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THE WHITE HOUSE
WASHINGTON

February 5, 1981

NOTE FOR ELIZABETH DOLE

FROM: FRANK HODSOLL

Attached is a request from the
Thomas Alva Edison Foundation for
a Presidential Proclamation.

The ball should really be in your court
and I have notified Mr. Cook that he
should be in touch with you.

ATTACHMENT

December 23, 1980

Dear Mr. Cook:

Thank you for your letter notifying Jim Baker about the Edison Science and Engineering Youth Day Program.

Mr. Baker has asked me to be sure this request is considered immediately after January 20th, when the Reagan Administration officially begins.

We will notify you as soon as possible thereafter.

Sincerely,

Francis S.M.Hodsoll

Mr. James G. Cook, President
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December 15, 1980

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Mr. James Baker III
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Dear Mr. Baker:

As President of the Thomas Alva Edison Foundation, I am requesting your assistance in gaining President Reagan's support for the International Edison Birthday Celebration - Edison Science and Engineering Youth Day Program

Each year the birthday of Thomas Edison is utilized to encourage young men and women to investigate and pursue careers in science, engineering, and technology. February 11, 1981, is the 26th consecutive year that this program has been held. ~~In past years, the President of the United States has been kind enough to lend his leadership and support to this science education program by sending a message to the participants.~~ The Trustees of the non-profit Edison Foundation join me in requesting that President Reagan assist us in a similar way.

President Reagan's statement will be reprinted in several languages and read to audiences participating in Edison Science and Engineering Youth Day programs throughout the world. His words would be sincerely appreciated by the people of the many nations taking part.

A tight timing schedule prompts me to write to you now. Our programs begin only 14 working days after President Reagan's inauguration. ~~So as to disseminate President Reagan's message to all concerned, I would need it no later than February 21.~~

The International Edison Birthday Celebration, highlight event for Edison Science and Engineering Youth Day, will be held this year in Cairo, Egypt, February 9-13, under the sponsorship of the Government of Egypt, Egyptian companies, firms doing business in that nation, and the Thomas Alva Edison Foundation.

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The Birthday Celebration, which brings together students and teachers from many nations to hear lectures by outstanding scientists and engineers, and to visit industrial plants in the host nation, fosters understanding and cooperation among the peoples of the world.

The Birthday Celebration also calls attention to the nearly 200 Edison Science and Engineering Youth Day programs in existence throughout the United States, as well as those taking place in numerous other nations. The Youth Day programs, which feature visits by science students and their teachers to research and development laboratories and industrial plants in their local communities, stimulates a closer working relationship between the schools and industry for the benefit of the community and, ultimately, the nation.

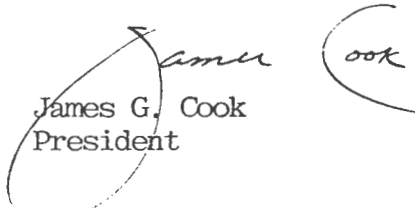
We sincerely hope you agree that our 1981 program is worthy of President Reagan's endorsement.

With your kind indulgence, I am enclosing copies of the most recent statements -- by President Carter -- simply as examples of what has been said in the past. Also enclosed is our Planning Guide for Edison Science and Engineering Youth Day. I am hopeful your staff will find this material useful in helping President Reagan write his own personalized message.

Should you deem it appropriate to honor this request, I will personally read his message at the Birthday Celebration in Cairo, Egypt. President Reagan's statement also will be conveyed through a letter to the participants in other programs being held simultaneously throughout the world.

With my sincere appreciation and all best wishes.

Sincerely,


James G. Cook
President

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Enclosures