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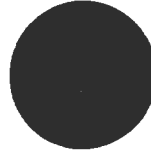
WASHINGTON

March 11, 1986

MEMORANDUM FOR THE FILE

FROM:

JOHN G. ROBERTS



SUBJECT:

Use of White House Photograph in  
Statue of Liberty Coin Promotion



I advised Mrs. Burke of the U.S. Mint that we had no objection to using a photograph of the President signing the legislation authorizing the minting of Statue of Liberty coins in the brochure for distributors of the coins. I obtained Mrs. Burke's assurance that Mint officials would retain control over use of the photograph and ensure that it was only used in a tasteful manner.

THE WHITE HOUSE

WASHINGTON

March 11, 1986

MEMORANDUM FOR BEN ELLIOTT  
DEPUTY ASSISTANT TO THE PRESIDENT AND  
DIRECTOR OF SPEECHWRITING

FROM: JOHN G. ROBERTS   
ASSOCIATE COUNSEL TO THE PRESIDENT 

SUBJECT: Presidential Address: Nicaragua

Counsel's Office has reviewed the above-referenced draft address. In lines 3-4 on page 3, we recommend deleting "the State of Florida" and substituting "us" or "this country" or something similar. There is an on-going dispute between Federal and Florida officials over who should bear certain of the costs associated with the influx of Marielitos, and a Presidential statement that the boat lift cost the State of Florida one billion dollars would be seized upon by Florida officials as a significant concession.

cc: David L. Chew

THE WHITE HOUSE

WASHINGTON

March 11, 1986

MEMORANDUM FOR BEN ELLIOTT  
DEPUTY ASSISTANT TO THE PRESIDENT AND  
DIRECTOR OF SPEECHWRITING

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

SUBJECT: Presidential Taping: Associated  
General Contractors

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

cc: David L. Chew

THE WHITE HOUSE

WASHINGTON

March 10, 1986

MEMORANDUM FOR THE FILE

FROM: JOHN G. ROBERTS *JGR*

SUBJECT: FBI Report on [REDACTED]

At 11:05 a.m. I provided Senator Durenberger with the FBI summary memoranda on [REDACTED]

[REDACTED] Senator Durenberger noted [REDACTED]

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THE WHITE HOUSE

WASHINGTON

March 11, 1986

MEMORANDUM FOR ANNE HIGGINS  
SPECIAL ASSISTANT TO THE PRESIDENT AND  
DIRECTOR OF CORRESPONDENCE

FROM: JOHN G. ROBERTS   
ASSOCIATE COUNSEL TO THE PRESIDENT

SUBJECT: Request for Presidential Message for Book  
Commemorating Sun Company's Centennial

You have asked for our views on a request from Sun Company for a message from the President on the occasion of that company's centennial. This office has already considered Sun Company's request, which was raised directly with us by Sun and also referred to us by Mary Jo Jacobi. By letter dated January 6, 1986, to Sun Vice President Thomas L. Wylie, Mr. Fielding declined to make an exception to our established policy of not sending Presidential messages for commercial anniversaries. A copy of that letter is attached.

THE WHITE HOUSE

WASHINGTON

March 11, 1986

Dear Senator Domenici:

M. B. Oglesby recently requested that this office provide a further response to your letter of November 6, 1985, inquiring if there would be any White House interest in a proposal for a "Ronald Reagan Museum of Motion Picture Arts and Sciences." Background materials on this proposal accompanied your letter.

After careful review of the proposal here at the White House, I must advise you that prospects for approval are not good. The American Film Institute at the Kennedy Center for the Performing Arts already fulfills many of the functions envisioned for this museum, and the President would be reluctant to lend his name to an undertaking that would either duplicate or detract from the mission of this governmental entity.

In addition, I doubt that the President would want to lend his name to any museum or similar institution at this time, and after the conclusion of his term I expect that his interest would be focused on the Presidential library. Lending his name to other institutions could create confusion in the eyes of the public.

I hope those who raised this with you will understand the reasons for our response.

With best wishes,

Sincerely,

Orig. signed by FFF

Fred F. Fielding  
Counsel to the President

The Honorable Pete V. Domenici  
United States Senate  
Washington, D.C. 20510

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THE WHITE HOUSE

WASHINGTON

March 11, 1986

MEMORANDUM FOR FRED F. FIELDING

FROM:

JOHN G. ROBERTS 

SUBJECT:

Ronald Reagan Museum of Motion  
Picture Arts and Sciences Project

On November 6, 1985, Senator Domenici sent B. Oglesby a proposal for a "Ronald Reagan Museum of Motion Picture Arts and Sciences," submitted to Domenici by constituents he has not identified for us. On November 25, 1985, Oglesby sent Domenici an interim response, and referred the incoming to you for further action. On December 10, 1985, we responded in timely fashion to Oglesby, noting our objection to the proposal. Your memorandum concluded: "If after talking with Domenici you feel a formal reply either to him or to the unidentified sponsors of this project is necessary, I would be happy to provide one."

