly, I do not have any more time. My campaign involvement won't do it alone. I need a mentor.

I ask two favors of you:

- 1) A note of recommendation from you to Mr. W. Dennis Thomas, Assistant Secretary for Legislative Affairs at Treasury, asking him to give me serious consideration.
- 2) In the event that the above is a failed venture, I would like your assistance and continued assistance in helping me to be seriously considered and forwarded by the Administration's representatives in the Departments, especially the Treasury. I am willing to serve the Administration in any worthy capacity and only ask help in making sure I am not sent to the back of the line again.

I know there is a place for me in this Administration. I have never doubted it. I just need help in shaking the tree so that a position may be found. I also need someone to stick by me till the goal is accomplished.

I can think of nothing more frustrating than feeling the need to bring this to your attention. I still feel there should have been some system whereby I could have secured a position on my own and on the basis of what I now offer you: my loyalty and my proven service as a campaign and transition staff member. For me the worse thing that could happen is to have taken my licks for my party switch and then look back on my entire Reagan-Bush experience knowing that I never had the opportunity to be a part of the Administration.

Sincerely



Rita Solon

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Background :: FYI

RITA ST. MARIE SOLON

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(202) 338-1421

OBJECTIVE: A staff position with a congressional office or committee dealing with policy matters either as a "generalist" or in such specialized areas as international finance and trade, energy, and commerce or position entailing press or public relations duties.

SKILLS: Fast-paced research as evidenced in my experience with the Reagan campaign Policy Development staff. Ability to swiftly digest and master technical materials as displayed in work with issues before the Federal Energy Regulatory Commission. Ability to balance both the substantive and the political considerations of an issue as demonstrated by duties performed as the Issue Press Aide for the President-Elect's transition staff. Ability to interface with various interest groups in order to gain concessions and agreement.

EXPERIENCE:

SOLON AND ASSOCIATES: Private consulting in three distinct areas; political, international trade, and venture capital investments. August 1981 to Present
Political: involvement in 1982 races in areas of fund raising, political research, and FEC compliance. International trade: association with the Aries Group (trade consultants). Produced quotes, arranged distribution of import products and letters of credit, and matched interested parties in export/import ventures dealing with caviar, wood products and housing construction. Venture capital: digested and disseminated materials for presentation to potential investors. Capital investment interest in the areas of new start ups and venture capital expansion in high-tech industries and the entertainment industry.

May 1981 to August 1981
FEDERAL ENERGY REGULATORY COMMISSION: Congressional and Public Information Specialist. Reagan political appointee working with inquiries related to the technical and economic aspects of hydro-electric and electric utility regulation. Digested technical reports and hearings for use by Commissioners on the financial health of the utility industry.

March thru April 1981
EXECUTIVE OFFICE OF THE PRESIDENT: Staff Assistant working with the initial responses going out under the President's signature to local government and private sector correspondents. Directed selected materials to OMB for use in a fraud and waste project.

DURATION OF TRANSITION
OFFICE OF THE PRESIDENT-ELECT: Issue Aide, Press Department. Assisted Press Secretary James Brady with factual information to aid answering issue-oriented questions from the press. Briefings on the Cabinet selection process and a special project with the foreign policy staff on topics related to the President-Elect's trip to Mexico complimented standard press aide duties.

DURATION OF
GENERAL
ELECTION

REAGAN-BUSH CAMPAIGN COMMITTEE: Policy Analyst, Office of Policy Development. Prepared fast-paced research for the Reagan Tour. Assisted Domestic Advisor Martin Anderson, Issue-Press Advisor James Brady (direct supervisors) and speechwriters and other advisors aboard the Reagan plane with any information requested. Onus being on the need for complete accuracy and reliability, as well as speed. Visited selected congressmen as the Reagan representative in order to discuss issues and receive advice.

JANUARY 1979
to APRIL 1980

JOHN CONNALLY FOR PRESIDENT COMMITTEE: Office of the Treasurer, Special Assistant. Supervised the computerization and the quality controls involved in compliance with Federal Election laws concerning contributions. Acted as Liaison with Legal Counsel on matters of an administrative or compliance nature. Later traveled with family members and the candidate performing standard field duties such as scheduling, candidate and press advance and fund raising.

