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THE WHITE HOUSE  
CORRESPONDENCE TRACKING WORKSHEET

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INCOMING

DATE RECEIVED: MAY 02, 1985

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NAME OF CORRESPONDENT: THE HONORABLE EDWARD A. KELLY JR.

SUBJECT: HOPES THF PRESIDENT LAYS A WREATH AT THE  
TOMB OF THE UNKNOWN SOLDIER IN ARLINGTON

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THE WHITE HOUSE

WASHINGTON

May 13, 1985

Dear Mr. Kelly:

On behalf of the President, I would like to thank you for your recent letter.

I have taken the liberty of sending a copy of your letter to the President's scheduling office so that they may benefit from your remarks. As you may recall, President Reagan visited Arlington National Cemetery on Memorial Day, 1984 to attend ceremonies which honored the Unknown Soldier returned from Vietnam. I have enclosed a copy of his remarks made on that day for your review.

Thank you for taking the time to write.

Sincerely,



Ronald L. Alvarado  
Special Assistant to the President  
for Intergovernmental Affairs

Mr. Edward A. Kelly, Jr.  
Burlington County Clerk  
Courthouse  
Mt. Holly, New Jersey 08060

Enclosure

THE WHITE HOUSE  
WASHINGTON

5/17/85

Jean -

I heard "on the QT that the President will go by Arlington Cemetery on Memorial Day before he departs for Florida to lay a wreath at the Tomb of the Unknowns - shall we just hold off on replying to this until that becomes public knowledge and then file - the letter is not at all "friendly"

Mary

A handwritten signature in dark ink, appearing to be 'Mary' or similar, written in a cursive style.

5 Edward A. Kelly, Jr.  
County Clerk  
Deputy Clerk Superior Court  
of New Jersey



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COUNTY OF BURLINGTON  
OFFICE OF COUNTY CLERK

April 29, 1985

President of United States  
Ronald Reagan  
The White House  
Washington, D.C. 20500

Dear Mr. President,

I hope this note finds you in good health and happiness.

With all of this static about the "Bitburg cemetary bit", I hope the President does not overlook his obligation to our National Cemetary at Arlington, in 1985. He is our Commander and Chief and I think he has the absolute duty and responsibility to lay a wreath at the Tomb of the Unknown Soldier in Arlington.

I am afraid our Presidents have been a little remiss in this ceremony and I sincerely hope that President Reagan will not forget this obligation, to all of those who have made the supreme sacrifice so that he may be able to go to a Bitburg or any place else for that matter.

I realize the President will not see or even read this letter of request but I do hope his advisors give him better advice for this Memorial Day than that done for Bitburg.

Respectfully yours,

Edward A. Kelly, Jr.

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FILE per RDC  
4/15/85

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# The Washington Times

MR JOHN McCLAUGHRY  
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To Ben & Anne Higgins  
Pat

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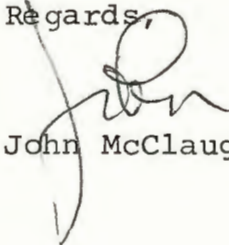
Pat ----

Just a reminder that SATURDAY, APRIL 13 is Thomas Jefferson's Birthday, on which the President customarily issues a message and sends a wreath to the Jefferson Memorial.

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As the/resident White House Jeffersonian - that is, in addition to the President - may I encourage you to put out a potent Jeffersonian affirmation on this occasion? I enclose a copy of one RR did himself in 1978. (Well, to be honest about it, I did the first draft.)

Regards,

  
John McClaughry



THE WHITE HOUSE  
WASHINGTON

Date: 4/11/85

TO: ANNE HIGGINS

FROM: PAT BUCHANAN

- Action *as appropriate*
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- Let's Discuss
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Ronald Reagan Speaks Out

## Thomas Jefferson— A Birthday Tribute

April 15 is the day you and I are forcefully reminded that Uncle Sam and his relatives in the State Capitol are digging deeper into our pockets than ever before. Ironically, this event comes just two days after the 235th birthday of an American patriot who warned his fellow citizens ceaselessly of the dangers of centralized power.

Thomas Jefferson's birthday doesn't get much attention these days. Yet he, perhaps more than any other American of any age, gave voice to the principles which formed the American creed. "We hold these Truths to be self-evident," wrote the 34-year-old Virginian in the Declaration of Independence, "that all Men are created equal, that they are endowed by their Creator with certain unalienable rights, that among these rights are Life, Liberty and the Pursuit of Happiness. . . ."

In his Inaugural address as President 25 years later, Jefferson defined a sound policy for government's relation to our economic system. "A wise and frugal government," he said, "shall restrain men from injuring one another, shall leave them otherwise free to regulate their own pursuits of industry and

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improvement, and shall not take from the mouth of Labor the bread it has earned."

