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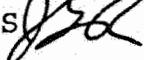
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THE WHITE HOUSE

WASHINGTON

April 17, 1985

MEMORANDUM FOR FRED F. FIELDING

FROM: JOHN G. ROBERTS 

SUBJECT: Presidential Telephone Call to Request Chief  
Justice to Serve as Chairman of Bicentennial  
Commission

Dianna requested that I prepare the attached. I assume the following has been considered, but, for what it's worth: When the President signed Public Law 98-101, he stated that the Chief Justice could only participate in the ceremonial or advisory functions of the Commission, and not in matters involving the administration of the Act. Designating the Chief to be Chairman of the Commission is flatly inconsistent with the signing statement. Under Public Law 98-101, the Chairman, among other things, appoints a staff of up to forty members -- hardly a ceremonial or advisory role.

Attachment

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COUNSEL TO THE PRESIDENT

SUBJECT: Recommended Telephone Call

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cc: FFFielding  
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Chron

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TO: Chief Justice Warren E. Burger

DATE: April 17, 1985

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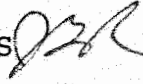
THE WHITE HOUSE

WASHINGTON

April 23, 1985

MEMORANDUM FOR FRED F. FIELDING

FROM:

JOHN G. ROBERTS 

SUBJECT:

Appeals Appointment of Roger Jepsen  
to Post Relating to Celebration of  
Bicentennial of the Constitution

Richard Morris of Indiana complained to Senator Lugar upon learning that Roger Jepsen was to head the Commission on the Bicentennial of the U.S. Constitution. Lugar responded with a bland note; Morris then wrote directly to you to voice his concern. Morris's interest apparently stems from his avocation as a serious collector of materials related to the 1787 Constitutional Convention.

The attached draft reply advises Morris that Jepsen will not be involved in the Bicentennial Commission.

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THE WHITE HOUSE  
WASHINGTON

April 29, 1985

Dear Mr. Morris:

Thank you for your letters of April 1 and 19 regarding former Senator Jepsen and the Commission on the Bicentennial of the United States Constitution.

Thank you for taking the time and effort to share your views on this matter with us.

Sincerely,

Orig. signed by FFF

Fred F. Fielding  
Counsel to the President

Mr. Richard O. Morris  
President  
The Rytex Company  
Post Office Box 786  
Indianapolis, IN 46206

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THE WHITE HOUSE

WASHINGTON

April 23, 1985

Dear Mr. Morris:

Thank you for your letter of April 1. In that letter you objected to reports that former Senator Roger Jepsen was to be appointed to some position related to the Commission on the Bicentennial of the United States Constitution.

Please be advised that Mr. Jepsen will have no role with respect to the Commission. Thank you for taking the time and effort to share your views on this matter with us.

Sincerely,

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Counsel to the President

Mr. Richard O. Morris  
President, The Rytex Company  
Post Office Box 786  
Indianapolis, IN 46206

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*Jepson will*  
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*authority to*  
*do w/ BiC*

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Name of Correspondent: Richard Morris

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Subject: appeals appointment of Roger Jepson to any post relating to celebration of the Bicentennial of the Constitution Convention of 1787

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April 1, 1985

Honorable Fred F. Fielding  
Counsel to the President  
The White House  
Washington, D.C. 20500

Dear Mr. Fielding:

I enclose copies of an exchange of correspondence with Senator Richard G. Lugar. This correspondence is largely self explanatory.

I earnestly appeal to your sense of propriety with respect to the appointment of Roger Jepson to any post related to the celebration of the Bicentennial of the Constitutional Convention of 1787. I cannot criticize Senator Lugar's reply to my original letter. As Chairman of the Foreign Relations Committee of the United States Senate, he cannot afford to spend time on this kind of a matter. However, I am under no illusions about what the appointment of Mr. Jepson as a "consultant" really meant.

This appointment was extraordinarily distressing to those of us conservatives who have been supporters of President Reagan. Mr. Jepson's past behavior and the image which results therefrom make it almost impossible for us to think that the White House has very much concern about the importance of our Constitution.

