

THE WHITE HOUSE

WASHINGTON

January 31, 1984

WHITE HOUSE TRIBUTE TO BLACK HISTORY MONTH (February 1-29)

DATE: Thursday, February 2, 1984
TIME: 2:45 - 2:55 p.m.
LOCATION: East Room
FROM: Faith Whittlesey

I. PURPOSE:

Kickoff government-wide ceremonies and activities in recognition of Black History Month.

II. BACKGROUND:

During National Black History Month it has become traditional for federal agencies as well as local public and private institutions to pay tribute to significant contributions of Blacks to American history. The President has already signed the customary proclamation. However, this will be the first White House ceremony.

Among other federal events the U.S. Postal Service has printed a commemorative stamp of Carter G. Woodson, the founder of Black History Month and the "Father of Negro History."

The National Black History Month theme for 1984 is: "Black Americans and the Struggle for Excellence in Education."

III. PARTICIPANTS:

Officials of the Association for the Study of Afro-American Life and History:

- a. Dr. William H. Banks, President
- b. Dr. Robert L. Harris, Jr. Vice President
- c. Mr. Irven E. Washington, Secretary/Treasurer
- d. Ms. Sammie Ellis, Chairman, Observance Committee

IV. SEQUENCE:

The guests will assemble in the East Room. The President will enter, greet the participants on the podium, make remarks and depart. NOTE: Prior to the President's departure a representative of the Tuskegee Airmen will make a presentation to him.

V. REMARKS:

To be furnished by the speechwriter.

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January 30, 1984

MEMORANDUM FOR FAITH WHITTLESEY

FROM: LEE L. VERSTANDIG *lee*
SUBJECT: BLACK HISTORY MONTH SIGNING CEREMONY

The Office of Intergovernmental Affairs would like to recommend the following as invitees to the February 2nd Signing Ceremony designating February 1984 as Black History Month.

Councilmember Kenneth Blackwell (R)
City Hall
Eighth and Plum
Cincinnati, OH 45202
(513) 352-4681

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Los Angeles, CA 90012
(213) 485-3311

Commissioner Virgil Brown (R)
Cuyahoga County
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Cleveland, OH 44113
(216) 623-7182

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Spokane, WA 99201
(509) 456-2665

Mayor Emmitt J. Conley (R)
Mayor of Cotton Plant
Cotton Plant, AK 72036
(501) 459-2121

Mayor Wilce Cooke (R)
P. O. Box 648
Benton Harbor, MI 49022
(616) 925-7061

Alderman Herb DeLaney (R)
City of Kankakee
1262 North Schuyler Avenue
Kankakee, IL 60901
(815) 933-4512

Mayor John Ford (D)
City Hall
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Tuskegee, AL 36083
(205) 727-2180

Mr. Webster Guillory, President
National Association of Black County Officials
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Prichard, AL 36610
(205) 457-3381

Mayor Noel Taylor (R)
215 Church Avenue, S.W.
Roanoke, VA 24011
(703) 981-2444

Mayor Harvey Gantt (D)
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State Capitol
House Office Building, Room 161
Annapolis, MD 21401
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Suite 210A
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Representative Bob Wright (R)
617 Sproul Street
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(215) 874-6300

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January 26, 1984

MEMORANDUM FOR JACK COURTEMANCHE

FROM: MEL BRADLEY

SUBJECT: Guest List for Black History Month Ceremony

Attached is the list of invitees. They include the following categories of persons:

Association for Study of Afro-American Life and History
Persons Associated with Carter G. Woodson
Education - Black College Presidents in Area
National Association for Equal Opportunity in Education
United Negro College Fund
National Alliance of Black School Educators
American Association of Elementary School Principals
Superintendent of D.C. Schools
President of D.C. Board of Education
Tuskegee Airmen and Others in Aviation
Blacks in the Administration
Black Fraternities and Sororities
Friends of the Administration

Among the recognized individuals are:

Lt. Colonel Bluford
Alex Haley
Mayor Johnny Ford
Vanessa Williams
Coretta Scott King
M. Carl Holman
William Coleman
Edward Brooke
General B.O. Davis
Jean Esquerre (President Tuskegee Airmen)
Floretta McKinsie (Superintendent of D.C. Public Schools)
James Cheek
Johnny Johnson (Publisher, Ebony Magazine)
DOROTHY HIGHT, PRES. NAT'L COUNCIL of NEGRO Women

Attachment

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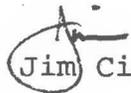
MKD

TO: BILL SITTMANN

Attached is a list of dignitaries that Mel Bradley suggests be invited to the Black History event next Thursday. You may want to run it by MKD for a quick check of the names.

