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THE WHITE HOUSE
WASHINGTON

12.6.82

Bill -

Read + see me.

MEMORANDUM

THE WHITE HOUSE
WASHINGTON

December 3, 1982

MEMORANDUM FOR MIKE UHLMANN

FROM: JAMES E. JENKINS

SUBJECT: Department of Public Safety and Correctional Services.

Ed Meese would like you to contact these people and help them.
His schedule is too tight and the President is not available.
If you have any questions, please give me a call on X7600.



HARRY HUGHES
GOVERNOR

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SECRETARY
PUBLIC SAFETY AND
CORRECTIONAL SERVICES

STATE OF MARYLAND

DEPARTMENT OF
PUBLIC SAFETY AND CORRECTIONAL SERVICES

MARYLAND STATE POLICE

24 NOV 1982

WILLIAM M. LINTON
DEPUTY SECRETARY

November 24, 1982

COLONEL W. T. TRAVERS, JR.
SUPERINTENDENT
MARYLAND STATE POLICE

The Honorable Edwin Meese, III
Counsellor to the President
The White House
Washington, DC 20500

Dear Mr. Meese:

The Maryland State Police Med-VAC program is responsible for saving many lives over the last 12 years. About 47 percent of these victims were drinking at the time of their accident. In 1981, we transported 2,450 victims to special referral centers who could manage their problem with an amazing 84 percent survival rate.

There are many States now that recognize the needs for faster means to evacuate automobile victims and have been coming to us for help in getting these programs started.

During the week of December 12-18, 1982, for Drunk and Drugged Driving Awareness Week, we feel that if the President of the United States could, sometime during the week, recognize the great work the Maryland program has accomplished for its citizens, this might give other States visible encouragement to start their own program. We feel it could save many lives across the country and a positive note to cap off Awareness Week.

As a side note, this is not the first time the Maryland State Police have assisted the White House. In 1974, one of our helicopters chased an Army helicopter that had been stolen from Ft. Meade, Maryland, by an ex-Army pilot who at the time had been drinking, to the back lawn of the White House where the medic onboard the helicopter had assisted in making the arrest.

We believe a brief visit with the President and a few of the dedicated officers of the Aviation Division would provide a visible demonstration of the President's commitment to fight drunk driving in this country. If possible, we would like to invite President Reagan to visit Baltimore, Maryland, although we would be happy to come to the White House if that would be more convenient. Major Moore, Cdr. of the Aviation Division and I would like to meet with you some time before the week of December 12 to discuss this proposal. Please contact us at (301) 486-3101.

Sincerely,

W.T. Travers, Jr.
Supertindent, Maryland State Police