I suspect Oglesby did nothing with this until he stumbled upon it in cleaning out his desk, for he waited until February 18 to ask for a formal reply. Oglesby has now left, so we cannot prepare the reply for his signature. Accordingly, the attached reply for your signature notes that Oglesby only recently asked us to respond.

THE WHITE HOUSE

WASHINGTON

March 11, 1986

MEMORANDUM FOR DIANNA G. HOLLAND

FROM:

JOHN G. ROBERTS 

SUBJECT:

Possible Fraud Involving First  
Lady's Photograph

Jane Erkenbeck called on March 7 to request our office to follow up on a call she received concerning a "beautiful baby contest" being sponsored by the "National Council of Drug Abuse." Promotional material used by this organization features the First Lady's photograph, but her office is unfamiliar with the organization. The Attorney General's office in Jefferson City, Missouri, believes that the National Council may be a fraudulent organization, and raised the matter with the First Lady's staff. The Council lists an office at 233 15th Street, S.E., Washington, D.C., telephone 675-4405, but the address is simply a post office box. Mark Rhodes, Administrative Assistant for the Missouri Attorney General, may be contacted at (314) 751-8851 for details.

The foregoing is referred to you for staffing.

THE WHITE HOUSE

WASHINGTON

March 11, 1986

MEMORANDUM FOR DIANNA G. HOLLAND

FROM: JANET M. KELLIHER *JKH*  
SUBJECT: Correspondence from Paul Dayton

Paul Dayton recently wrote a letter on the deficit to Senator Quayle, and forwarded a copy to Hugh Hewitt (attached). Mr. Dayton's nurse requested a reply.

Counsel's Office received some materials from Mr. Dayton in January of this year. Hugh forwarded it to Sherrie Cooksey and notified Mr. Dayton of this. Central Files does not have a record of this correspondence, however, I have attached copies of the referral that I pulled from my diskette. I spoke with Pat Binninger and she says that the materials have been forwarded to the appropriate person in Treasury and that person has responded to Mr. Dayton.

Also attached is some 1985 correspondence from Mr. Dayton on the same subject.

This is forwarded to you for staffing. Thank you.

THE WHITE HOUSE

WASHINGTON

March 12, 1986

MEMORANDUM FOR CATHERINE BEDELL  
STAFF ASSISTANT  
OFFICE OF PRESIDENTIAL PERSONNEL

FROM: JANET M. KELLIHER  
COUNSEL'S OFFICE

SUBJECT: Follow-Up Letters for Overdue Forms

Please send a letter asking the following PAS prospective appointees to return their forms. Thank you.

Outstanding SF-278 & PDS

Ms. Caroline H. Hume  
3355 Pacific Avenue  
San Francisco, California 94118  
FORMS SENT: 12/23/85

Mr. Calvin H. Raulerson  
5823 Bradley Boulevard  
Bethesda, Maryland 20814  
FORMS SENT: 1/22/86

Ms. Linda G. Robinson  
641 Fifth Avenue  
Apartment 40D  
New York, New York 10022  
FORMS SENT: 2/11/86

Ms. Colleen T. White  
1449 Calle Lozano  
Camarillo, California 93010  
FORMS SENT: 1/24/86

Outstanding PDS

Ms. Alice R. Thompson  
7710 Falstaff Road  
McLean, Virginia 22102  
FORMS SENT: 1/22/86

Outstanding SF-278

George M. Rast, Esquire  
622 Dunerobin Drive  
Orange Park, Florida 32073  
FORMS SENT: 12/23/85

THE WHITE HOUSE

WASHINGTON

March 12, 1986

MEMORANDUM FOR THOMAS F. GIBSON III  
SPECIAL ASSISTANT TO THE PRESIDENT AND  
DIRECTOR OF PUBLIC AFFAIRS

FROM: JOHN G. ROBERTS   
ASSOCIATE COUNSEL TO THE PRESIDENT 

SUBJECT: Talking Points on Science and Technology

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

cc: David L. Chew

THE WHITE HOUSE

WASHINGTON

March 12, 1986

MEMORANDUM FOR BEN ELLIOTT  
DEPUTY ASSISTANT TO THE PRESIDENT AND  
DIRECTOR OF SPEECHWRITING

FROM: JOHN G. ROBERTS   
ASSOCIATE COUNSEL TO THE PRESIDENT 

SUBJECT: Presidential Remarks: View Display of  
Confiscated Weapons at State Department

