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**WHITE HOUSE
CORRESPONDENCE TRACKING WORKSHEET**

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Date Correspondence Received (YY/MM/DD) 8/1 09/30

Name of Correspondent: Benjamin A. Gilman

MI Mail Report User Codes: (A) _____ (B) _____ (C) _____

Subject: Requests that the President issue an invitation to former Member of Congress, Hamilton Fish, Senior, to lay a wreath on the grave of the Unknown Soldier at the Veterans Day Ceremonies

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October 22, 1981

File
The Pres did not
participate personally
Hamilton Fish
+ Gay Heinrich
did the honors
JGJ

Dear Mr. Fish:

This is with reference to your letters to the President asking if he would make arrangements for you to place a wreath, along with him, on the grave of the Unknown Soldier on November 11.

The President will be pleased to have you join him for this year's ceremony at Arlington to lay your wreath on the Tomb of the Unknowns, along with his. This is being entered on the President's schedule on November 11 at 11:00 a.m., and Mr. Stephen M. Studdert, Special Assistant to the President for Advance, will contact you nearer the date to make further arrangements with you.

With our kind regard and best wishes,

Sincerely,

Gregory J. Newell
Special Assistant
to the President

The Honorable Hamilton Fish, Sr.
655 Park Avenue
New York, NY 10021

cc: The Honorable Hamilton Fish, Jr.

cc & inc: Helen Donaldson for 11/11 schedule files
Inf cc: Max Friedersdorf
Elizabeth Dole
GJN:mhr:emb-25b

October 2, 1981

Dear Ben:

This is to thank you for your September 28 letter to the President, requesting that he invite Hamilton Fish, Sr., to lay a wreath on the grave of the Unknown Soldier during Veterans Day Ceremonies.

Please be assured that I have directed your thoughtful request to the attention of the appropriate White House Office, where I am sure it will receive every consideration.

With cordial regard, I am

Sincerely,

Max L. Friedersdorf
Assistant to the President

The Honorable Benjamin A. Gilman
House of Representatives
Washington, D.C. 20515

MLF:CMF:MDB

cc: w/copy of inc to Greg Newell - for further action

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BENJAMIN A. GILMAN
26TH DISTRICT, NEW YORK

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CONTROL

Check w/ Mary Rawlins

Congress of the United States

House of Representatives

Washington, D.C. 20515

September 28, 1981

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The President
The White House
Washington, D.C.

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Dear President Reagan:

I am respectfully requesting that you issue an invitation to former Member of Congress, Hamilton Fish, Senior, to lay a wreath on the grave of the Unknown Soldier at Veterans Day Ceremonies.

Congressman Fish was the sole author of the legislation providing for the return of the body of the Unknown Soldier to Arlington Cemetery. President Woodrow Wilson signed this legislation into law on March 4, 1921, the last document signed by him.

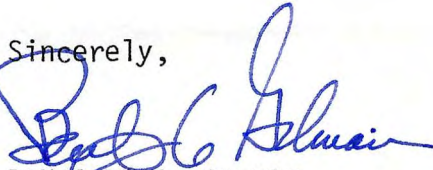
Congressman Fish was also the first public official to lay the wreath on the tomb in 1921, and there were over 75,000 people in attendance at the ceremony, including officials of all of our wartime allies.

I believe that such a gesture to Congressman Fish would be warmly appreciated. He is the only living National Commander of the American Legion, and is a fervent supporter of your policies.

Please let me know if I can be of any assistance to you in issuing this invitation. Congressman Hamilton Fish, Sr. has a mailing address at PO Box 670, Newburgh, New York, 12550, and is one of my most patriotic constituents.

Thank you for your attention to this matter.

With best wishes,

Sincerely,

BENJAMIN A. GILMAN
Member of Congress

BAG:cmh
cc: Hon. Ham Fish, Sr.

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Send*

PLEASE REPLY TO:

WASHINGTON OFFICE:
2160 RAYBURN BUILDING
WASHINGTON, D.C. 20515
TELEPHONE: (202) 225-3776

DISTRICT OFFICE:
44 EAST AVENUE
MIDDLETOWN, NEW YORK 10940
TELEPHONE: (914) 343-6666

DISTRICT OFFICE:
NEWBURGH, NEW YORK 12550
TELEPHONE: (914) 565-6400

DISTRICT OFFICE:
223 ROUTE 59
MONSEY, NEW YORK 10952
TELEPHONE: (914) 357-9000

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Name of Correspondent: Martin Boswell McKeally

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Subject: Recommends that the Honorable Hamilton Fish be invited to play a significant part, when a wreath will be laid on the tomb of the Unknown Soldier on November 11, 1981.

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DEPARTMENT OF THE ARMY
OFFICE OF THE ASSISTANT SECRETARY
WASHINGTON, D.C. 20310

NOV 10 1981

Mr. Martin B. McKneally
Past National Commander
The American Legion
329 First Street
Newburgh, NY 12550


Dear Mr. McKneally:

Thank you for your letter of October 1, 1981 to President Reagan concerning the participation of the Honorable Hamilton Fish in the November 11 ceremony at the Tomb of the Unknowns. The President asked me to respond to you on this important matter.

