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THE WHITE HOUSE
WASHINGTON

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October 8, 1984

MEMORANDUM FOR: MICHAEL K. DEAVER
FROM: FREDERICK J. RYAN, JR. *FJR*
SUBJECT: Presidential Press Conferences

As you requested, we have researched the number of Press Conferences conducted by recent Presidents.

Although some data is available, we have found that the criteria used to define a "Press Conference" varies significantly with different Administrations. Presidents Kennedy, Nixon and Carter appear to have defined a "Press Conference" as a formal question/answer session called with advance notice and open to all members of the White House Press Corps. These were held in formal settings such as the East Room, 450 OEOB or the State Department.

Presidents Johnson and Ford used more latitude in their definitions of a Press Conference. President Johnson counted impromptu sessions in which he walked around the White House grounds while answering reporters' questions. President Ford counted question/answer sessions while out on the road as Press Conferences.

The following is a list of the number of Press Conferences of every President since John Kennedy using the criteria that they each applied in defining "Press Conferences."

<u>President</u>	<u>Number of Press Conferences</u>
John F. Kennedy	64
Lyndon B. Johnson	135
Richard M. Nixon	37 (28 first term; 9 second term)
Gerald R. Ford	39
Jimmy Carter	59
Ronald Reagan	26

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It should also be noted that Ronald Reagan did 34 mini-press conferences. However, Jimmy Carter held 65 question/answer sessions with groups of reporters in addition to his formal Press Conferences.

Also of significance is the fact that Ronald Reagan has given 175 interviews since he has been in office. Jimmy Carter is a distant second to him with a total of 46 interviews while in office.

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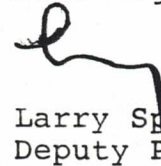
WASHINGTON

September 28, 1984

Dear Cal:

Many thanks for your letter. When we have another session with reporters, we'll hope to be able to include you, and look forward to having you at the White House.

Best regards,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to be 'Larry Speakes', written over the typed name.

Larry Speakes
Deputy Press Secretary
to the President

Mr. Cal Thomas
102 Woodland Avenue
Lynchburg, Virginia 24503

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WASHINGTON

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MEMO TO LARRY SPEAKES

FROM: BILL SITTMANN

SUBJ. Attached

MIKE would like your recommendation.

Thanks.

Bill
✓ with cs.

Los Angeles Times

SYNDICATE

September 21, 1984.

Mr. Michael Deaver
The White House
Washington, D.C. 20500

Dear Mike,

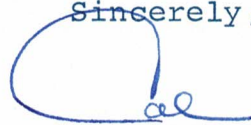
I have thought of a budget -saving idea.

Since I don't drink alcoholic beverages, the Administration could save money by inviting me for cokes, instead of "drinks" when the President meets with small groups of reporters.

I would really appreciate the chance for an interview with him, particularly since I am a friend and booster of his plans and programs, unlike most of the other reporters from the major papers and syndicates. As I have said before, it would help spread my column and get our views and values to still more people.

Thanks for your continued interest.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to be 'Cal Thomas', with a large loop at the beginning and a small 'al' at the end.


Cal Thomas

THE WHITE HOUSE
WASHINGTON

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WASHINGTON

August 29, 1984

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*Bill
JFK to
5 inv.*

MEMORANDUM FOR MIKE DEEVER

FROM: MIKE McMANUS, JR. *MMJ*

SUBJECT: NBC Interview Request

I received your message that you suggest Secretary Shultz do the NBC interview, and I have passed this along to NBC.

With this in mind, I wonder if you want to call, or have Larry Speakes call, the Secretary so he is aware that NBC will be calling.

Thank you.

THE WHITE HOUSE
WASHINGTON

July 13, 1984

MEMORANDUM FOR: MICHAEL K. DEEVER

FROM: FREDERICK J. RYAN, JR. *FJR*

SUBJECT: Presidential Contact with The
Washington Times

On Friday afternoon, Jim Baker called and asked me to review our Diary for all contacts that the President has had with The Washington Times or James Whelan.

Attached is a copy of the memorandum I sent to him.

DB
JAB is trying
to set-up
meeting with
new editor
- Keep me
posted.

