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THE WHITE HOUSE

WASHINGTON

November 8, 1985

MEMORANDUM FOR FRED F. FIELDING

FROM: JOHN G. ROBERTS 

SUBJECT: Red Cross Financial Problems --
Proposed Presidential Tapings

David Chew has alerted us that the Red Cross, which is facing a financial crisis because of the unusually high number of natural disasters this year, has requested that the President tape a television spot, mention the Red Cross in a radio address, and issue a press release urging citizens to contribute. In a note to you, Chew suggested you coordinate with Linda Chavez.

I have no legal objections to the President complying with the Red Cross request. The Red Cross has always been the leading exception to the usual rules barring the President from charitable fundraising for a particular organization. We should, of course, review any draft messages. I assume Chavez is handling the preparation; the attached memorandum to her, copy to Chew, notes we have no objections to proceeding.

Attachment

THE WHITE HOUSE

WASHINGTON

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MEMORANDUM FOR LINDA CHAVEZ

DEPUTY ASSISTANT TO THE PRESIDENT
DIRECTOR, OFFICE OF PUBLIC LIAISON

FROM:

FRED F. FIELDING
COUNSEL TO THE PRESIDENT

Orig. signed by FFF

SUBJECT:

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I have been advised by David Chew that the Red Cross has requested support from the President in connection with an emergency appeal to the public for contributions. I have no legal objection to the President taping a television spot, mentioning the Red Cross in a radio address, or issuing a press release urging support for the Red Cross, as requested by the Red Cross. The Red Cross has always been the leading exception to the usual rules barring the President from charitable fundraising for a particular organization. This office should, of course, review the text of any statements on this matter.

cc: David L. Chew

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Name of Correspondent: Dave Chen

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Subject: Red Cross Financial Problems
Proposed Presidential Taping

ROUTE TO:

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November 6, 1985

TO DONALD T. REGAN:

Dick Schubert, President of the American Red Cross phoned me today to notify us that due to the excessive number of natural disasters so far this year, the Red Cross is facing an unprecedented financial crisis. They will announce at 2:00 this afternoon that they have already exhausted their \$21 million budget for disaster assistance in 1985, that they have spent their \$13 million in contingency reserves and an additional \$12 million, putting them in a \$12 million deficit as of today. The Red Cross expects to need an additional \$13 million for disaster assistance over the next 6 months, including the D.C. flood, bringing their immediate contributory need to \$25 million.

The Red Cross asks three things of the President as quickly as possible in his capacity as honorary Red Cross chairman: (1) cut a 30 second T.V. spot, (2) mention the Red Cross problem in a radio address, and (3) issue a press release asking all citizens to contribute.


David Chew

February 2, 1985

MEMORANDUM FOR HEADS OF EXECUTIVE DEPARTMENTS AND AGENCIES

SUBJECT: Red Cross Month, 1985

I have just issued a proclamation that designates March as Red Cross Month.

This has been an especially tragic year for hundreds of thousands of our fellow countrymen left destitute by disasters. To assist these victims, the Red Cross has spent a record amount of money for help and for disaster preparedness. As a recipient of blood voluntarily donated through the Red Cross, I know the value of its Blood Services and its efforts to ensure that we constantly have adequate supplies for the sick and injured. The Red Cross also provides help for men and women serving in our country's military forces, their families, and veterans. Millions of Americans are trained in first aid, water and boating safety, and health care through programs sponsored by the Red Cross. Our Nation's young people, through Red Cross school programs, acquire leadership skills and learn the value of giving service to their communities.

Within the Federal government, the Red Cross is part of the Combined Federal Campaign. During the month of March, more than one-half of the Red Cross chapters nationwide will raise funds, while others will use this observance to inform the public about Red Cross services and to recruit new blood donors.

As President of the United States and Honorary Chairman of the American National Red Cross, I urge all civilian employees of the Federal government and members of the Armed Forces to support in every way possible this vital voluntary effort.