Jefferson never ceased to warn his fellow Americans about centralized power. He asked, "What has destroyed liberty and the rights of man in every government that has ever existed under the sun?" And answered, "The generalizing and concentrating all cares and powers into one body."

### Champion Of Freedom

Jefferson dreamed of an America of yeoman farmers and small communities, where property ownership and basic education were widely distributed among the people. He was almost fanatically devoted to the cause of sound money which retained its value. He was an unwavering champion of freedom; not only freedom to make one's way unhampered by government, but also the essential freedoms of speech, of press, of assembly, of worship.

His advice to his young nephew on the subject of character is worth chiseling in stone for the benefit of those in public life today: "Nothing is so mistaken," said he, "as is the supposition that a person is to extricate himself from a difficulty by intrigue, by chicanery, by dissimulation, by trimming, by an untruth, by an injustice."

Perhaps the finest tribute ever

uttered to our third president was that of Senator John W. Daniel of Virginia in 1908. "There is not a heart that loves humanity and thrills with noble rage for right and truth and justice," said Sen. Daniel; "there is not a people on earth who are weary and heavy laden under the burden of oppression; there is not a chancellor who loves equity; there is not a devotee who bows his head in free worship to his Maker; there is not an ingenuous student by the midnight lamp; there is not a toiler by land or sea; yea, there is not an astronomer who reads the stars, nor a humble farmer in his cabin, nor a freeman anywhere who treads the earth with the spirit of the free who does not

bless God that Thomas Jefferson lived, and that his life goes marching on.

"If it is right that man sues for, and if he does not believe that one man is born bridled and saddled, and the other booted and spurred, let him pluck a flower from this good man's life and wear it in his soul forever."

Yes, Thomas Jefferson has gone on to that corner of heaven reserved for those who fought for Liberty and the Rights of Man. But we Americans, his spiritual descendants, would do well to follow John Daniel's advice: Pluck a flower from Thomas Jefferson's life, and wear it in our soul forever.

*Ronald Reagan*





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April 12, 1985

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MEMORANDUM FOR MR. ROBERT C. MCPARLANE  
THE WHITE HOUSE

SUBJECT: WREATH-LAYINGS AT ARLINGTON NATIONAL CEMETERY  
BY VISITING HEADS OF STATE (1976 - 1985)

According to records maintained by the Office of Protocol of the Department of State and by the Office of the Historian at Arlington National Cemetery, 58 heads of State or Chiefs of Government have laid wreaths at the Tomb of the Unknown Soldier during the past nine years.

That number includes a significant representation from our former World War II enemies -- Germany, Japan and Italy. The chart below provides statistics in support of this assertion.

<u>Year</u>	<u>Number of Wreaths by Heads of State</u>	<u>Which Includes Former Enemy Represented by:</u>		
1976	10	Germany	Chancellor Schmidt	July
		Italy	Pres. Andreotti	Dec.
1977	3	Japan	PM Fukuda	March
1978	0			
1979	3	Japan	PM Ohira	May
1980	4	Italy	PM Cossiga	Jan.
1981	5	Japan	PM Suzuki	May
1982	9	Italy	Pres. Pertini	March
		Italy	PM Spadolini	Nov.
1983	14	Germany	Pres. Carstens	Oct.
1984	7			
1985	2			

In addition our Japan Desk indicates that Japanese Defense Ministers traditionally lay a wreath at the USS Arizona at Pearl Harbor during their visits to CINCPAC. We hope the above information will be of use.

*Nicholas Flage*  
Nicholas Flage  
Executive Secretary





THE WHITE HOUSE  
CORRESPONDENCE TRACKING WORKSHEET

FE001-02

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DATE RECEIVED: JANUARY 07, 1986

NAME OF CORRESPONDENT: MR. JOHN EDWARD HURLEY

SUBJECT: REQUESTS THAT THE PRESIDENT SEND A MEMORIAL  
WREATH TO COMMEMORATE THE BIRTHDAY OF  
GENERAL ROBERT E. LEE ON JAN 18 86

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THE WHITE HOUSE

WASHINGTON

January 15, 1986

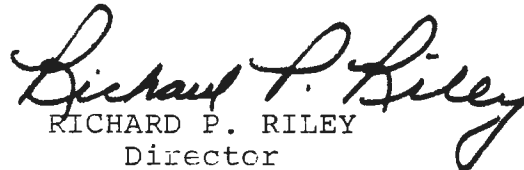
Dear Mr. Hurley:

On behalf of the President, I am responding to your letter concerning the Statuary Hall ceremony commemorating the birth of General Robert E. Lee.

I have reviewed our file on this ceremony and, like my predecessors, have decided to continue the White House policy of recognizing Confederate Americans with placement of a Presidential wreath at the Confederate Monument on Confederate Memorial Day.