CLAY AND SOLON: Law firm, paralegal functions. (1977 to 1979)

DALLAS CITY COUNCIL CANDIDATE (1977)

KDFW-TV (CBS): Intern from SMU. (1973)

FOSTER ASSOCIATES, Economic consulting firm: Collected energy publications used by oil industry defense counsel in the FTC antitrust suit. (1974)

Ursuline Academy of Dallas 1971

Southern Methodist University 1973, 2 years

Audited two years of law school, details on request.

University of Texas: Contracts, Torts, Property, Constitutional Law, Federal Procedures, Legal Research and Writing. (1974)

Harvard Law School: Family Law, Conflicts Antitrust, Corporations, Administrative Law, Local Government Law, Income Taxation, Legal History Seminar and Jurisprudence. (1975)

REFERENCES AND WRITING SAMPLES ON REQUEST

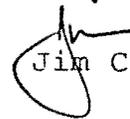
THE WHITE HOUSE
WASHINGTON

19 September 1983

TO: FAITH WHITTLESEY

Per JAB, no objection to
the attached provided it
is closely coordinated
with NSC and appropriate
WH offices.

Thanks.


Jim Cicconi

THE WHITE HOUSE

WASHINGTON

August 4, 1983

MEMORANDUM TO: JOHN TILLER
FROM: Morton C. Blackwell *MB*
SUBJECT: Central American Briefings

This is to confirm our conversation of yesterday pursuant to Mrs. Whittlesey's request that you work to set up a series of briefings regarding Central American policy.

Her idea is that you would undertake to arrange with the appropriate Administration officials briefings for:

1. White House and EOB staff, which should be cleared through Jim Baker's Office.
2. Presidential Appointees and appropriate Schedule C staff in other Departments and Agencies, which should be coordinated through Craig Fuller's Office.
3. Members of Congress and their staffs, coordinated through Ken Duberstein.
4. Appropriate State and local government officials which should be coordinated through Rick Neal in Lee Verstanding's Office.

You should work closely with Dolf Droge on this. He is in charge of providing our speakers and briefers. Joyce Thomann will help you reserve appropriate rooms in our complex. I would think that the invitations to the briefings should come not from the Office of Public Liaison, but from Lee Verstanding with respect to the State and local officials, Jim Baker with respect to White House and EOB personnel, etc. This will lighten our administrative load considerably.

I will be happy to assist in every way and look forward to chatting with you frequently as the series progresses.

MCB:jet

cc: Faith Ryan Whittlesey

THE WHITE HOUSE
WASHINGTON

September 19, 1983

TO: JAB III

RE: OCS Legislation

A bill is being considered on the Hill that would set up block grants to allow states to share in revenue generated by oil and gas leases on the outer continental shelf. The heaviest pressure for such a bill is, predictably, coming from coastal states.

OMB has sent a statement of opposition to the Hill, with the concurrence of CCNRE (which discussed the issue several months ago).

I thought you should be aware of this since it could develop into a political issue. Please note the attached sheet for a listing of the key states benefitting from the OCS legislation.

Jim Cicconi

THE WHITE HOUSE
WASHINGTON

19 Sept 1983

TO: JAB III

For your information:

Jacques Torczyner called from New York, and asked that I convey to you the following--

- The President's standing in the Jewish community is improving, and right now he looks strong for reelection.
- John Glenn's speech to the Foreign Policy Assn was not taken seriously among Jews: they felt it was too big a flip-flop on issues such as the status of Jerusalem.
- Glenn is, however, perceived as the leading Demo candidate by the Jewish community.

Also, Torczyner said that he can see results from our Hispanic effort in the NY Puerto Rican community. He also said we seem to have worried Demo Hispanics like Cong. Bob Garcia (D-NY).

*Jc: Show this to ^{JC} MKW + Faith.
Remember JAB III*

*Done
JWC*

THE WHITE HOUSE
WASHINGTON
September 20, 1983



MEMORANDUM FOR JAMES A. BAKER, III

FROM: JAMES W. CICCONI 
SUBJECT: Spousal Contributions to IRA's

At the recent meeting on women's issues convened by Mike Deaver, much discussion centered on whether to increase the amount a couple can contribute to an IRA when only one of them has market earnings. Currently such a couple filing a joint return can invest a maximum of \$2,250 (if both have market earnings the maximum is \$4,000). Though the President previously decided not to increase the \$2,250 limit, the group recommended that the President have an opportunity to reconsider the issue. As a result, a decision memo has been prepared and will be sent in shortly.