Ronald Reagan

RED CROSS MONTH, 1985

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BY THE PRESIDENT OF THE UNITED STATES OF AMERICA

A PROCLAMATION

#5298

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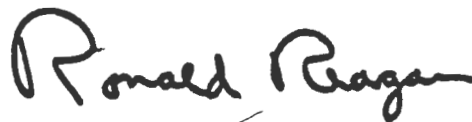
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What all this adds up to is an organization of Americans who have volunteered their money, their time, and their hearts to ensuring that all of us are provided with the most efficient and effective health and human services possible.

NOW, THEREFORE, I, RONALD REAGAN, President of the United States of America, and Honorary Chairman of the American National Red Cross, do hereby designate March 1985 as Red Cross Month, and I urge all Americans to give generous support to the work of their local Red Cross Chapter.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I have hereunto set my hand this second day of February, in the year of our Lord nineteen hundred and eighty-five, and of the Independence of the United States of America the two hundred and ninth.

Handwritten signature of Ronald Reagan in cursive script.

(PAGES/DE)
February 21, 1985
11:00 a.m.

PRESIDENTIAL TAPING: PUBLIC SERVICE ANNOUNCEMENT FOR
NATIONAL RED CROSS MONTH
TUESDAY, FEBRUARY 26, 1985

Whenever disaster strikes, we count on the American Red Cross. Last year alone, the Red Cross answered more than 50,000 calls for help -- at home and abroad. And just recently, the Red Cross mobilized its resources to provide much needed relief to 14 African nations suffering from a terrible famine.

March is Red Cross month. They need your help -- now, more than ever. Please do what you can. Thank you.

JV

May 15, 1985

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Finally, I must note that this also was the year that saw the passing of your Chairman, Dr. Jerome H. Holland, a distinguished American who served his country and the Red Cross with immeasurable devotion. In recognition of his contribution, not only to the Red Cross but to higher education and to international understanding, (I have awarded posthumously to Dr. Holland our nation's highest civilian award, the Medal of Freedom.) I will present the medal to Mrs. Holland at a special White House ceremony on Thursday, May 23.

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RONALD REAGAN

Sent to:

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Washington, DC 20006

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January 31, 1983

MEMORANDUM FOR THE HEADS OF
EXECUTIVE DEPARTMENTS AND AGENCIES

SUBJECT: Red Cross Month, 1983

March has just been designated Red Cross Month by Presidential Proclamation. It is a period when the American Red Cross will seek to swell its ranks of volunteers to carry on its vital service to this Nation. We depend upon the Red Cross for the collection and distribution of blood, for vital health and safety knowledge, for services to members of the military, veterans and their families, for help in times of disaster, and for training young people to undertake the responsibilities of leadership.

We, as Federal employees, can do much to assure that Red Cross Month is a success by becoming a Red Cross volunteer, by donating blood and by supporting our Red Cross chapter's membership and enrollment efforts.

Within the Federal government, the Red Cross is a part of the Combined Federal Campaign, while more than half of its 3,000 chapters raise all of their funds during March. All chapters, however, will use the month to inform the public of Red Cross services and to recruit new blood donors and volunteers.

As President of the United States and as Honorary Chairman of the American Red Cross, I urge all civilian employees of the Federal government and members of the Armed Forces to support this voluntary effort.

Ronald Reagan

BY THE PRESIDENT OF THE UNITED STATES OF AMERICA

A PROCLAMATION

#5015

American Red Cross volunteers are among the millions of citizens who quietly serve their fellow man. Since the first settlement on our shores, a volunteer spirit has characterized the American way. This spirit has been reflected in the actions of the neighbor who is always ready to lend a hand.

The services performed by the Red Cross provide us with benefits that would otherwise cost billions of dollars. Last year, it was the volunteer who -- giving freely of his or her time, energy, and talent -- made it possible for the Red Cross to collect and provide the ill and injured with nearly six million units of blood. Volunteers established shelters to feed and attend to disaster victims, conducted thousands of courses to improve the quality of life by teaching nutrition, first aid, water safety, home nursing, and preparation for parenthood. The volunteer reached out to our young people, to members of the military, to veterans, and to the elderly and through personal contact eased their loneliness and fears.

