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THE WHITE HOUSE

WASHINGTON

August 12, 1982

MEETING WITH SENATOR HARRISON "JACK" SCHMITT

DATE: Tuesday, August 17, 1982
LOCATION: OVAL OFFICE
TIME: 4:15 p.m. 15 minutes
FROM: Kenneth M. Duberstein *KMD*

I. PURPOSE

To fulfill a request by Senator Schmitt (R-New Mexico) to discuss what the Senator considers to be important directions the United States should take in the use and exploration of space.

II. BACKGROUND

As a former astronaut, Senator Schmitt is deeply interested in the direction of the U.S. Space Program. He has a major concern that the space program is becoming overly militarized to the detriment of NASA's civil space program. He points to the large number of Air Force people in NASA and the fact that DOD space funding is now exceeding NASA's funding for the first time. He will also probably point to the strong emphasis NSDD-42, National Space Policy, places on the national security aspect of space.

Senator Schmitt vigorously supports two major space programs, i.e., procurement of a fifth Shuttle orbiter and development of a manned space station.

Senator Schmitt has on previous occasions indicated his displeasure with the decision for locating the Air Force Consolidated Space Operations Center (CSOC) at Colorado Springs, Colorado, rather than in his home state of New Mexico.

Last month, Senator Schmitt reluctantly voted for final passage of the 1982 tax bill in the Senate. He is currently giving very strong signals that he is not inclined to vote for the conference report.

III. PARTICIPANTS

The President
The Vice President
Senator Harrison "Jack" Schmitt

Staff

Edwin Meese
Kenneth Duberstein
Ron Frankum

IV. PRESS PLAN

White House Photographer

V. SEQUENCE OF EVENTS

Senator Schmitt will enter the Northwest Gate into the West Lobby to be escorted into the Oval Office.

Attachment: Talking Points

SUGGESTED TALKING POINTS FOR MEETING WITH
SENATOR HARRISON "JACK" SCHMITT (R-NEW MEXICO)

- You should point out that you have a strong commitment to maintaining space leadership--civil, military, and intelligence--and that the budget shows significant increases for all programs.
- You can mention that the new space policy does not represent a shift away from the civil program, but for the first time clearly spells out the traditional balance between the sectors.
- On the tax bill issue, you should emphasize the importance of this vote--to a continued improvement in the economy, to a continued progress in reducing interest rates, to a continued show of resolve by the government in reducing deficits, and to show our intent to tighten up the tax system to make sure that those people who owe taxes actually pay them.
- You can mention that naming of specific missions or new initiatives in the context of the new space policy would have detracted from the objective of broad U.S. leadership. Specific programs such as the manned space station or the fifth shuttle vehicle are being evaluated in the budget decision making process.

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(Parvin/AB)
August 16, 1982
4:30 p.m.

PRESIDENTIAL REMARKS: TAPING FOR JOHN RHODES DINNER
AUGUST 17, 1982

Good evening to all of you at the dinner honoring that great citizen of Arizona -- Mo Udall. Oops, wrong dinner. Sorry about that John.

But I am delighted to join all of you attending the John Rhodes Appreciation Dinner. I know it's a black tie affair, so John, thanks again for pulling some strings to get me in. I genuinely wouldn't miss this tribute to your 30 years in the Congress.

As all of you this evening probably know, our guest of honor was the first Republican ever elected to the House of Representatives from Arizona. That was back in 1952, and he has served his constituents and his country with distinction ever since. I don't think most people really understand the sacrifices that three decades of public service entail. As someone who's been involved in public life myself, I know John has forgone time with his family and greater financial rewards. John would say it has been his honor to serve, but it has been to his country's honor.

John has also worked unceasingly for his party -- raising funds, encouraging candidates, furthering Republican ideals. He served as chairman of both the 1976 and the 1980 GOP conventions. Now, although I must admit I liked the outcome of the '80 convention a little better than that of the '76 convention, John presided graciously and fairly over both of them. That is the

kind of leader John Rhodes is. That skilled leadership was evident when he served as minority leader during some of our Nation's most trying times.

As the dean of the House Republican delegation, John is going to be missed; 30 years of experience cannot be easily replaced. We Republicans are losing a respected, faithful friend; the House is losing a veteran legislator; and the citizens of the 1st District are losing an excellent Congressman.

Now before I go on too long with the accolades and everyone thinks John has passed on, let me say one last thing to the guest of honor directly. John, on behalf of all Americans, I want to thank you for your unselfish service to our Nation. Your service is a badge of honor that shines with integrity and esteem.

Congratulations and the best of the future to you and Betty.

THE WHITE HOUSE

WASHINGTON

August 16, 1982

FILMING SESSION

DATE: August 17, 1982

LOCATION: The Library

TIME: 4:30 PM

FROM: Mark Goode

I. PURPOSE

To film a message from the President.

II. BACKGROUND

This message will be played at an Appreciation Dinner for John J. Rhodes. The Dinner will be held September 21, 1982 at 7:30 PM at the Capitol Hilton Hotel.

This message is to pay tribute to Congressman Rhodes thirty years of distinguished service. Former President Gerald R. Ford has agreed to serve as Honorary Chairman and the dinner is planned as a bipartisan event.

III. PARTICIPANTS

The President

IV. PRESS PLAN

None

V. SEQUENCE OF EVENTS

The President will read the message from a teleprompter in the Library.

Attachment: will be submitted by the speechwriters office.

