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THE WHITE HOUSE

WASHINGTON

MEETING WITH CONGRESSMAN CHARLES STENHOLM (D-TX)

AND TODD FORE

DATE: Monday, February 7, 1983  
LOCATION: The Oval Office  
TIME: 4:50 p.m. (5 minutes)  
FROM: Kenneth M. Duberstein *Ker D.*

I. PURPOSE

To accommodate the request of Congressman Charlie Stenholm (D-Texas) to have a photo opportunity with the President and Todd Fore, a young constituent.

II. BACKGROUND

Congressman Charlie Stenholm (D-Texas) is a leader of the Boll Weevils in the House of Representatives. His many activities in support of the President's economic proposals were essential in securing the passage of all the major components of that program. During the 98th Congress, his help will again be vital.

Todd Fore is a student at Nocona High School in Nocona, Texas. He is in Washington as a participant in the Washington Workshop Program. The program is designed to give high school student leaders a better appreciation of their government and how it functions. Students attend seminars, committee meetings, and sessions of the House and Senate in order to view the development of public policy firsthand.

During the meeting Todd Fore will present the President with a pair of boots and a belt made at the Nocona Boot Company.

III. PARTICIPANTS

See Attachment.

IV. PRESS PLAN

White House Photographer only.

V. SEQUENCE OF EVENTS

President to greet participants, to be followed by photo.

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Attachment A: List of Participants  
Attachment B: Talking Points

Attachment A

PARTICIPANTS

The President

Congressman Charlie Stenholm (D-Texas)  
Todd Fore

Staff

Kenneth M. Duberstein

Attachment B

SUGGESTED TALKING POINTS

- Thank Todd for the gifts and tell him that a man can always use a good pair of boots.
  
- Encourage Todd in his efforts to gain a better understanding of the government and public policy development.
  
- Thank Charlie for his past support, acknowledging that everyone is going to have to work together to reduce the deficits.
  
- Express special appreciation for Charlie's support of the PIK program and indicate that you count on Charlie for advice on agriculture issues.

THE WHITE HOUSE

WASHINGTON

February 4, 1983

MEETING WITH CONGRESSMEN WILLIAM GOODLING (R-PENNSYLVANIA)  
AND SAMUEL STRATTON (D-NEW YORK)

DATE: Monday, February 7, 1983

PLACE: The Oval Office

TIME: 4:45 p.m. (5 Minutes)

FROM: Kenneth M. Duberstein *Ker D.*

I. PURPOSE

To recognize the chief sponsor and principal supporter of Defense End-Use Items (H.R. 6758).

II. BACKGROUND

H.R. 6758/P.L. 97-392 was signed into law December 29, 1982. The legislation authorizes the sale of defense articles to United States companies for incorporation into end items to be sold to friendly foreign countries.

The bill was introduced in the House by Congressman Bill Goodling and actively supported by Congressman Sam Stratton. In the Senate, Senators Charles Percy (R-Illinois), John Heinz (R-Pennsylvania), and Arlen Specter (R-Pennsylvania) were proponents of the legislation.

Congressmen Goodling and Stratton have companies in their districts which will be assisted by the legislation's enactment.

Congressman Goodling has been a consistent supporter of the Administration's programs, though he has expressed reservations about defense expenditures. Congressman Stratton has been a leading supporter of the Administration's defense program.

III. PARTICIPANTS

The President  
Congressman William Goodling (R-Pennsylvania)  
Congressman Samuel Stratton (D-New York)  
Kenneth M. Duberstein

IV. PRESS PLAN

White House photographer only.

V. SEQUENCE OF EVENTS

No specific agenda.

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Attachment: Talking Points

THE WHITE HOUSE

WASHINGTON

February 4, 1983

MEETING WITH SENATOR ROBERT C. BYRD (D-WEST VIRGINIA)  
AND THE 1982 WEST VIRGINIA STRAWBERRY QUEEN

DATE: Monday, February 7, 1983

LOCATION: The Oval Office

TIME: 4:30 (5 minutes)

FROM: Kenneth M. Duberstein *KMD.*

I. PURPOSE

To respond to a request from Senator Robert C. Byrd for a meeting and photo session with the 1982 West Virginia Strawberry Queen.

