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THE WHITE HOUSE

WASHINGTON

March 15, 1985

MEMORANDUM FOR FRED F. FIELDING

FROM: JOHN G. ROBERTS *JGR*

SUBJECT: Law Day

The President of the American Bar Association, John C. Shepherd, has written to request a Law Day proclamation and signing ceremony. Dianna has prepared a scheduling request, which is pending. The attached draft reply advises Shepherd that we have requested a ceremony, and that the President will, in accord with 36 U.S.C. § 164, issue a proclamation. The reply also thanks Shepherd for providing a draft proclamation, which I will edit.

Attachment

THE WHITE HOUSE
WASHINGTON

March 19, 1985

Dear John:

Thank you for your letter concerning Law Day, 1985. The President will, in accord with 36 U.S.C. § 164, issue a proclamation calling upon all Americans to observe May 1, 1985, as Law Day U.S.A. I have submitted a scheduling request to the appropriate White House offices, recommending that a Law Day signing ceremony be held. It has been approved and I will be in touch as soon as a decision has been reached as to the specific date.

I would also like to thank you for providing a draft of the Law Day proclamation. We will supply you with a final "approved" version in the near future.

With best regards,

Sincerely,

Orig. signed by FFF

Fred F. Fielding
Counsel to the President

John C. Shepherd, Esquire
President, American Bar
Association
American Bar Center
Chicago, IL 60611

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AMERICAN BAR ASSOCIATION

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OFFICE OF THE PRESIDENT
JOHN C. SHEPHERD
AMERICAN BAR CENTER
CHICAGO, ILLINOIS 60611
TELEPHONE 312/988-5100
ABA/NET ABA004

February 27, 1985

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

Dear Fred:

I am writing on behalf of the American Bar Association to respectfully request that the President issue a Law Day Proclamation for May 1, 1985, and to request a Law Day Proclamation signing ceremony. As you know, Law Day is one of the ABA's major public education programs, undertaken throughout the country by the judiciary, government and civic groups, educational institutions, and hundreds of state and local bar associations, reaching millions of Americans.

This year's Law Day theme is "Liberty and Justice for All," emphasizing the role law plays in fulfilling the aspirations of all Americans for liberty and justice. This event provides an excellent opportunity for the President to issue a major policy statement about the law, and impress upon Americans our government's commitment to the rule of law.

We are enclosing a draft of a proposed proclamation for your review and consideration.

We would be most pleased if a ceremony could be scheduled before the fourth week of April, since that is the time our spring Board of Governors meeting begins. Our possible dates are: April 4, 9, 10, 11, 12, 15, and 16.

A White House ceremony has always enhanced the Law Day observance and we would hope it again could be a special event attended by leaders of the bench and bar.

We will be glad to assist you and others on your staff with any other information.

In the meantime, I thank you for your assistance and look forward to hearing from you.

Sincerely,



John C. Shepherd

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Encl.

LAW DAY, U.S.A., 1985

By the President of the United States of America

A Proclamation

May 1, 1985 is Law Day, U.S.A., a time to examine the role law plays in fulfilling the aspirations of all Americans for liberty and justice.

This year's Law Day theme, "Liberty and Justice for All," reaffirms these aspirations and the principles upon which this Republic was founded. Our guarantee of liberty and our right to seek justice emerged through law: through the Declaration of Independence, the Constitution and the Bill of Rights. As Americans, we continue to preserve these principles through law: through enactment by our legislatures and enforcement by our courts.

Each time we recite the Pledge of Allegiance, we renew our commitment to a Nation that is indivisible; a Nation that aspires to provide the benefits of liberty and the reality of justice for all people.

These principles have served and continue to serve as an inspiration to everyone in this great Nation because they represent a promise, an ideal and an opportunity. It is the promise of liberty and justice for all that has brought millions of immigrants to American shores. It is the ideal of liberty and justice for all that has guided our government in the making and enforcement of our laws. It is the opportunity for liberty and justice for all that has inspired Americans from all walks of life to participate in and give life to our unique form of government.

