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MISC. INFO REGARDING THE PRESIDENT'S SEAL (for use by the Executive Clerk's Office)

10/2/82 - Mrs. Paskus, Office of Protocol, Department of State requested permission to place the President's seal on the podium that former President Carter will be using to make a speech in Brussels.

She was advised that a former President could not use the President's seal in this manner.

The Presidential Gold Seals are made by Raff Embossing, Washington, D.C.

There are 3 Executive Orders in existence re the use of the Seal:

10860  
11649  
11916

18 U.S.C. 713 (P.L. 91-651) prohibits certain uses of likenesses of the President's Seal and provides for penalties

[reprinted] → w/ letter  
portrait as alternate  
sealed National Truck Equipment

12/20: can reproduce seal to  
accompany letter from  
Pres congratulating them  
on their 20th anniversary.  
No ad. national  
organization.

SEAL  
PILE

—  
JUDNATHAN BASIA  
VP'S BROTHER  
(212) 371-2170

Dinner for Press  
on March 6th -

Want Press - send  
- on the invitations  
would like to go soon.

600 Tickets  
\$1,000/ticket

(202)

~~Handwritten scribble~~

Walsh

3/6

1600 seats

\$1,000 / ticket

prog will be there

Charles Gargano d'AMATO

David Ruffalo

London **RNC** + N.Y. **State**

Dinner Committee sending out

Faberhoff

RNC doesn't

eat and explicit

MEMORANDUM

THE WHITE HOUSE  
WASHINGTON

February 15, 1983

MEMORANDUM FOR FRED F. FIELDING

FROM: JOHN G. ROBERTS *JGR*

SUBJECT: Request of Kathleen Olson, President's  
Committee on Employment of the Handicapped,  
for Permission to Use Presidential Seal

On January 21, 1983, Kathleen Olson, National Chairperson of the Governor's Committees on Employment of the Handicapped and a Chairman-appointed member of the President's Committee on Employment of the Handicapped (PCEH), wrote to her Senator, Senator Laxalt, seeking his help in obtaining permission to use the Presidential Seal on invitations to the PCEH Annual Meeting. Olson stated that PCEH invitations bore the seal for many years, but that this privilege was revoked last year "because of newly established policies and procedures." Last year, acting on the December 1980 approval of Doug Huron, PCEH sent out invitations stating "The President invites . . ." and bearing the Seal. This came to Richard Darman's attention and the Clerk's Office contacted PCEH, advising them that their use of the Seal was not permitted.

I recommend responding to Olson by citing the authority for the limited uses of the Seal and advising her that the contemplated use on PCEH invitations is not within the permitted uses. 18 U.S.C. § 713(b), the pertinent provision, does not apply to the "manufacture or sale of the article [bearing the Seal] for the official use of the Government of the United States." In light of the established policy of restricting use of the Seal by Presidential Committees, Task Forces, and the like, I assume such uses are not considered use by the Government of the United States.

I have drafted a proposed letter to Olson, and another to Senator Laxalt, transmitting copies of the correspondence for his information.

Attachment

THE WHITE HOUSE

WASHINGTON

February 16, 1983

*Paul*  
Dear Senator ~~Laxalt~~:

You recently transmitted to this office a letter from a constituent, Kathleen E. Olson, seeking guidance on the use of the Seal of the President. I attach for your information a copy of our reply.

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Sincerely,

Fred F. Fielding  
Counsel to the President

The Honorable Paul Laxalt  
United States Senate  
Washington, D.C. 20510

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cc: FFFielding  
✓JGRoberts  
Subj.  
Chron

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I must advise you that, in accordance with the requirements and policies outlined above, we cannot approve your proposed use of the Seal. I trust you can appreciate the need for this determination. Best of luck with your planning for the Annual Meeting, which I am confident will be a success.

