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THE WHITE HOUSE  
WASHINGTON

February 15, 1984

F.L.  
*[Handwritten signature]*

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MEMORANDUM FOR WILLIAM SITTMANN

FROM: MICHAEL P. CASTINE, DEPUTY DIRECTOR,  
PRIVATE SECTOR INITIATIVES

SUBJECT: CONGRESS HEIGHTS

In response to your January memorandum regarding the activity of the Assistants and Deputy Assistants to the President at the Congress Heights school, please see the attached memorandum.

Each office was called to verify the activity. Holly Stewart of the PSI Office coordinates the arrangements between Bill Dalton, principal of Congress Heights and the White House offices.

For your information, Mr. Nicholas Brathwaite, Chairman of the Grenada interim government will address the school assembly this Friday afternoon.

I apologize for the delay.

*There's a lot of promises - I'll get back 2/ get definite dates scheduled. Let me know in a week*

NAMEPROJECT

James Baker	Mr. Baker and his staff sponsored an Executive Forum at the White House on 1/20/84. Involved lunch, tour, demonstration by Secret Service and film. Twenty-seven 4th, 5th and 6th grade students. Responded to questions/answers at wrap-up.
Edwin Meese	Does not plan to become involved with school at this time, nor does his staff.
Larry Speakes	Sponsored staff of school newspaper in White House on 1/27/84. Students attended press briefing, toured press office and interviewed Larry Speakes for school paper.
M.B. Oglesby	Intends to speak to a class on the procedures for introducing a bill into Congress. Will include various handouts. Entire staff donated \$50.00 to school for the purchase of new library books.
John Herrington	Intends to address 5th and 6th grade history class the second week in March.
Richard Darman	Does not plan to become involved with school.
Fred Fielding Richard Hauser	Will sponsor two groups of 15 students each to visit Superior Court. Will view a criminal arraignment, and a trial. Will have opportunity to ask questions and discuss session at the end of the day.
Craig Fuller	Intends to speak to a class or an assembly and sponsor a group to visit the White House.
Edward Hickey	Will sponsor group of students to visit Andrews Air Force Base for briefing and tour of Air Force One and tour of Marine One at Anacostia. Will invite students to Arlington Cemetery to view changing of the guard followed by lunch with the guards in the mess hall. Intends to invite students to flag pageant put on by members of the military on the history of our nation's flags. Also, will give selected talks at school on his responsibilities to the President. Will invite the music students to the audition for the Marine Corp Band, and to the "Spirit of '76" Program in early May sponsored by the U.S. Army Band.
James Jenkins	Intends to correspond with a student and will pay the summer camp expenses of a needy student.

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John Rogers	Intends to provide tour to thirty 4-5th graders of the White House computer center and the EOB complex followed by talk on the history of the building.
John Svahn	Intends to speak to a class.
Lee Verstandig	Intends to teach a 6th grade history class.
Faith Ryan Whittlesey	Donated three sets of books to the library. Will address a class on March 12 at 1:00.
Michael Baroody	Intends to address/work with 6th grade class in the area of communications. Willing to assist newspaper staff periodically.
Bruce Chapman	Intends to donate books to the library and correspond with a student.
Becky Norton Dunlop	Plans to involve entire staff and plans to discuss their involvement at 2/16 staff meeting. Will report to PSI office.
Robert McFarlane	Is addressing a 5-6th grade assembly 2/16/84 on the subject of national security.
Rick Neal	Will address government class on the difference between local, state and federal governments.
Roger Porter	Will address a class on his work at the White House.
James Rosebush	Coordinating with Ann Wrobleski to expand Congress Height's drug awareness program and willing to address a class on the duties of the Office of the First Lady.
Karna Small	Intends to speak to 6th grade class on the subject of communications.
Pamela Turner	Donated a framed map of the United States to the school and intends to sponsor a class to attend an arrival ceremony. Also intends to invite students to White House during next Congressional recess.
Jack Courtemanche	Addressed a 5th grade class 2/14/84.