For 102 years, the American Red Cross has been an essential ingredient of American life, helping us to learn, to grow, and to prosper. In accordance with this year's theme: "The Red Cross. We'll Help. Will You?" I urge all Americans to donate their time and financial resources in support of Red Cross activities. By giving of ourselves, we give the greatest gift one human being can give another -- the gift of love.

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20th day of Jan. , in the year of our Lord
nineteen hundred and eighty-three, and of the Independence
of the United States of America the two hundred and seventh.

Ronald Reagan

(Bakshian edit)
May 31, 1983
4:30 p.m.

PRESIDENTIAL TAPING: AMERICAN RED CROSS
WEDNESDAY, JUNE 1, 1983

We Americans always look to the Red Cross in times of disaster. Today, the Red Cross is facing a crisis of its own. In the past year floods and tornadoes have struck the Midwest and South. Storms have battered the Pacific coastline and an earthquake and mudslides have added to the problems. Relief operations have wiped out Red Cross disaster funds. The Red Cross must be ready to meet the next disaster. So I urge all of you to contribute today to the organization's emergency disaster relief fund. You can contribute through your local Red Cross chapter.

Thanks for helping and God bless you.

May 16, 1983

I am very pleased to send greetings to the volunteers and staff of the American Red Cross as you gather for your 58th National Convention.

Your service is a fine example of what private sector initiative can do for America, and your theme this year -- "Service Excellence" -- is truly fitting to the important work you do.

Now, as so often in the past, your attention is focused on the challenge of providing disaster relief. But while you are the ones who are first on the job to make disaster relief a reality for the American people, we all must share the responsibility for seeing that the Red Cross has the resources necessary to carry out its historically-mandated duty of assisting disaster victims in America.

As in the past, the success of the Red Cross flows from your dedication, steadfastness in times of adversity, and compassion for your fellow Americans. These traits will triumph again as you face this latest crisis since it is through you that the Red Cross is able to deliver services to virtually every hamlet in the United States. You are the teachers of first aid, cardiopulmonary resuscitation, swimming, and health education. You are responsible for the American Red Cross becoming the largest supplier of voluntary donated blood in the world -- blood which I, too, shared. You also provide other vital services and offer tangible help to our men and women in the military and to our veterans and their families in times of personal crisis.

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You have faced many challenges in the past year, particularly in the area of natural disasters. Victims of tragic floods and tornadoes in the Midwest and South turned to you for assistance as did many along the storm-battered Pacific coastline. You were there. But those huge operations virtually depleted available disaster funds, and, now, it has become necessary to appeal to the nation for contributions to replenish them. This is a critical appeal, one I would urge every American to support.

As your honorary chairman, I send my best wishes for a most successful convention.

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RONALD REAGAN

Requested by American Red Cross

Call Mr. Gilbo, 857-3471 and he will arrange to have message picked up.

BR:LIVINGSTON:vs


✓ cc: K.Osborne/V.Knauer (FYI)/D.Livingston/CF

THE WHITE HOUSE

WASHINGTON

November 14, 1985

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

FROM: JOHN G. ROBERTS 
ASSOCIATE COUNSEL TO THE PRESIDENT

SUBJECT: Presidential Tapings: Generic Thanksgiving
Message; Generic Christmas Message; Public
Service Red Cross; Ethics and Public Policy
Center Dinner

Counsel's Office has reviewed the above-referenced proposed tapings. In line 13 of the first page of the Thanksgiving message, "thereby" should be deleted. The sentence refers to "all of the people who came here by a hard journey," and accordingly encompasses those who came when the United States did not have an open borders immigration policy, when coming here was not sufficient to attain citizenship. This may seem a small point, but the Administration is involved in a serious debate over immigration reform, and a Presidential statement that all those who came by hard journey thereby won the right to call themselves Americans could be readily misused by opponents in that debate.

cc: David L. Chew

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WHITE HOUSE STAFFING MEMORANDUM