Very truly yours,

Richard O. Morris  
President

ROM/sm

cc: Mr. Bruce B. Melchert

RICHARD G. LUGAR  
INDIANA

SH 306 SENATE OFFICE BUILDING  
WASHINGTON, D.C. 20510  
202-224-4814

COMMITTEES:

FOREIGN RELATIONS  
AGRICULTURE, NUTRITION AND FORESTRY  
SELECT COMMITTEE ON INTELLIGENCE

# United States Senate

WASHINGTON, D.C. 20510

March 15, 1985

Mr. Richard O. Morris  
The Rytex Company  
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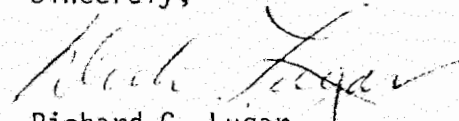
Dear Mr. Morris:

Thank you for your letter of February 13, 1985, mentioning your interest in the Constitutional Bicentennial Commission. I do recall our short visits on the street during the Lincoln Day recess and your disapproval of the appointment of former Senator Roger Jepsen to head the Constitutional Bicentennial Commission.

Subsequently, the administration has discovered that the members of the Commission must select the chairman. Senator Jepsen is serving as a consultant while members of the Commission are selected. This is proving to be an arduous procedure and the fate of Senator Jepsen is uncertain.

I will register your thoughts with the White House and I appreciate your taking time to write.

Sincerely,



Richard G. Lugar  
United States Senator

RGL/cr



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February 13, 1985

Hon. Richard G. Lugar  
206 Hart Bldg.  
Washington, D.C. 20510

Dear Senator Lugar:

When we met on the street yesterday, were you surprised that I would have any interest at all in the Constitution Bicentennial Commission? For most of my adult life I have been a collector of original and scholarly materials related to the Constitutional Convention of 1787. In 1976 I gave my collection to the Lilly Rare Books Library at Indiana University. Since then I have continued collecting and these new materials will also go to the Lilly Library some time in the future.

With this background I have had an interest in the plans for the celebration of the 200th anniversary of the convention. We are planning a celebration in Indiana which will center around the outstanding collection of materials at the Lilly Library. I was appalled at the appointment of "Bathhouse" Roger Jepson to head the Bicentennial Commission. I realize that, following his defeat last November, the Republican Party had to "take care of" former Senator Jepson. Doing so in this manner, however, can only be interpreted by the general public as contempt for the Constitution by both President Reagan and the Republican party.

Anthony Lewis and Garry Wills have both written columns on this unfortunate appointment. They have an ax to grind with the Republican Party; I do not. I know you are terribly busy with your new responsibility as Chairman of the Senate Foreign Relations Committee. However, I hope you can find time to let President Reagan know that liberal newspaper columnists are not the only ones who feel that it is quite important that this appointment be reversed. I appreciate your help.

Very truly yours,

Richard O. Morris  
President

ROM/sm




THE WHITE HOUSE

WASHINGTON

May 16, 1985

MEMORANDUM FOR FRED F. FIELDING

FROM: JOHN G. ROBERTS 

SUBJECT: Videotape Message Regarding ABA and  
Bicentennial of the U.S. Constitution

The attached approves a Presidential introduction to the KQED/ABA series on the Constitution, as discussed at this morning's staff meeting.

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MEMORANDUM FOR FREDERICK J. RYAN, JR.  
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FROM: FRED F. FIELDING Orig. signed by FFF  
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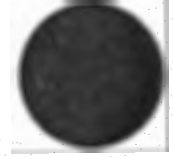
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Subject: Video tape message re: ABA and Bicentennial of U.S. Constitution

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MEMORANDUM

May 13, 1985

TO: FRED FIELDING

FROM: FREDERICK J. RYAN, JR., DIRECTOR  
PRESIDENTIAL APPOINTMENTS AND SCHEDULING

SUBJ: REQUEST FOR SCHEDULING RECOMMENDATION

PLEASE PROVIDE YOUR RECOMMENDATION ON THE FOLLOWING  
SCHEDULING REQUEST UNDER CONSIDERATION:

EVENT: Video-tape message for a media project in connection with the  
American Bar Association and the Bicentennial of the U.S.  
Constitution.

