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THE WHITE HOUSE

WASHINGTON

May 9, 1986

MEDAL OF FREEDOM LUNCHEON

DATE: Monday, May 12, 1986

LOCATION: East Room

TIME: 12:00 noon

FROM: Frederick J. Ryan, Jr. *FJR*

I. PURPOSE

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II. BACKGROUND

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General Matthew Ridgway, distinguished military hero, for his contributions to the security and national interests of the United States;

Mr. Vermont Royster, journalist, for his contributions in the field of journalism and communications;

Dr. Albert Sabin, physician and scientist, for his contributions in the field of science and medicine.

IV. PRESS PLAN

White House Photographers  
Open Press Coverage

V. ATTACHMENTS

See Attached Scenario

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THE PRESIDENT  
Mrs. Helen Hayes MacArthur  
Colonel Earl H. "Red" Blaik  
Dr. Albert B. Sabin  
Senator Barry Goldwater  
MRS. REAGAN  
Ambassador Walter H. Annenberg  
Mr. Vermont Royster  
General Matthew B. Ridgway

Table 1

The Secretary of Education (Host)  
General William Quinn (Goldwater)  
Colonel Vince Ford (Blaik)  
Mr. Mitchell E. Daniels, Jr.  
Mrs. William Quinn (Goldwater)  
General Bennie L. Davis (Blaik)  
Mr. William L. Ball III  
Mrs. Robert M. Blaik (Blaik)

Table 2

The Secretary of Defense (Host)  
Mrs. Vermont Royster  
Dr. Leon Eidels (Royster)  
Miss Shelley Hutton (Royster)  
Mr. Jack L. Courtemanche  
Ms. Frances Royster  
Mr. Frederick J. Ryan, Jr.  
Mrs. Leon Eidels (Royster)

Table 3

The Secretary of State (Host)  
Mr. Barry M. Goldwater, Jr.  
Mrs. Robert Clay (Goldwater)  
Mr. Robert Goldwater  
Mr. Donald T. Regan  
Mrs. Carolyn Erskine (Goldwater)

- Mr. Michael Goldwater  
Miss Joanne Goldwater

Table 4

The Secretary of HUD (Host)  
Mrs. Harry Walters (Blaik)  
Mr. Thomas C. Dawson  
Mr. Harry Walters (Blaik)  
Mrs. Robert Chanock (Sabin)  
Mr. David L. Chew  
Dr. Robert Chanock (Sabin)  
Miss Carol Krugman (Sabin)

Table 5

The Secretary of HHS (Host)  
Mrs. Sylvia Krugman (Sabin)  
Captain J. S. Claypoole (Royster)  
Mr. Alfred H. Kingon  
Miss Sylvia Sidney (Sabin)  
Mr. Robert L. Bartley (Royster)  
Ambassador Vernon A. Walters  
Mrs. J. S. Claypoole (Royster)

Table 6

The Vice President (Host)  
Mrs. Leonore Annenberg  
Mrs. Enid Haupt (Annenberg)  
Dr. George Gerbner (Annenberg)  
Mrs. Melville W. Hall (Annenberg)  
Mrs. James S. Hooker (Annenberg)  
Mr. William J. Heinrich, Jr. (Annenberg)  
Mrs. Joseph Hazen (Annenberg)  
Ms. Wallis Annenberg

Table 7

The Secretary of the Treasury (Host)  
Mrs. Matthew B. Ridgway  
Mr. W. Dennis Thomas  
Mrs. Amy Horn (Sabin)  
Mr. Howard Bradbury (Ridgway)  
Ms. Deborah Sabin (Sabin)  
Ambassador Clayton K. Yeutter  
Mrs. Howard Bradbury (Ridgway)  
Mrs. Albert B. Sabin

Table 9

Mrs. Bush (Hostess)  
Mr. William M. Blaik  
Mrs. Catherine Blaik  
Mr. Will Blaik  
Mr. James C. Miller III  
Mrs. William M. Blaik  
Mr. William J. Casey  
Mr. Robert M. Blaik

Table 10

The Secretary of Agriculture (Host)  
Miss Vera Benlian (Hayes)  
Admiral John M. Poindexter  
Mrs. H. B. Duntz (Hayes)  
Mr. Robert Clay (Goldwater)  
Ms. Alexandra Warfield  
Mr. Christopher Hicks  
Mrs. Michael Goldwater