DATE: 11/13/85 ACTION/CONCURRENCE/COMMENT DUE BY: 11:00 am, Thurs., 11/14

SUBJECT: PRESIDENTIAL TAPINGS: GENERIC THANKSGIVING MESSAGE (11/13 - 7pm)
GENERIC CHRISTMAS MESSAGE (11/13 - 7pm)
PUBLIC SERVICE - RED CROSS (11/13 - 5pm)
ETHICS & PUBLIC POLICY CENTER DINNER (11/13 - 6pm)

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REMARKS:

Please send your comments to Ben Elliott's office directly with an info copy to my office by 11:00 a.m. tomorrow. Thank you.

RESPONSE:

(Noonan/BE)
November 13, 1985
7:00 p.m.

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PRESIDENTIAL TAPING: GENERIC THANKSGIVING MESSAGE
FRIDAY, NOVEMBER 15, 1985

Happy Thanksgiving from the White House. Nancy and I and the whole Reagan family are relishing this happy time of the year. We hope and pray that all of you are enjoying the fellowship of loved ones and friends.

The first Thanksgiving was celebrated, as you know, more than three centuries ago in a small New England settlement. The first celebrants were a handful of pilgrims and the heroic Indians who helped them survive that first hard winter on the edge of a strange new continent. They thanked God, together, for giving them enough food and warmth to endure.

Today, the descendants of those Pilgrims and those Indians -- the descendants, in fact, of all of the people who came here by a hard journey and thereby won the right to forever call themselves Americans -- and that, in short, is all of us -- thank God for blessings that surpass his earlier gifts beyond imagining. ✓

We in America in 1985 enjoy great freedoms, great bounty, great prosperity and great hopes for the future. We are free to speak and write and organize and worship. We are free to make anything we want of ourselves. We are free to invent the future.

We have so much to be thankful for. And I hope we can bow our heads over these next few weeks and months and thank God, the Author of all happiness, for the good things he has given us.

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This is a wonderful time to be alive, and a wonderful country to be alive in. And I think we can all agree to be happy for that.

Happy Thanksgiving to all of you. God bless you and God bless America.

(Noonan/BE)
November 13, 1985
7:00 p.m.

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PRESIDENTIAL TAPING: GENERIC CHRISTMAS MESSAGE
FRIDAY, NOVEMBER 15, 1985

Merry Christmas and happy holidays from the White House. Nancy and I and the whole Reagan family are relishing this happy season that is once more upon us. We hope and pray that all of you are enjoying the fellowship of loved ones and friends.

If you're like me, you find that somehow each December your step quickens and your outlook brightens and you just can't help but think some very good thoughts -- about life in general, and also about your fellow man.

Jesus Christ enjoined us to love our neighbor as we love ourselves. And I hope you find this Christmas season a way to show your affection and regard for all of the strangers around us who are also, as Christ taught, our brothers and sisters. If you have a surplus from your table, I hope you will share it with someone who is hungry. And if you have time and attention to give, I hope you'll lavish it on someone who is lonely.

All of us have so much to be thankful for in our country. We enjoy great material wealth, great prosperity, and an increasing number of jobs for our citizens. But good as a sound economy is, it's not enough. More than that we can be thankful for the freedoms with which God has blessed our country -- freedom to speak out against wrongs, freedom to congregate and form political unions, freedom of the press and of worship. In this holiest of seasons it is good to remember the last. Perhaps at some moment over the next few weeks and days you will think of

those who live in the darkness of dictatorships and who worship at the risk of their lives. Perhaps over the next few weeks and days all of us will say two prayers: one to thank God for the right to pray aloud, and the other for our brothers and sisters throughout the world who pray aloud at their peril.

We have so much to be thankful for, so much to be joyous about. May the happiness America knows spread throughout the planet; and may your holiday season be full of gladness.

(Robinson/BE)
November 13, 1985
5:00 p.m.