I am sorry that my reply is not favorable, but I extend the President's best wishes for your ceremony as you honor General Lee.

Sincerely,

  
RICHARD P. RILEY  
Director

White House Military Office

Mr. John E. Hurley  
President  
Confederate Memorial Association  
1322 Vermont Avenue, N.W.  
Washington, DC 20005



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# Confederate Memorial Association

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Grandson of  
Col. John Singleton Mosby, CSA  
M. Stanton Evans  
Columnist

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

Dear President Reagan:

For the better part of this century, annual ceremonies have been held at Statuary Hall in the U.S. Capitol to commemorate the birthday of General Robert E. Lee. This year's event will be held on Saturday, January 18th, at 11 a.m.

We understand that memorial wreaths from the White House are routinely sent for past presidents, such as General Grant, and other notables, such as Benjamin Franklin. You will, no doubt, send a tribute on the first observance of a national holiday for Martin Luther King, an act you signed into law two years ago.

We therefore feel that it would be appropriate for you to join other outstanding individuals and organizations that send memorial wreaths to commemorate the birthday of General Robert E. Lee, who is as great an American hero as ever lived.

Looking forward to your favorable response, I remain

Sincerely,

John Edward Hurley  
President

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THE WHITE HOUSE  
CORRESPONDENCE TRACKING WORKSHEET

FE 001-02

INCOMING

DATE RECEIVED: APRIL 15, 1987

NAME OF CORRESPONDENT: MR. THOMAS WARNER SMITH

SUBJECT: REQUESTS A WREATH BE SENT FOR THE CONFEDERATE  
MEMORIAL COMMITTEE'S COMMEMORATION OF THE  
BIRTH OF JEFFERSON DAVIS AND HONORING OF THE  
MEMORY OF CONFEDERATE VETERANS AT THE \*

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CEMETERY ON MAY 31 87

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THE WHITE HOUSE

WASHINGTON

May 18, 1987

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Dear Mr. or Madam Chairman:

Please refer to the enclosed copy of a letter from Richard T. Hines.

I am confused as to who speaks for your organization. According to the listing of Confederate Memorial Committee officials on your stationery, Mrs. John Tilen Rogers is the Vice Chairman and Mr. John Render Baldwin is the Treasurer. Now we receive the enclosed letter from Mr. Hines indicating that he is assuming the chairmanship.

Until such time as a properly designated official clarifies the situation on official Confederate Memorial Committee stationery, I have put a hold on White House support for any ceremony.

Sincerely,

RICHARD P. RILEY  
Director  
White House Military Office

Chairman  
Confederate Memorial Committee  
Confederate Memorial Hall  
1322 Vermont Avenue, N.W.  
Washington, DC 20005

Enclosure

Copies to: Presidential Scheduling  
White House Florist  
U.S. Army Military District of Washington  
✓ Mr. Richard T. Hines  
Mrs. John Tilen Rogers  
Mr. John Render Baldwin  
LCDR Sidney D. Rodgers

Confederate Memorial Committee  
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May 11, 1987

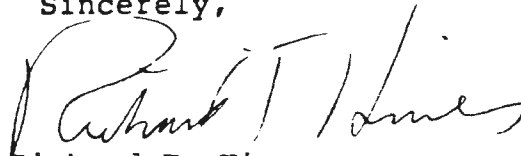
Mr. Richard P. Riley  
Director  
White House Military Office  
The White House  
Washington, DC 20500

Dear Mr. Riley:

In reference to the April 14, 1987, letter from Thomas W. Smith requesting the Confederate Memorial Day Wreath, Mr. Smith has resigned due to the fact that he will be traveling abroad at that time. As his designated successor, I have approved holding the ceremony on the first Sunday in June--the traditional date, Sunday, June 7th at 3:00 PM at Jackson Circle, Arlington National Cemetery.

Consequently, you may wish to make arrangements for delivery and presentation of the President's Wreath at that time. Many thanks for your courtesy and cooperation.

Sincerely,



Richard T. Hines  
Chairman

RTH/pm

NOTE: The above letter accurately reflects the change in circumstances and I agree with Mr. Hines' decision to hold the ceremony on its traditional date.



Thomas Warner Smith

cc John E. Hurley  
Mrs. John T. Rogers

Subscribed & sworn before me this

11th day of May, 1987

Carolyn A. Lohr  
Notary Public

June 26, 1990 comm. exp.





THE WHITE HOUSE

WASHINGTON

April 21, 1987

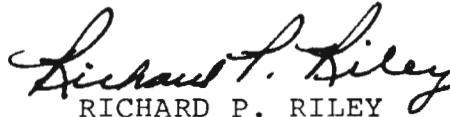
Dear Mr. Smith:

Thank you for your letter of April 14th concerning the wreath-laying ceremony on Confederate Memorial Day. In keeping with tradition the White House will furnish the Presidential wreath. In addition, I am pleased to advise that the President's representative will be Lieutenant Commander Sidney D. Rodgers, USN.