II. BACKGROUND

Senator Byrd has had a long-standing request for an opportunity to bring Miss Angela Vance, the 1982 West Virginia Strawberry Queen, and several Strawberry Festival officials to the White House for a photo opportunity with the President.

The West Virginia Strawberry Festival and Pageant is an annual event held in Buckhannon, West Virginia. The Festival honors the strawberry growers of Upshur County, and one of its primary goals is to draw community spirit and attention to this area. Miss Angela Vance, a student at Marshall University in West Virginia, is the 1982 Strawberry Queen.

Senator Byrd and Miss Vance will be accompanied by several festival officials and their spouses.

III. PARTICIPANTS

The President  
Senator Robert C. Byrd (D-West Virginia)  
Miss Angela Vance, 1982 Strawberry Queen  
Mr. Richard Jenkins, outgoing President of the Strawberry Festival  
Mrs. Richard Jenkins  
Mr. Thomas Terry, Vice President of the Strawberry Festival  
Mrs. Thomas Terry



PARTICIPANTS (continued)

Miss Nancy Lou Riffle, Strawberry Festival Pageant Director  
Mrs. Gloria Ann Caputo, newly elected President of the  
    Strawberry Festival  
Mr. Louis Caputo

Staff

Kenneth M. Duberstein

IV. PRESS PLAN

White House photographer only

V. SEQUENCE OF EVENTS

Senator Byrd and guests to arrive Northwest Gate, enter the  
West Lobby, and be escorted to the Oval Office for a  
five-minute photo opportunity with the President.

Attachment: Talking Points

SUGGESTED TALKING POINTS FOR MEETING WITH  
SENATOR ROBERT C. BYRD AND WEST VIRGINIA STRAWBERRY QUEEN

- Welcome Senator Byrd and his guests to the White House.
  
- Mention to Angela that you understand her reign is about to end (the 1983 Queen will be selected in March) and ask her what her reign has involved.
  
- Thank Senator Byrd for bringing the 1982 Strawberry Queen and Festival officials and their spouses to the White House.

THE WHITE HOUSE

WASHINGTON

February 4, 1983

MEETING WITH SENATOR CLAIBORNE PELL (D-RHODE ISLAND)  
AND OFFICERS OF THE AMERICAN BIBLE SOCIETY

DATE: Monday, February 7, 1983

LOCATION: The Oval Office

TIME: 4:35 p.m. (5 minutes)

FROM: Kenneth M. Duberstein *Ker D.*

I. PURPOSE

To respond to Senator Pell's request that you meet the officers of the American Bible Society and accept a Bible from this group.

II. BACKGROUND

The American Bible Society, headquartered in New York, is an inter-denominational, non-profit agency whose task is to distribute the Scriptures in over 150 countries around the world. Through their continuing translation activities, the American Bible Society publishes the Scriptures in more than 1,739 languages.

The President of the American Bible Society, Mr. Edmund Wagner, has requested an opportunity to present you with a copy of the Society's GOOD NEWS BIBLE. Since 1816, every President (except President Kennedy) has received a Bible from the American Bible Society. Also, several former Presidents have been personally active in this organization. Presidents John Adams and John Quincy Adams were officers of the Society.

Senator Claiborne Pell is the honorary Vice President of the American Bible Society and in this capacity has participated in these presentation ceremonies with every President since Lyndon Johnson. This presentation will have timely significance since you have just signed a Proclamation declaring 1983 the Year of the Bible in the United States.

### III. PARTICIPANTS

The President

The Vice President

Senator Claiborne Pell (D-Rhode Island)

Edmund F. Wagner, President, American Bible Society

Alice E. Ball, General Secretary, American Bible Society

Coleman Burke, Vice President, American Bible Society

#### Staff

Kenneth M. Duberstein

### IV. PRESS PLAN

White House photographer only.

### V. SEQUENCE OF EVENTS

Senator Pell and guests to arrive Northwest Gate, enter the West Lobby, and be escorted to the Oval Office for a five-minute meeting with the President.