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~~PRESIDENTIAL TAPING~~ PUBLIC SERVICE ANNOUNCEMENT
FOR AMERICAN RED CROSS
FRIDAY, NOVEMBER 15, 1985

It's expensive to care for people -- to provide clothing, shelter, and food. This autumn alone, the American Red Cross spent more than \$30 million helping families recover from hurricanes and floods.

Now the disaster relief funds are gone, and the Red Cross must raise millions. So please, help the Red Cross help your fellow Americans.

Thank you.

(Rohrabacher/BE)
November 13, 1985
6:00 p.m.

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PRESIDENTIAL TAPING: ETHICS & PUBLIC POLICY CENTER ANNUAL DINNER
FRIDAY, NOVEMBER 15, 1985

Good evening. I appreciate this opportunity to join you in honoring a man who has served his country well in elected office, appointed positions, and the private sector. I can't think of an individual who better represents the ideals for which the Shelby Cullom Davis Award stands than Don Rumsfeld.

Now I don't have to go into detail about Don's distinguished career. I should say, however, that when I needed an individual of integrity and stature to send to the Middle East during a crucial time, I turned to Don Rumsfeld. He took six months out of his life and away from his job as Chief Executive Officer of G. D. Searle to concentrate on matters of vital importance to the well-being of his country.

This fits in, of course, with the theme of your gathering, which is the responsibility of American business to enhance freedom in the United States and abroad.

One of the greatest deterrents to the spread of tyranny in much of the world is economic development, the kind that is only possible through the genius and enterprise of the private sector.

Consistent with this, one of the major accomplishments of our Administration has been the Caribbean Basin Initiative, which is designed to expand the economic well-being of our neighbors to the South. We've opened up one way free trade in most commercial transactions with these nearby friends who are struggling to improve their lot while at the same time fending off Communist

challenges to their fragile democracies. The C.B.I. is a sound idea, but to be successful it will require a commitment from America's business community.

In so many parts of the world, the abundance created by the private sector stands in stark contrast to the deprivation of socialist economies. Socialist development in the third world has been a cruel hoax. Other developing countries, many with few resources, that have encouraged the private sector and foreign investment have flourished.

By using American know how and investment to build the economies of developing countries, businessmen are also laying the foundation of free political institutions. Corporate America has played an exemplary role, for example, in South Africa, bringing many black South Africans into the mainstream of the economy. In China, as more progress is made under free enterprise, progress can be expected politically also.

Tonight, you are pondering a serious question about freedom and business. I believe freedom is the responsibility of all Americans. It goes to the heart of what we are as a Nation. Ralph Waldo Emerson once wrote, "America means opportunity, freedom, power." That same dynamic spirit is alive in our country today. We have every reason to look to the future with confidence. And this is due in no small part to individuals like Don Rumsfeld, and Ernest LeFever and to the work of the Ethics and Public Policy Center. I thank you for letting me be part of your program this evening. God bless you all.

THE WHITE HOUSE

WASHINGTON

December 18, 1985

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

FROM: JOHN G. ROBERTS *JGR*
ASSOCIATE COUNSEL TO THE PRESIDENT

SUBJECT: Presidential Taping:
Broadcast on BBC and WQRC

Counsel's Office has reviewed the above-referenced Presidential taping, and finds no objection to it from a legal perspective.

cc: David L. Chew

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WHITE HOUSE STAFFING MEMORANDUM

DATE: 12/17/85 ACTION/CONCURRENCE/COMMENT DUE BY: 12/18/85, 10:00 am

SUBJECT: PRESIDENTIAL TAPING: BROADCAST ON BBC & WQRC
 (Dec. 17 - 6:15 pm draft)

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REMARKS:

Please comment on the attached and reply directly to Ben Elliott with an info copy to my office by 10:00 am tomorrow. Thank you.

RESPONSE:

(Robinson/BE)
December 17, 1985
6:15 p.m.