I am pleased to inform you that in light of Mr. Fish's great contribution to this nation, particularly regarding veteran matters, he will participate in the Veterans' Day Presidential Wreath Laying Ceremony. He shall lead the assemblage in the Pledge of Allegiance. Additionally, earlier in the day Mr. Fish will lay a wreath at the Tomb of the Unknowns with the American Legion.

I thank you for your heartfelt and moving letter and share your pleasure as this outstanding citizen contributes to this ceremony of national significance. God Bless America.

Sincerely,


William R. Gianelli
Assistant Secretary of the Army
(Civil Works)

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SASG

MARTIN BOSWELL MCKNEALLY

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Dear Mr. President:

Mindful of your full and very difficult schedule and your attention to it, I write most respectfully and almost apologetically to ask you to give consideration to a small but very significant matter.

On November 11th, 1981 when a wreath will be laid on the Tomb of the Unknown Soldier it would be particularly fitting if the Honorable Hamilton Fish played a significant part. ~~Former Congressman Fish who is also a~~ Past National Commander of the American Legion had a distinguished military career in World War I. Upon his election to the Congress he introduced the legislation which arranged for the return home of an unknown soldier and for his burial in a place in the Arlington Cemetery. Congressman Fish laid the wreath on the tomb in appropriate ceremony and that was in the year of 1921. Sixty years later, still vigorous and filled with honors in recognition of his service to his country, his interest in the returned soldiers remains undiminished.

Therefore, I suggest that Hamilton Fish would add historical and patriotic meaning to the very inspiring ceremony of November 11th, 1981 and ask that you give consideration to this matter.

Respectfully and faithfully

Martin A. McKneally

Past National Commander
The American Legion

Oct 1, 1981

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July 7, 1982

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Dear Mr. Deason:

This letter confirms that you will be placing the President's wreath at the ceremony commemorating the anniversary of the birth of President Lyndon B. Johnson at the LBJ Ranch on August 27.

This office will arrange to have an appropriate wreath dispatched from the White House to Colonel Charles^X Sloan, Commander, 67 Tactical Reconnaissance Wing, Bergstrom AFB. He has been designated to render any assistance you may require. Please call him at your convenience to finalize arrangements for the ceremony. His telephone number is (512) 385-4100, extension 2473.

Mrs. Carole Bryant, Mrs. Johnson's secretary, will coordinate any details necessary regarding times, locations, etc. She can be reached at (512) 474-6464.

Should you desire any further assistance or guidance concerning this ceremony, please do not hesitate to call or write.

Sincerely,

EDWARD V. HICKEY, JR.
Assistant to the President

X
Mr. Willard Deason
4713 Highland Terrace
Austin, Texas 78731

cc: Central Files

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July 7 1962

Dear Mr. Deason:

This letter confirms that you will be giving the President's wreath at the ceremony commemorating the anniversary of the birth of President Lyndon B. Johnson at the LBJ Ranch on August 27.

This office will arrange to have an appropriate wreath designed from the White House to Colonel Charles Stoen, Governor, 4700 West 10th Street, Oklahoma City, Oklahoma. He has been designated to render any assistance you may require. Please call him at your convenience to finalize arrangements for the ceremony. His telephone number is (513) 365-4100, extension 2472.

Mrs. Carol Bryant, Mrs. Johnson's secretary, will coordinate any details necessary regarding times, locations, etc. She can be reached at (513) 374-3400.

Should you desire any further assistance or guidance concerning this ceremony, please do not hesitate to call or write.

Sincerely,

EDWARD V. HICKEY, JR.
Assistant to the President

Mr. Willard Deason
4713 Highland Terrace
Austin, Texas 78731

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July 7, 1982

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Dear Colonel Sloan:

The President desires that a wreath be placed at the grave site of President Lyndon B. Johnson to commemorate the anniversary of his birth. The ceremony will be held at the grave site on August 27 at the LBJ Ranch. The wreath from the White House will be delivered to you by August 20.

The Department of Defense has advised me that you will be able to assist Mr. Willard Deason, who has been selected to represent the President. Mrs. Carole Bryant, Personal Secretary to Mrs. Johnson, will coordinate any details necessary regarding times, locations, etc. Mrs. Bryant can be reached at (512) 474-6464.

Should you desire any further assistance or guidance concerning this ceremony, please do not hesitate to call or write.

Sincerely,

EDWARD V. HICKEY, JR.
Assistant to the President

X

Colonel Charles Sloan
Commander
67 Tactical Reconnaissance Wing
Bergstrom AFB, Texas 78743

cc: Central Files

Read File

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July 7, 1943

Dear Colonel Sison:

The President desires that a wreath be placed at the grave site of President Lyndon B. Johnson to commemorate the anniversary of his birth. The ceremony will be held at the grave site on August 27 at the LBJ Ranch. The wreath from the White House will be delivered to you by August 18.

The Department of Defense has advised me that you will be able to assist Mr. Willard Gessner, who has been selected to represent the President, Mrs. Carolyn Bryant, Personal Secretary to Mrs. Johnson, will coordinate any details necessary regarding plans, locations, etc. Mrs. Bryant can be reached at (214) 474-6666.