DATE: ---

LOCATION: The White House

BACKGROUND: See attached

YOUR RECOMMENDATION:

Accept \_\_\_\_\_ Regret \_\_\_\_\_ Surrogate \_\_\_\_\_ Message \_\_\_\_\_ Other \_\_\_\_\_  
Priority \_\_\_\_\_  
Routine \_\_\_\_\_

IF RECOMMENDATION IS TO ACCEPT, PLEASE CITE REASONS:

RESPONSE DUE 5/16/85 TO JEAN APPLEBY JACKSON

Peter D. Hannaford  
655 Fifteenth Street, N.W.  
Washington, D.C. 20005  
202/638-4600

April 22, 1985

The Honorable  
Pat Buchanan  
Assistant to the President  
The White House  
Washington, D.C. 20500

Dear Pat,

The enclosed material comes from Bob Daggett, a senior partner in Brobeck, Phleger & Harrison, a major San Francisco law firm, and a friend of long standing (he was best man in our wedding). He is working with the American Bar association on a media project in connection with the Bicentennial of the U.S. Constitution and is wondering if the President would be interested in taping an introduction. I pass it on as an amicus curiae. If there is interest in the project, I suggest you have someone contact him direct. His telephone number is 415/434-0900.

Sincerely,

PDH:aca

Enclosure

*Full Note: Hold for Bicentennial Commission*  
*Stanton, Pat*

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THE WHITE HOUSE  
WASHINGTON

May 16, 1985

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DEPUTY ASSISTANT TO THE PRESIDENT  
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*Tape in January an introduction  
plus an interview for body of program*

*Sr. Producer: David Keenan  
Sr. Reporter: William Turner*

THE WHITE HOUSE

WASHINGTON

June 25, 1985

*File:  
Bicentennial  
Comm'n*

MEMORANDUM FOR THE PRESIDENT

FROM: ROBERT H. TUTTLE *RT*  
SUBJECT: Presidential Appointments

Attached for your signature are commissions of appointment for the following individuals to be Members of the Commission on the Bicentennial of the United States Constitution, new positions:

Frederick K. Biebel, of Connecticut.  
Betty Southard Murphy, of Virginia.  
Phyllis Schlafly, of Illinois.  
Bernard H. Siegan, of California.  
Ronald H. Walker, of Maryland.  
Charles Alan Wright, of Texas.

Upon the recommendation of Warren E. Burger, Chief Justice of the Supreme Court:

Herbert Brownell, of New York.  
Cornelia G. Kennedy, of Michigan.  
Obert Clark Tanner, of Utah.  
Charles E. Wiggins, of California.

Upon the recommendation of the President Pro Tempore of the Senate, in consultation with the Majority Leader and Minority Leader of the Senate:

Harry McKinley Lightsey, Jr., of South Carolina.  
Edward P. Morgan, of Maryland.  
Theodore Fulton Stevens, of Alaska.

Upon the recommendation of the Speaker of the House of Representatives, in consultation with the Minority Leader of the House of Representatives:

Lynne Anne Vincent Cheney, of Wyoming.  
Philip M. Crane, of Illinois.  
William Joseph Green, of Pennsylvania.  
Thomas Henry O'Connor, of Massachusetts.

Also attached for your signature is an order designating Warren E. Burger, Chief Justice of the United States, as the Chairman.

You approved these appointments April 1, 1985.  
All necessary clearances have been completed.



THE WHITE HOUSE  
WASHINGTON

Date 7.5.85

Suspense Date \_\_\_\_\_

MEMORANDUM FOR: John

FROM: **DIANNA G. HOLLAND**

**ACTION**

- Approved
- Please handle/review
- For your information
- For your recommendation
- For the files
- Please see me
- Please prepare response for  
\_\_\_\_\_ signature
- As we discussed
- Return to me for filing

**COMMENT**

My records show  
the first letter  
was stapled to you  
in April and is  
still suspended.

June 27, 1985

Richard J. Douglas  
707 Marshall Avenue  
Rockville, Md. 20851

Fred F. Fielding  
Counsel to the President  
The White House  
1600 Pennsylvania Avenue N.W.  
Washington, D.C. 20500

Dear Mr. Fielding:

Early this Spring I wrote to your office to volunteer my efforts in connection with any activities planned to celebrate our Constitutional Bicentennial.