THE WHITE HOUSE

WASHINGTON

December 15, 1983

MEMORANDUM TO WHITE HOUSE AND EOP STAFF

FROM: MICHAEL K. DEEVER<sup>4</sup>

SUBJECT: PARTNERSHIPS IN EDUCATION.

The response to my November 3 memo and request for participation in the White House adoption of Congress Heights Elementary School has been very good. I appreciate the response to date, but must stress the seriousness of this initiative and ask each of you to try to commit several hours a week to assist the school and student body. If you have not indicated your willingness to participate, please do so by completing the attached form.

Offers of involvement range from one-on-one tutoring to classroom speaking to donations of books and equipment. The students and teachers have visited the White House often and have been included in many of the holiday programs.

Following Jim Coyne's meeting with the principal and staff of Congress Heights, it was decided that Bill Dalton, the principal would combine the many offers of assistance from White House staff with the school's curriculum. That will be done over the holidays and staff members will be contacted starting January 1 with full details and schedules.

We are anxious to make this a substantive partnership. Please indicate your willingness as quickly as possible.



## Pen Pals

Correspondents are needed to write to the students to help them develop their writing skills. This is expected to result in a regular exchange of letters and information.

## Counseling

Students often need "just someone to talk to." Trips or meetings may be arranged for students to have a chance to talk about a problem or an issue.

ELEMENT II: Resource Development - Partnerships are needed in the following areas:

## Expertise

Speakers are needed for all classes and clubs. Congress Heights has developed a Science Club, a Red Cross Club, an Art and Music Club, a Math Club, and a Library Club. The opportunities here are endless - whatever your expertise - Congress Heights would welcome a speaker to inform and educate the students.

## Computers

IBM and Digital Equipment Corporation have donated computers to the school. Assistants, technicians and programmers are invited to work with the teachers and students to develop new learning techniques.

## Assistants

Assistants are needed in the library and the school office to help develop the library system and maintain the daily operation of the school.

## Equipment and Supplies

Books, magazines, and records are accepted for the library as well as the classroom. Almost any type of equipment or supplies will be accepted if functional.

## Financial

Congress Heights is planning to establish a "Send a Child to Camp" fund. All proceeds will go towards sending the students to Camp Round Meadow, a fully equipped camp run by the National Park Service located near Camp David. Students will have the opportunity to attend camp for one week in the Spring.



Landscaping and  
Beautification

The school welcomes assistance in 'sprucing' up the place. The students have a Garden Club and would appreciate direction as well as supplies.

Athletics

Individuals might offer their expertise and time to organize and coach a football game, basketball game, etc. or spend time on physical fitness in general. Again, a one-on-one relationship is important.

Field Trips

Special events are created for the students as a motivational tool. Congress Heights would like to organize more events for the students. Supervisory and organizers are needed for events such as: arrival ceremonies, White House tours, holiday events, technical tours of the complex, Kennedy center programs and events, NASA/Air and Space Museum, the Pentagon, Air Traffic Control Center, and the Weather Bureau.

This is only a basic outline. Beyond these two central elements, we offer a wide range of additional student and teacher-supported activities which we urge you to explore with our staff.

The degree of participation is as creative as you make it. Any special skills or interests not mentioned above which you might offer to Congress Heights?

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NAME \_\_\_\_\_

OFFICE \_\_\_\_\_

ADDRESS \_\_\_\_\_

PHONE NUMBER \_\_\_\_\_

Please indicate your preference:

A) Grade Level (K, 1,2,3,4,5,6) \_\_\_\_\_

No Preference \_\_\_\_\_

B) Particular subject area \_\_\_\_\_

(English, Math, Science  
Arts, Music, Athletics,  
Foreign Languages)

Other \_\_\_\_\_

No Preference \_\_\_\_\_

Specific interest, estimate of time available

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Return to James K. Coyne, Private Sector Initiatives, Room 134,  
OEOB.