Should you desire any further assistance or guidance concerning this ceremony, please do not hesitate to call or write.

Sincerely,

ROBERT V. ALDRICH, JR.
Assistant to the President

X
Colonel Charles Sison
Commander
57 Tactical Reconnaissance Wing
Wurtsmith AFB, Texas 75783

cc: Central Files Read File Wrens File EVH:bw

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July 7, 1982

Dear Mrs. Johnson:

I wish to confirm that arrangements have been made with your secretary, Mrs. Carole Bryant, to have Mr. Willard Deason lay the President's wreath at the grave site of President Johnson on August 27. We have confirmed by letter to Mr. Deason that he will be representing President Reagan.

We have also advised Colonel Charles Sloan, wing commander at Bergstrom, to make the necessary arrangements concerning the ceremony and to provide whatever assistance required by Mr. Deason.

I would like to compliment Mrs. Bryant on her cooperative assistance with my staff in coordinating the placement of the wreath this year.

On behalf of the President, I send my very best wishes.

Sincerely,

EDWARD V. HICKEY, JR.
Assistant to the President

X
Mrs. Lady Bird Johnson
LBJ Ranch
Stonewall, Texas 78671

cc: Central Files Wreath File Read File EVH:bwc

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July 2, 1962

Dear Mrs. Johnson:

I wish to explain that arrangements have been made with your secretary, Mrs. Carol Bryant, to have Mr. Willard Benson lay the President's casket at the grave site of President Johnson on August 27. We have confirmed by letter to Mr. Benson that he will be representing President Reagan.

We have also advised Colonel Charles Eason, wing commander at Bergstrom, to make the necessary arrangements concerning the ceremony and to provide whatever assistance required by Mr. Benson.

I would like to compliment Mr. Bryant on her cooperative assistance with my staff in processing the placement of the casket this year.

On behalf of the President, I send my very best wishes.

Sincerely,

EDWARD V. RICHNEY, JR.
Assistant to the President

X
Mrs. Lady Bird Johnson
141 Ranch
Houston, Texas 77057

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MEMORANDUM

THE WHITE HOUSE
WASHINGTON

LD 11

July 21, 1982

MEMORANDUM FOR THE RECORD

RE: WREATHS FOR GRAVES OF DECEASED PRESIDENTS

Nancy Clarke of the White House Floral Shop confirmed that that shop makes up all wreaths which are placed on the graves of deceased Presidents in commemoration of their birthdays.

These wreaths are made up several weeks in advance of the date and sent to a military officer stationed in the vicinity of the gravesite.

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MEMORANDUM

THE WHITE HOUSE
WASHINGTON

July 21, 1982

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White House Mail Room

Receipt for REGISTERED MAIL

Date 7/17/82 No. 200383

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SENDER W.H. Flower Shop

ADDRESSEE MAJOR General ROGER W GILBERT
ADJUTANT General IOWA
CAMP Dodge Route 1
GRimes, IOWA 50111

Wreath to be placed on grave of President Hoover in commemoration of his birthday.

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MEMORANDUM

THE WHITE HOUSE

WASHINGTON

July 21, 1952

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Wreath to be placed on grave of President Hoover in commemoration of his birthday.

THE WHITE HOUSE

WASHINGTON

July 21, 1983

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Dear Colonel Sloan:

The President desires that a wreath be placed at the grave site of President Lyndon B. Johnson to commemorate the anniversary of his birth. The ceremony will be held at the grave site on August 27 at the LBJ Ranch. The wreath from the White House will be delivered to you by August 20.

The Department of Defense has advised me that you will be able to assist with the ceremony. In the past Mrs. Johnson has designated a representative to lay the wreath; however, we are unsure if she will do so this year. You will be advised at the earliest opportunity if she so designates; otherwise, I would appreciate if you would represent the President in laying the wreath.

Should you desire any further assistance or guidance concerning this ceremony, please do not hesitate to call or write.

Sincerely,

EDWARD V. HICKEY, JR.
Assistant to the President

X

Colonel Charles P. Sloan, Jr.
Commander
67th. Tactical Reconnaissance Wing
Bergstrom AFB, Texas 78743



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WILLIAM H. HOFFMAN, JR.

1000 SIXTEENTH STREET, N. W.

WASHINGTON, D. C. 20036

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Dear Craig -

Since this is the 20th anniversary of JFK's death and since the President frequently refers to him in some areas, I think it would an appropriate gesture for him to lay a wreath at the gravesite on 11/22/73.

Bill

concerns wreath Laying at
JFK's gravesite

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THE WHITE HOUSE
WASHINGTON
October 6, 1983

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Dear General Curry:

As in previous years, the President desires that an appropriate ceremony be conducted at Arlington National Cemetery to commemorate the observance of Veteran's Day. The ceremony will be held on November 11 at the Tomb of the Unknown Soldier.

As of this a date a decision concerning who will be placing the wreath has not been reached.