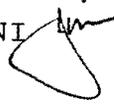
The main argument for increasing the maximum is that the lower limit of \$2,250 discriminates against non-working spouses (mainly housewives). Increasing the maximum to \$4,000 per couple (regardless of whether both have earnings) would eliminate the disparity, but would cost the Treasury \$500 million per year in lost revenue. Another argument against the proposal is that the bulk of the benefits would go to the higher income brackets: Treasury statistics show that those couples in middle and lower income groups simply cannot afford to set aside \$4,000 per year in an IRA.

THE WHITE HOUSE

WASHINGTON

September 21, 1983

MEMORANDUM FOR CRAIG L. FULLER

FROM: JAMES W. CICCONI 

SUBJECT: Postal Rates

Earlier this year we received information that the U.S. Postal Service expects a deficit in 1984, and thus plans to ask for a rate increase early next year.

Sen. Ted Stevens had previously expressed concern to Jim Baker about the possibility of a 1984 postal rate increase, and said his concern is shared on the Hill.

Is such an increase still likely?

Thanks.

THE WHITE HOUSE
WASHINGTON
September 21, 1983

MEMORANDUM FOR CRAIG L. FULLER

FROM: JAMES W. CICCONI 
SUBJECT: Telephone Rate Legislation

Attached is some information forwarded by AT&T Chairman Charles Brown regarding telephone rate legislation currently being considered on the Hill. The material was prepared as an outgrowth of a meeting between Mr. Brown and Jim Baker. I might add that JAB has also heard expressions of concern from Howard Baker and Paul Laxalt on this issue.

Events seem to be moving quickly in Congress; thus there is a need not only for speed in Cabinet Council consideration of the issue, but also for the discussion to occur within the framework of current realities on the Hill.

Thanks.

cc: Richard G. Darman

MEMORANDUM

THE WHITE HOUSE

WASHINGTON

September 22, 1983

TO: CRAIG FULLER
FROM: JIM CICCONI
SUBJECT: Laws Affecting Cottage Industry

The attached material was given to Jim Baker by the President with the request that we check into it.

It is forwarded to you for appropriate handling.

Thank you.

Cottage Connection



The National Association For The Cottage Industry
PO Box 14460, Chicago, Illinois 60614 312/472-8116

AUGUST 3, 1983

FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE

CONTACT: AUDREY BENDER
FROM THE COTTAGE OF
CORALEE SMITH KERN
312/472-8116

RIGHT TO WORK FROM HOME BEING THREATENED

A Legislative Watchdog Committee is being organized in Washington, D.C. August 9th, 1983 at 12:00 noon, at The Hyatt Regency Washington on Capitol Hill, it was announced by Coralee Smith Kern, Director of The National Association for The Cottage Industry, publisher of the "Mind Your Own Business at Home" newsletter, and a successful at-home business woman.

The worksteader's right to work at home has been threatened in many states with laws and/or amendments to the Industrial Home Work Act of the 30's. These laws could eventually be expanded to create a blockade to all home-based service and product businesses, including the Electronic Cottage. Laws relative to home sewing activities, crafts, jewelry, and toy making have already passed in 18 states, and the concern of the Cottage Industry is that this could become a grave problem in other areas for the at-home entrepreneur.

In the last few years there has been a rebirth of the whole cottage industry with professionals, i.e., attorneys, accountants, consultants and others, beginning to work from home. . .some for convenience, others because of high office rentals or to break away from

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RIGHT TO WORK FROM HOME BEING THREATENED/ ADD ONE

the monotony of commuter travel.

Economic analysts in the country estimate there are approximately ten million persons with product and service businesses working from their homes in this country. And, this number is expected to increase to fifteen million in the next seven years.

"Since the national, local and state labor laws must be obeyed by all those who have their own business," said Ms. Kern, "we believe we must of necessity keep careful watch on what is and will be happening in our legislative bodies over the next few years."

Coralee Kern will ask Ray Donovan, Secretary of Labor, to hold public hearings across the country to lift the 40 year old Federal Regulation that currently forbids work at home in six traditional crafts: embroidery, womens' clothing (mens' clothing is OK), handkerchiefs, buttons and buckles, jewelry, gloves and mittens.

For further information on the Washington meeting or meetings planned for Spokane and Seattle-Tacoma, Washington; Milwaukee, Wisconsin; Los Angeles, California; and Atlanta, Georgia contact Coralee Smith Kern at 312/472-8116.