Sincerely,

Fred F. Fielding  
Counsel to the President

Ms. Kathleen E. Olson  
Executive Director  
Governor's Committee on Employment  
of the Handicapped  
Kinkead Building, Fifth Floor  
505 East King Street  
Carson City, Nevada 89710

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Subject: Use of the Presidential Seal on a group of invitations to be sent out by the President's Committee on Employment of the Handicapped

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PAUL LAXALT  
NEVADA

COMMITTEE ON APPROPRIATIONS  
COMMITTEE ON JUDICIARY

United States Senate  
WASHINGTON, D.C. 20510

February 1, 1983

*Roberts*

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(202) 224-3542

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(702) 385-6547

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(702) 784-5568

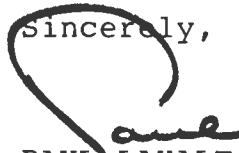
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Dear Fred:

A constituent of mine has inquired about the use of the Presidential seal on a group of invitations to be sent out by the President's Committee on Employment of the Handicapped. The concerns are outlined in the letter which I am forwarding to you. I would appreciate your review of this request.

Thank you for your consideration of this matter. I look forward to hearing from you in the future.

Sincerely,

  
PAUL LAXALT  
U.S. Senator

PL:zmw

Fred F. Fielding  
Counsel to the President  
The White House  
Washington, DC 20500

STATE OF NEVADA

DEPARTMENT OF HUMAN RESOURCES

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REHABILITATION DIVISION

GOVERNOR'S COMMITTEE ON EMPLOYMENT OF THE HANDICAPPED

KINKEAD BUILDING, FIFTH FLOOR

505 EAST KING STREET

STATE CAPITOL COMPLEX

CARSON CITY, NEVADA 89710

885-4440

January 21, 1983

Senator Paul Laxalt  
United States Senate  
Russell Office Bldg. Room 315  
Washington, D.C. 20510

Dear Senator Laxalt:

I am presently serving as National Chairperson of the Governor's Committees on Employment of the Handicapped. We are in the process of planning the Annual Meeting of the President's Committee on Employment of the Handicapped to promote programs for persons with disabilities. The meeting will be held at the Washington Hilton May 4, 5, 6, 1983. Over 6,000 employers, directors of agencies or programs and persons with disabilities will be in attendance.

For many years the President's Committee has sent out meeting invitations using the President's seal. Last year that privilege was revoked because of newly established policies and procedures. Persons with disabilities, and other persons involved with their programs, felt that the meeting had lost some of its importance because the President was not involved. We are hoping to dispel that idea by obtaining the use of the seal, once again. However, we have had a great deal of difficulty in trying to achieve that goal. Could you please assist us in contacting the person in the White House who would be responsible for such an activity? Our many attempts have led us in circles.

I contacted you because of your interest and support of our programs in the past. I would appreciate any assistance you may be able to provide.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in cursive script, appearing to read "Kathleen E. Olson".

KATHLEEN E. OLSON  
EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR

KEO/msb

MEMORANDUM

THE WHITE HOUSE

WASHINGTON

February 24, 1983

FOR: FRED F. FIELDING

FROM: JOHN G. ROBERTS *JGR*

SUBJECT: Kenneth Kneisley Inquiry

On February 8 I submitted a proposed response to an inquiry from Kenneth Kneisley concerning use of the Presidential Seal. In what may have been excessive zeal to safeguard the Seal from all enemies, foreign and domestic, I included a paragraph advising Kneisley to discontinue use of an American Eagle emblem on his stationery. The memorandum returned with your marginal inquiry: "Are you sure about Eagle?"

The short answer is no. The long answer follows. The eagle on Kneisley's stationery is the eagle from the Great Seal, which, with the exception of the shape of the shield and positioning of the banner, is the same bird found on the Presidential Seal. Since 18 U.S.C. § 713(b) prohibits reproduction of a substantial part of the Presidential Seal, and since the most substantial part of the Seal is the eagle, I thought Kneisley's use could be considered unlawful. The argument on the other side is that (1) a sufficient number of characteristics of the Presidential Seal are lacking, such as the rays, the "clouds," and the encircling stars, and (2) this is closer to the Great Seal, and Congress expressly decided to permit citizens to use the Great Seal, so long as the use does not convey a false impression of government sponsorship. See S. Rep. 91-1508, 91st Cong., 2d Sess. (1970) (rejecting proposal to subject use of Great Seal to regulations, as with Presidential Seal, because of purported widespread use of the Great Seal as a private patriotic expression).