The fact that we continue to strive to be one Nation, under God, with liberty and justice for all, is a tribute to the memory of the millions of Americans who, throughout our history, have been willing to die to secure or preserve these ideals. The great patriot Patrick Henry's impassioned plea, "Give me liberty or give me death!" continues to symbolize today the fervor with which Americans treasure these freedoms.

Law Day is an important opportunity for all Americans to improve their understanding and appreciation of the contribution law makes to the preservation of liberty and justice. I urge all citizens to join with me and the American Bar Association, the sponsor of Law Day, in reexamining and rededicating ourselves to those principles for which many Americans have sacrificed their lives.

NOW, THEREFORE, I, RONALD REAGAN, President of the United States of America, in accordance with Public Law 87-20 of April 7, 1961, do hereby proclaim Wednesday, May 1, 1985 as Law Day, U.S.A. I urge the people of the United States to use this occasion to renew their commitment to the rule of law and to reaffirm our dedication to the high ideal of liberty and justice for all. I also urge the legal profession, schools, civic, service and fraternal organizations, public bodies, libraries, the courts, the communications media, business, the clergy, and all interested individuals and organizations to join in efforts to focus attention on the concept of liberty and justice for all. I call upon all public officials to display the flag of the United States on all government buildings open on Law Day, May 1, 1985.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I have hereunto set my hand this _____ day of April, 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.

THE WHITE HOUSE

WASHINGTON

March 21, 1985

MEMORANDUM FOR THE FILE

FROM:

JOHN G. ROBERTS 

SUBJECT:

Draft Proclamation: Afghanistan Day, 1985

I advised Claudia Korte of Anne Higgins's office that Counsel's Office would not object to the issuance of the above-referenced proclamation. Although the proclamation does not fit within White House guidelines, as it was not requested by Congress and is not traditional, the agencies involved believe that its issuance will promote American foreign policy. A similar proclamation was issued last year, so the decision has already been made to make an exception to established policy in this instance.

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March 20, 1985

MEMORANDUM FOR: BOB KIMMITT, NSC
✓ FRED FIELDING
ALFRED H. KINGON
M. B. OGLESBY
JACK SVAHN
LEE VERSTANDIG
FAITH WHITTLESEY
ED ROLLINS
FRED RYAN (FYI)

FROM: RDC
Duncan Clark
(for) ANNE HIGGINS
18-OEOB/Ext. 7610

SUBJECT: (DRAFT PROCLAMATION)
[REDACTED]

Attached for your review is the above mentioned proclamation designating March 21, 1985, as "Afghanistan Day, 1985."

It was submitted by the Department of State and a couple of minor editorial changes have made by this office -- as noted on the draft.

IMMEDIATE ATTENTION REQUIRED. WRITTEN response required
by [REDACTED]

Thank you.

cc: Ron Geisler

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EXECUTIVE OFFICE OF THE PRESIDENT
OFFICE OF MANAGEMENT AND BUDGET
WASHINGTON, D.C. 20503

March 20, 1985

MEMORANDUM FOR: THE PRESIDENT
FROM: MICHAEL J. HOROWITZ
COUNSEL TO THE DIRECTOR *MJH*
SUBJECT: AFGHANISTAN DAY 1985

Attached, for your consideration, is a proposed proclamation which would designate March 21, 1985, as Afghanistan Day.

The proposed proclamation was prepared by the Department of State and has been retyped in this office solely as to format.

Issuance of the proposed proclamation is urged by the State Department.

The proposed proclamation has the approval of the Director of the Office of Management and Budget.