Attachment: Talking Points

SUGGESTED TALKING POINTS FOR MEETING WITH  
SENATOR PELL AND AMERICAN BIBLE SOCIETY OFFICERS

- Welcome Senator Pell and officers of the American Bible Society.
  
- The group will present you with a copy of their GOOD NEWS BIBLE. Express your appreciation, and point out that this is a most timely meeting, since you just signed a Proclamation on February 3 proclaiming 1983 as the Year of the Bible.
  
- Thank Senator Pell for bringing in the officers of the American Bible Society. (Remember that Senator Pell is the honorary Vice President of this group and has participated in these presentations with all of your predecessors back to President Johnson, except for President Kennedy.)

*B*

THE WHITE HOUSE

WASHINGTON

MEETING WITH MEMBERS OF THE LOUISIANA  
CONGRESSIONAL DELEGATION AND CIVIC LEADERS  
FROM MONROE, LOUISIANA

DATE: Monday, February 7, 1983  
LOCATION: The Oval Office  
TIME: 11:30 a.m. (10 minutes)  
FROM: Kenneth M. Duberstein *K-D.*

I. PURPOSE

A photo opportunity with a group of civic leaders from Monroe, Louisiana. They will present the President with a scrapbook signed by thousands of Louisiana citizens thanking the President for his help during the recent floods.

II. BACKGROUND

The President toured the flooded area around Monroe, Louisiana. Sunday, February 6 is "Super Sunday" in Louisiana in honor of the tremendous volunteer effort during the recent floods. Citizens in Monroe have also formed a "Smile America" program which has been responsible for flying goods to California areas impacted by recent storms.

This will be an opportunity for the people of Louisiana to thank the President for his concern and help. It will also allow the President to praise an outstanding volunteer effort.

III. PARTICIPANTS

See Attachment.

IV. PRESS PLAN

White House Photographer only.

V. SEQUENCE OF EVENTS

President to greet participants, to be followed by photo.

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Attachment A: List of Participants  
Attachment B: Talking Points

Attachment A

PARTICIPANTS

The President  
The Vice President

B.W. Biedenharn, Chairman of the Board, Delta Airlines  
John Rea, President, Monroe Chamber of Commerce  
James W. Moore, Jr., First Vice President, Monroe Chamber of Commerce  
Russell Hart, Vice President, Monroe Chamber of Commerce  
Garland Shell, head of "Smile America" program

Congressman Jerry Huckaby (D-Louisiana)  
\* Senator Russell B. Long (D-Louisiana)  
\* Senator J. Bennett Johnston (D-Louisiana)  
\* Honorable David C. Treen, Governor of Louisiana

Staff

Kenneth M. Duberstein  
Pamela J. Turner  
M.B. Oglesby

\* Unable to attend



Attachment B

SUGGESTED TALKING POINTS

- Thank the civic leaders for their thoughtfulness and ask that they express your appreciation to the citizens of Louisiana.
  
- Note that the idea of people helping people is what made America great, and programs such as "Smile America" continue that spirit of volunteerism.
  
- Express how impressed you were with the strength and courage of the people of Louisiana as they battled the flood waters around Monroe.

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THE WHITE HOUSE

WASHINGTON

February 4, 1983

DROP-BY AT LUNCHEON BRIEFING FOR LOCAL ANCHORS

DATE: Monday, February 7, 1983  
LOCATION: The Roosevelt Room  
TIME: 11:50 a.m. (10 minutes)  
FROM: Karna Small *KS*

I. PURPOSE:

To greet and make brief remarks to the major TV anchors of Washington D.C. television stations. They will be briefed over lunch by Buck Chapoton (economic overview), Director Stockman (budget numbers), Robert McFarlane (foreign policy and arms control) and Secretary Weinberger (defense budget). This is an opportunity to say some special words about economic recovery to an extremely influential group as members of the House and Senate, special interest groups and others watch the many hours of news programming these people anchor and produce.

II. BACKGROUND:

While we have had many media groups in for briefings, this is the FIRST time we have had a special session for the local anchors. Studies show that more people watch local TV news than the network news programs.