I am confirming by separate letter the selection of Lieutenant Commander Rodgers, who will be contacting Mr. Hurley for further details.

With the President's best wishes,

Sincerely,



RICHARD P. RILEY

Director

White House Military Office

Mr. Thomas Warner Smith  
Chairman  
Confederate Memorial Committee  
1322 Vermont Avenue, N.W.  
Washington, DC 20005

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# Confederate Memorial Committee



Confederate Monument, Jackson Circle  
Arlington National Cemetery

Confederate Memorial Hall  
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April 14, 1987

Thomas Warner Smith  
Chairman  
Mrs. John Tilen Rogers  
Vice Chairman  
John Render Baldwin  
Treasurer

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

Dear President Reagan:

Each year the Confederate Memorial Committee has commemorated the birth of Jefferson Davis and honored the memory of Confederate veterans at the Confederate Monument in Arlington National Cemetery. It has been customary for the President to send a wreath and Presidential representative since 1914, when President Woodrow Wilson dedicated the monument.

Since you have favored us with a wreath in the past, we would be both pleased and honored if you would once again do so for this year's event. Our ceremonies this year will be on Sunday, May 31, at 3 p.m.

A program from last year's event is enclosed for your reference. If you or your staff have any questions concerning the details, please contact our program chairman, Mr. Hurley, at 483-5700.

With my good wishes and many thanks, I remain

Sincerely,

Thomas Warner Smith  
Chairman

TWS:ms

Enclosure: 1986 Program



### JEFFERSON DAVIS, 1808-1889

June 3, 1986 is the 178th anniversary of the birth of Jefferson Davis. This great American soldier, patriot and President of the Confederate States of America was the hero of the Battle of Buena Vista and one of America's most outstanding statesmen. Jefferson Davis, the son of Samuel Emory Davis, a Revolutionary Soldier, from boyhood to maturity wore the uniform of an American Soldier. He truly loved and served our Country.

### OUR PRAYER TODAY

*God of our Fathers, we lift our hearts today in gratitude for all who have lived so valiantly and died so bravely, especially thanking thee for those who suffered and sacrificed to preserve the principles upon which this Nation was founded. Father in Heaven, Thou has given us this land for our Heritage, may we hold fast to the FAITH OF OUR FATHERS, remembering "Blessed is the Nation, whose God is the Lord." (Psalm 33:12)*

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*"Tell It As You May, It Never Can Be Told  
Sing It As You Will, It Never Can Be Sung  
The Story Of The Glory Of The Men Who Wore The Gray."  
—Fr. Abram Ryan*

□

Marshals . . . Stephen Page Smith, John Render Baldwin, Robert W. Robins,  
Members of Jefferson Davis Camp No. 305,  
Sons of Confederate Veterans

Custodian of the Colors . . . Robert W. Robins

Military Escort . . . Confederate Embassy Guard  
Capt. Mark Graef, Commanding

Special Music . . . The Band of the 29th Infantry Division (Light)  
of the Virginia National Guard

### PROGRAMME

- Presiding . . . . . Commander Thomas Warner Smith  
Chairman, Confederate Memorial Committee
- Invocation . . . . . Dr. William B. Adams, D.D.
- Presentation of the Colors . . . . . Confederate Embassy Honor Guard
- Our National Anthem . . . . . Mrs. John W. Starke  
Director of Music, Arlington House
- "Dixie's Land" . . . . . Sung in Unison
- Posting of the Colors

### Presentation of Memorial Wreaths at the Confederate Monument

- The President of the United States, The Honorable Ronald Reagan  
by Major Donald D. Woolfolk, USA Army Social Aide to the President
- The Confederate Memorial Association, The Honorable John Edward Hurley,  
President, by Mrs. John Tilden Rogers, Vice President
- The Jefferson Davis Camp No. 305, Sons of Confederate Veterans,  
Washington, D.C., by Robert D. Hausenfluck, Commander
- The District of Columbia Division, United Daughters of the Confederacy,  
Miss Amy Rebecca Jennings, President
- The Maryland Division, United Daughters of the Confederacy,  
Mrs. Roger Wrenn Carroll, President
- The Matthew Fontaine Maury Chapter No. 2421,  
by Miss Isabelle Morrison, Historian, D.C. Division, UDC
- The Robert E. Lee Chapter No. 644, Mrs. Harold H. Donovan, President
- The Children of the Confederacy, Miss Janet Howell, President
- The Children of the Confederacy, Virginia Division, Colonel John Singleton Mosby  
Chapter, by Bryan Starke, Past Custodian General, Children of the Confederacy
- Texas Division, Sons of Confederate Veterans, Dr. Larry Arnold, Commander
- The Albert Sidney Johnston Camp. No. 67,  
Sons of Confederate Veterans, Houston, Texas, James York, Commander
- Texas Society, Military Order of Stars and Bars, Jack N. Fuerst, Commander
- Varina Howell Davis Chapter No. 2143, UDC, Mrs. Eric Johnson, President
- College Republican National Committer, David Minor, National Chairman,  
by Dennis Kilcoyne
- The Conservative Network, James Carey, Chairman
- The Order of the Sword of Lee, Stephen Page Smith, Commander