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AFGHANISTAN DAY, 1985

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BY THE PRESIDENT OF THE UNITED STATES OF AMERICA

A PROCLAMATION

In a time of prosperity, we do not think of hunger and hardship. In a time of peace, we do not think of suffering and war. In a time when our families are together and healthy, we do not think of the pain we would feel if they were pulled apart. Yet, for the people of Afghanistan, it is impossible to escape such thoughts, because terror, hardship, and suffering have become an everyday way of life ever since the Soviet Union brutally invaded and occupied their country over five years ago.

~~Today~~, March 21st, is the start of a New Year for the Afghan people. It is traditionally a holiday when they bring their families together to celebrate life's new beginnings and to rejoice and give thanks for God's many gifts.

But in Afghanistan today, it may be hard to remember the days when their country had peace, when there was enough food to eat and their homes were safe, for the overwhelming majority of Afghans are engaged in a fierce struggle to end the Soviet occupation of their country and the rule of the puppet regime headed by Babrak Karmal.

The year 1984 was an especially hard one for the Afghans. The Soviets have become frustrated with their inability to crush the spirit of the Afghan Freedom Fighters, and are increasingly turning their military might against the civilian population of the country. Reports of Soviet atrocities and human rights violations are increasingly gaining the attention of the world's public. Respected organizations such as the United Nations Commission on Human Rights, Amnesty International, and Helsinki Watch have recently released studies detailing the terror which

the Soviets and the Karmal government regularly inflict on the people of Afghanistan. Karmal's tenuous, and brutal, hold on power continues only because his rule is supported by more than 100,000 Soviet troops.

United States policy on Afghanistan remains clear and consistent. We are seeking a negotiated end to the Afghanistan conflict based on the conditions spelled out six times in resolutions endorsed by the General Assembly of the United Nations.

These resolutions, passed by the overwhelming majority of the world's Nations, call for the immediate withdrawal of foreign troops from Afghanistan; reaffirm the right of the Afghan people to determine their own form of government ^{and} to choose their economic, political, and social system^s; reiterate that the preservation of the sovereignty, territorial integrity, political independence, and nonaligned character of Afghanistan is essential for a peaceful solution of the problem; and call for the creation of the conditions which would enable the Afghan refugees to return voluntarily to their homes in safety and honor.

I call on the new Soviet leadership to reinvigorate the United Nations negotiating process, and to agree to a withdrawal timetable for their forces so that a negotiated settlement can be reached which will bring peace to the war-torn Afghan homeland.

All Americans are united on the goal of freedom for Afghanistan. I ask the American people, at a time when we are blessed with prosperity and security, to remember the Afghan struggle against tyranny and the rule of government-by-terror. We stand in admiration of the indomitable courage of the Afghan people who are an inspiration to all freedom-loving Nations around the globe.

Afghanistan Day will serve to recall the fundamental principles involved when people struggle for the freedom to

determine their own future and the right to govern themselves without foreign interference. Let us therefore resolve to pay tribute to the brave Afghan people by observing March 21, 1985, as Afghanistan Day. Let us pledge our continuing admiration for their cause and their perserverance, and lend our support to the Afghan refugees in Pakistan.

NOW, THEREFORE, I, RONALD REAGAN, President of the United States of America, do hereby proclaim March 21, 1985, as Afghanistan Day.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I have hereunto set my hand this
day of , 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.

THE WHITE HOUSE

WASHINGTON

March 25, 1985

MEMORANDUM FOR FRED F. FIELDING

FROM: JOHN G. ROBERTS *JGR*

SUBJECT: Law Day

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March 29, 1985

MEMORANDUM FOR MICHAEL HOROWITZ
COUNSEL TO THE DIRECTOR
OFFICE OF MANAGEMENT AND BUDGET

FROM: JOHN G. ROBERTS
ASSOCIATE COUNSEL TO THE PRESIDENT

SUBJECT: Law Day Proclamation

The attached proposed Law Day proclamation, which was submitted by the American Bar Association and edited slightly by this office, is submitted for appropriate staffing and clearances.

Many thanks.

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