The White House Florist will prepare an appropriate wreath for this occasion and will deliver it by 9:00 a.m. to the Guard Room at the Amphitheater.

On behalf of the President, thank you for your cooperation.

Sincerely,

EDWARD V. HICKEY, JR.
Assistant to the President

Major General Jerry R. Curry
Commanding General
US Army Military District of Washington
Fort Lesley J. McNair
Washington, DC 20319

re: Placing wreath on Tomb of the Unknown Soldier on Veterans' Day

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THE WHITE HOUSE
WASHINGTON
July 10, 1984

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Dear Mrs. Johnson:

Once again I would like to confirm that arrangements have been made with your secretary, Mrs. Carole Bryant, to have Dr. Walt Rostow lay the President's wreath at the grave site of President Johnson on August 27. We have confirmed by letter to Dr. Rostow that he will be representing President Reagan.

We have also advised Colonel John D. Logeman, wing commander at Bergstrom, to make the necessary arrangements concerning the ceremony and to provide whatever assistance required by Dr. Rostow.

As in the past, we appreciate the cooperative attitude of Mrs. Bryant in providing information to my staff.

On behalf of the President, I send my sincere best regards.

Sincerely,

EDWARD V. HICKEY, JR.
Assistant to the President

Mrs. Lady Bird Johnson
LBJ Ranch
Stonewall, Texas 78671

THE WHITE HOUSE

WASHINGTON

July 10, 1984

Dear Colonel Logeman:

The President desires that a wreath be placed at the grave site of President Lyndon B. Johnson to commemorate the anniversary of his birth. The ceremony will be held at the grave site on August 27 at the LBJ Ranch. The wreath from the White House will be delivered to you by August 20.

The Department of Defense has advised me that you will be able to assist with the ceremony. Mrs. Johnson has requested that Dr. Walt Rostow, from the LBJ Library, serve as the President's personal representative. We have given Dr. Rostow your telephone number and informed him that you will provide ceremonial support. Dr. Rostow may be reached at (512) 471-4757.

Mrs. Johnson's secretary, Mrs. Carole Bryant, will coordinate details concerning time of ceremony, location, etc. She may be reached at (512) 474-6464.

Should you desire any further assistance or guidance concerning this ceremony, please do not hesitate to call or write.

Sincerely,

EDWARD V. HICKEY, JR.
Assistant to the President

Colonel John D. Logeman
Commander
67th Tactical Reconnaissance Wing
Bergstrom AFB, Texas 78743

THE WHITE HOUSE

WASHINGTON

July 10, 1984

Dear Dr. Rostow:

This letter confirms that you will be placing the President's wreath at the ceremony commemorating the anniversary of the birth of President Lyndon B. Johnson at the LBJ Ranch on August 27.

This office will arrange to have an appropriate wreath dispatched from the White House to Colonel John D. Logeman, Commander, 67th Tactical Reconnaissance Wing, Bergstrom AFB. He has been designated to render any assistance you may require. Please call him at your convenience to finalize arrangements for the ceremony. His telephone number is (512) 479-2473.

Mrs. Johnson's secretary, Carole Bryant, will be coordinating details concerning the ceremony time, location, etc. She can be reached at (512) 474-6464.

Should you desire any assistance or guidance concerning this ceremony, please do not hesitate to call or write.

On behalf of the President, I thank you for your assistance and send my best wishes.

Sincerely,

EDWARD V. HICKEY, JR.
Assistant to the President

Dr. Walt Rostow
LBJ Library
2313 Red River
Austin, Texas 78705



To S. Carson

JV

THE WHITE HOUSE
WASHINGTON

Hold for confirmation

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September 28, 1984

MEMORANDUM FOR SUE CARSON

FROM: DEBBIE HUTTON

SUBJECT: Wreath Laying Ceremony at Arlington Cemetery
October 1, 1984

Assign to:

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This morning I took a call from Lt. Jerry Scott, who is with the Massachusetts National Guard. He called to see if it was possible for the President to attend/participate in the wreath laying ceremony at the Tomb of the Unknown Soldier at Arlington Cemetery on the 1st at 4:00 p.m. for Scottie Staniszewski.

The President will be travelling on the 1st so this was impossible but it was suggested that I request a presidential message to be read at this ceremony. "Scottie" died in Vietnam in 1967 and he was a U.S. Marine at the time of his death. He was a British citizen at that time but wanted to be a U.S. citizen. Apparently, if someone fights in one of our armed services for three years, then they are eligible/qualify for citizenship automatically but Scottie died before this happened.

This was extremely important to him because his father, Frank Staniszewski, had fought in the Polish Army in World War II, was sent to a prison of war camp by the Russians in Siberia and when released went to live in England where he met his wife and where Scottie was born. They moved to the U.S., Scottie joined the Marines and went to Vietnam.

I have been advised by Bob Chunn in Mr. Hickey's office that we should hold up on this message request. He has told me that there are 299 other men who fought in wars (maybe all from the Vietnam War -- on this point I am not positive) with U.S. troops from the services and were not citizens - circumstances similar to Scottie's. It seems that one person cannot be singled out with a special message when 299 others have not yet been honored by the President.

