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WASHINGTON JULY 25, 1983 MEMORANDUM TO: ✓ FAITH WHITTLESEY - CRAIG FULLER FROM: FREDERICK J. RYAN, JR., DIRECTOR PRESIDENTIAL APPOINTMENTS AND SCHEDULING SUBJ: REQUEST FOR SCHEDULING RECOMMENDATION PLEASE PROVIDE YOUR RECOMMENDATION ON THE FOLLOWING SCHEDULING REQUEST UNDER CONSIDERATION: EVENT: Phone Call to the Greater Cincinnati Vietnam Veterans Memorial - fundraising telethon August 24, 1983 DATE: LOCATION: BACKGROUND: See attached YOUR RECOMMENDATION: Accept Regret Surrogate Message Other Priority Routine __

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Please feel free to contact to let me know if our request will meet with your wishes. I may be reached at the following addresses:

HOME (Evening)

WORK (Day)

3448 Stettinius Avenue Cincinnati Ohio 45208 513/871-6374

WCPO/TV 500 Central Avenue Cincinnati Ohio 45202 513/721-9900

Thank you very much, Mr. Ryan, for your consideration.

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EXECUTIVE OFFICE OF THE PRESIDENT 1983 JUL 25 PM 4: 44 OFFICE OF MANAGEMENT AND BUDGET

WASHINGTON, D.C. 20503

MEMORANDUM FOR THE PRESIDENT JUL 2 5 1983

Subject: Enrolled Resolution H.J. Res. 258 - National Paralyzed Veterans Recognition Day

Sponsor - Rep. Moakley (D) Massachusetts and 252 others

Last Day for Action

August 1, 1983 - Monday

Purpose

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Agency Recommendations

Office of Management and Budget

Approval

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Acting Assistant Director for

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FROM: FREDERICK J. RYAN, JR., DIRECTOR

PRESIDENTIAL APPOINTMENTS AND SCHEDULING

SUBJ: REQUEST FOR SCHEDULING RECOMMENDATION

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EVENT:

Meeting with California veterans group

regarding POW/MIA's

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LOCATION:

California

BACKGROUND: See attached

YOUR RECOMMENDATION:

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IF RECOMMENDATION IS TO ACCEPT, PLEASE CITE REASONS:

Sarah Long

RESPONSE DUE 7-28-83

TO

JOSEPH A. VIOLANTE ATTORNEY AND COUNSELOR AT LAW 101 MOODY COURT THOUSAND OAKS, CALIFORNIA 91360 805/496-8333

June 23, 1983

Richard T. Childress Staff Member, National Security Council Room 303 Old Executive Office Building Washington, D.C. 20503

Dear Dick:

Thank you for taking the time to meet with our veterans group to discuss what actions our government is taking with respect to our POW/MIA's.

As you are aware, we came to Washington believing that nothing was being done to resolve the fate of our POW/MIA's. However, we returned to California with the belief that the present administration is doing something and with the confidence that this issue will be resolved in the near future.

Our sole motivation is the fate of our POW's and an accounting of our MIA's, and it is to this end that we are dedicated. For our part, we intend to continue to keep this issue in front of the public and our elected officials, and we hope that you will keep us advised on recent developments pertaining to the POW/MIA situation.

We would greatly appreciate it if you could assist us in arranging a meeting with President Reagan in California, during one of his trips back here.

Once again, thank you for taking the time to brief us on the issue of our POW/MIA's. Please feel free to call on us if we can be of any assistance to you in the future.

Sincerely,

Joseph A. Violante

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SUBJ: REQUEST FOR SCHEDULING RECOMMENDATION

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EVENT: Meeting with Chris Loftis - walking through

North Carolina and Virginia to the District of Columbia to call attention to the Church World Service's CROP program to fight hunger

here and abroad.

DATE: August 18-22, 1983

LOCATION: The White House

BACKGROUND: See attached

NOTE: The President will be out of town

during this time. Would someone on your staff like to meet with

him?