On reflection, it appears somewhat persnickety to chastise Kneisley for what is at best a close call on the use of the eagle, particularly since his inquiry was entirely unrelated to this use. I have attached a revision of the letter with the paragraph in question deleted.

THE WHITE HOUSE

WASHINGTON

February 24, 1983

Dear Mr. Kneisley:

Thank you for your letter inquiring into the use of the Presidential Seal and how to obtain a copy of the seal and a Presidential flag. Title 18 of the United States Code, Section 713 generally prohibits the use of the Seals of the President and Vice President, except in accordance with regulations promulgated by the President. Those regulations are embodied in Executive Order 11649. A copy of the statute and implementing regulations are enclosed for your information.

The regulations do permit certain libraries and museums to use the Presidential seal. I would be happy to respond directly to any inquiries Mr. Gary or Mr. Snider may have concerning permitted uses of the seal.

Thank you for your inquiry.

Sincerely,

Orig. signed by FFF  
Fred F. Fielding  
Counsel to the President

Mr. Kenneth E. Kneisley  
115 East Washington  
Bluffton, Ohio 45817

Enclosures

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MEMORANDUM

THE WHITE HOUSE

WASHINGTON

February 8, 1983

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SUBJECT: Inquiry from Kenneth Kneisley Concerning Presidential Seal and Flag

A Kenneth E. Kneisley of Bluffton, Ohio has written seeking information on the use of the Presidential seal and guidance on how to obtain a seal and a Presidential flag. He states that he does work for President Harding's Home, and would pass the information along to the Museum Manager at the Harding Home and the Museum Manager at the President Hayes Home. His stationery, however, includes the slogan "Buy or Sell Political Buttons" and the American Eagle as it appears on the Presidential Seal and the Great Seal, encircled by the words "American Political Items Collectors." I therefore do not recommend responding to any inquiries the Harding or Hayes Museums may have through Mr. Kneisley. We should advise Mr. Kneisley that we can only respond directly to the museum directors, and that his use of the American Eagle appears to be in violation of 18 U.S.C. § 713(b), which prohibits, inter alia, the knowing reproduction of a substantial part of the Presidential seal. I have prepared a draft reply.

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*Are you sure about  
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I would call your attention to the fact that reproduction of substantial parts of the Presidential seal on personal or commercial stationery is prohibited. The emblem appearing in the center of your stationery thus appears to constitute a violation of the law, and I must advise you to cease using it.

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Fred F. Fielding  
Counsel to the President

Mr. Kenneth E. Kneisley  
115 East Washington  
Bluffton, Ohio 45817

Enclosures

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to students in Latin American countries, who remitted fixed fees for such services and supplies and ultimately received diplomas, was engaged in "foreign commerce" within U.S.C.A. Const. Art. 1, § 8, cl. 3, and this chapter. *Branch v. Federal Trade Commission*, C.C.A.III.1944, 141 F.2d 31.

"Interstate commerce" includes intercourse for the purpose of trade which results in the passage of property, persons or messages from within one state to within another state. *Ford Motor Co. v. Federal Trade Commission*, C.C.A.1941, 120 F.2d 175, certiorari denied 62 S.Ct. 130, 314 U.S. 668, 86 L.Ed. 535.

Selling of service by a correspondence school in interstate transaction is "commerce among the several states" within this chapter. *Federal Trade Commission v. Civil Service Training Bureau*, C.C.A. 1935, 79 F.2d 113.

A manufacturer of moving picture films, that shipped the films to its agencies in several states to be sold and leased to owners and operators of moving picture theaters throughout the United States, was engaged in "interstate commerce," within this chapter. *Fox Film Corp. v. Federal Trade Commission*, C.C. A.N.Y.1924, 296 F. 353.