February 24, 1984

- 8:30 A.M. Bus departs Congress Heights Elementary School 6th and Alabama Sts., SE. 21 students on board with 6 adults.
- 9:00 A.M. Arrive National Arboretum, 24th and R Sts. Group met by Holly Stewart, and Sylvester March, Chief Horticulturist. Program consists of tour of Arboretum, plus each student making their own "window greenhouse" with plant cuttings.
- 10:00 A.M. Departure en route to White House Greenhouse.
- 10:15 A.M. Arrive White House Greenhouse, Kennelworth Avenue. Group met by Dale Haney, Michael Deaver, and Gail Ledwig.
- 10:15-11:00 A.M. Tour of greenhouse and description of White House projects/cuttings/plants by Dale Haney. Demonstration by Michael Deaver and participation by students of plant repotting/re-rooting. Students take home potted plant.
- 11:00-11:30 A.M. Students, including Michael Deaver, Gail Ledwig and Holly Stewart travel by schoolbus to White House.
- 11:30-11:45 A.M. Unload bus at Southwest Gate, pass through security checks en route to West Lobby.
- 11:45-12:45 Lunch in Roosevelt Room served by White House Mess. Lunch plates will be arranged in advance. Menu: hot dogs, potato chips, soda, cookies, cake and jelly beans. Present: students and adults plus Michael Deaver, Mike McManus, William Sittman, Gail Ledwig and Holly Stewart. Total: 32. Following lunch, historical description of Roosevelt Room led by William Sittman. Explanation of functions of the Office of Deputy Chief of Staff led by Michael Deaver. Presentation by Mr. Deaver of the tree plaque (a certificate) which will be turned into a tree plaque affixed to the new magnolia tree donated to Congress Heights Elementary School by the President and Mrs. Reagan. Tree will be planted by White House staff at school on Arbor Day. Question/answer session led by Mr. Deaver.
- 12:45-1:45 P.M. Tour of South Lawn led by Dale Haney. Included will be Children's garden, historical trees and various landmarks. (MKD-optional). Each student will be given the White House booklet on the grounds provided by Dale Haney. Attached to the booklet will be a packet of seeds, provided by the White House PSI Office.
- 1:45 P.M. Depart White House grounds through South gate.

THE WHITE HOUSE

WASHINGTON

February 16, 1984

MEMORANDUM TO REX SCOUTEN

FROM: MICHAEL K. DEAVER

SUBJECT: CONGRESS HEIGHTS ELEMENTARY SCHOOL.

As you know, I will be meeting the students of Congress Heights Elementary School on February 24, in conjunction with the horticulture and science program we are putting on for the children.

I want to present the students with a tree which will be planted at the school. Knowing that the tree cannot be planted until the Spring, I would like to present them with a certificate. It should read:

MAGNOLIA GRANDIFLORA  
Seedling from the White House Grounds

A gift from the President  
and Mrs. Reagan

1984

Will you please have the certificate made up by February 24 and determine the time to plant the seedling at Congress Heights Elementary School. If possible, I would like it to be planted on Arbor Day.

Thank you for your assistance.

THE WHITE HOUSE

WASHINGTON

February 8, 1984

DB/  
Since this day has  
been your idea - I  
want you to share in  
the fellowships!

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who's paying?

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we  
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entertain  
budget

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5. Do you travel a lot?
6. What is your background, how did you get to be Deputy Chief of Staff?

I think we should include McManus in the lunch and the Q&A session. Since seating is limited, I've relinquished mine.

- Set another  
chair!

## THE WHITE HOUSE

WASHINGTON

DRAFT ITINERARY, FRIDAY, FEBRUARY 24, 1984

- 8:30 A.M. Bus departs Congress Heights Elementary School  
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*Thank you!*

## THE WHITE HOUSE

WASHINGTON

Donna,

Attached is a draft itinerary for Mr. Deaver's consideration.

There should be approximately 23 children from the Congress Heights Science Club. Will be 4th-5th-6th grades.

I am working with Sylvester March of the Arboretum and Dale Haney on specifics for the tours.

The lunch will be served in the Roosevelt Room. Mr. Jackson wants to remove the large chairs and put in smaller ones so more people can sit around the table. The cost for the luncheon will be around \$2.50 each. Should be between \$70-75. We will be responsible for that. We can either split the bill among the staff, like Mr. Baker did or take care of it another way. Ron Jackson will let me know in advance the exact cost.

