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THE WHITE HOUSE
WASHINGTON

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WH009-03

August 16, 1982

MEMORANDUM FOR JAMES A. BAKER, III
CHIEF OF STAFF
AND ASSISTANT TO THE PRESIDENT

FROM: FRED F. FIELDING
COUNSEL TO THE PRESIDENT

SUBJECT: The "Sequoia"

Per your request, attached is a memo for your use. You may wish to discuss this with Mike before issuing, as I recall he had some feelings about the subject.

/Attachment

8/16/82

JAB spoke to Mike Deaver
& signed.

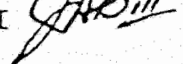
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Date Correspondence Received (YY/MM/DD) 1 1

Name of Correspondent: Marion Rosinski

MI Mail Report

User Codes: (A) _____ (B) _____ (C) _____

Subject: FOIA Request to furnish names of heads of major corporations who furnished funds for the purchase of the yacht

ROUTE TO:

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THE WHITE HOUSE

WASHINGTON

October 14, 1981

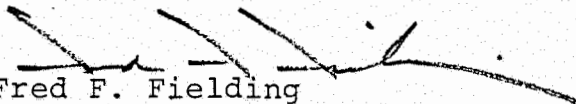
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Fred F. Fielding
Counsel to the President

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7860 40th Avenue, North
St. Petersburg, Florida 33709

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MEMORANDUM

THE WHITE HOUSE
WASHINGTON

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September 30, 1981

FOR: MICHAEL K. DEEVER
ASSISTANT TO THE PRESIDENT
DEPUTY CHIEF OF STAFF

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OK

DISAPPROVE _____

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THE WHITE HOUSE
WASHINGTON

September 29, 1981

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Mr Michael K. Deaver
Deputy Chief of Staff - the White House
Washington DC

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Mr Deaver:

In accordance with the Freedom of Information Act, please furnish names of heads of major corporations who furnished funds for the purchase of a yacht for the use of President Reagan and leading Republicans and also the "private and government sources that urged your exploring the possibility" of purchasing or supplying a yacht for the use of the President, as requested in my previous correspondence.

Also, please identify the

Firms pledge funds for 'Sequoia'

fifteen major corporations have pledged at least \$25,000 apiece to keep the former presidential yacht Sequoia on the Potomac River for use by President Reagan and other conservative leaders, an officer of the Presidential Yacht Trust says. But Edgar Skinner, head of the trust, refused to release the names of the companies. White House aides have said that in view of his proposed cuts in social spending, Reagan has no immediate plans to use the refurbished ship. The 105-foot yacht was sold by President Carter in 1977 for \$286,000 as an austerity move. The trust, directed by conservative businessmen, bought the yacht in Florida last month. The trust plans to raise more than \$5-million within the next five years to cover the ship's \$1.1-million price tag and establish a \$4-million endowment to pay for future maintenance costs. ST PETE TIMES 7-8-81

PR

would like
the draft by me
the news goes out.
-mia-

THE WHITE HOUSE
WASHINGTON

TO: Fred Fielding
FROM: MICHAEL K. DEEVER
Assistant to the President
Deputy Chief of Staff

- Information
- Action

For suggested response.

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THE WHITE HOUSE
WASHINGTON

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February 18, 1981

MR. PRESIDENT:

Paragraph 3 in the attached note accounts for its being presented to you now. You should know that this issue is being reviewed independently by your staff. We will forward an appropriate decision memorandum for your consideration at a later date.

Richard G. Darman

cc: Max Friedersdorf

Presidential Yacht

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Cong. Jack Brooks

THE WHITE HOUSE

WASHINGTON

February 14, 1981

MEMORANDUM FOR: THE PRESIDENT

FROM: Max L. Friedersdorf *M.L.F.*

SUBJECT: Presidential Yacht

Congressman Jack Brooks (D-Texas), Chairman of the House Government Operations Committee, strongly suggests the President have a yacht at his disposal.

Congressman Brooks has spoken to me personally about this on several occasions, and repeatedly mentions it to other members of your Legislative Affairs staff.

Brooks insisted that the President be made personally aware of his recommendation. (You will recall former President Carter sold the Presidential yacht Sequoia shortly after taking office.)

Brooks believes the Chief of Naval Operations' yacht would be ideal for short trips on the Potomac for the President, the First Lady, and their guests (including, of course, Members of Congress).

Chairman Brooks, you may recall, took the Nixon Administration to task for expenditures on San Clemente and Key Biscayne. He does not see the yacht as a similar unnecessary and costly extravagance.

Rather, he believes it would help the President be more effective. Coming from Chairman Brooks, that means something.

The Sequoia was a great resource for pleasure and business for past Presidents, and I can assure you nothing was more persuasive to recalcitrant Congressmen and Senators, than an evening cruise down the Potomac with the President.