If your office is as swamped with work as I imagine it must be, I can well understand why I have received no response.

However, since I am quite interested in the occasion, and noting that the President recently has appointed a Commission headed by the Chief Justice to oversee the festivities, I want to ensure that your office, or other appropriate office, can find me, if you think you can use me.

Thus, I want to advise you of my recent change of address and home phone number. The new address and phone are:

707 Marshall Avenue  
Rockville, Md. 20851

(301) 424-4322

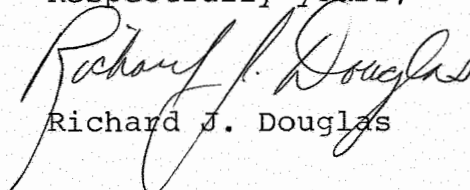
I am also enclosing my business phone and address, for your general information:

National Association of Stevedores  
2011 I Street N.W.  
Suite 601  
Washington, D.C. 20006

(202) 296-2810

I thank you very much for your kind attention, and look forward to hearing from your office in the future.

Respectfully yours,

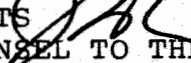
  
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THE WHITE HOUSE

WASHINGTON

July 8, 1985

MEMORANDUM FOR BEN ELLIOTT  
DEPUTY ASSISTANT TO THE PRESIDENT  
DIRECTOR, PRESIDENTIAL SPEECHWRITING

FROM: JOHN G. ROBERTS   
ASSOCIATE COUNSEL TO THE PRESIDENT

SUBJECT: Presidential Article on the Constitution  
for Parade Magazine: 200th Anniversary  
of the Republic

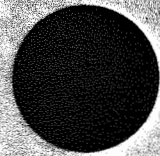
Counsel's Office has reviewed the above-referenced proposed article. Our first concern is with the title, "200th Anniversary of the Republic." The government of the United States under the Articles of Confederation was a republic, in that such authority as the United States possessed was exercised by elected representatives. The article should be entitled the "200th Anniversary of the Constitution." I would also delete the dashed clause in the first sentence, since "our birth as a republic operating under certain laws aimed at ensuring the maximum of personal freedom in our country" did not, strictly speaking, occur in 1787. Indeed, it has been frequently argued that the Articles of Confederation failed precisely because they granted too much freedom to the people and the States and not enough power to central government.

I would delete the first full paragraph on page 2, with its reference to a constitutional convention. The President has generally avoided comment on the controversial call for such a convention to adopt a balanced budget amendment. By some counts we are only one state short of the total needed to call such a convention, which would be rife with legal uncertainties.

The second sentence on page 3 is inaccurate in stating "we're almost 200 years old." The United States as a nation was, of course, born in 1776. I would also change "as our republic begins its third century" in the second paragraph on page 3 to "as our Constitution enters its third century."

cc: David L. Chew

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## WHITE HOUSE STAFFING MEMORANDUM

DATE: 7/3/85 ACTION/CONCURRENCE/COMMENT DUE BY: 5:00 pm, Monday, July 8

SUBJECT: PRESIDENTIAL ARTICLE: 200TH ANNIVERSARY OF THE REPUBLIC  
PARADE MAGAZINE ARTICLE (June 26, 5:00 pm draft)

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**REMARKS:**  
 Please submit your comments to Ben Elliott with an information copy to my office by 5:00 p.m. Monday, July 8. Thank you.

**RESPONSE:**

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David L. Chew  
 Staff Secretary  
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(Noonan/BE)  
June 26, 1985  
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1985 JUL -3 11:20  
PRESIDENTIAL ARTICLE: 200TH ANNIVERSARY OF THE REPUBLIC  
PARADE MAGAZINE ARTICLE

As we approach the 200th anniversary of our Constitution -- not of our birth as a nation but our birth as a republic operating under certain laws aimed at ensuring the maximum of personal freedom in our country -- I can't help but muse on the genius of our Founders. And it reminds me that I have a great hope for the children of our country today: that they will read the works of Madison and Monroe, of Jefferson and Adams and Hamilton. Read their letters to each other, and their essays; for in their arguments and opinions, so passionately stated, the image of an age can be discerned -- and the image of a great nation.