My eyebrows went up a bit at Coretta King's name, but both Mel and Jack Courtemanche felt that it would be awkward not to invite her (she is involved in the Black History organization, and MLK is mentioned prominently in the President's letter designating the Month.)

Thanks.


Jim Cicconi

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January 20, 1984

Bill
This is good
lets do.

MEMORANDUM FOR MICHAEL K. DEEVER

FROM: JAMES W. CICCONI *JWC*

SUBJECT: Black History Month Event

Yesterday, I met with Jack Courtemanche, Mel Bradley, Steve Rhodes, and Don Clarey to discuss suggestions for enhancing the Black History Month event now scheduled for February 2, and perhaps tying in the Tuskegee Grant Award now set for January 24. (The grant is for the Chappie James Center at Tuskegee.)

The options for your consideration are as follows:

1. Retain the current plan for separate events. These would be small ceremonies in the Oval Office, with a photo op for wires and/or regional press.
2. Hold an event in recognition of Black History Month late in February. This would include a large number of prominent Black Americans, and could take the form of a luncheon. (Steve Rhodes suggested that the earlier February 2 date would not allow sufficient time to secure attendance by the 75-100 prominent blacks he envisions at this event.)
3. Hold a signing ceremony for Black History Month on February 2 (the month actually begins the previous day) in the East Room or State Dining Room. A group of prominent Black Americans would be invited, along with black Administration officials and others. The President would deliver remarks with full press coverage. The Tuskegee Grant event would occur in the Oval Office just prior to the event. (This is the option I recommend. A more detailed scenario is attached.)

James

SCENARIO: BLACK HISTORY MONTH EVENT

I recommend option number three, and would suggest it unfold on February 2, roughly as follows:

1. The President meet in Oval Office with representatives of Tuskegee to present grant for Chappie James Center. A photo op is held for wires and regional media.
2. The President and the Tuskegee group then walk to the residence for the Black History Month signing ceremony.
3. The President delivers remarks with the theme that the past achievements of Black Americans have made possible the seemingly commonplace achievements of blacks today. Several examples can be cited, but a sub-theme would be Chappie James (mentioning the grant), black WWII pilots (who would be present), and Guy Bluford (also present). There would be full press coverage of this event.
4. The President then signs the proclamation, presenting the pens to relatives of the late black historian, Carter Woodson, who is being honored on a postage stamp the previous day (a blow-up of the stamp could be on the dais).

The timing of this event, following the budget and re-election announcement, might cause the media to pay added attention.

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MEMORANDUM

TO: CRAIG FULLER

FROM: FREDERICK J. RYAN, JR. *FJR*

SUBJ: APPROVED PRESIDENTIAL ACTIVITY

MEETING: Presentation of Grant to Tuskegee Institute

DATE: February 2, 1984

TIME: 2:50 pm

DURATION: 10 minutes

LOCATION: Oval Office

REMARKS REQUIRED: To be covered in briefing paper

MEDIA COVERAGE: Coordinate with Press Office

FIRST LADY
PARTICIPATION: No

NOTE: PROJECT OFFICER, SEE ATTACHED CHECKLIST

cc: R. Darman	J. Rosebush	F. Whittlesey
R. Deprospero	R. Scouten	J. Cicconi
B. Elliott	B. Shaddix	
D. Fischer	W. Sittman	
C. Fuller	L. Speakes	
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C. McCain	Nell Yates	
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MEMORANDUM

TO: CRAIG FULLER/FAITH WHITTLESEY

FROM: FREDERICK J. RYAN, JR. *FJR*

SUBJ: APPROVED PRESIDENTIAL ACTIVITY

MEETING: Ceremony in observance of Black History Month

DATE: February 2, 1984

TIME: 3:00 pm

DURATION: 10 minutes

LOCATION: East Room

REMARKS REQUIRED: Yes

MEDIA COVERAGE: Coordinate with Press Office

FIRST LADY
PARTICIPATION: No

NOTE: PROJECT OFFICER, SEE ATTACHED CHECKLIST

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NATIONAL AFRO-AMERICAN (BLACK) HISTORY MONTH

February 1984

On February 1st we begin the Fifty-eighth Annual Black History Month, a national celebration of the role of Black Americans in all segments of life in this nation and in Black culture around the globe.

Launched in 1926 by Dr. Carter Godwin Woodson, founder of the Association for the Study of Afro-American Life and History, Inc., Black History Month provides opportunities for our nation's schools, institutions of higher learning, and the public to gain a deeper understanding and knowledge of the diverse contributions of Black Americans to our country and the world.

This year's Black History Month theme, "Black Americans and the Struggle for Excellence in Education," is particularly timely, coinciding with efforts across the land to re-examine public education and reinforce excellence for all students.