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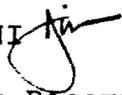
Coralee Smith Kern will be available for interviews August 8 through August 12, 1983 in Washington, D.C. at The Hyatt Regency Washington on Capitol Hill.

THE WHITE HOUSE

WASHINGTON

September 22, 1983

MEMORANDUM FOR JAMES A. BAKER, III

FROM: JAMES W. CICCONI 

SUBJECT: Ethnic Strategy Recommendations

The following are my comments and recommendations regarding the proposals in part D of Faith Whittlesey's memo:

1. RNC Polling: This type of data has already been compiled to some extent with a breakdown by religion. A more specific ethnic breakdown could be helpful with regard to certain issues and policy concerns but my layman's view is that it would be less useful in general polling.
2. Ethnic Liaisons: I have serious concerns about the idea of setting up designated interest group liaisons in each agency. Though it would clearly be helpful in a political sense, there is no way to justify an "ethnic liaison" and not also a liaison for women, Hispanics, etc. ad infinitum. (In fact, we have not proceeded with a Hispanic agency liaison system for this precise reason.) An alternative is for the WH ethnic liaison (Linas Kojelis) to quietly set up a system of contacts in each agency with the help of our political liaisons. The purpose would be to make certain that the agencies are responsive to a WH ethnic strategy.
3. "Ethnic Concerns" in the Rule-Making Process: There is probably very little to be achieved by doing this, and in a legal sense it would be very hazardous. Ethnics are not a protected class within the context of Supreme Court decisions, and arguably could not be treated as such in the rule-making process without creating grounds for legal challenge. Further, "ethnic concerns" on minority issues could, in many cases, actually conflict with the concerns of protected classes. This is real "slippery slope": we could cause ourselves serious legal and political problems with little possibility of offsetting political gain.

4. Appointments: We should indeed proceed with a compilation of ethnic appointments for selective release, and should also undertake efforts to appoint ethnics to a few more visible Administration positions.

5. "Multi-Ethnic" WH Events: In general, the list of suggested events is sound. I would be cautious, though, about lumping a variety of ethnic groups together in particular events (such as luncheons or general policy briefings); we should do so only where there is clearly a common interest among the various groups. To throw Chinese or even Italians, into the same WH event with Poles simply dilutes the political impact within those particular ethnic communities. It would be far better to treat Poles as Poles: not as part of some amorphous coalition of "ethnics" (more on this point at the end of the memo).

6. Ethnic Drive: This idea, which suggests a Presidential trip devoted primarily to ethnic events, is simply a different form of the "schedule concentration" strategy we have employed regarding education and Hispanics. It is sound because it forces the media to report our basic political message (which would, of course, be lost with a lesser concentration of events). This could be accomplished in a variety of ways, including, but not limited to, a Presidential trip.

7. Consultations: This is a good suggestion in principle. Its implementation would, of course, have to occur on a case-by-case basis.

8. First Lady Participation: This could be very helpful to the Administration with a variety of groups, not just ethnics. If the First Lady agrees to do this, we should work into it gradually with primary focus on cultural and youth events (including drug treatment programs in ethnic communities).

9. State Dinners: The Social Office is apparently already working with OPL to include leaders of ethnic organizations and communities in State dinners. This should be encouraged and extended to other constituencies.

MEMORANDUM FOR JAMES A. BAKER, III

RE: Ethnic Strategy

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10. Congressional Task Force on Ethnic Concerns:

This group of Republican representatives has asked for a meeting with the President to discuss a coordinated ethnic strategy. If the meeting is confined to issue concerns, I would suggest it be scheduled. However, the President should not be expected to involve himself in a political strategy session.

One final suggestion: it is important that an "ethnic strategy" remain a political concept on our part--a tool to guide our decision-making. We should not, however, allow Poles, Italians, Asians, Greeks, et al. to feel that they are being lumped together. Much of our appeal will be focused on each group's pride in its particular heritage and culture. It is an appeal to identifiable ethnic communities and not to ethnics who have become more scattered geographically. Thus, an ethnic strategy should truly consist of separate sub-strategies for each major group. The initial goal is for such groups to feel that the President is paying attention to the particular concerns of their community and the contributions of their culture.

THE WHITE HOUSE
WASHINGTON

September 23, 1983

MEMORANDUM FOR SENIOR STAFF

FROM: JAMES CICCONI *JCC*
SUBJECT: Senior Staff Meeting

There will be no senior staff meeting on Monday,
September 26, due to the President's trip to New York.