YOUR RECOMMENDATION:

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IF RECOMMENDATION IS TO ACCEPT, PLEASE CITE REASONS:

Sarah Long



NATIONAL COUNCIL OF THE CHURCHES OF CHRIST IN THE UNITED STATES OF AMERICA

CHURCH WORLD SERVICE

Paul F. McCleary, Executive Director EIVFD

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Virginia Office 8000 Washington Hwy. Richmond, VA 23227 (804) 262-9053

July 22, 1983

Virginia Office

B-29 300 S. Richardson Rd.

Ashland, VA 23005

(801) 798 3803

White House Appointments & Scheduling Office 1600 Pennsylvania Avenue Washington, D.C. 20500

Dear Madam or Sir:

I am writing to request a meeting with either the President, Mrs. Reagan, or any other appropriate White House staff for Mr. Chris Loftis anytime during the 18th - 22nd of August, 1983. Chris Loftis is a Duke University Graduate now studying at Southeastern Baptist Theological Seminary in North Carolina. Last summer he walked 500 miles across the state of North Carolina, singing, playing his guitar, and raising awareness for Church World Service/CROP about the local and global hunger situation. This summer he will be walking through North Carolina and Virginia to the District of Columbia, meeting with Govenors Hunt and Robb on his way and calling attention to how one involved person can make a difference.

He writes many of his own songs, and has performed them in local North Carolina restaurants, campuses, churches, and CROP Walks for the Hungry. He sang with the late Harry Chapin on two occasions, and shares his celebrated concern and involvement on behalf of the world's one billion hungry.

Chris can help us a great deal if he can dismantle the notion in people's minds that nothing can be done about hunger. The message of Chris Loftis is that we must work hard to fight poverty and hunger in the world, and that this work must be offered in the spirit of celebration. Chris is one of the few young men today with a vision of a better tomorrow. His message is one of tremendous hope.

Church World Service/CROP, the sponsoring agency, is a thirty-five year old relief and self-help development organization of 34 Protestant denominations in the U.S. with projects in over fifty of the world's most poverty-stricken regions. It delivers emergency relief to refugee camps and to victims of natural and manmade disasters, as well as administering food for work, water development, sanitation, literacy, and nutrition development projects in many rural areas of the world where annual per capita income averages no more than \$60-80. Over 90¢ of every contributed dollar to CWS is used for on-site programs both in this country and abroad.



If there would be any time between the 18th and the 22nd available, we would like to arrange a meeting, either for a short discussion and photos, or for Chris to sing.

Thank you for your prompt attention on this matter.

Most Sincerely,

Chip Fortier pgw.

Mr. Chip Fortier Virginia Regional Director Church World Service/CROP

CF:pgw Dictated by Mr. Fortier Signed in his absence

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Editorials

The Comfort Of Indifference

In case you missed Kays Gary's column of a week ago Tuesday, we want to repeat a quote that was worth ripping out of the paper and saving:

"Our defense mechanism against the poor is that we refuse to know them, to see their faces. If we see a child and mother doing the best they can and struggling to stay alive we feel guilt, and help. But if we don't know them, if we don't see their faces, we can stay guilt-free by assuming they are stupid, lazy, worthless."

It's comforting to know that the fellow who said that, a Duke University graduate named Chris Loftis, is planning to study for the ministry at Southeastern Seminary. We need more religious leaders like Mr. Loftis, people who feel compelled to do more than quote Matthew 25 to us as part of a sermon, people who are angry about poverty and injustice in this rich nation.

Few of us have the courage to do

what Mr. Loftis did: walk 500 miles across North Carolina in 60 days to call attention to the Church World Service's CROP program to fight hunger here and abroad. If we did, we would see what Chris Loftis saw—including street people eating out of garbage cans—and we might become as angry as he, and as determined to change the world.

But most of us try to avoid the discomfort of that kind of vision. And many of our religious leaders, cautiously rationing their own effectiveness, are content for the most part to quote those biblical passages in our temples and churches on the sabbath rather than vigorously protesting our indifference.

So it's generally easy to assume no responsibility for the suffering of our fellow travelers on this Earth. That's why people like Chris Loftis make us uncomfortable. They're such a nuisance — and so very valuable.