Table 11

The Secretary of Commerce (Host)  
Miss Mary MacArthur (Hayes)  
Mr. Ted Graber  
Mrs. Elizabeth Killay (Hayes)  
Mr. Charles MacArthur (Hayes)  
Mrs. Donald T. Regan (Hayes)  
Mr. James MacArthur (Hayes)  
Miss Katherine Anthone (Hayes)

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June 26<sup>th</sup>

Mr. Frederic J. Ryan, Jr.  
Director - Presidential  
Appointments & Scheduling:-

Dear Sir:-

By this time you  
have heard and read ~~co~~ <sup>much</sup> about me  
& others who were awarded the Presidential  
Medal of Freedom we are rather common  
place. But I am indebted to you  
for your forbearance.

The photographs of  
the President and me, especially the one  
so warmly inscribed by him will forever  
remain the expression of total esteem our  
family has for our President and First Lady.

Very thanks to you,

Earl Red Black-

EARL H. BLAİK  
2735 SPRINGMEDE  
COLORADO SPRINGS, COLORADO 80906

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## WHITE HOUSE STAFFING MEMORANDUM

DATE: 4/24/86 ACTION/CONCURRENCE/COMMENT DUE BY: Mon., 4/28/86

SUBJECT: MEDAL OF FREEDOM CITATIONS (revised)

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**REMARKS:**

Please provide any comments/recommendations on the attached citation language directly to Ben Elliott's office by Monday, April 28, with an information copy to my office. Thank you.

**RESPONSE:**

(Dolan/BE)  
April 22, 1986  
2:00 p.m.

Received

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MEDAL OF FREEDOM CITATION

BARRY MORRIS GOLDWATER

Barry Morris Goldwater has stood at the center of American history. Respected by both ally and adversary, Barry Goldwater's celebrated candor and patriotism have made him an American legend. Hailed as a prophet before his time -- selfless in the service of his nation, Barry Goldwater has earned the unbounded affection and admiration of his countrymen and the enduring gratitude of every future generation of Americans.

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Kim:

Linda F. called to let Fred know that Mrs. Reagan approved the June 2 luncheon for the VolunteerAction Awards.

Fred is looking for this response - ie please let him know the first available opportunity.

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(Robinson/BE)  
April 22, 1986  
11:45 a.m.

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MEDAL OF FREEDOM CITATION

WALTER HUBERT ANNENBERG

Following a brilliant career in publishing, Walter Hubert Annenberg was in 1969 appointed Ambassador to the Court of St. James, where he served with extraordinary diligence, bringing the governments and people of the United States and United Kingdom closer together. Since returning to private life, Annenberg has devoted himself to the philanthropy for which he has always been renowned, providing support to countless institutions. Today our Nation repays his lifetime of achievement with its gratitude.

(Gilder/Be)  
April 22, 1986  
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EARL HENRY BLAIK

A soldier of the gridiron, Colonel Henry ("Red") Blaik led the West Point team he coached into the pages of the history books. He rallied the "Black Knights" from a record of devastating defeats and carried them on to some of their greatest victories, winning the esteem of his cadet players and the admiration of his vanquished rivals. One of America's great coaches, he brought a winning spirit to his team, honor to his branch of the service, and pride to his Nation.

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April 24, 1986  
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GENERAL MATTHEW B. RIDGWAY

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(Noonan/BE)  
April 24, 1986  
5:30 p.m.

1986 APR 24 MEDAL OF FREEDOM CITATION

HELEN HAYES

Many are admired but few are beloved, and fewer still are both. But Helen Hayes is, and has been for almost all the years of this century. Peerless actress, peerless star, she has excelled in stage, screen, and television playing everything from virtuous young ingenues to Victorian Queens. Helen Hayes is that rare thing -- a true original. She is also, demonstrably, a great actress, a great patriot, and a great soul.

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## WHITE HOUSE STAFFING MEMORANDUM

DATE: 5/7/86 ACTION/CONCURRENCE/COMMENT DUE BY: 10:00 a.m. 5/8/86

SUBJECT: PRESIDENTIAL REMARKS: MEDAL OF FREEDOM LUNCHEON

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REMARKS: Please provide any comments directly to Ben Elliott by 10:00 a.m. Thursday, with an info copy to my office. Thank you.