PRESIDENTIAL TAPING: BROADCAST ON BBC & WQRC
THURSDAY, DECEMBER 19, 1985

Good afternoon. This is Ronald Reagan, and I'm delighted to take part in this historic radio broadcast between WQRC of Southeastern Massachusetts and the BBC in Devon and Cornwall. Today we celebrate the 330th anniversary of the three oldest counties in America -- Barnstable, Plymouth, and Bristol -- and, in a larger sense, the ties that bind the United States to the United Kingdom.

When the pilgrims landed in Massachusetts those three centuries ago, they brought with them the central elements of the proud British culture. So it is that today the friendship between our two nations runs deep -- a friendship which received formal expression most recently when the Prince and Princess of Wales visited the United States. I can assure those of you listening in England that Their Royal Highnesses were everywhere greeted with an abundance of warmth and goodwill.

And so it is also that we Americans owe to Great Britain our language, our law, our democratic system of government, and our fierce belief in the God-given right of all men to be free. Indeed, in this century our two nations have stood together through two world conflicts. Today we remain joined in an alliance between the great democracies that, just four decades ago, so many gave their lives on the beaches of Normandy to defend.

To the people of Barnstable, Plymouth, and Bristol, Massachusetts, my heartfelt congratulations. And to the people of Devon and Cornwall -- many of whom live in the original Barnstable, Plymouth, and Bristol [researcher, make certain all three of these towns are in Devon and Cornwall], a very warm greeting.

On this New Year's Eve, let us, Britains and Americans alike, join in the fervent hope that the twin lights of democracy and individual freedom, first brought to America from England, will forever cast their glow throughout the world.

Thank you, and God bless you.

THE WHITE HOUSE

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December 18, 1985

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DEPUTY ASSISTANT TO THE PRESIDENT
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FROM: JOHN G. ROBERTS *JGR*
ASSOCIATE COUNSEL TO THE PRESIDENT

SUBJECT: Presidential Tapings: Martin Luther
King Holiday (1) 30-Seconds; (2) 60-Seconds

Counsel's Office has reviewed the above-referenced Presidential tapings, and finds no objection to them from a legal perspective.

cc: David L. Chew

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WHITE HOUSE STAFFING MEMORANDUM

DATE: 12/18/85 ACTION/CONCURRENCE/COMMENT DUE BY: 5:00 P.M. TODAY

SUBJECT: PRESIDENTIAL TAPINGS: (1) MARTIN LUTHER KING HOLIDAY (30-SECOND)
(2) MARTIN LUTHER KING HOLIDAY (60-SECOND)

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REMARKS: Please provide any comments/recommendations directly to Ben Elliott by 5:00 p.m. today, with an info copy to my office.
 Thank you.

RESPONSE:

Noonan edit)
December 18, 1985
8:30 p.m.

PRESIDENTIAL TAPING: MARTIN LUTHER KING HOLIDAY
30-SECOND
THURSDAY, DECEMBER 19, 1985

My fellow Americans, the voice of Dr. Martin Luther King has been silent for almost a generation. But his dream -- that the children of America will "live in a nation where they will not be judged by the color of their skin, but by the content of their character" -- is a dream that lives on. Each day, as we rededicate ourselves to a colorblind America, we keep Dr. King's dream alive. As one Nation, we give thanks for his lesson of brotherhood and courage on this national holiday and memorial to the man and the movement.

(Noonan edit)
December 18, 1985
3:30 p.m.

PRESIDENTIAL TAPING: MARTIN LUTHER KING HOLIDAY
60-SECOND
THURSDAY, DECEMBER 19, 1985

More than 20 years ago a black preacher stood on the steps of the Lincoln Memorial and delivered a message to America. "I have a dream," said Dr. Martin Luther King, "that my four children will one day live in a nation where they will not be judged by the color of their skin, but by the content of their character."

Today, as one Nation, we acknowledge our debt to a man who helped millions move toward racial equality. And his dream is fulfilled as we rededicate ourselves to a truly colorblind America.

There can be no greater memorial to Martin Luther King on this January 20, 1986, than to defend the principle of equality of opportunity against all challenges. Let us finish the march that Dr. King was such a big part of -- and let us make his dream of total equality a reality for generations to follow.