Thank you.

THE WHITE HOUSE
WASHINGTON

September 23, 1983

MEMORANDUM FOR JOE SALGADO

FROM: JIM CICCONI

SUBJECT: Resume of Gary L. Widman

The attached resume was forwarded to me at the suggestion of a friend. Mr. Widman is interested in the position of Assistant Secretary of Energy for Conservation and Renewable Energy.

I would appreciate any consideration you might give him for the position -- he seems to have some impressive credentials.

THE WHITE HOUSE

WASHINGTON

September 27, 1983

MEMORANDUM FOR MIKE BAROODY

FROM: JIM CICCONE *JWC*
SUBJECT: Presidential Interview with Spanish Today Magazine

Following is my suggested answer to question No. 1 of the Spanish Today interview:

- Q. Mr. President, it is said that you are courting Hispanic votes; is it true?
- A. Unfortunately, many people insist on viewing any action I take in this area as being political. I happen to feel that the Hispanic community in this country -- which really consists of separate communities of Cuban Americans, Mexican Americans, Puerto Ricans, and others -- has for too long been ignored and taken for granted by those in Washington. I worked closely with the Hispanic community when I was governor of California. I campaigned among Hispanics and received their support in 1976 and 1980, and I am determined that the Hispanic community's concerns will be heard and addressed by my Administration. I am trying to ensure that through meetings with Hispanic leaders on a wide range of issues, and by getting out into Hispanic communities wherever I can. We are also bringing large numbers of Hispanics into the Administration to manage and help set policy. These efforts did not just start recently; they have been a constant throughout my public life. As President, I met with Hispanic leaders my first month in office to hear their views, and those types of meetings have gone on throughout my term. Unfortunately, the media has only now started paying attention.

cc: Cathi Villalpando

THE WHITE HOUSE
WASHINGTON
September 21, 1983

MEMORANDUM FOR JIM CICCONI

FROM:

MIKE BAROODY *MB*

SUBJECT:

QUESTIONS SUBMITTED FOR PRESIDENTIAL
RESPONSE FROM CRUZADA SPANISH PUBLICATIONS

The attached questions have been submitted to us for Presidential response. We are currently drafting answers to those marked by a check.

I would like to have your thoughts on any and all of the questions, but especially question number 1.

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*- How to handle?
- focus back - G. J. M.
.. Kevin's project*

QUESTIONS TO PRESIDENT RONALD REAGAN FOR AN INTERVIEW WITH SPANISH TODAY MAGAZINE.

- Allen*
- ✓ 1) ST: Mr. President, it is said that your are courting Hispanic votes; is it true?
- 2) There is a proposed coalition between Blacks and Hispanics to vote as a block in the 1984 election. How do you see this coalition? Will it hurt you electorally?
- essence?* ✓ 3) This is a two-fold question: Mr. President, are you planning to hire more Hispanics for your Administration? Will you name a Hispanic to your second-term Cabinet if you are re-elected in 1984?
- 4) Mr. President, some Hispanic leaders accuse you of being insensitive to the needs of Hispanics in our country; What is your answer to that?
- CR* ✓ 5) Unemployment, education, housing, medical care; these are some of the areas where Hispanics lag behind. What is your Administration doing to alleviate this situation?
- CR* ✓ 6) Mr. President, you said recently that Hispanics who are making it in the business world, "are building a better America for all of us." What is your Administration doing to help Hispanics succeed in the business world?

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QUESTIONS TO PRESIDENT REAGAN FOR AN INTERVIEW WITH
SPANISH TODAY MAGAZINE

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Ed. ✓ 7) Education is definitely a way up for Hispanics, maybe the only way; however, Mr. President, due to budget cuts, funds to help minority students are very limited. Is your Administration planning to do something specific to help Hispanic students get the college money they need?

8) It is said that this is the decade of the Hispanic. Mr. President, do you think that Hispanics can integrate fully to American society without having to resort to violence to demand their rights?

9) Mr. President, what do you consider the most important contribution of Hispanics to our country?

Sumner ✓ 10) Mr. President, you are asking Hispanics everywhere to help you present to Americans the truth of Central America. What is that truth? Aren't you really asking Hispanics to be partisans to your way of viewing things in that region?

11) One of the most frequent complaints of Hispanic-American countries is that American Ambassadors do not speak Spanish and are not truly knowledgeable in Hispanic history and culture. Mr. President, will you take in consideration those two areas when nominating future ambassadors to Spanish-speaking countries?