RESPONSE:

(Noonan/BE)  
May 7, 1986  
10:00 a.m.

PRESIDENTIAL REMARKS: MEDAL OF FREEDOM LUNCHEON  
MONDAY, MAY 12, 1986

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Thank you all. It's very good to have you all to the White House for this happy occasion. On days like this at lunches like this I sometimes find myself looking up and thinking: what a wonderful job I have.

We are here today to present the Medal of Freedom to seven Americans. This medal is the highest civilian honor our Nation can bestow, and I have always thought it highly significant that we call it not the medal of talent, or the medal of valor, or the medal of courage or genius, but the medal of freedom. I think that says a lot about our values, and what we honor, and what we love.

Freedom is important to all of us. As someone who's spent many years making speeches I have quoted many definitions of freedom, some very moving and eloquent. But I've always liked George Orwell's blunt and unadorned statement. He said freedom is the right to say "no."

There's something kind of happily rebellious about that definition. And I thought of it this morning because I decided this year's recipients of the Medal of Freedom are distinguished by this: you're a group of happy rebels.

In your careers and in the way you've lived your lives, you've all said "no" -- a most emphatic "no" -- to mediocrity, to averageness, to timidity. You've said "no" to the rules of the game and the regulations of the day, you've said "no" to the



conventional wisdom, "no" to the merely adequate, "no" to the limits and limitations of yourselves and others.

But it's probably true that there's little point to freedom unless it's accompanied by a big "Yes." And each of you has uttered a resounding, Whitmanesque "yes" to many things -- to excellence and risk and reach, to courage and the untried and the supposedly impossible. You've rebelled against the artificial and embraced the authentic. You have achieved a great deal, and your creativity itself has been life affirming, for creation is a profoundly faithful act, an act that says I trust in the future, I trust in life itself.

You're all originals, you've all made America a better place and you've made it seem a better place in the eyes of the people of the world. And this, today, is just our way of saying: thanks.

Without further ado I'm going to read the citations on the medals now and award them to the recipients.

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Vermont, congratulations to you...and the rest of New England.

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Red, here you go and well deserved.

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Walter my friend, front and center. Congratulations.

Helen Hayes -- I can't resist pointing out that Helen was married to a happy rebel named Charley McArthur. A wonderful playwright and a man of natural style. Helen, today I was remembering your story. When she first set eyes on Charley it was at a party, and he was eating from a bag of peanuts. He looked at her and asked if she'd like some peanuts, and as he

poured them into her hand he said, "I wish they were emeralds." Years later as a famous and celebrated playwright he bought Helen what she'd asked for as an anniversary gift: a handful of jewels. And as he poured the emeralds into her hand you know what he said. "I wish they were peanuts!"

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Here you go, Mister Conservative.

And Albert Bruce Sabin:

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Doctor, thank you for everything.

There's nothing to add to achievements such as these, no praise that can add any more luster to these great names. May I say to you simply: thank you just for being, for doing what you've done -- and do.

Thank you all, and God bless you.

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SECTION

BETTY  
On Monday

Those Russians who came over on the Aeroflot flight were a cliquish lot and so different from us. At Clyde's chic bar and restaurant, they quickly sat together at tables in the garden room and made no effort to get to know the Americans who were with them. That seems strange to those of us who believe the key to any foreign country is its people.

The group of Intourist, civil, aviation and transportation officials are spending seven days in America as a result of renewed Aeroflot service to the United States.

The Izvestia man in the group, who landed at a table with only Americans, talked a little. When asked when the war in Afghanistan would end, he replied — believe it or not — "When the Pakistani invaders leave."

The group followed strict protocol. Their leader, Michail Timofeev, deputy minister of civil aviation, always had a separate table from the rest, with the second-in-command and an interpreter beside him. On their first night here at the Park Terrace Hotel, when Mr. Timofeev got up from his dinner table to retire without eating dessert, all the rest immediately followed, leaving their desserts behind.

One thing is certain. Those who watch TV news learned more about the nuclear catastrophe at Chernobyl than the people in Russia, but they acted as though it was none of their business.

