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THE WHITE HOUSE

WASHINGTON

March 5, 1984

ATTENDANCE AT FUNDRAISING DINNER FOR THE NEW YORK REPUBLICAN
PARTY AND THE REPUBLICAN NATIONAL COMMITTEE

DATE: Tuesday, March 6, 1984
LOCATION: Waldorf-Astoria Hotel,
New York City, New York
TIME: 6:30 p.m.
FROM: Margaret Tutwiler ^{MDT}

I. PURPOSE

To show support and to bolster the finances of the New York Republican Party and the Republican National Committee as they continue their 1984 party-building efforts.

II. BACKGROUND

This fundraising dinner, entitled "Salute to Victory," is being jointly sponsored by the New York Republican Party and the Republican National Committee. The co-sponsors hope to raise nearly \$1 million from the dinner. Tickets are priced at \$1,000 apiece.

The New York GOP plans to use its portion of the proceeds to finance a major voter registration drive in the state as well as to provide funds to NY Republican candidates at all levels. Funds which accrue back to the Republican National Committee will be earmarked for national TV advertising.

Before proceeding to the Grand Ballroom for dinner, the President and Mrs. Reagan will attend a brief VIP reception for major contributors and dinner chairmen.

III. PARTICIPANTS

Approximately 1200 Republicans from the New York area will be attending the "Salute to Victory" Dinner. Included among those at the event will be:

Secretary Elizabeth Dole
Secretary Samuel Pierce
Senator Alfonse D'Amato
Congressman William Green
Congressman William Carney

Congressman Ray McGrath
Congressman Guy Molinari
Drew Lewis
Frank Fahrenkopf, RNC
George Clark, NY GOP

IV. PRESS PLAN

Open Press Coverage during the President's remarks.

White House Photographer and "Salute to Victory" official photographer only at VIP reception.

V. SEQUFNCE OF EVENTS

As outlined by the White House Advance Office schedule.

VI. TALKING POINTS

Remarks have been prepared by White House speechwriters.

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THE WHITE HOUSE

WASHINGTON

March 5, 1984

MEMORANDUM FOR DICK DARMAN

FROM: M. B. OGLESBY, JR. *AB*

SUBJECT: Presidential Trip to Columbus, Ohio and
New York City, Tuesday, March 6

Attached is biographical information on the Members of Congress participating in Tuesday's events in Columbus and New York City.

Senator Laxalt will travel on Air Force One from Andrews to Columbus to New York and return to Andrews. Congressmen DeWine and Wylie will travel on Air Force One from Andrews to Columbus, attend the address to the National Association of Evangelicals and return to the Port Columbus Airport.

Senator D'Amato will attend the reception and dinner in New York City and return to Andrews on Air Force One.

CONGRESSMAN CHALMERS WYLIE
(R-Ohio)

Chalmers Wylie is a ninth term Republican from Ohio's Fifteenth Congressional District (greater Columbus). He serves on the Joint Economic Committee and the House Veterans' Affairs Committee, and he is the Ranking Republican Member of the House Banking Committee. He also is an active Member of the House Republican Whip Organization.

Chalmers has been a strong and consistent supporter of Administration-backed legislative initiatives during the past three and one-half years. Last Fall, he played a pivotal role in the passage of the IMF-housing compromise which was strongly supported by the Administration.

Also of interest in the context of your address to the National Association of Evangelicals, Congressman Wylie has been a long-term advocate of school prayer. In November, 1971, for example, Chalmers led the effort to secure enough names on a Discharge Petition to force a vote in the House on this issue.

Congressman Wylie has met with you and attended White House events on numerous occasions. Most recently, Chalmers attended your Cabinet Room meeting with Members of the House Republican Whip Organization on February 29, 1984. He accompanied you on Air Force I during your October 4, 1983 trip to Columbus, Ohio.

CONGRESSMAN MICHAEL DEWINE
(R-Ohio)

Mike DeWine is a freshman Republican from Ohio's Seventh Congressional District (central part of state, including Cedarville). He is a Member of the House Judiciary Committee and the House Select Committee on Aging.

Mike has been a consistent supporter of Administration-backed legislative initiatives. In recent months, he has been most active in support of deficit-reduction efforts which focus on reduced domestic spending. He also has been involved in support of a number of social reforms, including school prayer.

Congressman DeWine has met with you and attended White House events on a number of occasions.

SENATOR ALFONSE (AL) D'AMATO (R-NEW YORK)

Born in Brooklyn on August 1, 1937, Senator D'Amato was raised in Island Park, Long Island. His parents were from Italy, and he did not speak English until he started grammar school. D'Amato worked his way through Syracuse University, earning his B.A. in Business Administration and then worked his way through Syracuse Law School. He was admitted to the New York Bar in 1962.

