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THE WHITE HOUSE
WASHINGTON

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May 14, 1984

MEMORANDUM FOR MICHAEL K. DEEVER

FROM: LEE L. VERSTANDIG *lee*

SUBJECT: REQUEST BY THE NATIONAL ASSOCIATION OF
COMMISSIONS FOR WOMEN FOR WHITE
HOUSE EVENT

As I mentioned to you last week, in February Faith Whittlesey received the attached letter requesting a special White House tour to be given to 200 women who will be in Washington the week of June 12-16, for their annual conference. Specifically, they requested a tour and coffee sometime on June 13. Faith felt that since this group's members were appointed by Governors that the request should be forwarded to my office.

In several phone conversations in February/March with the Special Events Chairperson, Mrs. Elizabeth Chittick, we indicated that it was too soon for us to be able to give a firm answer to their request.

In April I sent the attached memo to Faith suggesting that this group might, in fact, be more appropriate for Public Liaison to handle since these women are appointed by Governors. Faith and I have since discussed this matter further which led me to discuss this group and organization with Nancy Risque. Nancy ran a check on this group with Maureen Reagan who has now suggested that we should try to do a White House event for them. Maureen plans to meet with me this week to discuss specifics. I think Maureen has in mind to do something like she and I did for women elected officials -- possibly a briefing of some sort.

I am not convinced that we can win with this group, but due to the long delay in responding to their request, we might want to at least provide them with a special tour. I will let you know what specific thoughts Maureen has when we get together this week. But you asked for details on this request.

Attachments

THE WHITE HOUSE

WASHINGTON

April 24, 1984

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MEMORANDUM FOR FAITH RYAN WHITTLESEY

FROM: LEE L. VERSTANDIG *Lee*

SUBJECT: Annual Convention of the National Association of Commissions for Women (NACW)

Attached is the letter written by Elizabeth Chittick of the National Association of Commissions for Women (NACW) which you forwarded to me in February.

My office has repeatedly been in contact with Ms. Chittick. It is my understanding that NACW has requested a special tour during their convention. Ms. Chittick has also requested 200 personalized autographed pictures of the President which we informed them could not be fulfilled.

After further review of this matter, it is my opinion that neither this group nor its request really fall under the office of Intergovernmental Affairs for handling. Since these individuals in question are appointed by their Governors to serve in an advisory capacity on various state issues, they can not be considered as state or local elected officials.

Any assistance which your office feels appropriate to offer this women's association would I'm sure be appreciated.

Lee
4/30 We are happy to help. I have asked Mauptan staff to take this on.
Lee

MEMORANDUM

THE WHITE HOUSE
WASHINGTON

February 15, 1984

TO: LEE VERSTANDIG
FROM: Faith Ryan Whittlesey *FRW*
Subject: Annual Convention of the National Association of
Commissions for Women

I am attaching a letter from Elizabeth Chittick about the above-referenced convention and a copy of my response.

I believe this is a group your office would want to help with their convention.

Many thanks.

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② 200 - photos autographed

Attachment

THE WHITE HOUSE
WASHINGTON

February 15, 1984

Dear Ms. Chittick:

Thank you for your letter of February 9th advising me that the Annual Convention of the National Association of Commissions for Women will be held in Washington the week of June 12-16.

I appreciate your contacting me. Because your organization is one that works with national advisory committees and other state units, it is more appropriate that your request be considered by the Assistant to the President for Intergovernmental Affairs, Lee Verstandig. I have, therefore, referred your letter to his office. I am sure you will hear from Mr. Verstandig in the near future.

Sincerely,



Faith Ryan Whittlesey
Assistant to the President
for Public Liaison

Ms. Elizabeth L. Chittick
Chair, Special Events
National Association of Commissions for
Women
144 Constitution Avenue, NE
Washington, D.C. 20002

nacw National Association of Commissions for Women

NACW National President
Nancy Matthews
WB - 9Capital Complex
Charleston, W. Virginia 25305
(304) 348-8816

15th Annual Convention

June 12 - 16, 1984
Washington, D.C.