III. PARTICIPANTS:

The President  
Director Stockman  
John E. Chapoton  
Karna Small

TV anchors and news directors:

WRC Jim Vance  
Robert McBride  
David Nuell (News Director)

WTTG Jackson Bain  
Gloria Gibson  
"Sonny" Asselin (News Director)

WJLA David Schoumacher  
Renee Poussaint  
Rabun Matthews (News Director)

WDVM Gordon Peterson  
Maureen Bunyon  
(note: their News Director is out of town)

IV. PRESS PLAN:

Just before you arrive in the Roosevelt Room, one local pool camera will set up to record your remarks and exchange with the anchors. This one tape will then be made available to the four stations attending the session.

WH Photographer

V. SEQUENCE OF EVENTS:

You will enter the Roosevelt Room, go around the table to shake hands and have a photo taken. You may then take a chair at the end of the table to make some brief remarks and take a few questions, then depart.

VI. REMARKS:

Suggested talking points are attached.

SUGGESTED TALKING POINTS FOR DROP-BY AT ANCHOR LUNCH, FEBRUARY 7

-- I'm happy to have you here at the White House and have a chance to meet you since I do watch many of your newscasts -- I'm well aware that across the country, more people watch their local news (and local news has a greater impact) than the network news programs.

-- I know you've been briefed by Dave Stockman and Buck Chapoton and you'll be hearing from Bud McFarland and Cap Weinberger a bit later. But just let me say that since economic recovery has been the "lead story" on most programs lately, it's awfully good to see. We have been seeing more and more signs that the economy IS on the mend. Let me just mention a few:

- o The rate of inflation rose at an annual rate of only 1.1% in the last 3 months of 1982 -- that decline is the most important factor supporting the recovery.
- o The index of leading indicators is up -- and has been up in 8 of the last 9 months.
- o Real wages have gone up in the last 3 months (and remember, they declined in the four year period 1977-81)
- o It looks like housing is recovering -- housing starts are up, housing permits are up and sales of new homes have grown by 75% since last April.
- o The auto industry is picking up -- GM announced plans to recall over 21,000 workers.
- o Initial claims for unemployment insurance are down - and of course, I was especially pleased to see last Friday's figures on the decline in the rate of unemployment.

(continued)

TALKING POINTS CONTINUED:

-- Now I know we have tried to be cautious with our projections -- but it's interesting that the CBO (Congressional Budget Office) is now sounding even more optimistic than we are about recovery.

-- So if I could make one major point with you today, it would be that I AM optimistic and I intend to work with the Congress and do everything I can to see that this recovery stays on track.

-- Now I'll be glad to answer a questions in the few minutes we have left.

*D*

THE WHITE HOUSE

WASHINGTON

February 4, 1983

MEETING WITH AIR AND SPACE BICENTENNIAL GROUP

DATE: February 7, 1983  
LOCATION: East Room  
TIME: 1:15 p.m. - 1:30 p.m.

FROM: RED CAVANEY 

I. PURPOSE

To deliver remarks commemorating the 200th anniversary of manned flight.

II. BACKGROUND

In 1973, a French balloonist made the first manned flight in history at LaMurette, France. On January 3 of this year, you signed a Proclamation commemorating this flight and designating 1983 as the Bicentennial of Air and Space Flight.

Gathered in the East Room will be approximately 150 individuals from the United States and several foreign countries associated with aviation and space travel. In addition, there will be members of Congress and other prominent individuals who have played, and will be playing, a role in the bicentennial activities.

Seated on the dais, and having been introduced before your arrival, will be members of the Bicentennial Committee and several "living legends" of air and space flight.

III. PARTICIPANTS

See attached list.

IV. PRESS PLAN

White House Press/Photo pool

V. SEQUENCE OF EVENTS

1:15 p.m. You enter the East Room to offstage announcement, proceed directly to the podium, and deliver your remarks.

1:25 p.m. Upon the conclusion of your remarks, you shake hands with the dais guests, proceeding from left to right. (The "living legends" will be on stage left.)

1:30 p.m. You depart the East Room.