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



cc: David L. Chew

THE WHITE HOUSE

WASHINGTON

March 12, 1986

MEMORANDUM FOR BEN ELLIOTT  
DEPUTY ASSISTANT TO THE PRESIDENT AND  
DIRECTOR OF SPEECHWRITING

FROM: JOHN G. ROBERTS    
ASSOCIATE COUNSEL TO THE PRESIDENT

SUBJECT: Presidential Remarks: Drop By  
Briefing on Contra Aid

Counsel's Office has reviewed the above-referenced draft remarks. I believe the Churchill quotation in the first paragraph on page six is inaccurate. My understanding is that what Churchill said was "Give us the tools, and we will finish the job." Further, he did not say it in the 1930's, but in a February 9, 1941, radio broadcast. Finally, the analogy strikes me as the wrong one to draw, since England did not "finish the job" on its own, as I gather we hope the contras will.

In the second paragraph on page six, "I need real telegrams and phone calls and letters" should be deleted. The requirements of the anti-lobbying legislation and appropriations riders are imprecise, but an explicit call for "telegrams and phone calls and letters" may go too far, even in Presidential remarks.


cc: David L. Chew

THE WHITE HOUSE

WASHINGTON

March 12, 1986

MEMORANDUM FOR RICHARD DAVIS  
ASSOCIATE DIRECTOR  
CABINET AFFAIRS

FROM: JOHN G. ROBERTS   
ASSOCIATE COUNSEL TO THE PRESIDENT

SUBJECT: Disaster Declaration for Utah

Our office was asked to review a request from Governor Norman Bangerter of Utah for Presidential declaration of a "major disaster," within the meaning of the Disaster Relief Act of 1974, Pub. L. 93-288.

Based on a review of the request and the related materials forwarded by the Federal Emergency Management Agency, the Governor's request appears to comply with the statutory requirements for a disaster declaration. We also have no legal objection to the implementation materials prepared by FEMA in connection with this request.

cc: David L. Chew



THE WHITE HOUSE

WASHINGTON

March 12, 1986

MEMORANDUM FOR FREDERICK J. RYAN, JR.  
DIRECTOR  
PRESIDENTIAL APPOINTMENTS AND SCHEDULING

FROM: RICHARD A. HAUSER Original signed by RAH  
DEPUTY COUNSEL TO THE PRESIDENT

SUBJECT: Proposed Videotaped Message for Former President  
Nixon and John Akers, President and CEO of IBM

You have asked for our views on a request from the President's Council on Physical Fitness and Sports for a videotaped message from the President honoring this year's recipients of the Council's National Honor Award: Richard M. Nixon, who was the first chairman of the predecessor to the Council, the President's Council on Youth Fitness, and IBM President and CEO John F. Akers, who has been active in corporate health awareness efforts. I see no reason to object on legal grounds. There is apparently adequate basis for honoring both Nixon and Akers; a message would not constitute endorsement of fundraising; and the Council is of course affiliated with the Government.

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THE WHITE HOUSE

WASHINGTON

March 12, 1986

MEMORANDUM FOR RICHARD A. HAUSER

FROM: JOHN G. ROBERTS  

SUBJECT: Proposed Videotaped Message for Former President Nixon and John Akers, President and CEO of IBM

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THE WHITE HOUSE

WASHINGTON

March 12, 1986

MEMORANDUM FOR PATRICK J. BUCHANAN  
ASSISTANT TO THE PRESIDENT AND  
DIRECTOR OF COMMUNICATIONS

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

SUBJECT: Request from Publishers of Gorbachev's  
A Time for Peace for the President  
to Publish a Similar Book

The publishers of Mikhail Gorbachev's A Time for Peace have written the President to express their interest in publishing a similar book by him. They propose to compile a selection of the President's speeches and commentaries, add a biography and some photography, and include a short introduction written by the President specifically for this book.

The publishers need no permission to reprint statements by or photographs of the President that are in the public domain, nor do they need any permission to write a short biography. All of the foregoing can be done, provided the final product does not convey the false impression of approval or endorsement by the President. If the President wishes to approve and endorse the project by providing the requested introduction, he may do so, but that decision is a policy one for your office to make.

We have previously denied a similar request involving the First Lady and Mrs. Gorbachev.

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THE WHITE HOUSE

WASHINGTON

March 11, 1986

MEMORANDUM FOR FRED F. FIELDING

FROM:

JOHN G. ROBERTS 

SUBJECT:

Request from Publishers of Gorbachev's  
A Time for Peace for the President  
to Publish a Similar Book

The publishers of Mikhail Gorbachev's A Time for Peace have written the President to express their interest in publishing a similar book by him. They propose to compile a selection of the President's speeches and commentaries, add a biography and some photography, and include a short introduction written by the President specifically for this book. The publishers also suggest that the President donate his fifteen percent royalties to the official U.S. publication in the Soviet Union, Amerika, as Gorbachev has donated his to the official Soviet publication in the United States, Soviet Life.