I think the idea of leaving a living present behind, like a tree is a great idea. The plaque can be prepared by us and will be small, like a tree plaque, and can read "to the students of Congress Heights Elementary School from the White House staff." Our greenhouse staff can select the tree and the location for a spring planting to be sure it will survive at Congress Heights.

Let me know what Mr. Deaver thinks.

I'm excited!

Holly Stewart

THE WHITE HOUSE

WASHINGTON

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PRINCIPAL

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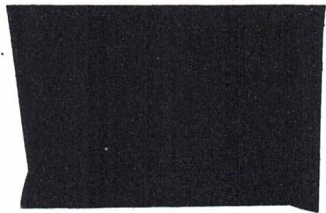
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| 3. James Bynaker     | 14. Todd Myers         |
| 4. John Callier      | 15. Forrest Poindexter |
| 5. Steve DaCosta     | 16. Temeki Valentine   |
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<u>Adults</u>	<u>D.O.B.</u>	<u>SSN</u>
William B. Dalton	11-28-33	
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Mr. Deaver:

This was sent so that they  
could begin preparing the  
certificate.

Wording can be changed if  
you do not approve.

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February 16, 1984

MEMORANDUM TO REX SCOUTEN

FROM: MICHAEL K. DEAVER

SUBJECT: CONGRESS HEIGHTS ELEMENTARY SCHOOL.

As you know, I will be meeting the students of Congress Heights Elementary School on February 24, in conjunction with the horticulture and science program we are putting on for the children.

I want to present the students with a tree which will be planted at the school. Knowing that the tree cannot be planted until the Spring, I would like to present them with a certificate. It should read:

MAGNOLIA GRANDIFLORA  
Seedling from the White House Grounds  
A gift from the President  
and Mrs. Reagan 1984

Will you please have the certificate made up by February 24 and determine the time to plant the seedling at Congress Heights Elementary School. If possible, I would like it to be planted on Arbor Day.

Thank you for your assistance.

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February 16, 1984

MEMORANDUM TO GAIL LEDWIG

FROM: HOLLY STEWART  
PRIVATE SECTOR INITIATIVES *HS*

SUBJECT: TREE FOR CONGRESS HEIGHTS ELEMENTARY SCHOOL.

I talked with Rex Scouten and he is willing to have a certificate/mock plaque made for Mr. Deaver to present to the school on February 24.

This will only be a copy of the plaque which will be permanently fixed to the tree when it is planted at Congress Heights.

He is ready to proceed as soon as he receives the word from your office. Can you please either telephone Rex with the OK or send him the attached memo today.

Many thanks.

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April 19, 1984

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MEMORANDUM TO WILLIAM SITTMANN

FROM: HOLLY STEWART, PRIVATE SECTOR INITIATIVES *HS*

SUBJECT: CONGRESS HEIGHTS UPDATE.

I have attached the chronology of events at Congress Heights Elementary School.

I am in the process of reconfirming the involvement of Assistants and Deputy Assistants to the President and will forward that update as quickly as it is completed.

The magnolia tree which your office presented to the school on behalf of the President was planted on the school grounds on Arbor Day, April 10. It stands 7' tall and the White House plaque is cemented in the ground below it.

The school is very pleased with the tree and most appreciative of the gift.

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### CONGRESS HEIGHTS ELEMENTARY SCHOOL HISTORY OF PARTICIPATION WITH WHITE HOUSE PARTNERSHIP.