John Jacob Astor VIII, who was reared in Hever Castle where Henry VIII courted Anne Boleyn, gave a luncheon talk at Montpelier, Va., last Sunday. He intrigued his listeners with the story of the colorful, super-rich Astor family. The slim, young, good-looking Lord Astor of Hever was the drawing card for a beautifully arranged, seated luncheon on the lawn of James and Dolley Madison's elegant yellow mansion.

The fund-raiser was for the National Trust for Historic Preservation, which has owned the house since 1982. Though its renovation will take years, it will be in the bicentennial celebration of the U.S. Constitution next year because of Madison's role in forming the Constitution. Incidentally, the house contains 11 bathrooms, three of them in a row.

Mr. Astor held his audience from the moment he said, "I am the sixth-generation descendant of John Jacob Astor, an impoverished German butcher's boy born in 1764." He made a fortune in America and bought so much land in Manhattan, his descendants could walk down Fifth Avenue exclaiming, "It's mine, all mine!"

Lord Astor was stopping with the Charles Seilheimers of Warrenton, Va., who were there, along with the Clement Congers, Billy Abel-Smith, and about 130 others.

At the cocktail party hosted by Helen Hayes in the Octagon House, towering Ed Herrmann, who must be 6-feet-6 and played young Franklin Roosevelt in "Eleanor and Franklin," insisted on having one picture taken with TV's Roger Mudd. "He's my hero," he said. ... A cameraman sought out super-chic chanteuse Karen Akers, because, at 6 feet or so, she was the only lovely tall enough to pose with Mr. Herrmann.

Mingling were Vincent Price and his chic wife, Carol Browne; Eli Wallach and wife Anne Jackson; Eva Marie Saint and her husband of 35 years, Jeffrey Hayden; Robert Prosky of "Hill Street Blues," etc. Before all went on to the National Theatre for the Helen Hayes Awards, Lady Marjory Wright, actress-wife of the British ambassador, told the assemblage, "Washington is going to be the nation's capital of culture." So eat your heart out, New York.

On stage, Vincent Price said when he played Prince Albert with Helen Hayes in "Victoria Regina," his moustache wasn't big enough, so a false one was added. When he kissed his queen, alas, a piece of the false one stuck to Helen's upper lip.

At Lady Marjory's tea at the British Embassy, Baroness Ewart-Biggs spoke about her book, "Pay, Pack and Follow," about her diplomatic life with her husband. Now a widow, she was made a life peer along with others when former Prime Minister Harold Macmillan decided to put some life in the sleepy House of Lords. "It's a friendly place," said the attractive baroness. "We don't hate each other so much as they do in the House of Commons." Whereas U.S. Foreign Service wives think some remuneration is due them for all the work they must do on post, the Diplomatic Service Wives Association in Britain decided, she said, against payment.

— Betty Beale



Walter H. Annenberg (left), Vermont Royster.



Top: Retired Gen. Matthew B. Ridgway, one-time Army chief of staff. Above: Helen Hayes, "First Lady of the American Stage."

By Jim Watson and Diana West  
THE WASHINGTON TIMES

For these seven Americans, accolades are commonplace. Over careers showered with honors, this group has amassed countless awards, from the Pulitzer Prize to the Academy Award, from the National Medal of Science to induction into the Football Hall of Fame. Today, they add another award to their trophy troves, the Presidential Medal of Freedom.

Unlike their other honors, this one comes from outside their individual professional circles, from the president himself. For that reason the award takes on national and even historic dimensions.

"To me it has a special significance because it represents who the president of the United States thinks has made outstanding contribu-

tions," said Dr. Albert B. Sabin, the man who developed the oral polio vaccine, and one of this year's recipients.

Considered the nation's highest civilian award, the Presidential Medal of Freedom was established in 1963 by President John F. Kennedy to recognize meritorious contributions to world peace or "cultural or other significant public endeavors." Mr. Kennedy selected the first recipients but was assassinated before he could make the presentations.

In effect, Mr. Kennedy was extending the scope of an award instituted in 1945 by President Harry S. Truman, intended to recognize "a meritorious act of service which has aided the United States in the prosecution of a war against an enemy."