12) Latin American unity is a dream, now forgotten in a region assailed by political upheaval, social changes, and economic depression. Nevertheless, Mr. President, are you in favor of a Conference of all American Presidents to revive the old dream that may prove to be the only solution

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12) (continues) --to Latin American perennial problems?
Would you take the initiative for such a meeting?

13) Are you going to insist that Cuba takes back the
criminals sent through Mariel, and if Castro keeps ignoring
American demands, are you prepared to take stronger measures
to see that this situation is finally resolved. What would
those measures be?

Yes
CR
✓ 14) Mr. President, are we losing the battle against drug-
traffickers? What else can be done to stop or reduced
considerably the amount of illegal drugs come in from South
America?

William
✓ 15) What is the official position of your Administration
regarding illegal immigrants living and working in our
country?

16) Are you in favor of Puerto Rico becoming our fifty-first
state?

CR
✓ 17) There is a trend all over the country to go back to
basics in school. You have also expressed definite views
along this line in your recent speeches on education. Does
this mean that teaching of foreign languages such as Spanish
should disappear from curriculums, thus reverting a trend
that began back in 1957 after the launching of the first
Soviet Sputnik?

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*bell
minor
bilingual*
✓ 18) Mr. President, what do you think about bilingual education?

19) Mr. President, are you in favor of officially declaring Spanish our second national language?

? 20) To conclude this interview, Mr. President, may we have from you a few words in Spanish?

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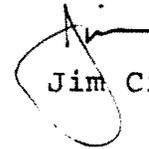
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TO: FAITH WHITTLESEY

JAB agrees that we should support this legislation and has passed that word to Ken Duberstein (who had also suggested we lend our support).

As I understand it, Ed Meese will be discussing this issue at his Management Meeting today. I've made sure he is aware of JAB's views.

Thanks.



Jim Cicconi

THE WHITE HOUSE

WASHINGTON

September 27, 1983

MEMORANDUM FOR JAMES A. BAKER, III

FROM: FAITH RYAN WHITTLESEY *FRW*

SUBJECT: Church Audit Procedures Bill

As Ken Duberstein has advised, on Friday, September 30, 1983, there will be a Senate hearing on S. 1266 (H.R. 2977), sponsored by Senator Grassley (R-Ia) and Congressman Mickey Edwards respectively. There are 70 co-sponsors in the House, both liberals and conservatives including Congressman Tony Hall (D-Oh), Ron Dellums (D-Ca), and most of the leaders of the Black Caucus are also co-sponsors.

This procedural bill will not change the substantive law with respect to IRS investigations of churches. At present, there are no congressional guidelines regarding IRS investigations and this bill attempts to cure that problem. Some of the main procedural changes are:

- IRS must give specific details of its concerns about a church before an investigation gets underway.
- IRS must provide for a conference with the church, giving it the opportunity to respond prior to an investigation.
- IRS must complete an investigation within one year. There would be a three year statute of limitations on assessment of taxes.

Those testifying or submitting testimony in support of the bill on Friday of this week are: The National Council of Churches, the National Association of Evangelicals (NAE), the New York American Civil Liberties Union, Moral Majority and The Christian Voice.

The only negative testimony on Friday is to be from the IRS. There is concern that if the IRS testifies against

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the Church Audit Procedures Bill that the Administration will be publicly labeled as being opposed to it. There is very rarely any legislative issue where both the liberal and conservative segments of the religious community are in agreement. This is one of those rare instances and it could be very damaging to the President unless one or both of the following actions are taken very quickly this week: 1) the White House issue a public statement in support of the Church Audit Procedures Bill, or 2) the IRS withdraw from testifying on Friday or at least tone down its testimony.

cc: Edwin Meese
Michael Deaver
David Stockman
Ken Duberstein

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September 19, 1983

MEMORANDUM FOR JAMES A. BAKER

EDWIN MEESE
MICHAEL DEAVER
DAVE STOCKMAN
FAITH WHITTLESEY

THRU: KENNETH M. DUBERSTEIN *Kr D.*
FROM: M. B. OGLESBY, JR. *MB*
SUBJECT: Church Audit Procedures Act

On May 11, 1983, Congressman Mickey Edwards (R-OK), with a group of bipartisan co-sponsors, introduced H.R. 2977, the Church Audit Procedures Act. The legislation amends the Internal Revenue Code to improve IRS procedures concerning investigations and audits of churches. The bill is supported by such diverse groups as the National Conference of Christians and Jews, the National Association of Evangelicals, the New York Civil Liberties Union (ACLU-affiliate), the Moral Majority and Christian Voice.