Where ship chandlers sell goods to ships entirely within one state the fact that a large portion of the goods were previously purchased in other states and transported to their warehouses in the state where they were sold does not render the business interstate in character, nor do the facts that the goods are used by the ships in navigating the high seas and are purchased under options given the shipowners in a foreign country make such sales foreign commerce so as to bring them under the jurisdiction of the Commission. *Winslow v. Federal Trade Commission*, C.C.A.1921, 277 F. 206, certiorari denied 42 S.Ct. 271, 258 U.S. 618, 66 L.Ed. 793.

Corporation, acting pursuant to contract with supplier of electrical equipment, whereby it caused such equipment

to be purchased by its subsidiary operating companies, thus giving rise to the transportation of such supplies across state lines, is "engaged in commerce." *Federal Trade Commission v. Smith*, D. C.N.Y.1932, 1 F.Supp. 247.

Corporation, exercising control over subsidiary operating utility companies engaged in interstate transmission of electric power, by means of minority stock interest, by means of the presence of many of its officers and directors upon the boards of officers and directors of subsidiary companies, and by virtue of advisory and supervisory services rendered pursuant to service contracts with such subsidiary operating utilities, is "engaged in commerce." *Id.*

Legal, engineering, secretarial, fiscal, investigatory, and general advisory services, rendered to public utilities operating and holding companies by another corporation, is not "interstate commerce." *Id.*

## 2. Corporation

One of purposes of the amendment to this section was to expand definition of "corporation" as used in this chapter to include any trust or so-called Massachusetts trust. *Community Blood Bank of Kansas City Area, Inc. v. F. T. C.*, C.A. Mo.1969, 405 F.2d 1011.

## 3. Profit

Generally, accepted definition of "profit" means gain from business or investment over and above expenditures, or gain made on business or investment when both receipts or payments are taken into account. *Community Blood Bank of Kansas City Area, Inc. v. F. T. C.*, C.A.Mo.1969, 405 F.2d 1011.

Meaning of term "profit" must be derived from context in which it is used. *Id.*

Neither legislative history of this chapter nor its language supports theory that Congress intended that term "profit" is to be given different meaning depending upon character of corporation under consideration. *Id.*

## § 45. Unfair methods of competition unlawful; prevention by Commission—Declaration of unlawfulness; power to prohibit unfair practices

(a) (1) Unfair methods of competition in commerce, and unfair or deceptive acts or practices in commerce, are declared unlawful.

(2) Nothing contained in this section or in any of the Antitrust Acts shall render unlawful any contracts or agreements prescribing

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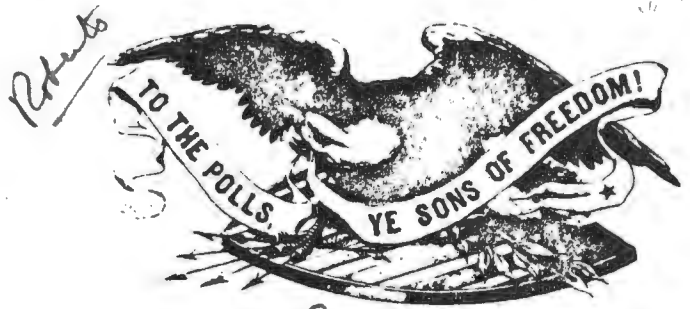
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POLITICAL BUTTONS

APIC 5172

115 E. Washington

Bluffton, Ohio 45817

Mr. Fred Fielding  
White House Counsel



Jan. 26, 1983

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Mr. Fielding,

I do work for President Harding Home,  
and I would like to know about the  
use of the Seal of the Pres., and  
how to obtain one. Also we would  
like to get a new Presidential  
flag. Any information you  
have will be out a lot. I also  
will pass information on to Mr.  
H. S. Gary Museum Manager at the  
Harding Home and Mr. Jay Snider  
Museum Manager at Pres. Hayes Home  
Thank you for your time.