D'Amato entered public life in 1965 as Public Administrator of Nassau County in Long Island. From that position, he moved up to Town Supervisor of West Hempstead Township and was elected Senior Town Supervisor in 1979. He was elected to the U.S. Senate in November 1980, having beaten the long time incumbent Republican Senator, Jacob Javits, in the primary.

In the Senate, D'Amato serves on the Appropriations Committee, the Banking Committee, and the Select Committee on Small Business.

Although a hard line conservative and supporter of the Administration, the Senator is a great champion of New York interests. He is largely responsible for the continued federal subsidies to the operation of transit systems which the Administration sought to curtail in the Mass Transit legislation in 1982. The Senator also succeeded in amending the tax bill in 1982 to ensure the availability of tax exempt industrial development bonds until 1986, although some new restrictions on their use were imposed.

D'Amato married the former Penny Collenburg in 1960, and they have four children. He is a Roman Catholic. He enjoys playing the piano, and is a sailing enthusiast.

The Senator is the New York State Chair for Reagan-Bush '84. He will join the Presidential Party in New York, and return to Andrews Air Force Base aboard Air Force One.

SENATOR PAUL LAXALT (R-NEVADA)


Senator Laxalt was born in Reno, Nevada on August 2, 1922. He attended Santa Clara University and the University of Denver Law School. He served in the U.S. Army in World War II. From 1951-1954, he was District Attorney in Ormsby County, Nevada. Laxalt was Governor of Nevada from 1966-1970.

Senator Laxalt was elected to the U.S. Senate, November 5, 1974 and was re-elected November 4, 1980. Laxalt serves on the Senate Appropriations Committee where he is a member of the State, Justice, Commerce Subcommittee and thus is generally conversant with State Department Appropriations concerns. He also serves on the Senate Judiciary Committee. He has strong alliances with the conservative groups that have an interest in the reduction of American foreign aid spending and a strong anti-Soviet, pro-nuclear arms development position by the United States.

Senator Laxalt served as the President's campaign chairman in 1976 and 1980. He currently serves as Chairman of the Reagan-Bush '84 Campaign. The Senator is a de-facto member of the Senate Leadership.

Senator Laxalt is married to the former Carol Wilson and they have seven children: Gail, Sheila, John Paul, Kevin, Michelle, Kathleen, and Denise.

MEMORANDUM FOR THE PRESIDENT

FROM: ED ROLLINS 

DATE: MARCH 2, 1984

SUBJECT: OHIO - POLITICAL BRIEFING

STATE POLITICAL BACKGROUND

- 1980 Presidential results: Reagan 52.4% Carter 41.6% Anderson 6%
Franklin County (Columbus): Reagan 54.9% Carter 39.3% Anderson 5.8%
- Electoral Votes - 23 1984 GOP Convention Delegates - 89
(45 women and 44 men)
- Republicans have won:
 - 6 of the last 8 presidential elections since 1952.
 - 5 of the last 8 gubernatorial elections since 1956.
 - 5 of the last 13 Senate elections since 1954.

1984 PRESIDENTIAL ELECTION

- A February poll conducted by the Institute for Policy Research at the University of Cincinnati shows that President Reagan's approval rating has risen by 9% since December. The same poll showed the President with a 57% approval rating among Ohio voters as compared to a December approval rating of 46%.
- Ohio Democratic presidential campaign summary:
 - Glenn: Has very strong support in his home state where he has been the most popular political figure since his election to the Senate in 1974.
 - Mondale: Has some support in the southwestern portion of the state, where he has won the endorsement of Democrat U.S. Rep. Tony Hall of Dayton, and in the Cleveland area where his state campaign chairman resides.
 - Hart: State campaign coordinator John Kulewicz, a Columbus attorney, has filed a full delegate slate; no state campaign headquarters open.
 - Jackson: Has been endorsed by black Democrat U.S. Rep. Louis Stokes of Cleveland. His campaign manager Arnold Pinkney is from Cleveland.

STATE POLITICAL SUMMARY

U.S. SENATE:

- No Senate elections in 1984.
- Liberal Democrat Howard Metzenbaum re-elected in 1982 with 57% of the total vote.
- Democrat John Glenn re-elected in 1980 with 69%, first elected in 1974 with 65% of the vote.

GOVERNOR:

- Governor Dick Celeste - Elected in 1982 with 59% of the vote; had a 42% approval rating in November 1983.