The President may, of course, legally do what the publishers request, but I foresee little interest on his part in doing so. The publishers need no permission to reprint statements by or photographs of the President that are in the public domain, nor do they need any permission to write a short biography. All of the foregoing can be done, provided the final product does not convey the false impression of approval or endorsement by the President. If the President wishes to approve and endorse the project by providing the requested introduction, he may do so, but that decision is a policy one for Mr. Buchanan's office to make. A memorandum for Buchanan embodying the foregoing is attached.

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THE WHITE HOUSE  
WASHINGTON

March 13, 1986

MEMORANDUM FOR BEN ELLIOTT  
DEPUTY ASSISTANT TO THE PRESIDENT AND  
DIRECTOR OF SPEECHWRITING

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

SUBJECT: Presidential Address: Nicaragua



Counsel's Office has reviewed the above-referenced draft address. The Department of Justice advises that it cannot substantiate a direct link between [redacted] and drug trafficking. The Department also recommends that any statements about such trafficking and the Nicaraguan government refer to involvement in trafficking by some government officials, rather than by the government itself. Thus, unless there is a valid source for the carryover sentence between pages 6 and 7 other than the Department of Justice, [redacted] should be deleted and "some Sandinista officials" or something similar inserted in its place.

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With respect to the first full sentence on page 7, the pertinent information was developed not by "U.S. undercover agents" but by a confidential informant working with the DEA. I would change "U.S. undercover agents" to "a confidential informant working," change "themselves" in the next line to "himself" and "their" to "the." If the reference to [redacted] earlier in the paragraph is deleted, [redacted] at the end of this sentence should be changed to [redacted]

b6

Justice advises that the plane in question actually landed at a Nicaraguan military air base. Mentioning this would strengthen the point of the paragraph. In line 5 on page 7, I would substitute "at a Nicaraguan military air base" for "in Nicaragua."

Justice has advised that it has no objection to the last sentence of the paragraph, or to showing the photograph of Vaughn.

cc: David L. Chew

OFFICE OF PRESIDENTIAL MESSAGES

REQUEST FOR CLEARANCE - COMMENTS

To: JOHN ROBERTS - LEGAL COUNSEL

Date Due: ASAP

Date of Event: DUE: MARCH 13

Subject: PRESIDENTIAL MESSAGE TO DEPUTY ENERGY SECRETARY  
DANNY I. BOGGS

Requested by: TOM GIBSON

Background:

Danny Boggs will receive the 1986 Distinguished Service Award from the National Energy Research Organization on March 18, 1986. The ceremony will mark the end of Danny Boggs' 10-year career in federal energy policy. The President recently nominated him to the 6th Circuit Court of Appeals; the Senate is expected to confirm him shortly.

May I please have your approval on the attached message. Telephone clearance would be appreciated.

Thank you.

Signature: Linda Watson

Date: March 13, 1986

Presidential Messages  
Old Executive Office Building  
Room 18  
(202) 456-3941

Your Recommendation/Comments:

NO OBJECTION  
JWC 3/13

Signature:


Date:

THE WHITE HOUSE

WASHINGTON

March 13, 1986

MEMORANDUM FOR BEN ELLIOTT  
DEPUTY ASSISTANT TO THE PRESIDENT AND  
DIRECTOR OF SPEECHWRITING

FROM: JOHN G. ROBERTS   
ASSOCIATE COUNSEL TO THE PRESIDENT

SUBJECT: Presidential Radio Talk: Nicaraguan Negotiations

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

cc: David L. Chew

THE WHITE HOUSE

WASHINGTON

March 13, 1986

MEMORANDUM FOR BEN ELLIOTT  
DEPUTY ASSISTANT TO THE PRESIDENT AND  
DIRECTOR OF SPEECHWRITING

FROM: JOHN G. ROBERTS   
ASSOCIATE COUNSEL TO THE PRESIDENT

SUBJECT: Talking Points: Phone Call to Florida March

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

cc: David L. Chew





THE WHITE HOUSE

WASHINGTON

March 13, 1986

MEMORANDUM FOR DAVID L. CHEW  
STAFF SECRETARY AND DEPUTY ASSISTANT  
TO THE PRESIDENT

FROM: JOHN G. ROBERTS   
ASSOCIATE COUNSEL TO THE PRESIDENT 

SUBJECT: Presidential Determination Re:  
Japanese Leather Tariff Increases



Counsel's Office has reviewed the above-referenced determination and the accompanying proclamation. On page 2, line 9, of the proclamation, "2911(d)(1)" should be "2411(d)(1)." In lines 11 and 18-19 on the same page, "301(a)(2)" should be "301(a)." In line 20 on the same page, "(19 U.S.C. 2483)" should be inserted between "1974" and the subsequent comma.