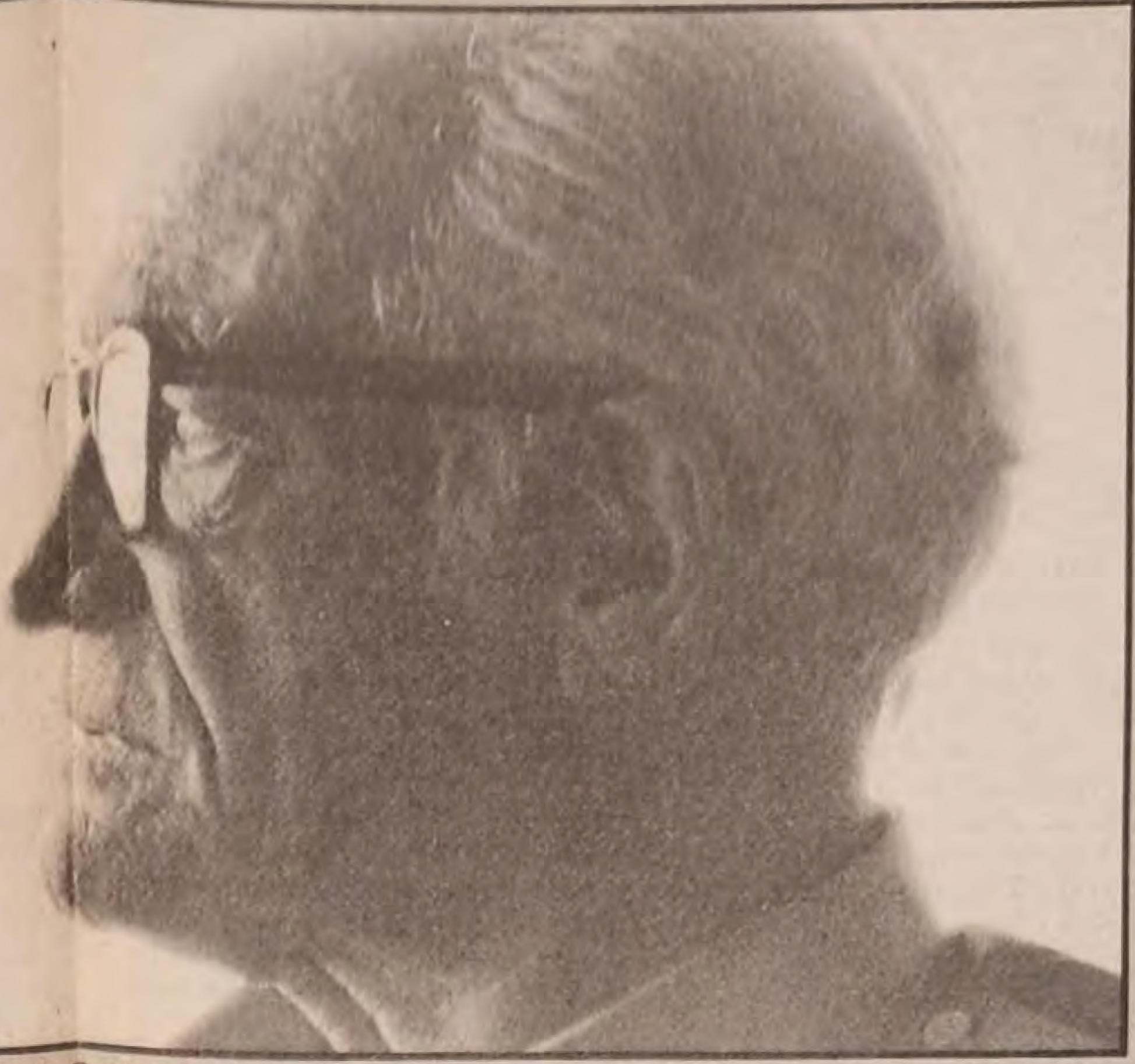
Joining Dr. Sabin for today's awards luncheon at the White House will be the other six medalists selected by President Ronald Reagan:

Retired Gen. Matthew B. Ridgway, one-time Army chief of staff; Walter H. Annenberg, educator, publisher and former ambassador to Great Britain; Col. Earl H. "Red" Blaik, former head football coach at Dartmouth and the United States Military Academy; Sen. Barry Goldwater, Arizona Republican; actress Helen Hayes; and Vermont Royster, former editor of the Wall Street Journal and two-time winner of the Pulitzer Prize.