Sincerely,

Kenneth E. Kneisley

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MEMORANDUM

THE WHITE HOUSE  
WASHINGTON

March 7, 1983

MEMORANDUM FOR FRED F. FIELDING

FROM: JOHN G. ROBERTS

SUBJECT: Request from President's Committee  
on Employment of the Handicapped

Harold Russell, Chairman of the President's Committee on Employment of the Handicapped (PCEH) has written requesting permission to issue invitations to the PCEH Annual Meeting in the name of the President. According to Russell, invitations were sent out for three decades stating "The President of the United States invites you . . ." One of the invitations -- also bearing the Seal of the President -- came to the attention of Richard Darman in 1981, and he directed the Clerk's Office to advise PCEH to cease the practice. This was done, and invitations to the 1982 meeting were in the name of the PCEH chairman. PCEH tried to reverse this new policy for invitations to the 1983 meeting, but they were again denied permission (apparently by the Clerk's Office).

Now Russell has written to seek permission to issue invitations in the President's name for the 1984 meeting. He states that many in the handicapped community (there are over 5,000 invitees to the Annual Meeting) are confused about the change, and misinterpret it as a lack of commitment by the President to their concerns. He states that the support of the President -- symbolized by the invitations in his name -- means so much to those who are handicapped and to volunteers working in the area.

I agree with the determination made two years ago that PCEH should not be issuing invitations in the name of the President. There are so many Presidential boards, committees and commissions that sanctioning the practice would create real possibilities for abuse and demean the Office of the President. You recently signed a letter (attached) to a member of PCEH, denying a request to use the Presidential Seal on the Annual Meeting invitations. I recommend a response to Russell denying his request, but assuring him that it in no way signifies a lessening of the President's commitment to PCEH or the concerns of the handicapped. A draft is attached.

Attachment

THE WHITE HOUSE

WASHINGTON

March 22, 1983

Dear Mr. Russell:

Thank you for your recent letter requesting permission to issue invitations to the 1984 Annual Meeting of the President's Committee on Employment of the Handicapped in the name of the President. In that letter you noted that use of the President's name on the invitation would have positive effects on volunteers active in the area and disabled citizens generally.

I regret that we cannot grant the permission you seek. In light of the significant number of Presidential committees, commissions, and task forces, it is not possible to authorize any one group to take action in the President's name -- including issuing invitations -- without real risk of a broad expansion of the practice in a manner that would create the possibility of abuse and ultimately demean the Office of the Presidency by overuse. b

Let me assure you that the policy which has been adopted is being uniformly applied, and, as I hope and believe you know, in no way represents a change in the commitment of the President to the work of the Committee on Employment of the Handicapped or to the concerns of the handicapped community. c

Thank you for writing. I am sorry that we cannot grant the permission you seek, but I am confident that your next Annual Meeting will be another success.

Sincerely,

Orig. signed by FFF

Fred F. Fielding  
Counsel to the President

Mr. Harold Russell  
Chairman  
President's Committee on  
Employment of the Handicapped  
Washington, D.C. 20210

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THE WHITE HOUSE  
WASHINGTON

February 16, 1983

Dear Ms. Olson:

Senator Laxalt has forwarded to me a copy of your January 21, 1983 letter to him. In that letter you indicated a desire to use the Presidential Seal on invitations to the Annual Meeting of the President's Committee on Employment of the Handicapped.

Title 18 of the United States Code, Section 713, is the principal federal law governing the use of the Seal of the President of the United States. Section 713 proscribes use of the Presidential Seal except as authorized under regulations promulgated by the President. The regulations to which reference is made are embodied in Executive Order 11649 (February 16, 1972), as amended by Executive Order 11916 (May 28, 1976). I attach for your information a copy of 18 U.S.C. § 713, the notes to which contain the pertinent Executive Order. You will note that the permitted uses of the Seal are limited by law. As a matter of policy, the Administration adheres to these regulations when responding to requests on use of the Seal.