WASHINGTON July 21, 1983

MEMORANDUM TO: FAITH RYAN WHITTLESEY

THROUGH: Jonathan Vipond, III

FROM: Morton C. Blackwell

SUBJECT: Letter to the President from James R. Currieo,

National Commander-in-Chief, VFW

Here is the awful letter from the head of the VFW.

There was no stone we left unturned to get the President scheduled to the VFW Convention. Fred Ryan said it came down to this: no one could be found to tell Mrs. Reagan the President would have to leave the ranch for this event.

Veterans' Administration Administrator, Harry Walters, called me at 11:00 o'clock this morning to say that he is going to ask for a meeting with the President to get him to reconsider accepting this invitation. Walters thinks it is absolutely vital for the President to be there.

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MR. JAMES R. CURRIEO TITLE: NATIONAL COMMANDER-IN-CHIEF

ORGANIZATION: VETERANS OF FOREIGN WARS OF THE

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STREET: VFW MEMORIAL BUILDING

200 MARYLAND AVENUE, NE

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THE COMMANDER-IN-CHIEF

July 14, 1983

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

Dear Mr. President:

The greatest disappointment I have experienced during my lifetime was notification by your staff that you will be unable to keynote our 84th Annual National Convention to be held in New Orleans, Louisiana, August 12-19, 1983. I personally feel your refusal to address our delegates was a direct slap to me and the 1.9 million members of our great organization.

I am sure you must know, Mr. President, that I have spent my entire year as National Commander-in-Chief of the Veterans of Foreign Wars traveling from one end of this nation to the other speaking, literally, to hundreds of thousands of individuals and always supporting your defense and foreign policies. I must consider this as your thanks for such support. Believe me, it hurts and hurts deeply.

Again I must remind you that our members have not seen you at one of our National Conventions since our VFW Political Action Committee gave you our support in August 1980. Our membership was hurt by such lack of cooperation. They too, Mr. President, were hurt deeply.

Again, as a personal note, Mr. President, during my year as National Commander I feel my own safety was placed in jeopardy by taking time from my busy schedule to visit Central America in order to become better acquainted with that part of a troubled world and to prepare an in-depth report to my membership and to members of the Congress supporting your policies in that particular area. Apparently there are no thanks from your Administration for this endeavor.

Finally, Mr. President, I feel I had no choice but to place in writing my disappointment in your decision not to attend our Convention in order to assure there can be no misunderstanding of my position and that of my organization. There will be another day.

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National Adjutant Service Director

June 30, 1983.

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

Dear President Reagan:

The REGULAR VETERANS ASSOCIATION of the UNITED STATES, INC., (R.V.A) protests your action in reducing/eliminating the cheese and butter allocation to the poor, homeless, unemployed, underemployed and hungry Americans.

The R.V.A. National Department and Fort. Worth Texas Post 57 has been working with the Government and local agencys in providing these items to the above people in the Dallas-Ft. Worth (DFW) areas destitue, jobless and hungry Americans. Many of these were disabled veterans, unemployed veterans, young, old, male, female, minority veterans, their family and dependents. It is tragic when America stores millions of tons of food stuffs, at an outlandish price to the contractors, while Americans continue to go hungry.

Recent action by the Kansas Company storing the food, at taxpayers expense, in not allowing the media to accompany a fact finding Congressional committee is arrogrant, usurps the right of Government officials and the American public to exercise their right to know under the First Amendment, is an open defiance to the Committee and a blatant use of dictitorial powers by a Federal Contractor receiving millions of taxpayers money to hide their improper waste of money and food.

The R.V.A. calls upon you, Mr. President, to (1) direct the release of milk and butter to our organization, and others, for issue to the hungry Americans in desperate need, (2) direct the immediate termination of the Government Contractor in charge of the storing of foodstuffs, (3) direct that the R.V.A. receive both a list of the foods, amounts and date of storage of all foods in Kansas and the names of all Government Contractors and their salarys, who are presently handling the food stuffs

The R.V.A. calls upon you to denounce your cut-back and openly take action against the government officials and contractors who defy the American people.

JOHN B. ENGBERG II, O.C.H.

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