THE WHITE HOUSE

WASHINGTON

March 13, 1986

MEMORANDUM FOR DAVID L. CHEW  
STAFF SECRETARY AND DEPUTY ASSISTANT  
TO THE PRESIDENT

FROM: JOHN G. ROBERTS    
ASSOCIATE COUNSEL TO THE PRESIDENT

SUBJECT: Thomas Regalato Telephone Call

Counsel's Office would have no objection in principle to the President placing the above-referenced telephone call. It will be necessary, however, for us to review the draft talking points.

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WASHINGTON

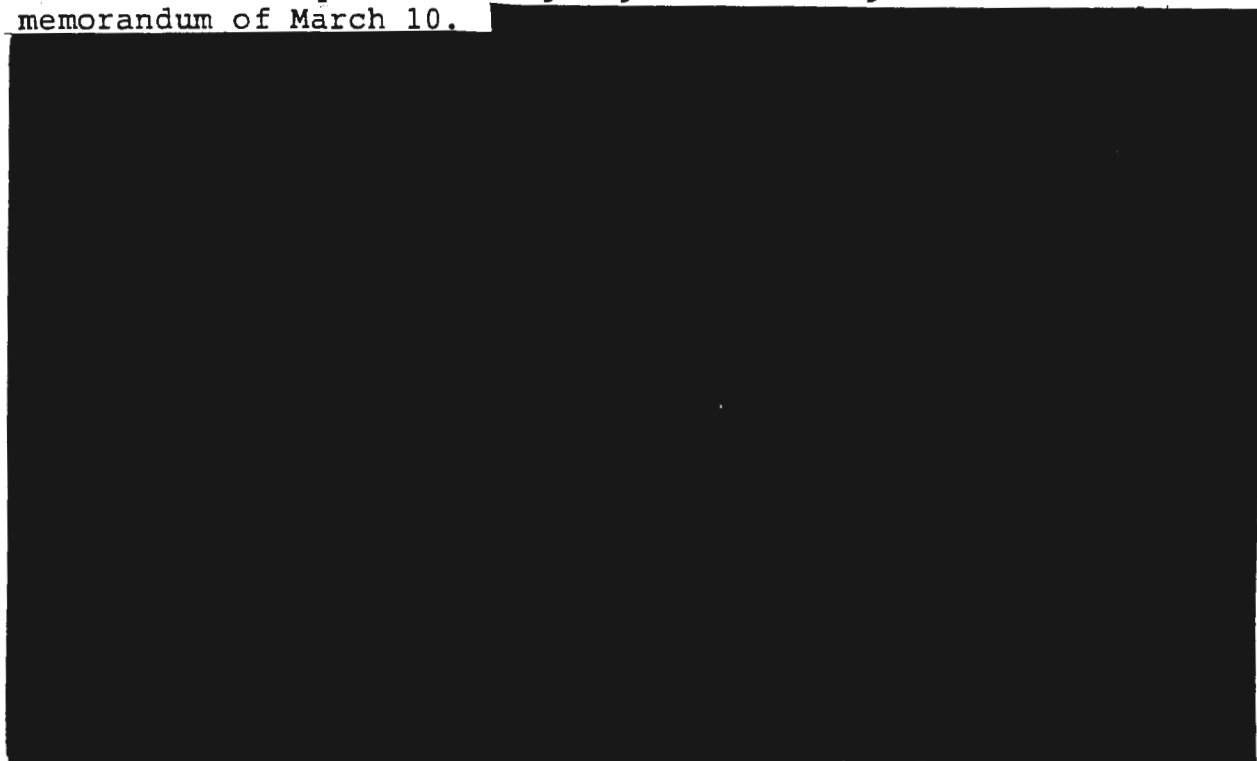
March 13, 1986

MEMORANDUM FOR RICHARD A. HAUSER

FROM: JOHN G. ROBERTS *JGR*

SUBJECT: General Turnage

At your request, I telephoned General Turnage to obtain the answers to the questions highlighted in George Jameson's memorandum of March 10.