### Introduction of the Guest Speaker

Address by Dr. M.E. Bradford, University of Dallas

A Medley of Southern Tunes . . . . . The Blue and Gray Band

### Bestowal of the CMA Distinguished Service Award

*Recipient*

The Band of the 29th Infantry Division (Light)  
of the Virginia National Guard

Three Volleys / Muffled Ruffles / Silver Taps  
Retirement of the Colors / Benediction

### Presentation of Wreath at the Tomb of the Unknown Soldier

In tribute to our Nation's honored dead, the Confederate Memorial Committee's wreath will be placed at the Tomb of the Unknown Soldier by Chairman Thomas Warner Smith. All are invited to attend this concluding portion of this afternoon of tribute and remembrance.

# Confederate Memorial Committee

Washington, D.C.

Memorial Services were first conducted by the United Confederate Veterans on the Sunday nearest to Jefferson Davis' Birthday, the 3rd of June. When the veterans were no longer able to continue, due to age and infirmities and the death of many of their members, the ceremony at Arlington was turned over to Camp. No. 305, Sons of Confederate Veterans.

That camp continued the services for some years and then proposed the formation of an independent committee with members from various Confederate patriotic organizations in the Washington area. The committee was formed and entitled the "Confederate Memorial Committee," and was given the one specific duty of conducting the annual memorial services at Arlington National Cemetery on the first Sunday in June.

From that time on the Confederate Memorial Committee has arranged and held these services, and invited all Confederate and, at times, other patriotic organizations in the vicinity to participate.

## MEMBERS OF THE CONFEDERATE MEMORIAL COMMITTEE

Chairman ..... Mr. Thomas Warner Smith  
Vice Chairman ..... Mrs. John Tilden Rogers  
Treasurer ..... Mrs. John Render Baldwin  
Custodian of the Colors ..... Mr. Robert W. Robins  
Chief Marshal ..... Mr. Stephen Page Smith

Other Members: Roy Baker Snapp, John Edward Hurley,  
Mrs. William Bradbury

## Pages and Ushers

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Miss Megan O'Bryon	Mr. Jefferson Smith
Miss Jennifer Ellen Smith	Mr. Bryan Starke
Miss Kathryn Farrand Hottel	Master William Jackson Hottel

## APPRECIATION TO...

All who have participated so graciously in these services whose kindness, courtesy and assistance have made the services possible, especially:

Major General John L. Ballantyne, Commanding General, U.S. Army,  
Military District of Washington

Major General John G. Castles, Adjutant General, Virginia National Guard

Mr. R.J. Costanzo, Superintendent, Arlington National Cemetery

Lt. Col. Paul C. Miller, USA (Ret.), Director, Ceremonies and Special  
Events, U.S. Army, Military District of Washington

Captain William Dauer, Ceremonies and Special Events, U.S. Army,  
Military District of Washington

Col. William R. Williamson, Commander, Third U.S. Infantry  
(The Old Guard)

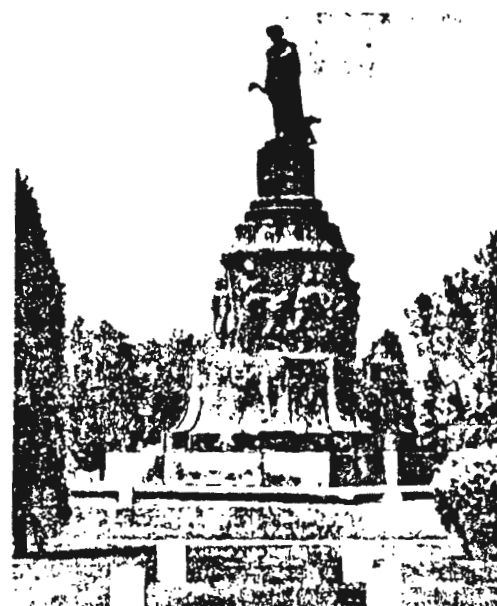
# Confederate Memorial Committee of the District of Columbia

## Annual Confederate Memorial Services

Dedicated to the Memory of the Confederate Veterans and  
their Descendants who have served our country

Sunday, the first of June, 1986—3:00 p.m.