I believe, if you decided to pursue this suggestion, there would be ^{near} unanimous support on the Hill.

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THE WHITE HOUSE
WASHINGTON

June 29, 1981

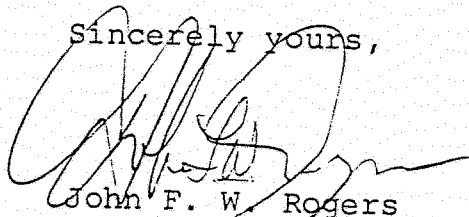
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Dear Mr. Napier:

Thank you for taking the time to write to Red Cavaney on May 18, 1981, regarding the Sequoia. We are appreciative of your interest and your generous offer. However, with the current emphasis on the budget, the subject of a Presidential yacht has become secondary.

Please be advised that your letter offering the services of the National Marine Manufacturers Association is on file and will be given consideration if the subject of a yacht arises in the future.

Sincerely yours,



John F. W. Rogers
Special Assistant to the President
for Administration

Mr. Jeff W. Napier
President
National Marine Manufacturers
Association
401 North Michigan Avenue
Chicago, IL 60611

bcc: Red Cavaney - FYI ✓

See TO 002340

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THE WHITE HOUSE
WASHINGTON

May 19, 1981

To John Rogers

For your information.

THE WHITE HOUSE

WASHINGTON

May 18, 1981

cc [unclear]

MEMORANDUM FOR ED HICKEY

FROM: RED CAVANEY *RC*

Attached is a letter I received from the President of the National Marine Manufacturers Association. I am not sure whether any information contained therein is of any help, but I felt it worthwhile to pass it along.

This association is a good group and has been supportive of the President's economic program. I am a graduate of that industry.

Attachment

To John Rogers for his wife —



National Marine Manufacturers Association

401 North Michigan Avenue
Chicago IL 60611
(312) 836-4747

666 Third Avenue
New York NY 10017
(212) 697-1100

RC

Handwritten note:
M - Also directly to history!

May 7, 1981

Mr. Red Cavaney,
Deputy Assistant to the President
for Public Liaison
THE WHITE HOUSE
1600 Pennsylvania Avenue, N.W.
Washington, D.C. 20500

Dear Red:

When we were in Washington at the beginning of April and you spoke before our group we briefly discussed an idea circulating within the industry that NMMA sponsor a nationwide campaign of donations to purchase back the Presidential Yacht Sequoia and donate her to the U.S. government. I mentioned to you that I had written the President inquiring whether such a gift to the nation would be accepted but, after more than a month, had not received a response.

As you know, the Sequoia was given up by the Carter Administration as a typical gesture of moralistic symbolism which, among other things, did our industry no good. Ironically, one of President Carter's bigger entertainments was fishing from a Bertram owned by a friend near Sea Island, Georgia.

At any rate, the Sequoia is the latest of Presidential yachts, one of the old classics, and fitting for government ownership and Presidential use.

Obviously, provision for her care and maintenance would have to be made. Whether this would be an endowment fund alongside the purchase or earning her keep through limited charter to visiting groups (perhaps through the American Society of Association Executives) is something we could figure out if the basic idea of returning her to government ownership is acceptable.

Please let me know and, if the answer is affirmative, we can work out the details in virtually any manner desired by you.

Thanks for your help.

Sincerely,

Jeff W. Napier,
President

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Reply to
 Chicago
 New York

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OFFICE OF POLICY DEVELOPMENT STAFFING MEMORANDUM

FG006-01

DATE: 4/5/82 ACTION/CONCURRENCE/COMMENT DUE BY: FYI

SUBJECT: 8:00 am Meetings

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REMARKS:

(OPD SENIOR STAFF) FYI Invites to Sequoia Ship
 - DO NOT accept invitations to anything on the Sequoia.

EDWIN L. HARPER
 ASSISTANT TO THE PRESIDENT
 -OR POLICY DEVELOPMENT
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May 19, 1981

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Dear Jeff:

The primary trust of the search for a Presidential yacht has focused on contraband currently in government hands, thereby reducing the potential for claims of "Conflict of Interest."

I have passed along your letter and expression of willingness to help to the President's Military Assistant, Mr. Edward Hickey, who is coordinating the Administration's search in this area.

High interest rates aside, I understand the season has been quite good. I hope to see you when you are in town for testimony. Please pass along my best to everyone.