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I communicated the foregoing to Bob Flynn of OGE, who advised that he would proceed to process Turnage's papers. Flynn already has a SF-278 for Turnage.

cc: Dianna G. Holland

THE WHITE HOUSE  
WASHINGTON

March 14, 1986

MEMORANDUM FOR KATHY RATTE JAFFKE  
DIRECTOR  
CONGRESSIONAL CORRESPONDENCE

FROM: RICHARD A. HAUSER Original signed by RAH  
DEPUTY COUNSEL TO THE PRESIDENT

SUBJECT: Alleged Cocaine Trafficking by  
FDN and ARDE Individuals

You have asked for our views on who should sign the draft response on the above-referenced subject provided by the Department of Justice. It is my view that since the response concerns pending investigations at DEA, Justice should send it directly.

RAH/JGR:jmk  
cc: RAHauser  
✓ JRoberts  
subject  
chron.

THE WHITE HOUSE

WASHINGTON

March 14, 1986

MEMORANDUM FOR RICHARD A. HAUSER

FROM: JOHN G. ROBERTS 

SUBJECT: Alleged Cocaine Trafficking by  
FDN and ARDE Individuals

I have been asked to prepare a response for your signature to an inquiry from Legislative Affairs concerning a Department of Justice response to a letter from Congressman Sam Gejdenson to the President. Gejdenson's letter concerned allegations that the Contras are involved in drug trafficking; the DEA response notes that there are no active investigations involving the Contras but there have been "several unsubstantiated allegations." Legislative Affairs wants to know who should send the response.

It seems clear to me that a direct response from Justice is preferable, since the whole substance of the reply concerns DEA investigations.

THE WHITE HOUSE

WASHINGTON

March 14, 1986

MEMORANDUM FOR RICHARD DAVIS  
ASSOCIATE DIRECTOR  
CABINET AFFAIRS

FROM: JOHN G. ROBERTS  
ASSOCIATE COUNSEL TO THE PRESIDENT

SUBJECT: Disaster Declaration for Montana

Our office was asked to review a request from Governor Ted Schwinden of Montana for Presidential declaration of a "major disaster," within the meaning of the Disaster Relief Act of 1974, Pub. L. 93-288.

Based on a review of the request and the related materials forwarded by the Federal Emergency Management Agency, the Governor's request appears to comply with the statutory requirements for a disaster declaration. We also have no legal objection to the implementation materials prepared by FEMA in connection with this request.

cc: David L. Chew

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THE WHITE HOUSE  
WASHINGTON

March 14, 1986

MEMORANDUM FOR PATRICK J. BUCHANAN  
ASSISTANT TO THE PRESIDENT  
AND DIRECTOR OF COMMUNICATIONS



FROM: JOHN G. ROBERTS  
ASSOCIATE COUNSEL TO THE PRESIDENT

SUBJECT: Aid to the Nicaraguan Freedom Fighters

Counsel's Office has reviewed the above-referenced draft address. As pointed out in my memorandum of March 13 for Ben Elliott on a prior draft, the Department of Justice cannot substantiate a direct link between [redacted] and drug trafficking. Care should therefore be taken to ensure adequate substantiation from a source other than the Department of Justice for the second sentence in the last paragraph on page 6.

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With respect to the third sentence in the same paragraph, Justice advises that it is inaccurate to refer to "U.S. undercover agents." The individual involved -- only one -- should be described as a confidential informant working with the DEA.

cc: David L. Chew

PRESIDENTIAL MESSAGES  
REQUEST FOR CLEARANCE - COMMENTS

To: JOHN ROBERTS - LEGAL COUNSEL

Date Due: ASAP

Date of Event: DUE TODAY MARCH 14, 1986

Subject: PRESIDENTIAL MESSAGE FOR THE ANNUAL MID-YEAR SEMINAR  
OF THE NATIONAL INSTITUTE OF MUNICIPAL LAW OFFICERS.

Requested by: John W. Witt, President, National Institute of Municipal Law Officers

Background:

May we please have your approval on the attached.  
The theme for this year's convention is "Tort Liability  
and Insurance Crises," and Mr. Richard Willard, Asst. AG of  
the Civil Division, will be a speaker on the 17th.

Telephone clearance would be appreciated.

Thank you.

Signature: Linda Watson

Date: March 14, 1986

Presidential Messages  
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Your Recommendation/Comments:

NO LEGAL OBJECTION, BUT  
SHOULD "SETTING" IN 23  
BE "SETTLING" ?

*JWR* 3/14

Signature:

Date:



THE WHITE HOUSE  
WASHINGTON

March 14, 1986

MEMORANDUM FOR DAVID L. CHEW  
STAFF SECRETARY AND DEPUTY ASSISTANT  
TO THE PRESIDENT

FROM: JOHN G. ROBERTS  
ASSOCIATE COUNSEL TO THE PRESIDENT

SUBJECT: Report to Congress on South Africa  
National Emergency

Counsel's Office has reviewed the above-referenced draft report. In line 9 of the second paragraph on page 2, change "the latter" to "that." In line 4 on page 3, change "Krugerrand" to "Krugerrands." In line 7 on page 3, change "5" to "5(a)." In line 16 on page 3, change "11" to "9." In line 16 on page 4, change "8" to "6."