U.S. HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES: 11 Republicans 10 Democrats

- All incumbents are favored for re-election. The best Republican opportunity to gain a Democrat seat in Congress is in the 19th District; the blue-collar, ethnic suburbs of Cleveland where Republican Cuyahoga County Auditor Matt Hatchedorian will face freshman Democratic Rep. Ed Feighan.

● Republican members:	Districts	1982 Vote
Willis D. Gradison	2nd C.D. (Eastern Cincinnati)	63%
Mike Oxley	4th C.D. (West Central-Lima; Findlay)	65%
Delbert Latta	5th C.D. (Northwest - Bowling Green; Sandusky)	55%
Bob McEwen	6th C.D. (South Central-Portsmouth; Chillicothe)	59%
Michael Dewine	7th C.D. (West Central-Springfield; Marion)	56%
Thomas Kindness	8th C.D. (Middletown; Hamilton)	66%
Clarence E. Miller	10th C.D. (Southeast-Lancaster; Zanesville)	63%
John Kasich	12th C.D. (Northeast-Columbus and suburbs)	51%
Chalmers P. Wylie	15th C.D. (Central-Western Columbus and suburbs)	66%
Ralph Regula	16th C.D. (Northeast-Canton)	66%
Lyle Williams	17th C.D. (Northeast-Youngstown; Warren)	55%

COLUMBUS (Population: 500,000)

- Columbus is split between two congressional districts; 12th District is represented by freshman Republican John Kasich; 15th District is represented by nine-term Republican Chalmers P. Wylie.

STATE LEGISLATURE

State Senate:	16 Republicans	17 Democrats
State House:	40 Republicans	60 Democrats


STATE PARTY UPDATE

- The 1984 state party budget of \$2.7 million is the largest in the state's history.

REPUBLICAN STATE PARTY OFFICIALS

STATE CHAIRMAN	Michael Colley
NATIONAL COMMITTEEMAN	James Rhodes
NATIONAL COMMITTEEWOMAN	Ms. Martha Moore
REAGAN BUSH '84 STATE CO-CHAIRS	Robert Taft, II Jean Ashbrook Robert Hughes Del Latta
FINANCE CHAIRMAN	Fred Lennon
CO-CHAIRMAN	Ed Lozick

MEMORANDUM FOR THE PRESIDENT

FROM: ED ROLLINS 
DATE: MARCH 2, 1984
SUBJECT: NEW YORK - POLITICAL BRIEFING

STATE POLITICAL BACKGROUND

- 1980 presidential results:
statewide: Reagan 47.0% Carter 44.0% Anderson 8.4%
New York County Reagan 26.9% Carter 64.1% Other 9.0%
- Electoral Votes - 36 1984 GOP Convention Delegates - 136
- Republicans have won:
-- 4 of last 8 presidential elections since 1952;
-- 6 of last 10 U.S. Senate elections since 1956;
-- 4 of last 8 gubernatorial elections since 1954.

1984 PRESIDENTIAL ELECTION

- Presidential Primary: Tuesday, April 3, 1984
- President Reagan's excellent/good approval rating among New York voters in a Marist College poll stood at 53.6% in January compared to 41.8% last May.
- Mondale has been leading New York public opinion polls in the 45%-53% range with Jackson second and Glenn losing support. Hart's support was minimal, but is expected to surge following the New Hampshire victory.
- New York Democrat presidential campaign summary:
-- Mondale: supported by Governor Cuomo, Senator Moynihan and most of Democrat establishment;
-- Glenn: scattered support among state assemblymen;
-- Hart: Theodore Sorensen, national co-chairman of the Hart campaign and former speechwriter and White House counsel to President Kennedy, has been coordinating Hart's New York campaign. Hart does not have full delegate slates but still may add delegates if successful in the primary.
- A January Marist College poll of New York voters showed Mondale leading Jackson and Glenn by a 52.7%-12%-8.2% margin.

STATE POLITICAL SUMMARY

- The primary election for federal, state and local office is September 11, 1984. Filing deadline for these races is July 28, 1984.

U.S. SENATE:

- Democrat incumbent Daniel Patrick Moynihan won a second term in 1982 over Republican state Assemblywoman Florence Sullivan by a 65%-34% margin.
- GOP incumbent Alfonse D'Amato (1980: 45%-44% over Democrat Elizabeth Holtzman), the Reagan-Bush '84 state chairman, is up for election in 1986. D'Amato's January excellent/good approval rating stands at 54.2%, but Democrat liberals are targeting D'Amato for defeat in 1984.