- 10/13/83 President announced Partnerships in Education Program and White House "adoption" of Congress Heights Elementary School in White House Ceremony.
- 10/14/83 Congress Heights students visit White House and see President and Mrs. Reagan depart South Lawn for Camp David. White House Advance Office arranged details.
- 10/19/83 James Coyne, Holly Stewart of White House PSI Office, Wendell Butler, DATA/NET, Floretta McKenzie, D.C. School Superintendent, Bill Dalton, Principal, Congress Heights Elementary School meet in Roosevelt Room to identify needs of the school and partnership arrangement.
- 10/27/83 Congress Heights Elementary School tour White House with Principal.
- 11/18/83 Jim Coyne, William Dalton, Susan Porter Rose, (VP's office) Ann Wrobleski (Mrs. Reagan's office) and Sue Mathias (Media Relations) meet to discuss existing programs at Congress Heights. Dalton outlined the drug program, literacy program and "Writing to Read" program already in place. Ann Wrobleski and Susan Porter Rose agree to visit school to meet students.
- 11/23/83 James Coyne visits Congress Heights and attends Thanksgiving assembly. He delivers books donated to the Congress Heights Library by Faith R. Whittlesey, of White House Public Liaison and has a Thanksgiving lunch with the students.
- 11/29/83 James Coyne arranges for David Prowse, who portrays "Darth Vader" on Star Wars, to visit Congress Heights and meet the students. David Prowse discusses traffic safety at an assembly at the school.
- 11/30/83 Twenty-five third graders are invited by Mrs. Bush to watch her place the official Christmas tree ornament on top of the National Christmas tree on the Ellipse. Julie Cooke arranged for the visit and tour of the White House following the ceremony. In a surprise announcement, Mrs. Bush invited one student to ride in the "cherry picker" with her as she placed the ornament on top of the tree.
- 11/30/83 James Coyne invites teachers and full Congress Heights faculty to White House for briefing and discussion of staff involvement in program. Roughly 35 teachers attended and offered suggestions for WH staff involvement. Stressed one-on-one relationships with students. Heidi Hiltgen of PSI staff gave teachers and faculty tour of residence following meeting.

- 12/7/83 The third grade class and Operation Rescue volunteers for Congress Heights are invited by Carol McCain to attend the arrival ceremony for the King and Queen of Napul on the South Lawn. The Advance Office provided a separate standing area while Guest Services, Inc. provided free hot chocolate to the students and teachers in the OEOB cafeteria. Pamela Myer of the PSI staff, discussed the arrival ceremony with the students.
- 12/9/83 Sixty-five students attend tour and briefing by NASA scientist of NASA/Goddard Space Center in Baltimore, MD. Dr. Earnest Baily, Education Coordinator for NASA arranged for the tour in coordination with the PSI office.
- 12/14/83 Entire student body and faculty of Congress Heights Elementary School are invited by Carol McCain, Visitors Office, to tour the White House during the holiday season. Students have opportunity to see White House tree and decorations.
- 12/15/83 Mrs. Reagan invites third grade teacher and one student to photo opportunity with Brasinokyv and cast from Cinderella. Mrs. Reagan hands 50 complimentary tickets to see Cinderella at the Kennedy Center to student. Tickets are encased in glass slipper on a satin pillow.
- 12/15/83 Students attend Pageant of Peace Ceremony on Ellipse. White House Advance Office and National Park Service arrange for preferred seating for 65 fourth and fifth grade students. Students receive booklet on White House Christmas tradition.
- 12/19/83 Naval Research Laboratory invites Congress Heights students (K-3rd grade) to Christmas party. Congress Heights is one of three schools invited. Holly Stewart of PSI office attends and reads Presidential Christmas message. Each student received a booklet on the President's House in addition to the many toys, games and candy which was donated by Naval Research Lab employees.
- 12/21/83 Four Congress Heights students, Principal Bill Dalton and third-grade teacher deliver Christmas cards to PSI staff for White House employees. PSI staff prepares cookies and punch in Jim Coyne's office and presents Congress Heights with book on Washington, D.C. for the library. In a surprise announcement, President greets students in West Wing Lobby to accept his Christmas card from students, and extend warm wishes to his "adopted school."
- 1/5/84 Principal Bill Dalton attends White House briefing for federal departments/agencies on program. Cited as an example of Partnership in Education involvement.
- 1/10/84 Holly Stewart, PSI staff meet with Principal and teachers to set calendar of White House participation at Congress Heights.