THE WHITE HOUSE  
WASHINGTON

March 14, 1986

MEMORANDUM FOR THE FILE

FROM: JOHN G. ROBERTS *JGR*

SUBJECT: FBI Report on [REDACTED]

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I provided the FBI summary memoranda on [REDACTED] to Senator Cranston on March 13 at 5:15 p.m. and to Senator Murkowski at 5:35 p.m. Both Senators pointed to the anonymous letter attached to the memoranda and asked if it were the subject letter; I confirmed that that was my understanding.

THE WHITE HOUSE

WASHINGTON

March 14, 1986

MEMORANDUM FOR DIANNA G. HOLLAND

FROM: JANET M. KELLIHER *Mike*

Mike Lonkay (566-2327) spoke with Dean McGrath yesterday and asked the status of the following prospective appointees:

Mary Bush	--	Exec. Dir. to IMF
Robert Keating	--	U.S. Exec. Dir. to World Bank
Hugh Foster	--	Alt. Exec. Dir. to World Bank
J. Michael Hudson	--	Asst. Sec. (Leg. Affairs)
J. Roger Mentz	--	Asst. Sec. (Tax Policy)

THE WHITE HOUSE

WASHINGTON

March 14, 1986

MEMORANDUM FOR WILLIAM B. LACY  
DEPUTY ASSISTANT TO THE PRESIDENT AND  
DIRECTOR, OFFICE OF POLITICAL AFFAIRS

FROM: JOHN G. ROBERTS   
ASSOCIATE COUNSEL TO THE PRESIDENT

SUBJECT: Letter to Representative Fred Eckert

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


cc: David L. Chew

THE WHITE HOUSE

WASHINGTON

March 17, 1986

MEMORANDUM FOR PHIL NICOLAIDES  
STAFF ASSISTANT  
WHITE HOUSE CORRESPONDENCE

FROM: JOHN G. ROBERTS   
ASSOCIATE COUNSEL TO THE PRESIDENT

SUBJECT: Draft Proclamation: Afghanistan Day, 1986

Counsel's Office has reviewed the above-referenced Draft Proclamation and finds no objection to it from a legal perspective. On page 2, line 29, delete "to."

THE WHITE HOUSE

WASHINGTON

March 17, 1986

MEMORANDUM FOR JOHN M. POINDEXTER  
ASSISTANT TO THE PRESIDENT  
FOR NATIONAL SECURITY AFFAIRS

FROM: FRED F. FIELDING <sup>Orig. signed by FFF</sup>  
COUNSEL TO THE PRESIDENT

SUBJECT: British Request for Presidential Message

I have reviewed your memorandum of March 14 on the proposed Presidential message to appear in a British advertising supplement to the New York Times. It is a long-standing White House policy that the President not provide messages for such advertising supplements. Pursuant to this policy, we have turned down requests for similar messages from several other countries, including Israel and the People's Republic of China.

If it is your view that it is in the national interest to make an exception to this policy in this case, we can do so. I cannot tell whether the points in your memorandum are meant to suggest that the national interest warrants an exception, or more broadly that you disagree with the policy itself.

In reaching your decision on whether an exception is warranted in this case, I assume you will take into account the possibility that those countries we have turned down in the past will be understandably upset should they learn of our willingness to provide such a message for the British, as well as the difficulty that will arise in the future when we wish to decline to provide messages for other countries that may be familiar with the British exception.

If you decide to proceed with a message, I recommend deletion of the reference in the first paragraph of the proposed text to "the generosity of a major American corporation." You may then want to refer to cooperation between our peoples rather than our two governments.

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cc: FFFielding  
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THE WHITE HOUSE

WASHINGTON

March 17, 1986

MEMORANDUM FOR FRED F. FIELDING

FROM:

JOHN G. ROBERTS *JGR*

SUBJECT:

British Request for Presidential Message

Poindexter has now sent a confidential memorandum to you arguing in favor of sending the message for the British advertising supplement. He does not, however, come out and state that national security warrants an exception to our policy against providing such messages. His arguments rather seem to take issue with the policy itself. The attached reply does not let him off that easily, but gives him authority to send the message if he concludes national security warrants it.

cc: David B. Waller



MESSAGE MUST REACH  
PRINTER TODAY.