The Founders believed first and foremost in freedom, which they approached as both an abstraction and a practical reality. They created, with a sureness and originality so great and pure that one inescapably perceives the guiding hand of God, the first political system that made it clear that power flows from the people to the state -- and not the other way around. They created a system in which We, The People granted the state certain rights -- the state itself would not be the granter of rights but the recipient, from the people, of certain powers.

There was a profound cleanliness to their construction; it reflected a moving and yet utterly realistic respect for men and women and the freedom God meant them to have; and it has served us well for almost two centuries now. In fact, our U.S.

Constitution is the oldest still-governing document in the world. It doesn't really need our praise, our Constitution -- its longevity is testimony enough to its legitimacy.

There is much talk these days of a second Constitutional Convention, and the need to change this portion of the document and that. But I'll tell you: I wouldn't "improve it" too much. I don't believe in fixing what isn't broken. ✓

There are some things we might add -- such as a Constitutional amendment for a balanced budget. I believe such an amendment is, at this point, our only hope in forcing the government to cut costs, control spending, and thereby limit the amount of money the government can take from we, the taxpayers. ?

For my part, I see much of the great work ahead of us as a continual attempt to enhance and enhance again the measure of freedom enjoyed by the men and women of our country. Like the Founders, like most people, I appreciate freedom as an abstraction, but I am also deeply aware of its practical benefits. When we reform our tax system -- when we make it fairer and clearer and succeed in lowering the tax rates for the majority of Americans -- then we will be moving toward more freedom for the people of our country. When we lower tax rates for small businesses, for instance, we will be increasing their power to reap profits and create jobs -- and that, too, will be a contribution to personal freedom. This reform will, in my view, offer a Second American Revolution of hope and opportunity for all.

And so there is so much to do, so much is ahead of us. And in spite of the fact that we're almost 200 years old, America still has the vitality of a strapping young man and a vibrant young woman. As a matter of fact, I sometimes see America as Mary Lou Retton going for a ten, her spirit and exuberance uncontained and uncontainable. ?

So you can put me down as bullish in the bully pulpit. There are nights, now that the summer is here, when Nancy and I sit out on the Truman balcony and watch the sun set. The balcony offers a view of the rolling lawns of the White House, and the strong old trees that surround it, and sometimes I find my gaze drawn to a ~~small~~<sup>NOBLE</sup> looking old magnolia that still yields the most beautiful blossoms. The tree was planted by Andrew Jackson, and I think sometimes how he took the seeds in his hand and worked a small place for them in the soil and pressed them in. And maybe he stood up then and regarded his work; and I wonder if he could have imagined that years later one of his successors -- the successor, in fact, who would serve as President as our republic begins its third century -- would be the beneficiary of his gentle work. ?

But then we all are the beneficiaries of his work, and the work of Jefferson and Madison and Adams and Franklin and Hamilton; and the nation whose seeds they so lovingly planted still yields the most beautiful blossoms; and for that we must truly be thankful.



THE WHITE HOUSE

WASHINGTON

July 8, 1985

MEMORANDUM FOR FRED F. FIELDING

FROM: JOHN G. ROBERTS 

SUBJECT: Descendants of the Signers of the Declaration of Independence Offer of Services in Connection with the Bicentennial of the Constitution

The President-General of the Descendants of the Signers of the Declaration of Independence has written you to offer the services of that organization in connection with the Bicentennial of the Constitution. There is, according to General Kennedy, no active society of descendants of the signers of the Constitution, so her society is prepared to fill the breach, apparently under some notion of geneological cy pres (and also because several signers of the Declaration also signed the Constitution). A Mrs. William Light of McLean is listed as the appropriate person to contact.

The attached draft reply advises General Kennedy of the existence of the Bicentennial Commission, under the recently announced chairmanship of the Chief Justice. Also attached is a brief note to Mark Cannon, transmitting General Kennedy's letter.

Attachment

THE WHITE HOUSE

WASHINGTON

July 8, 1985

Dear Mrs. Kennedy:

Thank you for your letter of June 15, volunteering the services of the Descendants of the Signers of the Declaration of Independence in connection with the observance of the Bicentennial of the Constitution.