- 1/12/84 Ann Wrobleski, Barbara Franklin, Holly Stewart visit Congress Heights to discuss involvement by Mrs. Reagan and Mrs. Bush.
- 1/17/84 Fifty 3rd-grade Congress Heights Students tour Bureau of Engraving and Printing. Tour arranged through PSI Office and Department of Treasury. Treasury official answers questions and speaks to class following tour.
- 1/19/84 Ann Wrobleski and Holly Stewart meet with drug counselors at Congress Heights to discuss Mrs. Reagan's visit.
- 1/20/84 James Baker and staff host Government Forum day at White House for 25 5-6th students of Congress Heights. Students attend luncheon, followed by demonstration of Secret Service and tour of residence. Students view helicopter departure of President on South Lawn. President and Mrs. Reagan sign autographs for every student on South Lawn prior to departure.
- 1/27/84 Larry Speakes invites ten Congress Heights students to White House to attend press briefing. Students write for the school newspaper and in addition to attending the press briefing, will take a tour of the Press Offices, followed by an interview with Larry Speakes.
- 2/6/84 120 first and second grade students plus teachers and Principal visit White House to wish President Reagan a Happy Birthday. Class prepared an 18-ft. banner reading, "Happy Birthday, Mr. President" and suprised the President and first Lady on the South Lawn as they were departing via helicopter. Students were then treated to a demonstration of how people celebrate birthdays across the country by the Capitol Children's Museum in Room 474 of the OEOB. Five Museum volunteers did an educational program on Mexican cultures.
- 2/17/84 Nicolas Brathwaite, Chairman of the Interim Council of Grenada and Dennis Noel, Charge d'Affairs, visit Congress Heights and address 5th grade class on the geography/history of Grenada. Mr. Brathwaite toured school, including computer labs.
- 2/16/84 Mr. Robert McFarlane, National Security Advisor addressed 5th and 6th grade class on the subject of national security.
- 2/21/84 Students tour Water Treatment Facility, Reservoir Road. Students had been studying water systems and tour included demonstration of water treatment system.

- 2/22/84 Two groups of 4th grade students attend exhibit at Smithsonian Institute, titled "Art of Cameroon." Tour included description of Cameroon articles and pageantry.
- 2/22/84 Mattel Toys in cooperation with Hallmark, Inc. present a "Color Me Safety" Program for 200 pre-K and 1,2,3 grade students. D.C. Police Officer, "Officer Friendly" assisted Mattel Toys in presenting safety program. Mattel had two life-size characters present, whose theme is safety. Mattel presented students with coloring books with photographs stressing various types of safety.
- 2/24/84 Michael K. Deaver and staff sponsor science day for Congress Heights Science Club. Twenty-seven students visit National Arboretum, create "window greenhouses," visit White House Greenhouse, led by Mr. Deaver and have lunch at White House with Mr. Deaver and his staff. On behalf of the President and Mrs. Reagan, Congress Heights Elementary School is presented with a plaque donating a seedling from the White House Magnolia Tree to be planted at the school on Arbor Day. The plaque which will be affixed to the tree, reads: "Magnolia Grandiflora Seedling from the White House Grounds presented by the President and Mrs. Reagan Arbor Day 1984.
- 2/28/84 Sixty 2nd grade students attend arrival ceremony on White House Lawn. President and Mrs. Reagan welcome President of the Republic of Austria and Mrs. Kirchsclaeger.
- 3/8/84 White House Administrative Office sponsors thirty students for tour of EOP Computer Center and White House Administration Board.
- 3/12/84 President Reagan visits Congress Heights. Tours IBM Computer Lab, greets school board and dignitaries in Library, presents school with History of the White House and two NASA books and greets full assembly of students. President selects Rudolph Hines, a 6-year old student as his "pen pal," agreeing to exchange letters. President responds to questions from audience.
- 3/21/84 Mr. Edward Hickey sponsors 150 students plus teachers for tour of Boeing Air Force Base and tour of Marine 1. Students tour Presidential helicopter, sit in the President's seat and receive official White House certificate. Students discuss helicopter with pilot and mechanics and watch landing and touch-down excercises.