AIR AND SPACE BICENTENNIAL

Dais Guests

Senator Charles Mathias  
Congressman Don Fuqua  
General Clifton von Kann  
Mrs. Anna Chennault  
Mr. Lawrence Mihlon

"Living Legends"

Michael Collins - Astronaut (Apollo 7)  
A. Scott Crossfield - Pilot (X-15)  
Gerhard Neumann - Engineer  
H. Ross Perot, Jr. - Circumnavigator (Helicopter)  
General Leigh Wade - Circumnavigator (Airplane)

SEQUENCE OF EVENTS  
Air and Space Bicentennial Event  
February 7, 1983

Revised  
February 7, 1983

FROM: Muffie Brandon

12:15 p.m. Guests arrive the SouthWest Gate and are led up the Grand Staircase to the East Room where they may be seated.

The guests to be on the platform (listed below) should be escorted immediately to the Green Room.

1:00 p.m. General Clifton Von Kann will proceed to the podium and will make brief welcoming remarks. There will then be a four-minute video presentation on television monitors.

Following the video, General Von Kann will introduce the following guests, who will depart the Green Room, enter the East Room and take their places, one at a time, on the platform:

Senator Charles Mathias  
Congressman Don Fuqua  
Mrs. Anna Chennault  
Mr. Lawrence Mihlon  
General Leigh Wade  
Mr. H. Ross Perot, Jr.  
Mr. Gerhard Neumann  
Mr. A. Scott Crossfield  
Mr. Michael Collins'

General Von Kann will continue his remarks.

1:15 p.m. THE PRESIDENT will arrive the State Floor via the elevator and will proceed down the Cross Hall. He will be announced into the East Room and will take his place at the podium for remarks.

1:25 p.m. Following his remarks, THE PRESIDENT will shake hands with all of the guests onstage (listed above), from right to left as one is facing the stage.

After THE PRESIDENT has shaken hands with Mr. Collins, Mr. Collins and he will step off stage to the left of the stage as one is facing the stage and pose for the photo behind the space shuttle.

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1:30 p.m. THE PRESIDENT will then depart the East Room via the Cross Hall entrance and will continue to the elevator.

Senator Mathias will then take the podium for continuation of the program, to be followed by Congressman Fuqua, Mrs. Anna Clannan, and Mr. Lawrence Mihlon. General Von Kann will make closing remarks.

1:45 p.m. Following General Von Kann's remarks, all of the guests will be led out of the East Room, down the Cross Hall, and into the State Dining Room for refreshments.

2:15 p.m. All guests will depart.

*Mr. Beggs, Administrator of NASA*

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Air and Space Bicentennial Event  
February 7, 1983

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Muffie Brandon

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(Rohrabacher/AB)  
February 4, 1983  
5:00 p.m.

PRESIDENTIAL REMARKS: AIR AND SPACE BICENTENNIAL CEREMONY  
MONDAY, FEBRUARY 7, 1983

Welcome to the White House. Today we are gathered to acknowledge the bicentennial of air and space travel. It all started 200 years ago at La Murette (mew-et'), France, with man's first flight in a hot air balloon. Ten years later President George Washington, along with four future Presidents -- Adams, Jefferson, Madison and Monroe, witnessed the first successful free flight in America. Even though I had another birthday yesterday, for the record, I was not among that group.

Just how far we've come was brought home to me and to the American people last fourth of July when we witnessed the return of the space shuttle Columbia in the California desert. Today, we stand on the edge of a world in which the opportunities are limited only by our own imaginations. Our leadership in air and space technology, a leadership we are determined to maintain, has already provided the American people with a rich bounty that has strengthened our economy and bettered our lives.

This is not a new revelation. Back in 1969, as Governor of California, I commissioned a task force on aerospace-aviation education so that our young citizens could be prepared for future opportunities in this field.

In a program similar to this and consistent with the thrust of my state of the Union message, Lynn Helms over at the Federal Aviation Administration tells me he's embarking on a new initiative -- an aviation education program that will help our

students make sure that when the future gets here they are ready for it.

Aerospace sales today account for 2 percent of our gross national product while the aerospace industry employs more than one million Americans. The industry contributes enormously to our ever more important export earnings. And the technological spin-offs from our air and space endeavors have also improved the competitive edge of a host of American industries. When you add it all up, our country's commitment to the development of air and space technology is one of the best investments the American people ever made.