By Public Law 98-101, Congress established the Commission on the Bicentennial of the United States Constitution, "to promote and coordinate activities to commemorate the bicentennial of the Constitution." The President recently announced the membership of the Commission, and designated the Chief Justice to serve as Chairman. A copy of this announcement is enclosed for your information.

In light of the responsibilities of the Commission, I have taken the liberty of referring your gracious offer of assistance to the office of the Chief Justice.

Thank you for advising us of the willingness of your organization to assist in the bicentennial observances.

Sincerely,

Orig. signed by FFF

Fred F. Fielding  
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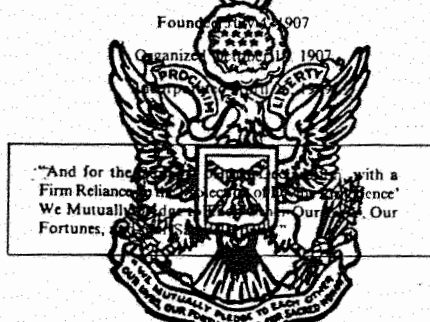
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June 15, 1985

Mr. Fred Fielding  
Chrm. BiCentennial USA  
c/o The White House  
1600 Pennsylvania Avenue  
Washington, DC 20001

My dear Mr. Fielding,

At the recent Annual Congress of the Society for the Descendants of the Signers of the Declaration of Independence, the membership expressed a desire to participate actively in the Commemorative preparations and celebrations for the BiCentennial of the Constitution.

There is no active Society for Descendants of the Signers of the Constitution, however more than 100 members of the Society for the Descendants of the Signers of the Declaration of Independence have a dual heritage, descending from one of the following: Benjamin Franklin, Robert Morris, George Read, George Clymer and Roger Sherman.

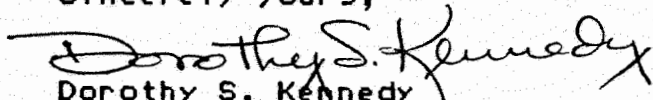
Mrs. William R. Light has knowledge of several original items pertaining to the men who signed the Constitution. She is extremely interested in the listing of these paintings, artifacts and memorabilia, that they may be made known to the public.

Mrs. Light would also make available to you the names of members of the DSDI who agree to work with her and with you should you agree to accept their services.

Her address is: Mrs. William R. Light  
1113 Waverly Way  
McLean, Virginia 22101

Thank you for your attention to my letter. I, too, shall be most pleased to participate in any way that I can.

Sincerely yours,

  
Dorothy S. Kennedy  
President-General  
Soc. DSDI, Inc.

cc: Mr. Frank Hodsell  
Ms. Sheila Mann  
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Office of the Press Secretary

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For Immediate Release

June 25, 1985

The President today announced his intention to appoint the following individuals to be Members of the Commission on the Bicentennial of the United States Constitution. The President also intends to designate Chief Justice Warren E. Burger as Chairman, who is a member by law.

FREDERICK K. BIEBEL is Executive Vice President and Treasurer of the International Republican Cooperation Fund in Washington, D.C. He was born April 5, 1926 in Bridgeport, Connecticut, and now resides in Stratford, Connecticut.

BETTY SOUTHARD MURPHY is Partner in the law firm of Baker & Hostetler in Washington, D.C. She was born March 1, 1928 in East Orange, New Jersey, and now resides in Alexandria, Virginia.

PHYLLIS SCHLAFLY is President of Eagle Forum in Washington, D.C. She was born August 15, 1924 in St. Louis, Missouri, and now resides in Alton, Illinois.

BERNARD H. SIEGAN is Distinguished Professor of Law at the University of San Diego. He was born July 28, 1924 in Chicago, Illinois, and now resides in La Jolla, California.

RONALD H. WALKER is Managing Director and Partner of Korn/Ferry International in Washington, D.C. He was born July 25, 1937 in Bryan, Texas and now resides in Potomac, Maryland.

CHARLES ALAN WRIGHT is Professor of Law at the University of Texas at Austin. He was born September 3, 1927 in Philadelphia, Pennsylvania, and now resides in Austin, Texas.

Upon the recommendation of Warren E. Burger, Chief Justice of the United States:

HERBERT BROWNELL is currently of Counsel with the law firm of Lord, Day and Lord in New York City. He was born February 20, 1904 in Peru, Nebraska, and now resides in New York City.