THE WHITE HOUSE

WASHINGTON

March 17, 1986

MEMORANDUM FOR THOMAS F. GIBSON III  
SPECIAL ASSISTANT TO THE PRESIDENT AND  
DIRECTOR OF PUBLIC AFFAIRS

FROM: JOHN G. ROBERTS   
ASSOCIATE COUNSEL TO THE PRESIDENT 

SUBJECT: Talking Points on Contra Aid

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

cc: David L. Chew





THE WHITE HOUSE

WASHINGTON

March 17, 1986

MEMORANDUM FOR DAVID L. CHEW  
STAFF SECRETARY AND DEPUTY ASSISTANT  
TO THE PRESIDENT

FROM: JOHN G. ROBERTS    
ASSOCIATE COUNSEL TO THE PRESIDENT

SUBJECT: White House Press Statement on Acid Rain

Counsel's Office has reviewed the above-referenced White House Press Statement and finds no objection to it from a legal perspective.

THE WHITE HOUSE

WASHINGTON

March 17, 1986

MEMORANDUM FOR DAVID L. CHEW  
STAFF SECRETARY

FROM: JOHN G. ROBERTS  
ASSOCIATE COUNSEL TO THE PRESIDENT

SUBJECT: DOT International Aviation Decisions:  
Societe Anonyme Belge d'Exploitation  
de la Navigation Aerienne (Sabena) and  
El Al Israel Airlines Limited

Our office has reviewed the above-referenced Department of Transportation International Aviation decisions, and has no legal objection to the procedure that was followed with respect to Presidential review of such decisions under 49 U.S.C. § 1461(a).

We also have no legal objection to OMB's recommendation that the President not disapprove these orders or to the substance of the letter from the President to the Secretary of Transportation.

THE WHITE HOUSE  
WASHINGTON

March 17, 1986

MEMORANDUM FOR DAVID L. CHEW  
STAFF SECRETARY

FROM: JOHN G. ROBERTS  
ASSOCIATE COUNSEL TO THE PRESIDENT

SUBJECT: DOT International Aviation Decision:  
Dominion Intercontinental

Our office has reviewed the above-referenced Department of Transportation International Aviation decision, and has no legal objection to the procedure that was followed with respect to Presidential review of such decisions under 49 U.S.C. § 1461(a).

We also have no legal objection to OMB's recommendation that the President not disapprove this order or to the substance of the letter from the President to the Secretary of Transportation.

THE WHITE HOUSE

WASHINGTON

March 17, 1986

MEMORANDUM FOR DAVID L. CHEW  
STAFF SECRETARY

FROM: JOHN G. ROBERTS  
ASSOCIATE COUNSEL TO THE PRESIDENT

SUBJECT: DOT International Aviation Decision:  
Marco Island Airways, Inc., and  
Aeron International Airlines, Inc.

Our office has reviewed the above-referenced Department of Transportation International Aviation decision, and has no legal objection to the procedure that was followed with respect to Presidential review of such decisions under 49 U.S.C. § 1461(a).

We also have no legal objection to OMB's recommendation that the President not disapprove this order or to the substance of the letter from the President to the Secretary of Transportation.

THE WHITE HOUSE

WASHINGTON

March 17, 1986

MEMORANDUM FOR DIANNA G. HOLLAND

FROM:

JOHN G. ROBERTS 

SUBJECT:

Nomination of Gilbert G. Pompa to be  
Director of the Community Relations Service

I have reviewed the SF-278 and PDS submitted by Gilbert G. Pompa in connection with his prospective nomination for another term as Director of the Community Relations Service. The President is authorized to nominate a Director for a four-year term by 42 U.S.C. § 2000g. Pompa has been nominated and confirmed for this post on two prior occasions. His SF-278 and PDS present no problems, and, assuming successful completion of other background checks, I have no objection to proceeding with this nomination.

THE WHITE HOUSE  
WASHINGTON

March 12, 1986

TO: JOHN ROBERTS  
Counsel's Office

RE: American Country-Western Music  
Tour--People's Republic of China

NSC suggests Counsel's Office review of this case  
-- see paragraph three.

Thank you.

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CLAUDIA KORTE  
Presidential Messages  
18-OEOB/Ext. 2941

NO OBJECTION

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THE WHITE HOUSE

WASHINGTON

March 17, 1986

TO: JOHN ROBERTS  
Counsel's Office

RE: Retirement of Edwin Ganter,  
St. Louis, Missouri

Chris Hicks wanted to be sure you saw this one because it's a judge. He's been an Administrative Law Judge for the Social Security Administration -- so a member of the Executive, not the Judicial, Branch of government. HHS said he's okay. Do you see any problem?

Thank you.

*Claudia*

CLAUDIA KORTE  
Presidential Messages  
18-OEOB/Ext. 2941

NO OBJECTION  
JRL  
3/18