Mr. Chunn has asked that until a decision is made on how to honor all 300 of these men or if special recognition is made for Scottie. He said he would give me guidance on how to proceed on MONDAY MORNING, OCTOBER 1st, if a message should be sent.

I wanted you to have this --- as a warning -- just in case -- a message is approved THEN we can worry about how/who gets the message to take to the 4:00 ceremony....I am sure the logistics will be as "messy" as this whole request!

Thanks.

THE WHITE HOUSE

WASHINGTON



10/1

September 28, 1984

MEMORANDUM FOR FRED RYAN

FROM: DEBBIE HUTTON
SUBJECT: Wreath ^{Laying} Ceremony at Arlington Cemetery
October 1, 1984

This morning I took a call from Lt. Jerry Scott who called to see if the President might have time to attend and participate in the wreath laying ceremony to be held at the Tomb of the Unknown Soldier on 10/1 at 4:00 pm. 4:05

This ceremony is for the Vietnam soldier - Mr. Denoshevsky* - who was a British citizen and died in Vietnam. Apparently, there is some type of legislation coming to the White House from the Senate on this man who was at the time of his death in the process of becoming an American citizen (I think this is correct -- Lt. Scott said that the people who deal with wreath laying would have all the information on this). His son, Frank Denoshevsky will be at this ceremony in memory and honor of his father.

I told Lt. Scott that since the President will be travelling that day, it did not appear that he would be able to attend this but I would make sure that the proper person was made aware of this. Lt. Scott can be reached at: 617-973-2716.

On Monday, he will be travelling here with Frank Denoshevsky for the ceremony. They will arrive here at noon and depart at 8:00 pm. While they are here they can be reached at: 692-2716 at Fort Myer.

Is this something that Mr. Hickey might handle - to have a representative of the President attend - or would a message be appropriate?

*Denoshevsky - if I remember something from the paper - has become somewhat of a hero since he left a communist country to come to the free world, believed in fighting communism and fought in Vietnam on our side against the North Vietnamese because he believed so strongly in the U.S.'s mission there, and wanted to become a American citizen because of his strongly held belief in the country and all it stands for.

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THE WHITE HOUSE
WASHINGTON

FRED:

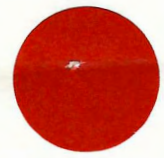
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I have asked that Chunn or someone
in the Military Office take care of
this request on Monday, 10/1.

I have notified Defense of this
also.

debbie 9/28

THE WHITE HOUSE
WASHINGTON



FRED:

FYI

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debbie 9/28

*10/1 Joni says no for both Good
told John - no rep.
Regretted to Lt. Scott*

MEMORANDUM OF CALL

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TO: Debbie

YOU WERE CALLED BY- YOU WERE VISITED BY-

OF (Organization) Bob Churn
2150

PLEASE PHONE ▶ FTS AUTOVON

WILL CALL AGAIN IS WAITING TO SEE YOU

RETURNED YOUR CALL WISHES AN APPOINTMENT

MESSAGE

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OF (Organization) Lt. Jerry Scott
Mass.

PLEASE PHONE ▶ FTS AUTOVON

WILL CALL AGAIN IS WAITING TO SEE YOU

RETURNED YOUR CALL WISHES AN APPOINTMENT

MESSAGE

617-973-2126
spoke w/ you
this morning.
They can be in Wash. in
the morning if necessary.

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THE WHITE HOUSE
WASHINGTON

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THE WHITE HOUSE
WASHINGTON 9/28/84

TO: JOHN GERMAN

FROM: DEBBIE HUTTON

RE: Wreath Laying Ceremony at
Arlington Cemetery
October 1, 1984

John, I am attaching copies of my memoranda for this event to Bob Chunn (Military Office here) and Sue Carson (Presidential Messages here) for your information.

Expect a YES or NO from Chunn or someone in the Military Office here on the request for a representative. I am washing my hands of this since everything is contingent on the decision(s) from their office so they can handle the rest on Monday morning.

I have decided that I NEVER WILL AGAIN help with the phones here, try to help someone who seems to have a good event for the Administration --- . With this and all the craziness with the continuing resolution for the budget with all the cabinet people I had plugged into events -- I did not need this added "territorial fight".

It is character building, right? 39 more days.....

THE WHITE HOUSE

WASHINGTON

September 28, 1984

MEMORANDUM FOR BOB CHUNN

FROM: DEBBIE HUTTON

SUBJECT: Wreath Laying Ceremony at Arlington
Cemetery
October 1, 1984

Attached is a copy of my memorandum for Sue Carson, in the Presidential Messages Office, regarding the PENDING request for a message for the ceremony for Scottie Staniszewski.

Additionally, I have put on HOLD the request for a member of the Marine Corps to be present at the ceremony with Mr. John German, in Public Affairs at Defense, who helps me with all of my requests for surrogate speakers from Defense and the services.

Just for your information, Lt. Jerry Scott called about this event for the President this morning. He will be coming from Boston with Frank Staniszewski who is the father of Scottie. They plan to leave Boston at 10:15 am and arrive at National at 11:36 am. He will call me before they get on the plane to see what the final decision is regarding this request for a message and/or representative at this ceremony at 9:30 am. He will also check in with me when he lands in Washington if I have nothing to report at 9:30 am.