WALTER H. ANNENBERG

Editor, publisher, philanthropist, diplomat and pioneer in educational television, Mr. Annenberg's curriculum vitae reads like the collected accomplishments of several successful men.

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Sen. Barry Goldwater, the trailblazer for conservative Republicans

Freedom's new medal winners

Nation's highest civilian award to be presented at White House



Left: Col. Earl H. "Red" Blaik, former head football coach at Dartmouth and the United States Military Academy, in 1955. Above: Dr. Albert B. Sabin, developer of the oral polio vaccine.

POINT MAN / Richard Grenier

The great Podhoretz-Vidal war

Norman Podhoretz and his wife, Midge Decter, have written things displeasing to America's homosexual community in its organized form. Gore Vidal, although he deplores the word "gay" and says he far prefers "faggot," has retaliated by attacking Mr. Podhoretz as an "Israeli Fifth Columnist." For his attack, which has been called "ugly," Mr. Vidal has in turn been labeled an "anti-Semite." Why all the venom? What has been going on here?

Curiously enough, I have known Gore Vidal longer than I have known Norman Podhoretz. For those interested in historical footnotes, I gave the dinner party — not cocktail party, as reported in The Washington Post — at which the two last met in the Bel Air district of Los Angeles. It will surprise no one that I do not consider Mr. Podhoretz an Israeli fifth columnist and consider the charge — to be kind — phantasmagorical. I will astonish the world, however, by declaring that I do not consider Gore Vidal an anti-Semite. How he worked himself into the position he's in without himself being anti-Semitic is what makes the whole thing so interesting.

I once wrote a magazine article about Gore Vidal, which he told many people was the best piece ever written about him, although it included statements on my part and on his that he had a special attitude toward Jews, considering

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Norman Podhoretz



Gore Vidal

Haifa's theater of issues

By Hap Erstein  
THE WASHINGTON TIMES

In the same way that Washington has been under the cultural shadow of New York, so has the tiny Israeli city of Haifa taken a back seat to the arts center of Tel Aviv. But things are changing, due to the 25-year-old Haifa Municipal Theatre, which has grown in prominence as it has grown in controversy.

The Haifa company arrives here at the Kennedy Center's Terrace Theater tomorrow night, the newest entry in the American National Theater's Major International Companies Series, following an acclaimed two-week engagement at the Chicago International Theatre Festival. The group brings with it "Ghetto"

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Director Gedalia Besser (left) and General Manager Noam Semel of the Haifa Municipal Theatre

New leaf for PEN/Faulkners

By Colin Walters  
THE WASHINGTON TIMES

The PEN/Faulkner Awards for Fiction came of age and entered a new era Saturday evening at the Folger Shakespeare Library when the sixth annual award was made to Peter Taylor for his "The Old Forest and Other Stories."

In its early years, the awarding of the PEN/Faulkner fiction prize seemed to some observers eclectic, verging on eccentric. The works nominated tended to include a mixture of well-known writers and not-so-familiar names, with the award often going to the least-known of the six. This was the case last year, when the award went to Tobias Wolff for a

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SEQUENCE OF EVENTS:

LUNCHEON/AWARDS CEREMONY  
1986 Medal of Freedom Recipients  
Monday, May 12, 1986

TIME:

11:30 a.m. - 1:40 p.m.

LOCATION:

East Room

NUMBER OF GUESTS:

91

FROM:

Linda Faulkner *L. F.*

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11:15 a.m. Guests begin to arrive Southeast Gate on East Executive Avenue and are escorted to State Floor via Diplomatic Reception Room and Grand Staircase. (Parking on Lower South Grounds.)

Refreshments will be served in State Dining Room.

11:15 a.m. The following recipients of the 1986 Presidential Medal of Freedom are escorted to Blue Room for briefing:

1. The Honorable Walter Annenberg
2. Mr. Earl H. "Red" Blaik
3. Senator Barry Goldwater
4. Mrs. Helen Hayes MacArthur
5. General M.B. Ridgway
6. Mr. Vermont Royster
7. Dr. Albert B. Sabin

11:40 a.m. At conclusion of briefing, Blue Room guests are escorted to Red Room for receiving line.