THE WHITE HOUSE

WASHINGTON

July 13, 1984

MEMORANDUM FOR: JAMES A. BAKER, III
FROM: FREDERICK J. RYAN, JR. *FR*
SUBJECT: Presidential Contact with James Whelan and The Washington Times

As you requested, we have reviewed the Presidential Diary for all contacts between the President and James Whelan or The Washington Times. The list is as follows:

January 28, 1983

John Lofton with The Washington Times attended a luncheon with the President and key columnists.

May 18, 1983

James Whelan sat at the head table with the President at the White House News Photographers Dinner.

June 21, 1983

Photo opportunity with James Whelan and Caryle Reed, departing Associate Publisher of The Washington Times .

August 9, 1983

The President had a photo with Bill King of The Washington Times, a new member of the White House Press Corps.

December 22, 1983

Interview with James Whelan and representatives of Le Figaro magazine.

December 23, 1983

The President telephoned James Whelan.

March 2, 1984

The President referred to James Whelan in a speech to the Conservative Political Action Conference.

March 12, 1984

The President telephoned Victoria Yokota, a photographer with The Washington Times.

March 29, 1984

Jeremiah O'Leary of The Washington Times attended an off-the-record reception for members of the White House Press Corps.

Additionally, reporters from The Washington Times were included in the Air Force One Press Pool on August 11, 1982, January 26, 1983, and August 1, 1983.

In addition to these recorded contacts, it is possible that on an unscheduled basis, a member of the Senior Staff could have taken James Whelan into the Oval Office. Although these unscheduled meetings are usually included in the Presidential Diary, a brief spontaneous meeting may not have been recorded.

If we can provide any additional information, please let me know.

Hold

THE WHITE HOUSE

WASHINGTON

July 11, 1984

MEMORANDUM FOR: Fred Fielding
~~William~~ Bob Kimmett

FROM: Bill Sittmann

SUBJ: Attached Request for Mrs.
Reagan to Serve as Honorary
Chairman

MKD does not feel this is appropriate.
He would like your guidance.

Thank you.

EMBASSY OF THE
UNITED STATES OF AMERICA

100 Wellington Street,
Ottawa, Ontario.
K1P 5T1

July 7, 1984

Boal
I don't think
this is appropriate
pls check with
RK 4/77.

The Hon. Michael K. Deaver,
Deputy Chief of Staff and Assistant
to the President,
The White House,
1600 Pennsylvania Avenue,
Washington, D.C. 20301

Dear Mike,

I enclose for your information details of a women's group I am forming in Canada. The name of this organization will be "ENCENCE" (an International Understanding For Group Action). The basis of the organization will be the Parliamentary Spouses Association of Canada and the Congressional Club of America. I have contacted Mr. William Cressman of the State Department, Faith Whittlesey, Sherry Cooksey and Pam Bailey concerning this organization, to ensure that I proceed in the proper manner with regard to my position as an ambassador's wife.

I have been advised by all that they are most enthusiastic that I pursue this idea, and I seek your approval to ask Mrs. Reagan if she would be the honorary chairwoman. I would like to have the next Prime Minister of Canada's wife as the Canadian honorary chairwoman.

As it now appears, the Canadian elections will probably take place in September or early October, and consequently I would like to have the official founding of "ENCENCE" in early to mid-October. I have asked Faith Whittlesey if she would kindly come to Ottawa to speak to the founding group, but have yet to determine the exact date.

The purpose of this organization is basically non-partisan, but I believe that having Mrs. Reagan as honorary

chairwoman would greatly enhance its possibility of success.

I originally thought of this organization with regard to the President's North American Accord, which I have always believed was a concept that we should continue to pursue. I had hoped to include Mexico in the group, but think that perhaps I would be encroaching on a country that I am not directly involved with. However, if Mrs. Reagan would like to approach this organization from the standpoint of "ENTENTE" encompassing the three countries, I think it would greatly add to its effectiveness to have the members of this organization directly involved with the North American Accord. I leave that entirely to Mrs. Reagan's discretion.

I will be calling Sherry Cooksey again, hopefully after I hear from you with regard to your approval, and will then proceed to see if somehow we can ensure that this women's group will be representative of the Reagan administration. My efforts to form this group are entirely for the President and for our hopefully being able to export a dialogue on the positive aspects of the democratic system. Hopefully, it could also enhance the concept of women being more directly involved in the Reagan administration.