If you would prefer to have your office totally handle this entire request, I would appreciate it. Since all these requests are contingent on decision(s) from Mr. Hickey and the memorandum he sent to Mr. Baker about the 300 other men who died in combat and desired citizenship, I think having me as the "middleman" only confuses this request more.

The telephone numbers and contacts are as follows:

Sue Carson - Presidential Messages - x 2941
John German - Public Affairs, DOD - 695-6108
Lt. Jerry Scott and Frank Staniszewski - after 12:00 NOON
they will be at Fort Myer at 692-2716 (honor guards'
office I think he said)

Thank you for your help and guidance on this one.
I would like to know the final disposition of
this. Give me a call once all is resolved if
you can.

he will wait by this - phone tell you call him.

MEMORANDUM OF CALL

Previous editions usable

THE WHITE HOUSE WASHINGTON

TO:

Debbie

YOU WERE CALLED BY- YOU WERE VISITED BY-

Lt. Jerry Scott

OF (Organization)

from Mass.

PLEASE PHONE FTS AUTOVON

617/973-2126

WILL CALL AGAIN IS WAITING TO SEE YOU

RETURNED YOUR CALL WISHES AN APPOINTMENT

MESSAGE

you will be receiving a call from the Military District of Washington re: President's message. I'd like to speak to you in reference to this call + also wants to know if PK Kelly will be delivering the message.

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MEMORANDUM OF CALL

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Army

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OF (Organization)

PLEASE PHONE FTS AUTOVON

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RETURNED YOUR CALL WISHES AN APPOINTMENT

MESSAGE

Frank Staniszewski father

"Scottie" nickname of son

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THE WHITE HOUSE
CORRESPONDENCE TRACKING WORKSHEET

FEDD1-02

INCOMING

DATE RECEIVED: FEBRUARY 28, 1985

NAME OF CORRESPONDENT: MR. JACK E. MARLAR

SUBJECT: WRITES REGARDING REFUSAL TO SEND MEMORIAL
WREATH TO THE ANNUAL ROBERT E. LEE BIRTHDAY
SERVICE

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THE WHITE HOUSE

WASHINGTON

March 5, 1985

MEMORANDUM FOR DOUGLAS A. RIGGS

FROM:

M. P. CAULFIELD *WPC*

SUBJECT:

Sons of Confederates, SC Division, letter, dtd
February 18, 1985

Doug, I think you will find that the attached Memo for the Record of interest concerning the famous wreath-laying ceremony commemorating the birth of Robert E. Lee.

I have already seen some inquiries on this subject and my primary concern is the fact that most interpreted our reason for not providing the wreath to be a cost factor. This was not the issue. There is an approved (by the President) list of Presidential wreaths which are placed; we have not in the past provided a wreath for this occasion; and, we do not intend to do so in the future.

The national organization of the United Daughters of the Confederacy sponsors a ceremony in Arlington National Cemetery on Confederate Memorial Day (1st Sunday in June). Our records which date back to 1967 (when a survey of Presidential wreaths was made and the approved list of the President was originated) show that we have provided a wreath and Presidential representative since at least that time.

I would appreciate a copy of your reply since we are the bad guys in this case. It is absolutely incredible that so much time and effort has been expended on this subject.

Thanks.

*Recommend we don't answer as it may
reflect their non-sense —*

Matt

ATTACHMENT

THE WHITE HOUSE

WASHINGTON

January 23, 1985

Mr. Hickey: EVH.

Col Caulfield: WR

Bill Cuff: WC

MEMORANDUM FOR THE RECORD

SUBJECT: United Daughters of the Confederacy
wreath-laying at Statuary Hall, Jan 19th

I would like to record some of the events associated with the confusion caused by subject organization re their annual event commemorating the birth of Robert E. Lee.

- 7 Jan ° Mil Ofc rec call from Michael Batten, Agency Liaison, re 3 Jan 85 letter to Pres requesting wreath for their 19 Jan event. Asked Batten to forward letter to Mil Ofc for action.
- 9 Jan ° Responded to Miss Jennings, DC Chapter, United Daughters of Confederacy, that we would only continue to support the Confederate Memorial Day service in June with a Presidential wreath and representative.
- 16 Jan ° Mil Ofc rec call from Cynthia Duncan, Ed Meese's office enquiring about the wreath. Learned that Kenneth Cribb was to receive an award at subject ceremony. Mr. Cribb had been contacted re wreath. Advised Cynthia of WH policy re Presidential wreaths and fact that the WH has not in the past provided wreath for this event and did not intend to do so this year. Cynthia understood the policy and briefed Mr. Cribb. No further action from that office.
- 16 Jan ° M. Batten called, responding to a call he received from United Daughters of Confederacy (??), questioning why we were not providing wreath. Bill Cuff explained the policy to Batten and that we were not providing the wreath. Batten became his normal obnoxious self when he doesn't get his way.
- 16 Jan ° Mr. John Hurley, who inferred an association with the United Daughters of the Confederacy, called Mil Ofc complaining about the fact that the WH was not going to support subject event with wreath as in the past. Hurley referred to EVH ltr to Miss Jennings. Hurley called to talk to Mr. Hickey, but actually talked to Joni Stevens and was pleasant at that time.