But there are benefits that you can't find on a ledger sheet. American leadership in air and space has played a significant role in shaping our self image. Will Rogers once reflected, "America is never in a better humor or feeling better than when moving, so all this traveling is a mighty good omen."

Will, an air enthusiast himself, had insights about the American spirit deeper than one might expect at first glance. We Americans have always been at our best when we face a challenge -- exploring and taming new frontiers, testing our talents and abilities and, yes . . . moving on. We are a Nation that lionizes the pathfinders, whether they be Daniel Boone or Charles Lindbergh.

Many of tomorrow's heroes, the men and women who will inspire our people and exemplify what it means to be an American, will be individuals who are part of our conquest of the vast frontier of space -- a frontier that has always been in sight,

but that only now is coming within reach. Americans played a leading role in developing technology for the conquest of the air. It is no mere coincidence that most of the world now travels on American wings, as can be seen on the runways of international airports the world over.

When it comes to the conquest of space, certainly we will have competition, from friends and adversaries. We welcome it. I firmly believe that space enterprise will bring mankind closer together, even as we compete.

We also benefit from cooperation. On my recent visit to Latin America I invited Brazil to join us in the use of the space shuttle -- an invitation that included the training of a Brazilian who will accompany their payloads on the shuttle. When I met with Prime Minister Nakasone a few weeks ago, I extended a similar invitation to the Japanese. Our friends and allies in Europe are already working with us. In a few months, a German astronaut sponsored by the European Space Agency will fly on the shuttle in a joint U.S.-European Spacelab mission. In the future I would hope that joint space ventures will draw all freedom-loving people closer together.

The space shuttle program is a vital part of this effort. To insure its full potential, I have recently decided that we will keep the shuttle production lines intact in order to continue operation of the shuttle fleet in the most robust manner possible. By doing this we also preserve the option of building a fifth shuttle to capitalize on the tremendous opportunities that lie ahead.



One man who saw the enormous potential of space was recently elected to the Congress. Sadly, Jack Swigert, a former astronaut, fell victim to cancer before he was able to take office. But he was a fighter -- a pioneer -- to the end. And if Jack Swigert is the kind of man who emerges from the space program, we have reason to be confident about our Nation's future. Jack was a man of strength and principle, a man of action yet of wisdom, a man with an abiding faith in his country and our way of life.

During his trip to the moon, Apollo 13 was rocked by an explosion. It was only with courage, extraordinary ingenuity and the grace of God that the crew managed to return safely to Earth. While running for election last year Jack had a message for the voters of his district, a message of optimism that I wish all Americans could hear. "I was privileged," Jack said, "to be one of the few who viewed our Earth from the moon, and that vision taught me that technology and commitment can overcome any challenge."

Pushing back boundaries, overcoming limitations, and conquering new frontiers is what creates men like Jack Swigert. As we celebrate the many events scheduled for this bicentennial, let's not forget that we're celebrating more than the building of flying machines -- we're making choices that are shaping the world in which our children will live. Our commitment to air and space is a pledge to them that the quality of their lives will be better and their horizons broader because of the technology, the

vision and the human qualities we bring in our generation to conquering the endless cosmic frontier which stretches before us.

I've always believed mankind is capable of greatness. We haven't even come close to reaching our potential. But it depends on us. God gave angels wings; He gave mankind dreams, and with his help there is no limit to what can be accomplished.

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# THE WHITE HOUSE

WASHINGTON

## ELIZABETH DOLE SWEARING IN CEREMONY

DATE: February 7, 1983  
LOCATION: Roosevelt Room  
TIME: 2:00 PM (15 minutes)  
FROM: Craig L. Fuller

### I. PURPOSE

To participate in the swearing in ceremony for Elizabeth Dole as Secretary of Transportation.

### II. BACKGROUND

On January 5, 1983, you announced the nomination of Elizabeth Dole as the new Secretary of Transportation to succeed Drew Lewis. She was confirmed by the Senate on February 1, 1983, and will be sworn in by Supreme Court Justice Sandra Day O'Connor.