11:50 a.m. Guests are prepared for receiving line.

Receiving line will feed from South door of State Dining Room into Red Room, from South door of Red Room into Blue Room, past THE PRESIDENT and MRS. REAGAN in front of the fireplace, out Blue Room into Cross Hall, and into East room to be seated for lunch.



MONDAY, MAY 12, 1986

12:00 noon THE PRESIDENT and MRS. REAGAN arrive State Floor via elevator and proceed to Blue Room via Cross Hall.

THE PRESIDENT and MRS. REAGAN take their places in front of fireplace in Blue Room for receiving line.

Medal of Freedom recipients, followed by remaining guests, proceed through receiving line.

12:15 p.m. At conclusion of receiving line, THE PRESIDENT and MRS. REAGAN hold briefly in Blue Room to allow all guests to be seated.

THE PRESIDENT and MRS. REAGAN then proceed to East Room via Cross Hall.

THE PRESIDENT and MRS. REAGAN proceed to their table

Luncheon is served.

1:10 p.m. At conclusion of dessert, members of the press are escorted into East Room.

1:12 p.m. THE PRESIDENT and MRS. REAGAN proceed to podium on platform (East wall).

Remarks by THE PRESIDENT.

At conclusion of his remarks, THE PRESIDENT will then name the first recipient - The Honorable Walter Annenberg, followed by the other recipients in alphabetical order.

As his/her name is announced, each Medal of Freedom recipient will individually step up to platform and take a position to THE PRESIDENT's left.

THE PRESIDENT will read each Medal of Freedom citation and then present the Medal.

Military Aide will hand medals to THE PRESIDENT.

As each individual receives his/her Medal, recipient then moves to designated position on platform.

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Following last presentation, THE PRESIDENT will make concluding remarks.

(Photo opportunity)

1:30 p.m

THE PRESIDENT and MRS. REAGAN depart East Room via Cross Hall enroute elevator.

Recipients may depart platform.

Social Aides will present each recipient with Medal of Freedom citation.

1:40 p.m.

Guests begin to depart East Room via Cross Hall and proceed via Grand Staircase and Diplomatic Reception Room to South Grounds.

# WHITE HOUSE STAFFING MEMORANDUM

DATE: 5/9/86 ACTION/CONCURRENCE/COMMENT DUE BY: -----

SUBJECT: PRESIDENTIAL REMARKS: MEDAL OF FREEDOM LUNCHEON

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REMARKS: The attached has been forwarded to the President.

RESPONSE:

(Noonan/BE)  
May 8, 1986  
4:30 p.m.

**PRESIDENTIAL REMARKS: MEDAL OF FREEDOM LUNCHEON  
MONDAY, MAY 12, 1986**

Thank you all. Nancy and I want to welcome you all to the White House for this happy occasion. On days like this at lunches like this I sometimes find myself looking up and thinking: what a wonderful job I have.

We are here today to present the Medal of Freedom to seven Americans. This medal is the highest civilian honor our Nation can bestow, and I have always thought it highly significant that we call it not the medal of talent, or the medal of valor, or the medal of courage or genius, but the medal of freedom. I think that says a lot about our values, and what we honor, and what we love.

Freedom is important to all of us. As someone who's spent many years making speeches I have quoted many definitions of freedom, some very moving and eloquent. But I've always liked George Orwell's blunt and unadorned statement. He said freedom is the right to say no.

There's something kind of happily rebellious about that definition. And I thought of it this morning because I decided this year's recipients of the Medal of Freedom are distinguished by this: you're a group of happy rebels.

In your careers and in the way you've lived your lives, you've all said no -- a most emphatic no -- to mediocrity, to averageness, to timidity. You've said no to the rules of the game and the regulations of the day, you've said no to the

conventional wisdom, no to the merely adequate, no to the limits and limitations of yourselves and others.

But it's probably true that there's little point to freedom unless it's accompanied by a big Yes. And each of you has uttered a resounding, Whitmanesque yes to many things -- to excellence and risk and reach, to courage and the untried and the supposedly impossible. You've rebelled against the artificial and embraced the authentic. You have achieved a great deal, and your creativity itself has been life affirming, for creation is a profoundly faithful act, an act that says I trust in the future, I trust in life itself.