- 17 Jan ° Mr. Hines, GSA, called for Mr. Hickey. Mr. Hickey called him back and he was not in. No contact between them.
- 18 Jan ° Ann Hannaford, Legislative Affairs, called re the wreath. They had received a call from a Congressman/Senator from South Carolina (??) complaining that the White House would not provide a wreath. I explained what had transpired so far and that we had not provided a wreath in the past. She was satisfied.
- 18 Jan ° Mr. Hurley called for Mr. Hickey. Joni talked to him. He had seen our 9 Jan 85 letter to Miss Jennings and was quite demanding this time. He indicated that Sen Jesse Helms and several other southern congressmen and senators were upset that no wreath would be sent from the White House. Hurley said that he and Helms were going to call a press conference and say that the President refused to send a wreath for their ceremony. Hurley said that the White House had sent a Presidential representative and wreath last year. Neither is true .
- 18 Jan ° M. Batten called and talked to Joni. Batten indicated that he had received call from Sen Jesse Helms, who was very upset. Batten was totally obnoxious and ordered Joni to send a wreath. I was also on this call and hung up after about one minute, before I told him where he could put his request and the wreath. Needless to say, no wreath was provided.
- 18 Jan ° Mr. Hines call Mr. Hickey again. Mr. Hickey talked to him briefly and passed him to Col Caulfield. Hines was very rude to Col Caulfield and indicated that he was a poor excuse to represent the President. *At that point Col C refused to continue the conversation.*
- 18 Jan ° Mr. Hickey called Kenneth Cribb to complain about the abusive nature of the call from Hines to Col Caulfield.
- 18 Jan ° Mr. Kline called Mr. Hickey back, but Mr. Hickey was not available. No further contact.
- 18 Jan ° Col Caulfield called Mr. Fox, who was acting for Mr. Kline who is the acting administrator but he (Kline) was not available.
- 22 Jan ° Mr. Hines called EVH, who was not available at the time. EVH returned Hines call, who was not available.
- 22 Jan ° Col Caulfield called Mr. Kline, *Administrator GSA,* who was not available. Mr. Hines returned the call to Col Caulfield, but Col ~~Q~~ did not talk to him.

22 Jan

Mr. Kline called Col Caulfield and indicated that he did not know Hines very well as Hines has only been there a short time; however, Mr. Kline indicated that Hines behavior was totally unacceptable and that he (Hines) was acting personally, NOT as a representative of GSA. Mr. Kline offered to have Hines call Col C to apologize if that was acceptable--Col C said that would be fine and should end the matter.

28 Jan

Col C has not received apology

The program from last year's ceremony, which Miss Jennings sent with her 3 Jan 85 letter, indicated that "Lt Col Joseph W. A. Whitehorne, USA Army Inspector General Office" represented the "President" and that he laid a wreath. I called LTC Charlotte Cochard, Executive Secretary's office for Sec Weinberger, to determine (1) if there was a Whitehorne on the Army staff, (2) if he attended subject ceremony last year, (3) if he did lay a wreath, and (4) who tasked him to represent the President. Col Cochard verified that LTC Whitehorne is on the Army Staff, did lay a wreath, the wreath said "The President" on it, and that he was contacted directly by Mrs. Charlesworth, because he knew her personally and professionally from a previous military assignment.

My conclusions are:

1. The White House has not provided a wreath for this event in the past; it is not on the list of approved wreaths; and we do not intend to do so in the future.

2. This organization is very careful about what terminology they use. On their program, it indicates that LTC Whitehorne placed a wreath for the president; it does not indicate, however, that it is the President of the United States.

3. Since they used a wreath that says the president, the organization must contact a local florist for it. It has not come from the White House.

4. This ceremony is sponsored by the DC chapter of the United Daughters of the Confederacy; the national organization of the United Daughters of the Confederacy sponsors the ceremony in Arlington Cemetery on Confederate Memorial Day (1st Sunday in June). We have had indications in the past that there is a definite turf battle between these two levels. It certainly seems appropriate that if the White House is going to support an event that the organization, it should continue to be the national level. We have not experienced any difficulty concerning the Confederate Memorial Day service in the six years that I have been here.

BW Churn

THE WHITE HOUSE
WASHINGTON

February 28, 1985

MEMORANDUM FOR: Colonel Caulifield

FROM: **DOUGLAS A. RIGGS**
Special Assistant to the President
for Public Liaison

SUBJECT:

Can you provide any guidance on the matter raised by Mr. Marlar? Thank you.

Joni

*Please send copy of
MOR - with my note -*

*Thank
to
you*

289877



Sons of Confederate Veterans
SOUTH CAROLINA DIVISION

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COMMANDER
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ADJUTANT
Billy R. Cross, Jr.
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Greenville, SC 29605
803-242-4654

2/18/85

Dear Pres. Reagan,

I am appalled to learn that your office, for the first time in decades, refused to send a memorial wreath to the annual Robert E. Lee Birthday service in Statuary Hall in the U. S. Capitol. Why did this occur?