Congressman Edwards has been seeking an Administration endorsement of this legislation. The office of Tax Policy at the Treasury Department has recommended Administration opposition to H.R. 2977. Treasury officials are scheduled to testify before the House Ways and Means Committee on September 30, and will convey the position developed by the Office of Tax Policy unless the decision is reversed prior to that time.

The Church Audit Procedures Act has the endorsement of many conservative supporters of the President and of his core constituency in the conservative movement. Interestingly, the bill also has the support and has been co-sponsored by Members as liberal as George Crockett (D-MI) and Ron Dellums (D-CA).

Because this legislation is supported by such diverse groups and by Members from all parts of the political spectrum, I hope that we can review our position and avoid the probable adverse reaction from some of our friends in the Congress.

Guidone, pls.

THE WHITE HOUSE

WASHINGTON

September 27, 1983

MEMORANDUM FOR MICHAEL K. DEEVER

FROM: James Cicconi *JWC*

SUBJECT: Court Decision on Planned Parenthood's
Participation in the Combined Federal
Campaign (CFC)

According to the Justice Department, the question of whether we should appeal the court decision including Planned Parenthood in the CFC is now moot. Yesterday, the US Attorney's Office entered into a settlement of the case. Under its terms, the government agreed not to appeal the decision in return for the plaintiffs' agreement not to seek court costs or attorneys' fees. There was a need for speed because the CFC begins today.

The government decided to settle the case, and not appeal, for several reasons. First and foremost, they felt the case was a "sure loser." Planned Parenthood was excluded on the basis of some technical audit requirements which were not evenly applied to all participants. They argued that they were being singled out, and then Don Devine largely admitted the truth of that statement in a newspaper interview (DOJ was vigorously pursuing the case till that point). Second, the district court had issued a temporary restraining order, and this is virtually not appealable; thus, even if we won an appeal, the TRO would still have allowed Planned Parenthood to participate in the CFC this year. Third, DOJ is pursuing a separate appeal regarding the rules for next year's CFC, a case which should ultimately settle the issue.

cc: James A. Baker, III
Lee Atwater

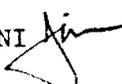
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MEMORANDUM FOR CRAIG L. FULLER

FROM:

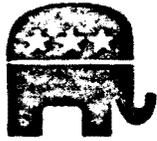
JAMES CICCONI 

SUBJECT:

Corps of Engineers Permits for Texas Port Project

The attached was given to me by Tirso del Junco. Could someone please check the facts on this matter with the Corps of Engineers, and then forward that information to Tirso? (Needless to say, this inquiry is purely informational).

Thanks.



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September 12, 1983

Dr. Tirso del Junco, Chairman
Republican National Hispanic Assembly
310 First Street, S.E.
Washington, D.C. 20003

Dear Dr. del Junco,

Thank you very much for an excellent RNHA state convention in San Antonio this past weekend. I am hard-pressed to think of any Republican event at which I've been so graciously welcomed and treated. It was, indeed, a pleasure to attend the convention and I hope that the spirit of unity shown there will continue to grow in the months ahead.

We Republicans here in Nueces County deeply appreciate the RNHA's unanimous endorsement of the 7,000-job project known as Baker's Port. Our extensive work to secure the needed construction permits from the Corps of Engineers is part of our efforts as 'working partners' with the Administration and the private sector to bring these jobs to the unemployed workers of South Texas. Baker's Port will employ 7,000 people immediately (upon permit issuance) over a 4-year construction period, thus eliminating 32% of the unemployment in Nueces County. It will employ 3,500 to 5,000 people, thereafter, to operate on a full-time basis.

Unfortunately, we still have not received the needed permits. Each day that passes without the permits costs the developers of Baker's Port \$19,500, per day, in principle and interest. That is the equivalent of 1 year's wages for a South Texan willing to work; and after 20 months of delay, that amounts to \$11,700,000 in lost wages to our local economy. Needless to say, these delays must not continue.