HOST
Government of the District of Columbia
Commission for Women
Room 204, District Building
Washington, D.C. 20004
(202) 724-5581

CHAIRPERSON
Janet Dewart

CONVENTION STEERING COMMITTEE

Gertrude Hunter, Co-Chairperson
Carrolena Key, Co-Chairperson

Patty Abramson
Mary Braxton
Lessie Burgess
Elizabeth Chittick
Lillian Lee
Lillian Long
Diane Fianagan-Montgomery
Chris Briand-Naylor
Sandra Spence
Eva Stewart

February 9, 1983

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The Honorable Faith Whittlesey
Assistant to the President
for Public Liaison
The White House
Washington, D.C. 20500

Dear Ms. Whittlesey:

I would like to confirm my telephone conversation of February 8 with your Assistant, DeLynn Rushing, requesting a special White House tour to be given to the National Association of Commissions for Women who will be in Washington, D.C., the week of June 12 - 16, 1984, to attend their 15th Annual Convention.

This is a very important group of political women with a large constituency in their states as they were appointed by the Governors of their respective states. We anticipate a gathering of approximately 200 Commissioners at this Convention.

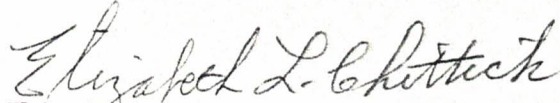
As a D.C. Commissioner and Special Events Chair for this Convention, I feel it would be the highlight of the Convention if this tour could be arranged and the group served coffee, that is, if the tour can be arranged during the morning hours. Our program is in place, but we left the whole day of June 13th open until 3 p.m. for any courtesies that could be extended them from the White House. →

I would be most happy to provide you with any additional information you may desire, although I cannot furnish the names of the Commissioners until registration time. I understand the security problems and I will be responsible for furnishing the names, addresses and social security numbers. I would very much appreciate a response as early as possible as it is very important to be able to put the White House visit in the Convention Program which goes to print March 1. To schedule such an event, I know, would enhance and enlarge registration.

You may be sure that any arrangements you can make for this Convention will be appreciated, not only by me, but also by the National Association of Commissioners for Women and the D. C. Government Commission for Women. You may call me at my office at 202/546-1210.

Thank you very much for your courtesy in this matter. I am,

Sincerely,


Elizabeth L. Chittick
Chair, Special Events

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Enclosure

P.S. I am enclosing an advance brochure of the Convention.

THE WHITE HOUSE

WASHINGTON

April 5, 1984

MEMORANDUM FOR MIKE DEEVER
LARRY SPEAKES

FROM: LEE L. VERSTANDIG *lee*

SUBJECT: PRESS CONSIDERATION FOR THE PRESIDENT'S
MEETING WITH MEMBERS OF THE NATIONAL
CONFERENCE OF LIEUTENANT GOVERNORS

The President will address twenty-four (24) members of the National Conference of Lieutenant Governors (NCLG) in the Cabinet Room at 1:30 P.M. tomorrow, April 6. Prior to the President's entry, Deputy Secretary of Commerce, Bud Brown will brief the Lieutenant Governors on international trade and the Administration's comprehensive competition strategy.

The President's talking points restate the statistics which reflect a much improved economy over that of a year ago. The meeting would also be a forum to highlight the new employment figures expected to be available tomorrow morning.

The economic good news may be worthy of media attention. The size and composition of the group meeting in the Cabinet Room would compliment media coverage of the President's remarks. You may want to open the meeting for press coverage.

Lieutenant Governor William Scranton, III (R-PA) is Chairman of the NLCG and would be a good spokesman following the meeting. All Lieutenant Governors are expected to leave from the West Wing lobby at approximately 2:00 P.M. Some Lieutenant Governors are likely to seek recognition at the Press stake out.

Two of the Lieutenant Governors, Mike Castle (R-Delaware) and Thomas DiLuglio (D-Rhode Island) are running for governor in their respective states.

I have attached a list of the Lieutenant Governors scheduled to attend the meeting.

SUGGESTED TALKING POINTS FOR THE MEETING WITH
THE NATIONAL CONFERENCE OF LIEUTENANT GOVERNORS

- Welcome back to the White House. Since our last formal meeting, it was two years ago, we have made quite a bit of progress and I am pleased to report that we have a much improved economy which is certainly more conducive to economic development.
- The most recent figures show that we are indeed experiencing continued economic expansion.
- New homes sales rose and the index of leading economic indicators was up a solid seven-tenths of one percent in February.
- The annual rate for new home sales of 721,000 in February was 22% higher than a year ago and 8% above the January rate.
- Housing starts and auto sales are surging. Housing starts for February hit a 2.2 million annual rate and domestic auto production is above the 8 million rate.
- Inflation: Below 4 percent in 1982 and 1983, continues at a moderate pace early in 1984.
- Unemployment: The drop has been dramatic, from 10.7% to 7.8% in just 15 months. More Americans are working now than ever in history and almost 5 million have found jobs in just the last 14 months. (New unemployment figures will be available today)
- In 1983, almost 600,000 new business were incorporated - an all-time high in our history.