No one section of the country gave better support to your successful presidential elections than did the South. Certainly no one man more personifies the ideals of America, not just the South, than does the memory of Gen. Robert E. Lee, the ultimate example of patriotism.

I would like to know why this offense to American history has been committed and what apologies are to be made and to whom.

Your obedient servant,

Jack E. Marlar, Com.
South Carolina Div.
Sons of Confederate Veterans

THE WHITE HOUSE
CORRESPONDENCE TRACKING WORKSHEET

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INCOMING

DATE RECEIVED: MARCH 01, 1985

NAME OF CORRESPONDENT: LT. COL. DAVID J. PASSAMANECK

SUBJECT: WRITES CONCERNING THE PLACEMENT OF A
PRESIDENTIAL WREATH AT THE STATUE OF ROBERT
E. LEE, JAN 19 85 AND MR. STOCKMAN'S REMARKS

ACTION DISPOSITION

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THE WHITE HOUSE

WASHINGTON

March 13, 1985

Dear Colonel Passamaneck:

On behalf of the President, I am responding to your letter concerning the ceremony in Statuary Hall at the U.S. Capitol commemorating the birth of General Robert E. Lee. I appreciate this opportunity to correct the inaccurate stories which have circulated since then and trust you will agree, after reading this, that no slur to the memory of General Lee was intended, or committed.

First, I would like to set the record straight by saying that a Presidential wreath has never been provided on this occasion, claims to the contrary notwithstanding. Our "wreath" files go back to 1933 and, after thoroughly reviewing them, I assure you that there is no reference whatsoever to this event therein, until last year when the issue was first raised. Thus, statements that the President, or I -- or anyone at the White House, suddenly curtailed something that has been "traditional" since 1928 are without basis in fact and completely false.

Second, although a wreath is a costly item, expense ("economy") was not a factor in the decision. Rather, it was based on the historical and long-standing policy of many administrations; one which has been continued by President Reagan.

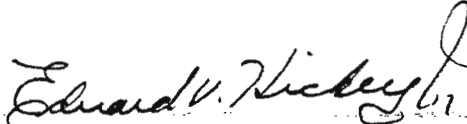
With the sole exception of Benjamin Franklin, the only individuals honored with commemorative Presidential wreaths are deceased former presidents. Otherwise, such wreaths are provided only on six special occasions of national significance at various sites in Arlington National Cemetery. One of them is the Confederate Monument. That monument was dedicated by President Woodrow Wilson; and, according to our records, every president since that time has had a wreath placed on Confederate Memorial Day as a gesture befitting a reunited Nation. (Those ceremonies, incidentally, are sponsored by the national office of the same organization whose D.C. chapter hosts the ceremony for General Lee at the Capitol.) Similarly, another wreath is placed at the Tomb of the Unknown (Union) Soldier from the Civil War on Memorial Day. Together these two wreaths represent the President's tribute on behalf of all Americans to all the war dead of the Civil War.

This Nation has been blessed in the numbers of its sons and daughters who lived, fought -- and often died -- for the ideals which have made it great. History rightfully calls many of them "patriots" and "heroes," and no one disputes that General

Lee ranks among the greatest of these Americans. Nevertheless, just as it is impossible to honor them all, it would be inappropriate to single out one, or several, for a unique tribute not rendered to all.

Proliferation of any item connected with the Office of the Presidency rapidly dilutes its purpose and special significance. Hence, wreaths bearing the name "Presidential" must be reserved exclusively for those occasions where such usage is most meaningful to the entire nation.

Sincerely,



EDWARD V. HICKEY, JR.
Assistant to the President

Lieutenant Colonel David J. Passamaneck, USA (Ret.)
National Legislative Director
American Veterans of World War II, Korea and Vietnam
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NATIONAL LEGISLATIVE DIRECTOR

*Doug
Rizzo*

February 28, 1985

The President
Office of Public Liaison
The White House
Washington, D. C. - 20500

Dear Mr. President:

It has come to our attention that a traditional gesture of national unity and respect for gallantry and constitutional state's rights, in which the White House has participated since 1928, occurred this year without presidential involvement. The placement of a presidential wreath at the statue of Robert E. Lee in Statuary Hall in the U.S. Capitol, on 19 January, his birthday, according to Mr. Edward V. Hickey, Jr. of your staff, was precluded for "economy reasons".

AMVETS finds it extremely hard to believe that the cost of a few flowers is beyond the means of the executive budget in order to honor the memory of one of the greatest Americans of all time. We hope that this omission was really inadvertant, rather than an intentional slur on General Lee's memory. Along with Mr. Stockman's insults of the military, you really didn't need this bit of adverse publicity.

Sincerely,

David J. Passamaneck
David J. Passamaneck
Lt. Col., USA, Ret.
National Legislative Director

DJP/dd

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It was a very long and difficult process...
I had to go through a lot of things...
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