As I know you are terribly busy with the election, I only ask that you or someone from your staff provide Mrs. Reagan with some background on this organization before I write to her personally. I shall contact you later with more details, and until then send you and your family my very best wishes.

Sincerely,



Martha B. Robinson

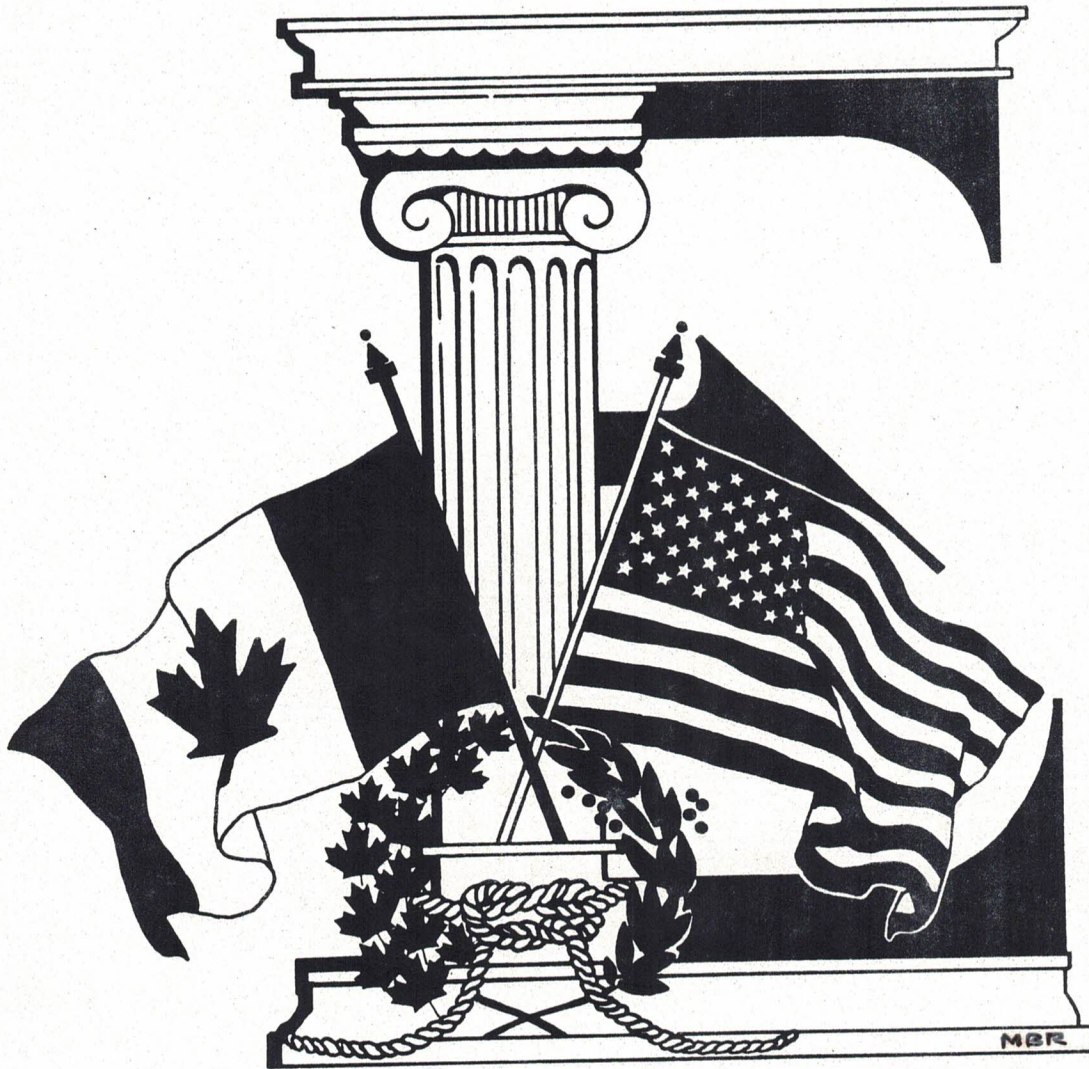
E N T E N C E

Founded By

Martha B. Robinson

Wife of the United States Ambassador
to Canada
Paul Heron Robinson, Jr.