- GNP growth: The economy grew over 6% last year; the Administration has forecast growth of 4.5% this year and most economists agree it'll be in that range.
- As you know, reduction of the Federal budget deficit remains a major goal of mine. I don't like budget deficits and have offered a realistic three-year deficit reduction package providing for a \$150 billion cut in the projected deficit.
- It's a good first step that will allow us to "balance down" with lower tax rates and spending while permitting our economy to break free.
- Well, enough from me. I understand you have had a productive conference and I look forward to hearing a report from you, Bill.

April 6, 1984 Attendance at White House

- Lt. Governor Stephen A. McAlpine (D)
Alaska
- Lt. Governor Tufele Li'a (R)
American Samoa
- Lt. Governor Winston Bryant (D)
Arkansas
- Lt. Governor Leo T. McCarthy (D)
California
- Lt. Governor Michael N. Castle (R)
Delaware
- Lt. Governor Zell Miller (D)
Georgia
- Lt. Governor John D. Waihee III (D)
Hawaii
- Lt. Governor David H. Leroy (R)
Idaho
- Lt. Governor George H. Ryan (R)
Illinois
- Lt. Governor John M. Mutz (R)
Indiana
- Lt. Governor Robert T. Anderson (D)
Iowa
- Lt. Governor Steven L. Beshear (D)
Kentucky
- Lt. Governor J. Joseph Curran, Jr. (D)
Maryland
- Lt. Governor Martha W. Griffiths (D)
Michigan
- Lt. Governor Marlene Johnson (D)
Minnesota
- Lt. Governor George Turman (D)
Montana
- Lt. Governor Mike Runnels (D)
New Mexico
- Sec. of State Norma Paulus (R)
Oregon
- Lt. Governor William W. Scranton III (R)
Pennsylvania

- Lt. Governor Thomas R. DiLuglio (D)
Rhode Island
- Lt. Governor William P. Hobby (D)
Texas
- Lt. Governor Peter P. Smith (R)
Vermont
- Lt. Governor Richard J. Davis (D)
Virginia
- Lt. Governor Julio A. Brady (D)
Virgin Islands

THE WHITE HOUSE

WASHINGTON

March 29, 1984

MEMORANDUM FOR: MICHAEL K. DEAVER

FROM: LEE L. VERSTANDIG *lee*

SUBJECT: Balanced Budget Amendment
in the states.

Since my last memo to you on the Balanced Budget Amendment, prospects for passage have dimmed in the two states that were most promising:

VERMONT

The call for an amendment was voted on at town meetings held in February. It did very poorly, passing in only about 5 of the 40 meetings held. The leading sponsor is State Representative Peter Giuliani (R), with Representatives Robert Graf (R) and Mark Candon (D) as co-sponsors. Governor Snelling and Speaker Stephan Morse (R) are against it, and our sources in the state say it is dead.

KENTUCKY

With State Senator Ed Ford (moderate Democrat) as chief sponsor, the Amendment passed the Senate by a vote of 24-13 on February 22. However, the Speaker Bobby Richardson (D) is adamantly opposed, and succeeded in bottling up the resolution in the Rules Committee. The legislature goes out of session on March 30, and will not be back in until 1986.

Action in other states:

MICHIGAN

The Senate is expected to report the resolution out of committee on March 29. The chief sponsor is State Senator Ed Fredricks (R). The Resolution has well over a majority of Senators as sponsors, and Senate Majority Leader John Engler says he is confident of passage. The House remains in Democrat control. However, because of the recent tax revolt

recall of two Democrat State Senators (and their replacement by Republicans, giving us control of the chamber) House Democrats are very nervous, so there is some hope in that chamber also. Indeed, one of the new Republican State Senators, Kirby Holmes, is spearheading the Michigan Balanced Budget drive for the National Tax Limitation Committee.

CALIFORNIA

There was a successful petition drive to get the Amendment on a ballot initiative for November. If the initiative were approved, it would force the legislators to pass a resolution or have their salaries cut off. Senator Pete Wilson is one of the leaders in the Amendment drive, and this is a good prospect.

MONTANA, OHIO, AND WASHINGTON

Petition drives are being conducted in these states for ballot initiatives. Montana is the best prospect. We are monitoring this through Dave Keating at the National Taxpayers Union.