It is a very special privilege for me to call on the people of the United States to join in this important time of exploring, learning, appreciating, and saluting all that Black Americans have done to help build this great nation.

As we celebrate Black History Month, 1984, let us also share a prayerful thought for the memory of Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. Dr. King was brutally gunned down by an assassin in 1968, his life cut short at the age of 39. But his leadership and devotion in the cause of human rights changed America forever. In this, the fifty-fifth year since his birth, may Black History Month be an especially meaningful and productive time for all of us.

Ronald Reagan

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January 27, 1984

MEMORANDUM FOR JIM CICCONI

FROM:

MEL BRADLEY *MB*

SUBJECT:

Invitee List for Black History Month Ceremony

Yesterday you reviewed the initial list of 125 recommended invitees. Attached is the remaining list of 125 recommended invitees prepared by Cabinet Affairs which we are forwarding to the Social Office with instructions to await clearance from either you or Jack Courtemanche before sending out actual invitations. We are sharing a copy with Jack for this purpose.

Attachment

TUSKEGEE INSTITUTE'S
PROPOSED INVITATION LIST

DANIEL "CHAPPIE" JAMES CEREMONY
THE WHITE HOUSE
THURSDAY, FEBRUARY 2, 1984
2:30 P.M.

~~The Honorable Terrell H. Bell*
Department of Education
400 Maryland Avenue, S.W.
Washington, D.C. 20202
426-6420~~

The Honorable Jeremiah Denton*
SH-516 Hart Senate Office Building
Washington, D.C. 20510
224-5744

The Honorable Edward M. Elmendorf*
Assistant Secretary for Postsecondary Education
Department of Education
400 Maryland Avenue, S.W.
Washington, D.C. 20202
245-9274

Mr. Jean Esqueree*
President, Tuskegee Airmen
c/o D. Parke Gibson Associates
475 Fifth Avenue, Suite 1600
New York, NY 10017

~~Mr. Earl Graves*
Black Enterprise
295 Madison Avenue
New York, NY 10017~~

The Honorable Howell T. Heflin*
SH-728 Hart Senate Office Building
Washington, D.C. 20510
224-4124

Mrs. Daniel "Chappie" James*
6171 Leesburg Pike
Falls Church, Virginia 22041
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* Priority Invitees

Tuskegee Institute's
Proposed Invitation List
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The Honorable Bill Nichols*
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225-3261

Dr. Benjamin F. Payton*
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~~The Honorable Louis Stokes*
2304 Rayburn House Office Building
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~~The Honorable George C. Wallace*
Governor
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MEMORANDUM FOR MICHAEL K. DEEVER

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SUBJECT: Black History Month Event

Yesterday, I met with Jack Courtemanche, Mel Bradley, Steve Rhodes, and Don Clarey to discuss suggestions for enhancing the Black History Month event now scheduled for February 2, and perhaps tying in the Tuskegee Grant Award now set for January 24. (The grant is for the Chappie James Center at Tuskegee.)

The options for your consideration are as follows:

1. Retain the current plan for separate events. These would be small ceremonies in the Oval Office, with a photo op for wires and/or regional press.
2. Hold an event in recognition of Black History Month late in February. This would include a large number of prominent Black Americans, and could take the form of a luncheon. (Steve Rhodes suggested that the earlier February 2 date would not allow sufficient time to secure attendance by the 75-100 prominent blacks he envisions at this event.)
3. Hold a signing ceremony for Black History Month on February 2 (the month actually begins the previous day) in the East Room or State Dining Room. A group of prominent Black Americans would be invited, along with black Administration officials and others. The President would deliver remarks with full press coverage. The Tuskegee Grant event would occur in the Oval Office just prior to the event. (This is the option I recommend. A more detailed scenario is attached.)

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I recommend option number three, and would suggest it unfold on February 2, roughly as follows:

1. The President meet in Oval Office with representatives of Tuskegee to present grant for Chappie James Center. A photo op is held for wires and regional media.
2. The President and the Tuskegee group then walk to the residence for the Black History Month signing ceremony.
3. The President delivers remarks with the theme that the past achievements of Black Americans have made possible the seemingly commonplace achievements of blacks today. Several examples can be cited, but a sub-theme would be Chappie James (mentioning the grant), black WWII pilots (who would be present), and Guy Bluford (also present). There would be full press coverage of this event.
4. The President then signs the proclamation, presenting the pens to relatives of the late black historian, Carter Woodson, who is being honored on a postage stamp the previous day (a blow-up of the stamp could be on the dais).

The timing of this event, following the budget and re-election announcement, might cause the media to pay added attention.