I must advise you that, in accordance with the requirements and policies outlined above, we cannot approve your proposed use of the Seal. I trust you can appreciate the need for this determination. Best of luck with your planning for the Annual Meeting, which I am confident will be a success.

Sincerely,

*Fred F. Fielding*  
Fred F. Fielding  
Counsel to the President

Ms. Kathleen E. Olson  
Executive Director  
Governor's Committee on Employment  
of the Handicapped  
Kinkead Building, Fifth Floor  
505 East King Street  
Carson City, Nevada 89710

Attachment



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Name of Correspondent: Harold Russell

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Subject: Response to letter to Kathleen E. Olson regarding President's Committee on Employment of the Handicapped invitation

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The President's Committee  
on Employment  
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Washington, D.C. 20210



February 22, 1983

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THE SECRETARY OF DEFENSE  
THE ATTORNEY GENERAL  
THE SECRETARY OF THE INTERIOR  
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Mr. Fred F. Fielding  
Counsel to the President  
The White House  
Washington, D. C. 20500

Dear Mr. Fielding:

It's a tiny issue, compared with those that cross your desk every day, but to the President's Committee it looks pretty large. And I would like to request your help in doing something about it.

To start at the beginning:

The President's Committee has been holding Annual Meetings here in Washington ever since the Committee was established by Presidential Proclamation a third of a century ago.

National leaders from all walks of life are invited. Among them: business, labor, professions, handicapped rehabilitation, veterans, voluntary organizations, many more.

Up until last year's meeting, invitations were issued in the name of the President: "The President of the United States invites you..."

Frankly, these invitations are one reason why so many national leaders became involved in the handicapped movement; the President of the United States implicitly demonstrated his personal interest in handicapped people. If he was concerned, all others should be too.

Well, last year we were told by The White House that we cannot send out Annual Meeting invitations in the name of the President. Rather, they should go out in the name of the Chairman of the President's Committee.

This year, 1983, we asked for permission again - some answer.

Mr. Fred F. Fielding  
Counsel to the President

We've received scores of letters and telephone calls - "What does this change in the invitations really signify? A lessening of White House support?" We tried to reassure everyone it meant no such thing; that the use of the President's name on invitations simply wasn't allowed.

And now, in these early days of 1983, we are beginning to plan for 1984. Would it be possible for The White House to grant us permission so that Annual Meeting invitations could once more be issued in the name of the President? I make the request for these reasons:

1. Thousands of leading citizens voluntarily donate their services to the President's Committee and to Governors' and Mayors' Committees in all the States. The Presidential invitation is, to them, a symbolic indicator that the President appreciates all they are doing and will be doing. It recharges the fires of their dedication.
2. Disabled citizens of this country and their families look for indicators that they are remembered; that America is concerned about them; that the concern is manifest in the highest office of the land. A "little" thing like a name on an invitation can provide the reassurance they seek.
3. Each year, we do ask the President to participate. And we often are successful, with either the President or Vice President taking part.
4. Our Annual Meetings are the nation's major events in the world of handicapped affairs, bringing together nearly 5,000 leaders from everywhere, about half of them disabled. The use of the President's name on invitations would mean so much in terms of concern for disabled people and in terms of gratitude for those who volunteer in their behalf.

Thank you very much for your help.

Sincerely,



Harold Russell  
Chairman

THE WHITE HOUSE

WASHINGTON

March 23, 1983

MEMORANDUM FOR FRED F. FIELDING

FROM: JOHN G. ROBERTS *JGR*

SUBJECT: Presidential Seal Request  
of Miss Terry Lynn Green

Terry Lynn Green is planning to participate in the Essex County Scholarship Pageant, an opening round event on the road to the Miss America Pageant itself. For the "talent" portion of the contest she contemplates delivering an oration entitled "The First Woman President of the United States" (she encloses a draft) and would like to use the Presidential Seal on the podium during her oration. Such use is not permitted by the regulations, unless you were to consider Miss Green's use one for an "exceptional historical, educational, or newsworthy purpose." Assuming that is not the case, I have drafted a letter to Miss Green denying her request, with copies of the pertinent statute and executive order. Presumably we can reconsider should Miss Green make it all the way to Atlantic City.