1984



ENTENTE * * * * * AN INTERNATIONAL UNDERSTANDING
PROVIDING FOR GROUP ACTION

Pillar for Strength

Canadian Maple Leaf

American Laurel Wreath

Knot of Friendship

E N T E N T E * * * * * AN INTERNATIONAL UNDERSTANDING
PROVIDING FOR GROUP ACTION

P U R P O S E: To further, through dialogue, an understanding
of the lifestyles and commitments of American
and Canadian women; and together, as representative
citizens, expand our dedication to democracy ...
throughout the world.

- RESOLVE: I THAT this organization serve as a catalyst for
member organizations to promote their individual
and group commitments, through group seminars and
lecture series.
- II THAT these Canadian and American organizations
exchange information of our respective Governments'
Constitutions and Bill of Rights - and promote
these documents throughout the world.
- III THAT this organization establish scholarship funds
for the purpose of enlightening students throughout
the world.

M E M B E R S H I P: The base membership of "Entente" would be the Congressional Wives Association of the United States of America and the Parliamentary Spouses Association of Canada. Further participating members would be the wives of the representative ambassadors posted in Washington, D.C. and the wives of representative ambassadors posted in Ottawa, Canada.

No member of this organization would be allowed to lecture against or use this organization to vilify our representative governments or to speak against our goals and commitments, nor would they be allowed to use this organization for any propaganda purposes against the United States or Canada.

As stated before, the primary purpose of this organization is to promote democracy in open and direct dialogue.

"Entente" would be a non-partisan, non-denominational and non-discriminatory organization.

THE WHITE HOUSE

WASHINGTON

June 29, 1984

MEMORANDUM FOR MIKE DEEVER ✓
DICK DARMAN
LARRY SPEAKES

FROM: MIKE McMANUS *MP*

SUBJECT: POTUS Interview Requests

Attached, for your information, is the list of those outstanding interview requests to be discussed in this morning's 10:30 meeting.

Thanks.

THE WHITE HOUSE

WASHINGTON

June 29, 1984

Interview Requests to Date

- 1) Irving R. Levine
- no time frame, no topics
- 2) Cal Thomas (Jerry Falwell)
- no time frame, no topics
- 3) Robert Thompson (Hearst Newspapers)
- pre-Convention; on the Presidency and federal system
- 4) Paul West (Dallas Times Herald)
- to be run the opening day of the Convention
- 5) Ann Devroy (Gannett News Service - USA Today)
- pre or post Convention; on politics & campaign
- 6) Carl Leubsdorf (Dallas Morning News)
- pre-Convention
- 7) The Phil Donahue Show
- one-on-one, or studio/audience format
- 8) Hedley Donovan
- for his book on Presidential management and leadership)
- 9) Tom Brokaw (NBC)
- during the Convention
- 10) CNN
- no time frame, general topics
- 11) Barbara Walters (ABC)
- interview with the President and the First Lady for a one-hour special for Thanksgiving evening
- 12) Ladies Home Journal Magazine
- request for an article by the President, subject: "My Hopes for the Future," to be submitted by July 15
- 13) People Magazine
- request to track list of White House visitors who have met the President in order to gain their impressions of meeting a president (we provide the list, they do the rest)

Interview Requests - Cont'd

- 14) Roger Mudd (NBC)
 - to interview the President and Vice President as soon after the Convention as possible to be used in NBC's two prime time hours on the Rep. and Dem. tickets (to be aired in Sept.)
- 15) Mort Kondracke (The New Republic)
 - luncheon with editors of TNR
- 16) Hank Altman (Nation's Business - monthly magazine of the Chamber of Commerce)
 - request for an article by RR for November issue with a short interview with Hank Altman, editor