CORNELIA G. KENNEDY is currently U.S. Circuit Judge for the Sixth Circuit. She was born August 4, 1923 in Detroit, Michigan, and now resides in Grosse Pointe Woods, Michigan.

MORE (OVER)



OBERT CLARK TANNER is Founder and Chairman of the Board of OC Tanner & Company. He was born September 20, 1904 in Farmington, Utah, and now resides in Salt Lake City, Utah.

CHARLES EDWARD WIGGINS is currently U.S. Circuit Judge for the Ninth Circuit. He was born December 3, 1927 in El Monte, California, and now resides in San Francisco, California.

Upon the recommendation of the President Pro Tempore of the Senate, in consultation with the Majority Leader and Minority Leader of the Senate:

HARRY MCKINLEY LIGHTSEY, JR. is Dean, University of South Carolina School of Law. He was born December 27, 1931 in Columbia, South Carolina, and now resides in West Columbia, South Carolina.

EDWARD P. MORGAN is owner of the law firm of Welch & Morgan of Washington, D.C. He was born May 28, 1913 in St. Louis, Missouri, and now resides in Bethesda, Maryland.

THEODORE FULTON STEVENS is a U.S. Senator for the State of Alaska. He was born November 18, 1923 in Indianapolis, Indiana, and now resides in Chevy Chase, Maryland.

Upon the recommendation of the Speaker of the House of Representatives in consultation with the Minority Leader of the House of Representatives:

LYNNE ANNE VINCENT CHENEY is currently Senior Editor of the Washingtonian Magazine. She was born January 14, 1941 in Casper, Wyoming, and now resides in Washington, D.C.

PHILIP M. CRANE is U.S. Representative for the 12th District of Illinois. He was born November 3, 1930 in Chicago, Illinois, and now resides in Washington, D.C.

WILLIAM JOSEPH GREEN is an attorney with the firm of Wolf, Block, Schorr & Solis-Cohen of Philadelphia. He was born June 6, 1938 in Philadelphia, Pennsylvania, and still resides there.

THOMAS HENRY O'CONNOR is a Professor of History at Boston College. He was born December 9, 1922 in Boston, Massachusetts, and resides in Braintree, Massachusetts.

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MEMORANDUM FOR FRED F. FIELDING

FROM:

JOHN G. ROBERTS 

SUBJECT:

Article on 200th Anniversary of the  
Constitution for Parade Magazine

Attached is a revised draft of the proposed brief article by the President for Parade Magazine on the 200th Anniversary of the Constitution. The changes suggested in the first and third paragraph of my memorandum of July 8 (copy attached) have been made. The change suggested in the second paragraph -- deleting what is now the first paragraph on page 2 -- has not been made. I thought (and think) it best not to mention the call for a Constitutional Convention at all, but the statement in the draft does not support such a call; indeed, if anything, it suggests opposition. Accordingly, I do not feel strongly about dropping that paragraph. I have reiterated the suggestion in the attached draft for your signature (the original draft was staffed for my direct reply, hence my memorandum of July 8; this revised draft was staffed for a reply for your signature).

Attachment

THE WHITE HOUSE

WASHINGTON

July 9, 1985

MEMORANDUM FOR DAVID L. CHEW  
STAFF SECRETARY

FROM: FRED F. FIELDING *Orig. signed by FFF*  
COUNSEL TO THE PRESIDENT

SUBJECT: Article on 200th Anniversary of the  
Constitution for Parade Magazine

I have reviewed the revised draft of the proposed Presidential article for Parade Magazine. I would still drop the reference to a second constitutional convention in the first paragraph on page 2. I am opposed to such a convention, so I have no quarrel with the thrust of the paragraph, but I think the better course would be to avoid mentioning the subject at all.

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FROM: FRED F. FIELDING  
COUNSEL TO THE PRESIDENT

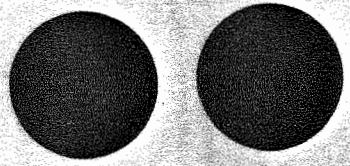
SUBJECT: Article on 200th Anniversary of the  
Constitution for Parade Magazine

I have reviewed the revised draft of the proposed Presidential article for Parade Magazine. I would still drop the reference to a second constitutional convention in the first paragraph on page 2. I am opposed to such a convention, so I have no quarrel with the thrust of the paragraph, but I think the better course would be to avoid mentioning the subject at all.