The Confederate Monument, Jackson Circle  
Arlington National Cemetery



*"Victrix Causa Deis Placuit, Sed Victa Catoni."*

The Monument was dedicated 72 years ago on the 4th of June, 1914, by President Woodrow Wilson. The grave of the sculptor, Sir Moses Ezekiel, is at its base. He and 424 Confederate soldiers and their wives sleep in Jackson Circle.

*"Not for fame or reward, not for place or for rank,  
Not lured by ambition, or goaded by necessity  
but in simple obedience to duty, as they understood it,  
These men suffered all, sacrificed all...and died!"*

Rev. Dr. Randolph H. McKim, D.D.  
Rector, Church of the Epiphany, Washington, D.C.  
Chaplain, Camp No. 174, United Confederate Veterans



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NATIONAL SECURITY COUNCIL  
WASHINGTON, D.C. 20506

June 29, 1987

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MEMORANDUM FOR RHETT DAWSON

FROM: GRANT S. GREEN, JR.

SUBJECT: Presidential Wreath -- Attu Island Memorial

At Tab A is a request from Secretary Hodel for permission to place the President's name on a wreath. The wreath will be presented tomorrow at the dedication of a war memorial on Attu Island, in the Aleutians. On the Japanese side, wreaths will be presented from the Emperor and Prime Minister Nakasone.

The NSC concurs in Secretary Hodel's exceptional request and urges that his office be notified today that the President's name may be placed on the wreath. And for your information, State also concurs.

Attachment

Tab A Hodel letter

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NATIONAL SECURITY COUNCIL  
WASHINGTON, D.C. 20506

June 29, 1987

ACTION

MEMORANDUM FOR GRANT S. GREEN, JR.

FROM:

DOUGLAS H. PAAL *for D.H.P.*

SUBJECT:

Presidential Wreath -- Attu Island Memorial

At Tab I is a memo to Rhett Dawson requesting permission for Interior to place the President's name on a wreath. The wreath will be presented at the dedication of a War Memorial on Attu Island, in the Aleutians. This is an unusual request, which requires immediate action to meet the dedication deadline, COB today. At Tab A is Secretary Hodel's request.

State concurs.

RECOMMENDATION

That you forward the memo at Tab I to Rhett Dawson.

Approve G

Disapprove \_\_\_\_\_

Attachments

Tab I      Green memo to Dawson  
Tab A      Hodel letter

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THE SECRETARY OF THE INTERIOR  
WASHINGTON

June 26, 1987

MEMORANDUM TO FRANK C. CARLUCCI

Assistant to the President for National Security Affairs

Subject: Presentation of Presidential Wreath at  
Dedication of War Memorial on Attu Island

With the approval of the U.S. Department of the Interior and the U.S. Department of State, the Government of Japan is constructing a war memorial on Attu Island, Alaska, to the "memory of all those who sacrificed their lives in the islands and seas of the north Pacific during World War II and in dedication of world peace." The memorial is being built at the expense of the Government of Japan and will be maintained on a cost-reimbursable basis by the Department of the Interior's Fish and Wildlife Service. The Service manages Attu Island as part of the Aleutian National Wildlife Refuge.

The memorial will be dedicated on June 30, 1987. The Japanese Consul General in Anchorage, acting for his government, will present a wreath on behalf of the Emperor and a wreath on behalf of Prime Minister Nakasone. A wreath is being provided for presentation by the Regional Director of the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service, who will be the senior Federal official present.

Permission is requested to have the third wreath presented on behalf of President Reagan.

DONALD PAUL HODEL

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THE WHITE HOUSE

WASHINGTON

November 3, 1987

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Dear General Wallace:

On behalf of the President, it gives me great pleasure to designate you as his Personal Representative at the wreath-laying ceremony commemorating the anniversary of the birth of President Andrew Johnson. The President is deeply grateful for your willingness to undertake this special assignment, and he has asked me to extend you any assistance you may require.

This ceremony will be held at the grave site on December 29 at Greenville, Tennessee. Should any local officials wish to join in the ceremonies, we would, of course, welcome their participation as it befits the occasion. Arrangements have been made with the White House Florist for the delivery of the wreath to you by a florist in your area. That florist will contact your office to finalize arrangements.

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

With the President's appreciation and warm best wishes,

Sincerely,

JAMES C. MCKINNEY  
Director  
White House Military Office

Major General Carl D. Wallace  
The Adjutant General, Tennessee  
Houston Barracks  
P.O. Box 41502  
Nashville, Tennessee 37204-1501



THE WHITE HOUSE

WASHINGTON

November 3, 1987

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Dear Major General Hilbert:

On behalf of the President, it gives me great pleasure to designate you as his Personal Representative at the wreath-laying ceremony commemorating the anniversary of the birth of President Woodrow Wilson. The President is deeply grateful for your willingness to undertake this special assignment, and he has asked me to extend you any assistance you may require.