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THE WHITE HOUSE

WASHINGTON

June 29, 1984

Interview Requests to Date

- 1) Irving R. Levine *No, never. He's done nothing pro-Admin. -*
- no time frame, no topics *is strongly anti-admin.*
- 2) Cal Thomas (Jerry Falwell)
- no time frame, no topics *Yes*
- 3) Robert Thompson (Hearst Newspapers)
- pre-Convention; on the Presidency and federal system ?
- 4) Paul West (Dallas Times Herald)
- to be run the opening day of the Convention ?
- 5) Ann Devroy (Gannett News Service - USA Today)
- pre or post Convention; on politics & campaign *yes (this not pro Admin.)*
- 6) Carl Leubsdorf (Dallas Morning News) *OK, but not pro-Admin.*
- pre-Convention
- 7) The Phil Donahue Show *yes, one on one*
- one-on-one, or studio/audience format
- 8) Hedley Donovan *complete waste of time. a has-been.*
- for his book on Presidential management and a drunk (they *say*)
leadership *No insight. No following*
- 9) Tom Brokaw (NBC)
- during the Convention *yes*
- 10) CNN
- no time frame, general topics ?
- 11) Barbara Walters (ABC)
- interview with the President and the First Lady *yes*
for a one-hour special for Thanksgiving evening
- 12) Ladies Home Journal Magazine *OK/marginal*
- request for an article by the President,
subject: "My Hopes for the Future," to be
submitted by July 15
- 13) People Magazine *No.*
- request to track list of White House visitors *If yes,*
who have met the President in order to gain *let Anne*
their impressions of meeting a president (we *Higgins*
provide the list, they do the rest) *handle.*

Interview Requests - Cont'd

14) Roger Mudd (NBC)

- to interview the President and Vice President as soon after the Convention as possible to be used in NBC's two prime time hours on the Rep. and Dem. tickets (to be aired in Sept.)

No. (bring RR down to EMK, Hat level)

15) Mort Kondracke (The New Republic)

- luncheon with editors of TNR

No. waste of time. group will not change their minds.

16) Hank Altman (Nation's Business - monthly magazine of the Chamber of Commerce)

- request for an article by RR for November issue with a short interview with Hank Altman, editor

Kondracke is atypical of eds of TNR.

sure.

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6/29

10.30 p.m.

McMow

Speckles

Warman



NBC News

A Division of
National Broadcasting Company, Inc.

4001 Nebraska Avenue, N.W.
Washington, D.C. 20016 202-686-5455

Roger Mudd
Chief Washington Correspondent

*discuss with
LS / MME*

June 13, 1984

Mr. Michael K. Deaver
Deputy Chief of Staff and
Assistant to the President
The White House
Washington, D.C. 20500

Dear Mike,

Here's my follow-up to our telephone conversation on Monday.

NBC News is already planning and preparing two prime-time hours on the Republican ticket and the Democratic ticket to be broadcast in September, 1984.

The executive producer of the two broadcasts is Bob Rogers and the senior producer is John Holland. I will be the correspondent.

The broadcasts will be major undertakings by NBC News and will be serious, informative, and interesting contributions to the political campaign.

I would like to be able to interview separately President Reagan and Vice-President Bush as soon after the Dallas convention as possible and in any place reachable by land, sea or air.

In addition, we would like access to the White House and the Executive Office Building for a day or two so that our informal pictures of President Reagan and Vice-President Bush would be fresh and not re-worked footage from the library.

An early response would be very helpful to me.

I need not tell you -- but I will -- how much I hope your reply will be an affirmative one.

Cordially,

Roger Mudd

THE WHITE HOUSE

WASHINGTON

June 29, 1984

MEMORANDUM FOR MIKE DEEVER

FROM: MIKE McMANUS *McMANUS*

SUBJECT: Outline of Our Discussion From
The Interview Request Meeting Today

The following is a synopsis of the requests we discussed this morning:

- . Larry Speakes will check further into the two Dallas papers and get back to us.
- . We have agreed to do the proposed luncheons and cocktail sessions.
- . We agreed to do the two (2) TV interviews on the 19th of August, and to continue to work with Jim Lake on the interviews by other spokespersons at the Convention.
- . We agreed there would be a color news writer with the President at the Convention and we are looking at George Skelton.
- . We agreed that the President would do the color interview with Hugh Sidey at the Convention.
- . We approved the concept of the interview with 22 stations and 5 interviews prior to the Convention with the location of the 5 interviews to be decided after campaign input.
- . We approved the Ladies Home Journal request and to have speech-writers charged to write it.
- . We approved the Nation's Business request with the speech-writers writing it.
- . We agreed that you would continue to consider the Barbara Walters request as it's after the campaign.

cc: Dick Darman
Larry Speakes