MARYLAND

The effort to rescind the call for the Amendment is still under consideration. However, Senate Minority leader John Cade (R) is cautiously optimistic that it won't get out of Committee. They are in session for one more week.

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February 24, 1984

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MEMORANDUM FOR MICHAEL K. DEEVER

FROM: LEE L. VERSTANDIG *lee*

SUBJECT: UP-DATE ON THE BALANCED BUDGET CONSTITUTIONAL AMENDMENT

You may recall that my memo of February 2 indicated that there was a rescission movement underway in Maryland on their earlier resolution in favor of a constitutional amendment for a balanced budget.

Since that time, I visited the Maryland State legislature and met with the Republican House and Senate caucus on a number of intergovernmental issues including that of the possible rescission of the balanced budget amendment resolution. The legislators were most appreciative of our interest in their efforts to try to prevent that rescission from being realized.

It is now expected that the rescission resolution will come to the Maryland State Senate floor next week. Republican legislators have firmly committed to prevent cloture on that issue. There is a fifty-fifty chance that should the bill move in the House of Delegates, that such a rescission movement would be killed.

Additionally, Dr. Milton Eisenhower has agreed to chair a committee to be announced on February 27th known as "Marylanders for a Balanced Budget." This committee will be made up of distinguished former state and local officials, members of the congressional delegation and business leaders. Also in connection with that announcement, there will begin an advertising campaign in local newspapers in support of a balanced federal budget.

I shall continue to keep you apprised of these developments.

THE WHITE HOUSE

WASHINGTON

February 24, 1984

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MEMORANDUM FOR MICHAEL K. DEEVER

FROM: LEE L. VERSTANDIG *lee*

SUBJECT: MEETING WITH ATTORNEYS GENERAL ASHCROFT
AND FROHNMAYER

At Jim Baker's request I set up a meeting with Attorneys General John Ashcroft (R-MO) and David Frohnmayer (R-OR) on Thursday, February 23rd. I had briefed Jim on Wednesday afternoon on the status of the Exxon Overcharge Case. Jim indicated that he would try to drop by that meeting. He was unable to do so.

As I had indicated to you on Thursday, I asked Jack Svahn to join me in that meeting with the Attorneys General since I had brought their concerns to Jack's attention as well as that of Ed Meese. Jack had followed up for me with Dave Stockman.

The Attorneys General were most concerned about a rumor that the Department of Energy was planning to move legislation to the Hill which would alter the Administration's announcement on the Exxon Overcharge decision of last August. My office had been following this development and, in fact, earlier in the week I had put a "hold" on White House concurrence of such a letter from DOE. Ed Meese had also indicated that he firmly agreed that we should not change the Administration's position on this matter.

Consequently, after bringing Ashcroft and Frohnmayer up to speed on my efforts and those of Jack Svahn, they were ecstatic that once again the Administration remained firm to its commitment on this issue. John could not say enough nice things about us and was going to telegram the Attorneys General to indicate that the Administration's position on this issue had not changed.

cc: Deaver

THE WHITE HOUSE
WASHINGTON

February 27, 1984

MEMORANDUM FOR JAMES A. BAKER, III

FROM: LEE L. VERSTANDIG *lee*

SUBJECT: PRESS COVERAGE AFTER NGA WHITE HOUSE BRIEFING

Jim Thompson (R-IL) (outside West Portico)

'The President expressed an interest in getting structural changes on the spending side, more tools (line item veto, balanced budget amendment) and only if these two are unsuccessful -- then maybe more taxes . . . Congress and Tip O'Neill will determine whether there is action this year . . .'

Note: Some media may have interpreted Thompson's remarks as having meant that the President may agree to raise taxes in 1985.

Vic Atiyeh (R-OR) (scant coverage)

'It is clear that the President and Congress are headed in the right direction by trying to work out a downpayment and a cooperative effort should continue. The Governors should not interfere in that process.'

While most of the Republican Governors were available, the major media were attracted to the major Democratic critics summarized below.

John Carlin (D-KS) (outside West Portico)

'The President is not doing enough on the deficit and needs to provide more leadership . . . the downpayment is not enough.'

Chuck Robb (D-VA) (extensive coverage on lawn)

'If the President leads, we will follow . . . he needs to take a more realistic step than the downpayment.'

Jim Blanchard (D-MI) (extensive coverage on lawn)

'An unproductive session where the President read from cue cards and answered only pre-selected questions. The President did not appear serious about doing anything about the deficit prior to the election . . .'

Dick Celeste (D-OH)

'The President is not showing leadership and we need action now, not after the election.'

cc: Deaver, Speakes