### III. PARTICIPANTS

Elizabeth Dole, Justice O'Connor, and members of Elizabeth Dole's immediate family.

### IV. PRESS PLAN

White House Press Pool

### V. SEQUENCE OF EVENTS

You enter the Roosevelt Room and shake hands with the participants.

You will then take your place standing to the right of Elizabeth Dole. Justice O'Connor will be to her left.

Following the oath, Elizabeth Dole will thank you and her guests. You will repond briefly (talking points attached) and depart.

SUGGESTED TALKING POINTS FOR SWEARING IN CEREMONY  
FOR ELIZABETH DOLE

- Elizabeth, let me offer my warmest congratulations and best wishes as you assume your new duties as Secretary of Transportation. I am counting on you to do a great job.
  
- You will be missed as a member of the White House staff but your participation as a member of the Cabinet will add a new dimension to our discussions.
  
- I know that Bob, your mother, and the other members of your family who are here today must be very proud of you, as I am.
  
- Thank you.

PARTICIPANTS

Justice Sandra O'Connor

Family Members

Senator Robert Dole

Mrs. John van Hanford (mother)

Mrs. and Mrs. John Hanford (brother)

Jody Hanford (nephew)

John Hanford, III (nephew)

Robin Dole (Senator's daughter)



# THE WHITE HOUSE

WASHINGTON

MEETING WITH CONGRESSMAN RON MARLENEE  
(R-MONTANA) AND MIKE JENNINGS  
GREAT FALLS HIGH SCHOOL STUDENT

DATE: Monday, February 7, 1983  
LOCATION: The Oval Office  
TIME: 4:55 P.M. (5 minutes)

FROM: Kenneth M. Duberstein *KMD.*

## I. PURPOSE

To accommodate the request of Congressman Ron Marlenee (R-Montana) to allow Mike Jennings, high school student from Great Falls, to present the President with an original oil painting created by a respected Montana artist.

## II. BACKGROUND

Congressman Ron Marlenee is a member of the Committee on Agriculture and the Committee on Interior and Insular Affairs. He is Ranking Republican member of both Agriculture's Subcommittee on Wheat, Soybeans and Feed Grains; and Interior and Insular Affairs' Subcommittee on Oversight and Investigations. He has been a loyal supporter of Presidential initiatives, and attended numerous functions at the White House.

When President Reagan visited Great Falls, Montana on October 28, 1982, Mike Jennings was scheduled to present an original oil painting by a reputable Montana artist to the President. (Congressman Marlenee had flown with the President on Air Force I from Casper, Wyoming into Great Falls for this visit.) Due to some unexplained oversight, Mike was never called upon to make his long-awaited presentation, disappointing not only Mike but his classmates at C.M. Russell High School and all Great Falls residents who had anticipated this event.

Special arrangements have been made through the Great Falls Chamber of Commerce and Northwest Airlines in order for Mike to be here in Washington to complete the thwarted October presentation.

## III. PARTICIPANTS

The President

Representative Ron Marlenee (R-Montana)  
Mike Jennings, C. M. Russell High School student  
Mrs. Jennings, mother of Mike Jennings  
Kenneth M. Duberstein



IV. PRESS PLAN

White House Photographer

V. SEQUENCE OF EVENTS

No set agenda.

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Attachment: Talking Points

TALKING POINTS FOR MEETING  
WITH CONGRESSMAN RON MARLENEE  
(R-MONTANA) AND MIKE JENNINGS  
GREAT FALLS HIGH SCHOOL STUDENT

- Welcome Ron Marlenee and Mike Jennings to the White House.
  
- Tell Mike, when Ron Marlenee explained about the mixup in Montana you were as disappointed as anyone else. As you accept the painting, mention that you have been anxious to finally get to see the long-awaited gift.
  
- State the only good thing about the mixup in October is that you enjoy putting things back in order which have gone awry.
  
- Say that you truly enjoy their visit and trust that it sets things back in order. Tell them you anticipate, with Ron's continued help, being equally successful in getting our nation--which had also gone awry economically--back in order again.