Attachment

THE WHITE HOUSE

WASHINGTON

March 23, 1983

Dear Miss Green:

Thank you for your recent letter requesting permission to use the Seal of the President in connection with your participation in the Essex County Scholarship Pageant. The permitted uses of the Seal of the President are limited by statute and executive order. I have attached a copy of the pertinent provisions for your information.

Your contemplated use of the Seal in connection with the Scholarship Pageant does not fall within any of the uses of the Seal authorized by law. Accordingly, I am unable to grant your request. I trust you will understand that this determination is in no way a reflection on the oration you plan to deliver.

Best of luck at the pageant,

Sincerely,

Orig. signed by FFF

Fred F. Fielding  
Counsel to the President

Miss Terry Lynn Green  
191 North 16th Street  
East Orange, New Jersey 07017

Attachments

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cc: FFFielding  
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*Roberts*

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*CW*

191 N. 16th Street  
East Orange, New Jersey 07017  
March 16, 1983

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

Dear Mr. Fielding:

I am requesting a "PRESIDENTIAL SEAL" for use in the talent portion of the Miss America Pageant, county level.

I will be performing an oration of "THE FIRST WOMAN PRESIDENT OF THE UNITED STATES". And I am requesting the Seal, to be used on the podium while I speak. I understand the selective consideration of my request and I would be most honored if you desire to grant it. I assure you I would return it promptly if necessary.

I have enclosed a copy of my speech that will be given at the pageant:

April 23, 1983  
Essex County Scholarship Pageant  
Bloomfield Jr. High School  
Bloomfield, New Jersey 7:00 p.m.  
Pageant Director: Mr. Paul Currier

Thank-you for all considerations, I await your decision. I can be reached during the week at this number: (212) 864-8107 after 5:00 p.m. or please leave a message during the day, and I will return your call.

Sincerely,



Terry Lynn Green

## FIRST WOMAN PRESIDENT OF THE UNITED STATES

VICE PRESIDENT JOHN GLENNON, HONORED PLATFORM GUESTS, FELLOW CITIZENS

We observe this 21st day of January, the year 1989, a new beginning. I stand before you as your newly elected President. As someone you've felt has earned the right to hold such a high office. I've sworn before Almighty God and this great nation, the solemn oath that I will serve this country with the strength and honesty, ...it so richly deserves.

History is being made at this exact hour. For America has chosen to elect its first woman President. I do not enter this office as a woman attempting to do a man's job, but as an individual who loves her country, and will give her all to serve it justly.

The world is very different now. We, as well as other countries, hold in our hands, the technology for nuclear power that could destroy our world as we now know it. Yet we also hold the instruments necessary for peace, that bond all nations of the world in harmony. Let us then... pledge to search out the wonders of science, and not its terrors, to cure poverty, disease and yes, war itself. Let all nations, work together for peace...and not labor to be divided.

As I enter office, our economic status is rising from record drops. Jobs are steadily increasing, and we are starting to see a brighter tomorrow for our children. We must realize however, that the world we see today will not be the same world future generations will experience. But it is in our power today, to make it a better world tomorrow.

This is a strong nation.....a good nation. And no one person has ever run this country alone. It has taken the determination, backbone, sweat, and sometimes tears of all of us...everyone of you... along with the persons you've elected into government.

I thank-you for your time. God Bless us as we begin this new day. And if we work together....remember...Nothing is Impossible...Good-night.

Music..."All Hail the Cheif"



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To John / Larry  
Date 4/4 Time \_\_\_\_\_

**WHILE YOU WERE OUT**

M Bob Barrett  
of \_\_\_\_\_  
Phone 213/874-8951

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Bob Barnett

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