You're all originals, you've all made America a better place and you've made it seem a better place in the eyes of the people of the world. And this, today, is just our way of saying: thanks.

Without further ado I'm going to read the citations on the medals now and award them to the recipients.

Walter Hubert Annenberg:

"Following a brilliant career in publishing, Walter Hubert Annenberg was in 1969 appointed Ambassador to the Court of St. James, where he served with extraordinary diligence, bringing the governments and people of the United States and United Kingdom closer together. Since returning to private life, Walter Annenberg has devoted himself to the philanthropy for which he has always been renowned, providing support to countless institutions both in the United States and abroad. Today our Nation repays his lifetime of achievement with its gratitude."

Walter my friend, front and center. Congratulations.

Earl Henry Blaik:

"A soldier of the gridiron, Colonel Earl "Red" Blaik led the West Point team he coached into the pages of the history books. He rallied the Black Knights from a record of devastating defeats and carried them on to some of their greatest victories, winning the esteem of his cadet players and the admiration of his vanquished rivals. One of America's great coaches, he brought a winning spirit to his team, honor to his branch of service, and pride to his Nation."

Red, here you go and well deserved.

Helen Hayes -- I can't resist pointing out that Helen was married to a happy rebel named Charley MacArthur. A wonderful playwright and a man of natural style. Helen, today I was remembering your story. When she first set eyes on Charley it was at a party, and he was eating from a bag of peanuts. He looked at her and asked if she'd like some peanuts, and as he poured them into her hand he said, "I wish they were emeralds." Years later as a famous and celebrated playwright he bought Helen what she'd asked for as an anniversary gift: a handful of jewels. And as he poured the emeralds into her hand you know what he said. "I wish they were peanuts!"

Helen Hayes:

"Many are admired but few are beloved and fewer still are both. But Helen Hayes is and has been for almost all the years of this century. Peerless actress, peerless star, she has excelled on stage, screen and television playing everything from

virtuous young ingenues to Victorian Queens. Helen Hayes is that rare thing -- a true original. She is also, demonstrably, a great actress, a great patriot and a great soul."

Helen, congratulations.

Barry Morris Goldwater:

"Soldier and statesman, Barry Morris Goldwater has stood at the center of American history. Respected by both ally and adversary, Barry Goldwater's celebrated candor and patriotism have made him an American legend. Hailed as a prophet before his time -- selfless in the service of his Nation, Barry Goldwater has earned the unbounded affection and admiration of his countrymen and the enduring gratitude of all future generations of Americans."

Here you go, Mister Conservative.

General Matthew B. Ridgway:

"When a soldier rising sword in hand reaches to protect an idea -- freedom, liberty, human kindness -- the world is, for a moment, hushed. Greatness is often born in quiet, in stillness: so it was that night in June of 1944 when General Matthew B. Ridgway prayed the words God spoke to Joshua: I will not fail thee nor forsake thee. D-Day saved a continent, and so, a world; Ridgway helped save D-Day. Heroes come when they are needed; great men step forward when courage seems in short supply. World War II was such a time: and there was Ridgway."

General, thank you and God bless you.

Vermont Connecticut Royster:

"For over half a century, as a journalist, author, and teacher, Vermont Royster illuminated the political and economic life of our times. His common sense exploded the pretensions of "expert opinion," and his compelling eloquence warned of the evils of a society loosed from its moorings in faith. The voice of the American people can be heard in his prose -- honest, open, proud, and free."

Vermont, congratulations to you...and the rest of New England.

And Albert Bruce Sabin:

"When as a boy Albert Bruce Sabin came to the United States from Russia, no one could have known that he would number among the most prominent immigrants of our century. From an early age Sabin devoted his life to medicine, and by the 1950's his research had resulted in a breakthrough. In the years since, the Sabin vaccine has helped to make dramatic advances against the scourge of poliomyelitis. This medal is awarded to Dr. Sabin on behalf of a proud Nation and a grateful world."

Doctor, thank you for everything.

There's nothing to add to achievements such as these, no praise that can add any more luster to these great names. May I say to you simply: thank you just for being, for doing what you've done -- and do.

Thank you all, and God bless you.