This ceremony will be held at the grave site on December 28 at the Washington Cathedral and will not be in connection with any other ceremony. The White House Florist will prepare an appropriate wreath for use on this occasion. It will be delivered to the security office, north side of the Cathedral by 8:30 a.m..

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

With the President's appreciation and warm best wishes,

Sincerely,

JAMES C. MCKINNEY  
Director  
White House Military Office

Major General Donald C. Hilbert  
Commanding General  
U. S. Army Military District of Washington  
Fort Lesley J. McNair  
Washington, DC 20319-5000





THE WHITE HOUSE

WASHINGTON

November 3, 1987

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Dear General Flynn:

On behalf of the President, it gives me great pleasure to designate you as his Personal Representative at the wreath-laying ceremony commemorating the anniversary of the birth of President Martin Van Buren. The President is deeply grateful for your willingness to undertake this special assignment, and he has asked me to extend you any assistance you may require.

This ceremony will be held at the grave site on December 5 at Kinderhook, New York. Should any local officials wish to join in the ceremonies, we would, of course, welcome their participation as it befits the occasion. Arrangements have been made with the White House Florist for the delivery of the wreath to you by a florist in your area. That florist will contact your office to finalize arrangements.

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

With the President's appreciation and warm best wishes,

Sincerely,

JAMES C. MCKINNEY  
Director  
White House Military Office

Major General Lawrence P. Flynn  
Chief of Staff to the Governor  
330 Old Niskayuna Road  
Latham, New York 12110-2224





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THE WHITE HOUSE

WASHINGTON

January 4, 1988

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Dear General Hilbert:

As in previous years, the President desires that a wreath be placed at the Lincoln Memorial on February 12 to commemorate the anniversary of the birth of President Abraham Lincoln. The President is grateful for your assistance in accomplishing this.

Should any local officials wish to join in the ceremonies, we would, of course, welcome their participation as it befits the occasion. Arrangements have been made with the White House Florist for the delivery of the wreath to the Lincoln Memorial by 9:00 a.m. on February 12.

With the President's appreciation and warm best wishes,

Sincerely,

JAMES C. MCKINNEY  
Director  
White House Military Office

Major General Donald C. Hilbert  
Commanding General  
U. S. Army Military District of Washington  
Fort Lesley J. McNair  
Washington, DC 20319



THE WHITE HOUSE  
WASHINGTON

February 4, 1988

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Dear Mr. Hunt:

Thank you for your letter regarding the Presidential wreath-laying ceremony in memory of President Lincoln's birthday on Friday, February 12th. I have passed a copy on to Marlin Fitzwater, Assistant to the President for Press Relations, so that he can make sure the press is aware of this important event.

For your information, the President will be out of the city on the 12th.

Sincerely,



Thomas C. Griscom  
Assistant to the President  
for Communications and Planning

Mr. Frederick Drum Hunt  
5309 Carvel Road  
Bethesda, Maryland 20816

*Vme* bcc: Marlin Fitzwater w/ copy of incoming




FREDERICK DRUM HUNT  
FOREIGN TRADE CONSULTANT  
5309 CARVEL ROAD  
WASHINGTON, D.C. 20016  
Bethesda, Md. 20816



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January 26, 1988

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Mr. Thomas Griscom  
Director of Communications  
The White House  
Washington, D.C.

Dear Mr. Griscom:

I am pleased to enclose a copy of a letter that I have written to Mrs. Sarah Booth Conroy which is self explanatory. There is also a copy of the draft of the program for the annual ceremony at the Lincoln Memorial on Friday, February 12th.

It will be recalled that when the President signed the Bill to make the birthday of Dr. M. L. King a legal holiday, he specifically stated that he hoped all Americans would remember the birthday of our great President, Abraham Lincoln.

I realize that the President's family would not want him to undertake an outdoor event in cold weather, but this IS a Presidential wreath-laying and it seems to me that your office and that of the Press Secretary could do something to give the event some "pre-game" publicity.

When President Reagan commenced his historic Administration there was a definite up-beat in patriotism. Please do not let it decline.

Sincerely,



Enclosure

LINCOLN BIRTHDAY NATIONAL COMMEMORATIVE COMMITTEE  
at the Lincoln Memorial, Friday, February 12, 1988