FFF:JGR:aea 7/9/85  
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Subject:   Article 200<sup>th</sup> anniversary of the Constitution  
  Parade Magazine Article  

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DATE: 7/9/85 ACTION/CONCURRENCE/COMMENT DUE BY: IMMEDIATE

SUBJECT: ARTICLE: 200th Anniversary of the Constitution Parade Magazine  
Article

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REMARKS: Would you please take one more look at this before I send it into the President. Thanks.

RESPONSE:

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David L. Chew  
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 Ext. 2702

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July 9, 1985  
11:30 a.m.

PRESIDENTIAL ARTICLE: 200TH ANNIVERSARY OF THE CONSTITUTION  
PARADE MAGAZINE ARTICLE

As we approach the 200th anniversary of our Constitution, I can't help but muse on the genius of our Founders. And it reminds me that I have a great hope for the children of our country today: that they will read the works of Madison and Monroe, of Washington and Jefferson and Adams and Hamilton. Read their letters to each other, and their essays; for in their arguments and opinions, so passionately stated, the image of an age can be discerned -- and the image of a great nation.

The Founders believed first and foremost in freedom, which they approached as both an abstraction and a practical reality. They created, with a sureness and originality so great and pure, the first political system that made it clear that power flows from the people to the state -- and not the other way around. They created a system in which We, The People granted the state certain rights -- the state itself would not be the granter of rights but the recipient, from the people, of certain powers.

There was a profound cleanliness to their construction; it reflected a moving and realistic respect for mankind and the freedom God meant us to have; and it has served us well for almost two centuries now. In fact, our U.S. Constitution is the oldest still-governing document in the world. It doesn't really need our praise, our Constitution -- its longevity is testimony enough to its legitimacy.



There is much talk these days of a second Constitutional Convention, and the need to change this portion of the document and that. But I'll tell you: I wouldn't "improve it" too much. I don't believe in fixing what isn't broken.

There are some things we might add -- such as a Constitutional amendment requiring a balanced budget. I believe such an amendment is, at this point, our only hope in forcing the government to cut costs, control spending, and thereby limit the amount of money it can extract from we, the taxpayers.

For my part, I see much of the great work ahead of us as a continual attempt to enhance and enhance again the measure of freedom enjoyed by the men and women of our country. Like the Founders, like most people, I appreciate freedom as an abstraction, but I am also deeply aware of its practical benefits. When we reform our tax system -- when we make it fairer and clearer and succeed in lowering the tax rates for the majority of Americans -- then we will be moving toward more freedom for the people of our country. When we lower tax rates for small businesses, for instance, we will be increasing their power to reap profits and create jobs -- and that, too, will be a contribution to personal freedom. This reform will, in my view, offer a Second American Revolution of hope and opportunity for all.

And so there is so much to do, so much is ahead of us. And in spite of the fact that our Constitution is almost 200 years old, America still has the vitality of a strapping young man and a vibrant young woman. As a matter of fact, I sometimes see

America as Mary Lou Retton going for a ten, her spirit and exuberance uncontained and uncontainable.

So you can put me down as bullish in the bully pulpit. There are nights, now that the summer is here, when Nancy and I sit out on the Truman balcony and watch the sun set. The balcony offers a view of the rolling lawns of the White House, and the strong old trees that surround it, and sometimes I find my gaze drawn to an old magnolia that still yields the most beautiful blossoms. The tree was planted during the administration of Andrew Jackson, and I sometimes imagine how he took the seeds in his hand and worked a small place for them in the soil and pressed them in. And maybe he stood up then and regarded his work; and I wonder if he could have imagined that years later one of his successors -- the successor, in fact, who would serve as President as our Constitution begins its third century -- would be the beneficiary of his gentle work.

But then we all are the beneficiaries of his work, and the works of Jefferson and Madison and Adams and Franklin and Hamilton; and the nation whose seeds they so lovingly planted still yields the most beautiful blossoms; and for that we must truly be thankful.