With the constant Democrat charges of "insensitivity" by the Administration, we cannot pass up this Great Opportunity for Progress (GOP) by overlooking Baker's Port as a major political issue in South Texas. The Democrats have been absolutely silent on Baker's Port as a majority, while we have collected over 1,000 Hispanic signatures on a pro-Baker's Port petition and presented them to the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers at the August 4th public hearing. Texas Governor Mark White, who is seeking the Democrats' vice-presidential nomination, refused to support

Baker's Port and the jobs it will bring; while Senator John Tower has actively supported Baker's Port and our efforts on its behalf. And our District Committeeman, Dr. Roger Johnson, briefly mentioned it to President Reagan last month during a private meeting. We Republicans must succeed in obtaining the needed permits; and to do so will provide a great example of Administration and Party "job sensitivity" for us to exploit in the next election, which may well be won or lost in Texas.

It is for these reasons, as well as for all the people of South Texas who need jobs, that I am appealing to you for help. Please take a copy of the enclosed RNHA resolution to President Reagan and emphasize the many political advantages to him, his Administration, our Party, and our people. Ask him to cut through the bureacratic red tape and get the permits to us as soon as possible. Baker's Port can serve as a classic example of the cooperation between the private sector of the economy and an Administration that is sensitive to the needs of the working people in America.

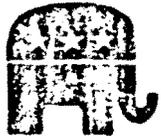
Again, thank you. I look forward to hearing from you.

Sincerely,



TOM KNIGHT,
Executive Director

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RESOLUTION

Whereas, the RNHA is fully supportive of the Administration's efforts to restore jobs to unemployed Americans, and

Whereas, the RNHA and the Republican Party are working partners in these efforts, and

Whereas, the proposed project known as Baker's Port, an off-shore oil rig service facility on Nueces Bay, will employ 7,000 people over 4 years to build, and 3,500 to 5,000 thereafter to operate, and

Whereas, this project will eliminate 32% of the unemployment in Nueces and San Patricio counties, Texas, and

Whereas, each day that passes without the required construction permits from the U.S. Corps of Engineers costs the developers of Baker's Port \$19,500 per day, the equivalent of 1 year's wages for a South Texan willing to work, and

Whereas, the Governor of Texas and the Democrat Party refuse to support and work for these much needed jobs, and

Whereas, the Republican Party of Nueces County has collected over 1,200 Hispanic signatures on a Baker's Port petition and presented them to the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers, and brought this issue to the attention of the Administration through television and radio talk shows, newspaper interviews, and discussions with the Secretaries of Interior and Labor,

BE IT RESOLVED that we, the RNHA of Texas, endorse the construction of Baker's Port and call upon the Administration to expedite the issuance of construction permits so that these much needed jobs will be created and filled at the earliest possible date.

Dr. Tirso del Junco
National Chairman

Silvia Hernandez Maddox
State Chairman

Dr. Damaso Oliva
Regional Vice-Chairman

Dr. Hector Beltran
State Co-Chairman

South Texas Briefs

Assembly backs Baker's Port

SAN ANTONIO — The Republican National Hispanic Assembly of Texas yesterday endorsed construction of Baker's Port, a proposed \$1 billion offshore drilling service complex near Ingleside.

The group urged the Reagan administration to expedite the issuance of construction permits so the project may begin at the earliest possible date.

Announced in January 1982, the joint venture of Baker Marine Corp. and a Singapore company has been stalled by environmentalists' complaints, causing the U.S. Corps of Engineers to delay issuing construction permits.

The convention, attended by 250 delegates yesterday and Friday, unanimously passed the Baker's Port resolution, citing creation of jobs as the principal virtue of the billion-dollar project.

The project's promoters estimate 7,000 new jobs and 5,000 permanent jobs will be created by the project. Critics charge that the complex will damage delicate coastal marshland habitats on the 2,700-acre site.

In other business, the convention formally merged two Republican Hispanic organizations: Mexican-American Republicans of Texas and the National Hispanic Assembly.

The newly-merged group passed resolutions in support of the Reagan administration's policies in Central America and commending the administration for "efforts on behalf of Hispanics."

Reagan sends thank-you note

By The Associated Press

SAN ANTONIO — President Reagan has sent a note to a local restaurateur saying "muchas gracias" for some homemade Mexican candy and "for the friendship" that prompted the gift.

Simon N. Castillo, vice president of Mi Tierra Restaurant, said he had the candy delivered to Reagan after the president's May 5 visit here to celebrate Cinco de Mayo.

The note, which Castillo said arrived in the mail Thursday, was written on White House stationery.