- 11:45 Concert by the United States Air Force Band  
Chief Master Sargent Stephen Stephens, Conducting
- 11:55 Remarks by the Master of Ceremonies, Frederick D. Hunt
- 12:00 Posting of the Colors: Joint Color Guard for all five services  
The National Anthem  
Invocation: The Reverend Richard O. Partington, Commander-in-Chief,  
Sons of Union Veterans of the Civil War  
The Gettysburg Address: Hon. William Penn Mott, Director  
United States National Park Service  
The Wreath of the President of the United States  
presented by Major General Donald Hilbert, Commanding General,  
Military District of Washington  
The Wreath of the Diplomatic Corps:  
presented by H.E. Count Wilhelm Wachmeister, Ambassador of Sweden  
Dean of the Corps.  
The Wreath of the Department of the Interior  
presented by the Honorable Donald Paul Hodel, Secretary of the Interior,  
escorted by Director Mott.  
The Wreath of the District of Columbia  
Presented by Hon. Nadine Winter, President pro-tem of the Council  
of the District of Columbia, escorted by Mr. Manis J. Fish,  
Director, National Capital Region, U.S. National Park Service.  
Other Floral Tributes  
(there follows a list of organizations placing wreaths in rapid order)  
The Sound of "TAPS"  
Literary history awards by the Military Order of the Loyal Legion  
presented by the Honorable William Howard Taft IV, Deputy Secretary  
of Defense to students from the Severn School, Severna Park, Maryland.  
(names of two students to be inserted here.)  
A Message from Secretary Taft  
Benediction: The Reverend Mr. Partington  
Retire the Colors
- 12:45 End of Ceremony



*Military Order  
of the  
Loyal Legion of the United States*

~~1307 NEW HAMPSHIRE AVENUE, N.W.~~  
~~WASHINGTON, D.C. 20036~~  
5309 Carvel Road  
Bethesda, Md. 20816

January 25, 1988

My dear Mrs. Conroy:

I was very impressed with your article on the subject of Robert E. Lee which was published in the POST in connection with the celebration of his birthday. I attended the ceremony at the Capitol as a Past President of the Aztec Club of 1847 (Military Society of the Mexican War) which grew out of the officers' club in Mexico City of which General Lee (then Captain) was a member, along with two of my great grandfathers. So many of the junior officers, especially regulars, in the Mexican War became general officers on both sides of the Civil War.

The Loyal Legion was founded by a group of Union Army officers on the day of Lincoln's death, April 15, 1865. Fearing there would be chaos, they declared they would uphold the ideals of Lincoln - they would be his Loyal Legion. They served in the military escort on the funeral train to Springfield.

In 1922, President Harding, knowing the history of the Loyal Legion, asked them to arrange a suitable ceremony for the dedication of the new Lincoln Memorial. This was done and thanks to Major (later Lt. Gen.) Clayton Barney Vogel, WHO WAS Commandant of the Marine Barracks in Washington and who gave full logistic support, the deed was done. Vogel was a Companion of the Loyal Legion and later its Commander-in-Chief.

The Loyal Legion decided to continue this ceremony and commencing in 1923, has held the ceremony at the Memorial on February every February 12 regardless of the day of the week or the condition of the weather. Every President except Messrs. Kennedy and Carter, have attended and there has always been a Presidential Wreath laid. There is enclosed a copy of the draft program for this year. You will note that I will be the Master of Ceremonies; about the 17th time in the past 30 years.

It is very appropriate to have Deputy Secretary of Defense William Howard Taft IV take part in this program since it was his great grandfather who was Chairman of the Commission appointed in 1911 for the construction of a memorial to President Lincoln. Ex-President Taft attended the dedication not in his capacity as Chief Justice but as Chairman of that Commission to turn over to President Harding, the building. Enclosed are copies of photos taken at the time. I attended as a small boy with my grandmother and the thing that

impressed me most were the array of huge horns around the top of the building. It was the first time such a large electronic public address system had ever been used. Public radio broadcasting soon followed. That day, May 30, 1922, was the last public appearance of Robert Todd Lincoln.

We have always had a difficult time, especially in the past 20 years, of promoting one of the greatest Presidents this country ever had; the great emancipator, and leader who preserved the Union. His assassination was the worst thing to ever affect the South. He was the only man who could have kept the "Radical Republicans" powerless and thus prevent that terrible period of the carpet baggers which we call "Reconstruction". Lincoln and Lee together could have succeeded in "binding up the wounds".

The mass media fails to take any interest in patriotic events, especially in advance of the event. Unless there is something negative or sensational, they have no interest whatever. How many Washingtonians associate the Lincoln Memorial with Martin Luther King's great speech and later demonstrations, rather than with Abraham Lincoln? How many even know his date of birth? Often we have been asked why there were not more spectators at our ceremonies even when a President attends. The answer is that it has been impossible to get any advance publicity. I have had TV editors tell me it is not news until it happens; that King's birthday has a political angle but Lincoln's does not.

What can we do? Could you use your influence with the Washington Post or others to publish, for example, between February 6th and 10th, some notice of this ceremony to take place on the morning of the 12th and, perhaps, some background on it?

Any help you may give will be greatly appreciated. Please phone me at 229-8867 if you wish any additional information.

Sincerely,



Frederick Drum Hunt

Mrs. Richard Timothy Conroy  
5016 - 16th Street  
Washington, D.C. 20011