Warmest regards,

Red Cavaney

Mr. Jeff W. Napier
NMMA
401 North Michigan Avenue
Chicago, IL 60611

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Name of Correspondent: J. Rock Tonkel

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Subject: Requests use of Presidential Seal for use in campaign to raise funds for restoration of the Presidential Yacht Potomac

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MEMORANDUM

THE WHITE HOUSE

WASHINGTON

July 6, 1983

JR
I've signed, but I think we have been done this far for the separation in the past
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MEMORANDUM FOR FRED F. FIELDING

FROM: JOHN G. ROBERTS *JGR*

SUBJECT: Proposed Use of Presidential Seal in Fundraising for Presidential Yacht Potomac

J. Rock Tonkel of the public relations firm Jerold Panas, Young & Partners, Inc., has written requesting permission to use the Presidential Seal in fundraising to restore FDR's Presidential yacht, the Potomac. The ship is now docked in Oakland, and a committee has been formed to restore it and operate it as a monument to FDR. The committee hopes to raise \$5 million to restore the yacht and establish an endowment for its annual upkeep. The yacht is actually owned by the Port of Oakland. The Port and the restoration committee, a non-profit corporation, have entered into an agreement whereby the committee will restore, maintain, and operate the vessel. The Port has already committed \$400,000 to the project.

The seal would be used on the cover of the fundraising booklet, to "establish[] the magnitude of the project and identif[y] the project with the U.S. Presidency." Despite the good intentions of those involved in this effort, I do not think we can sanction the proposed use of the seal. While we could readily permit its use on the finished product -- and should express our willingness to do so -- we should not permit the seal to be used in fundraising. To do so would convey the false impression of governmental or Presidential involvement with the private fundraising effort. Mr. Tonkel admits as much in describing the purpose behind his contemplated use of the seal, "to identify the project with the U.S. Presidency."

I have drafted a reply for your signature. Mr. Tonkel notes in his letter that he will direct a request for a Presidential letter in support of the fundraising to Mr. Meese. Presumably Meese will refer that to us, but the issue of the use of the seal is a separate one and we need not synchronize the responses.

Attachment

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2504 PACIFIC AVENUE
SAN FRANCISCO, CALIFORNIA 94115
415-921-1900

THE PRESIDENTIAL YACHT POTOMAC

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

Dear Mr. Fielding:

Our firm has been retained to assist the Board of Directors of the Association of the Restoration of the Presidential Yacht Potomac in conducting a worldwide campaign to raise funds for the restoration of the ship and insure an endowment to cover future operating costs. President Roosevelt's eldest son, James, is Chairman of the governing body.

As the enclosed Case Statement points out, this project when completed is to be a living memorial to Franklin Delano Roosevelt. Other than the Roosevelt family headstone at Hyde Park and a small replica of the headstone adjacent to the archives in Washington, D.C., no real similar tribute has been made to mark this great man's contribution to this nation. James Roosevelt says, in fact: "While our family certainly supports the efforts to dedicate something in Washington, D.C. to father, we believe an operating U.S.S. Potomac is the memory he would want most."

The vessel will be berthed at the Port of Oakland and will be open to the public at all times. More than one-half million visitors are expected each year. School teachers from northern California who have visited the Yacht have already begun planning a full program of off-campus learning experiences for their students. Finally, the Potomac will be operational; calling on other cities and ports in this area and used regularly on the San Francisco Bay.

We would like to use a facsimile of the Presidential Seal in the campaign even if President Reagan does not sign the suggested letter in the Case Statement. The request for the President's signature is being channeled through Mr. Meese.

page two

Section 1-G of Executive Order 11649 suggests that the Seal may be used for exceptional historical, educational, or newsworthy purposes as authorized by your office. We have the opinion that this project qualifies and hope that you will grant the required information.

An early reply will be greatly appreciated.

Cordially,



J. Rock Tonkel
Managing Partner

June 9, 1983



THE WHITE HOUSE

WASHINGTON

July 6, 1983

Dear Mr. Tonkel:

Thank you for your letter on behalf of the Board of Directors of the Association for the Restoration of the Presidential Yacht Potomac. In that letter you requested permission to use the Seal of the President in connection with a campaign to raise funds to restore, maintain, and operate the Potomac.

I regret to inform you that we cannot grant the permission you seek. Our decision is in no sense a reflection on the praiseworthy effort to restore President Roosevelt's yacht. The project, as described in the materials you forwarded to us, is very exciting and filled with great possibilities for average citizens and serious students of FDR's era. We cannot, however, agree to any use of the Presidential Seal in connection with private fundraising efforts. To do so would convey the misleading impression of official sponsorship of the fundraising.

We would be happy to consider requests for permission to use the Presidential Seal in historically appropriate ways on the yacht itself. Such use on the finished monument to President Roosevelt does not present the difficulties that inexorably accompany any use of the Seal in connection with fundraising.

Thank you for advising us of the efforts to restore the Potomac. You have our best wishes for success.

Sincerely,

Orig. signed by FFF

Fred F. Fielding
Counsel to the President

Mr. J. Rock Tonkel
Managing Partner
Jerold Panas, Young
& Partners, Inc.
2504 Pacific Avenue
San Francisco, California 94115

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