- 3/22/84 Sixty-five students attend welcoming ceremony of His Excellency the President of the French Republic and Mrs. Mitterand on South Lawn. Fifteen of those students were sponsored by Fred Ryan and attended White House Scheduling Meeting following the ceremony.
- 3/23/84 Tom Evans, Member of the President's Advisory Council on Private Sector Initiatives and Chairman of the Education Committee, donates on behalf of the Council, a trampoline to the school.
- 3/28/84 At the invitation of Mr. Hickey, 150 students and 12 adults tour Air Force One at Andrews Air Force Base. Students meet pilots and have opportunity to ask questions and sit in cockpit area. Photograph is presented to school signed by the Pilot.
- 4/10/84 150 students attend the Arrival Ceremony of the President of the Dominican Republic.
- 4/10/84 Holly Stewart represents the White House at the Congress Heights Arbor Day Celebration. Earlier that day, the White House Grounds office planted the Magnolia Tree on the school property which was a gift from the President and Mrs. Reagan. The tree stands 7 ft. tall. A plaque has been cemented into the ground below the tree which reads, "Magnolia Grandiflora Seedling from the White House Grounds presented by the President and Mrs. Reagan Arbor Day, 1984."
- 4/13/84 Principal William Dalton tours the West Wing and is shown the Congress Heights photo display in the West Basement lobby.
- 4/18/84 Ann Wrobleski and Holly Stewart visit school and set agenda for Mrs. Reagan's visit on May 7, 1984.



THE WHITE HOUSE

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April 10, 1984

MEMORANDUM TO REX SCOUTEN

FROM: HOLLY STEWART, OFFICE OF  
PRIVATE SECTOR INITIATIVES

SUBJECT: WHITE HOUSE MAGNOLIA TREE  
FOR CONGRESS HEIGHTS ELEMENTARY  
SCHOOL.

Just a note to thank you for making the arrangements to have the magnolia tree and the White House plaque positioned at Congress Heights Elementary School.

I just returned from their Arbor Day ceremonies and everyone was very pleased and excited about the gift from the President and Mrs. Reagan. It looks very nice on the school grounds.

Thanks again for your help.

cc: William Sittmann

PUBLIC SCHOOLS OF THE DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA  
WASHINGTON, D. C.

Congress Heights<sup>SCHOOL</sup>  
6th & Alabama Avenue, S. E.

W. B. Dalton PRINCIPAL

*DB*  
*Thanks*  
*give me some*  
*cards*  
*for*  
*me*

February 28, 1984

Mr. Michael Deavers  
The White House  
17th and Pennsylvania Avenue, N. W.  
Washington, D. C.

Dear Mr. Deavers,

The students of the Congress Heights Science Club and I thank you for arranging the delightful field trip on Friday, February 24, 1984. Our tours of the arboretum, greenhouse and White House grounds were very informative. The students were most pleased with their windowsill greenhouse from the arboretum, their plant from the greenhouse and especially dining at the White House.

Our special thanks are extended to our guides, Mr. Eric Newman, Mr. Dale Haney and Wayne, and Ms. Donna Blume.

Yours truly,

*Alma S. Miller*  
Alma S. Miller

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*I wanted*  
*to do thank you*  
*to you - Dale -*  
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March 15, 1984

MEMORANDUM FOR MICHAEL K. DEAVER  
FROM EDWARD V. HICKEY, JR.  
SUBJECT Congress Heights School

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On Wednesday, March 21st, we have made arrangements for 150 students of Congress Heights School to tour Marine One.

The following schedule has been approved by the school thru contact with Holly Stewart in Jim Coyne's office:

- 1:00 p.m. - military buses will arrive at the school to pick up children and teachers
- 1:15 p.m. - students will arrive at Hangar 91, Anacostia where they will be met by Colonel Matt Caulfield, Lieutenant Colonel Terry Dake, Cliff Sharrock and myself.
- 1:20 p.m. - small groups will board the helicopter and each student will have a chance to sit in the President's seat. Upon exiting the rear of the aircraft, each student will be given an official Marine One seating card with his name on it.
- 1:40 p.m. - question and answer period with members of the HMX-1 crew, both officers and enlisted men.
- 1:50 p.m. - students will watch several touch and go landings. (standard daily training procedure)
- 2:00 p.m. - students and teachers will board the buses to return to school
- 2:15 p.m. - arrive Congress Heights School

cc: Jim Coyne  
Holly Stewart