THE WHITE HOUSE

WASHINGTON

August 16, 1982

VIDEO TAPE SESSION

DATE: August 17, 1982

LOCATION: Library

TIME: 4:30 PM

FROM: Mark Goode

I. PURPOSE

To video tape a message from the President.

II. BACKGROUND

The message will be played at a meeting of business executives on behalf of Providence-St. Mel High School in Chicago, IL mid-September 1982.

III. PARTICIPANTS

The President

IV. PRESS PLAN

None

V. SEQUENCE OF EVENTS

The President will read this message from a teleprompter in The Library.

Attachments: Message will be submitted by the speechwriters office.

(Maseng/AB)
August 16, 1982
5:00 p.m.

TAPING: FUNDRAISER FOR PROVIDENCE-ST. MEL HIGH SCHOOL

I am delighted to have this opportunity to speak with you today, although I am sorry I can't be with you in person. Still, it's a pleasure to be able to speak on behalf of Providence-St. Mel High School, a place that Nancy and I remember very fondly.

We heard about this small school on Chicago's west side whose graduates often go on to attend some of the Nation's finest colleges and universities. We had been told about the school's outstanding achievements under extremely difficult circumstances, and were determined to see it for ourselves.

We did visit Providence-St. Mel. It was everything we had heard about it, and more. Here, in the center of one of our Nation's biggest cities, students were being taught the traditional, American values of hard work, self reliance and self discipline in quiet and orderly classrooms. This school proved to me once again that quality education is still possible when old-fashioned values are joined with a caring and committed group of teachers.

The Providence-St. Mel story is an exciting and moving one, which I want you to hear more about. [Insert background film]

It is no accident that we who are the freest people on Earth have an educational system unrivaled in the history of civilization. We know that knowledge and freedom are

inseparable. Public and private institutions together sustain the diversity that has made our culture rich.

"Train up a child in the way he should go," Solomon wrote, "and when he is old he will not depart from it." We, who for this brief time serve as guardians of the future, bear that responsibility toward the rising generation of Americans.

I hope you will join other leaders in a board of governors to assure the long range growth and stability of Providence-St. Mel. And I urge you or your company to help the school meet its more immediate financial needs. You have an opportunity to make a very real contribution to some bright and hopeful youngsters, to your community and to the future of America. Thank you for your support of this fine school, and for enriching the heart and spirit of our Nation.

THE WHITE HOUSE

WASHINGTON

August 16, 1982

VIDEO TAPE SESSION

DATE: August 17, 1982

LOCATION: Library

TIME: 4:30 PM

FROM: Mark Goode

I. PURPOSE

To video tape a message.

II. BACKGROUND

This message will be played at the annual convention of the National Radio Broadcasters Association in Reno, Nevada on Monday, September 13, 1982. This is the largest once-a-year gathering for the Radio Industry.

III. PARTICIPANTS

The President

IV. PRESS PLAN

None

V. SEQUENCE OF EVENTS

The President will read from a telprompter in the Library.

Attachments: will be submitted by the speechwriters office.

(Parvin/AB)
August 16, 1982
3:00 p.m.

PRESIDENTIAL REMARKS: TAPING FOR NATIONAL RADIO BROADCASTERS
CONVENTION, AUGUST 17, 1982

Greetings to all of you attending the National Radio Broadcasters Association convention. I suppose it's only human to wonder what you might be doing if your life had taken one turn rather than another. I was thinking if I hadn't left broadcasting for Hollywood many years ago, I'd probably be a member of your Association and out there in Reno with you today.

I know I'd be enjoying myself because I still love the radio business. This last spring I did 10 weekly radio broadcasts. I looked forward to those Saturday spots so much, I've decided to do another series of them starting this fall.

Fortunately, I don't have to do them by telegraphic report the way I used to do the baseball games. Now there's a story here I can't resist telling because I think a radio crowd might appreciate it. In those days, a fellow named Curly sat on the other side of the window from me, and he would receive the Morse code from the ballpark and then type out the play. It would say, "S1C." Well, you're not going to sell any Wheaties yelling S1C. So I'd say, "And so-and-so comes out, the wind up, here's the pitch." I saw Curly start to type so I began -- Dizzy Dean was on the mound and I started the ball on the way to the plate. Curly was shaking his head and I thought, oh, boy, maybe it was a miraculous play or something, but when the slip came through it said, "The wire's gone dead." Well, I had the ball on the way to the plate. I could've told the audience what had happened and

played transcribed music, but in those days there were at least seven or eight other fellows doing the same ballgame. I didn't want to lose the audience so I thought real quick -- there's one thing that doesn't get in the score book, so I had the fellow foul one off. Still nothing from Curly so I had him foul another. And I had him foul one at third base and then described the fight between the two kids that were trying to get the ball. Then I had him foul one that just missed being a home run by a foot and a half. And I set a world record for successive fouls, which fortunately no one keeps records on. I was beginning to sweat when Curly sat up straight and started typing. When he handed me the slip, I could hardly believe it -- the fellow popped out on the first pitch.

Anyway, that shows you how much radio broadcasting has changed since I was in it.

I understand the theme of your convention this year is "Radio: Win Big in the 80's." Well, as an old radio hand, I'm all in favor of that. I can assure you, you have a strong supporter here in the White House. So the best of success to all of you at the convention. And let me sign off by saying, "This is Dutch Reagan, WHO, Des Moines."