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1) Subject: Luncheon with editors specialized press, those serving ethnic and black Americans!

2) Meeting with Congressman Marwin LEATH and Mr. and Mrs. Maybourn Frank, who own several newspapers and a TV station in Texas.

| ROUTE TO:     |              | ACTION      |                        | DISPOSITION      |      |                          |
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THE SCHEDULE OF  
PRESIDENT RONALD REAGAN

Tuesday, October 18, 1983



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| 9:00 am<br>(30 min)        | <u>Staff Time</u><br>(Baker/Meese)                                      | Oval Office                                   |
| 9:30 am<br>(15 min)        | <u>National Security Briefing</u><br>(Clark)                            | Oval Office                                   |
| 9:45 am<br>(15 min)        | <u>Senior Staff Time</u>  | Oval Office                                   |
| 10:00 am<br>(60 min)       | <u>Personal Staff Time</u>  | Oval Office                                   |
| 11:00 am<br>(60 min)       | <u>NSPG Meeting</u><br>(Clark)  | Situation Room                                |
| 12:00 m<br>(60 min)        | <u>Lunch with Editors of Specialized<br/>Press</u><br>(Gergen/Speakes)  | Residence<br>(TAB A) (draft remarks attached) |
| 1:00 pm<br>(40 min)        | <u>Haircut</u>  | West Basement                                 |
| 1:55<br>2:00 pm<br>(2 hrs) | <i>Photo</i><br><u>Pre-News Conference Briefing</u><br>(Gergen/Speakes) | Family Theater                                |

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| 12:00 m  | 1208-1318 | Lunch with Editors of Specialized<br>Press<br>(Gergen/Speakes)   | Residence      |
|          |           | (TAB A) (draft remarks attached)   |                |
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| 1:45     | 1355-1400 | Photo Op (Mr & Mrs Maybom)   | Oval Office    |
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THE WHITE HOUSE

WASHINGTON

October 18, 1983

MEMORANDUM FOR DAVE FISCHER

FROM:

M. B. OGLESBY, JR. *Bo*

SUBJECT:

Presidential Meeting Attendance

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Sue Mayborn

Staff

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WASHINGTON

October 17, 1983

LUNCHEON WITH EDITORS OF SPECIALIZED PRESS

DATE: Tuesday, October 18, 1983

LOCATION: State Dining Room

TIME: 12 noon (60 minutes)

FROM: Karna Small 

I. PURPOSE:

To meet with an important group of some 80-90 editors of newspapers serving ethnic and black Americans and outline Administration successes during the first 1,000 days and highlight some priorities for the future.

II. BACKGROUND:

In an effort to inform a broad cross section of Americans of Administration positions, we often bring in editors of many newspapers across the country for a briefing session and meeting with the President. This group will have been briefed in the morning by: Edward Derwinski on Soviet-American relations, Donald Regan on the economic recovery, Edwin Meese on domestic and family issues, and Wendell Gunn on trade and other business-related matters. Included in the group are editors of Polish, Italian, Yugoslavian etc. newspapers, as well as editors and publishers of leading black papers.

III. PARTICIPANTS:

The President  
80-90 editors of ethnic and black oriented newspapers (attached)  
Selected staff

IV. PRESS PLAN:

White House Photographer  
White House press pool

V. SEQUENCE OF EVENTS:

When you are announced, you will proceed to your table and luncheon will be served. At approximately 12:45, you will proceed to the microphone to deliver your brief remarks and take a few questions (total time 15 minutes).

VI. REMARKS:

Brief remarks submitted separately by speechwriters  
Briefing paper summarizing the Administrations's first 1,000 days attached as reference material.

## ATTENDEES

October 18, 1983

Agris Pavlovskis  
Editor  
Baltic Bulletin  
Bakersfield, CA

Ramesh P. Murarka  
Publisher  
India-West  
El Sobrante, CA

Michael Balzano  
California Courier  
Fresno, CA

Krikor Shenian  
Editor  
Nor Gyank  
Glendale, CA

Maria Fenyes  
Editor  
Magyarsag  
Los Angeles, CA

Blanke Orban  
Editor  
Uj Vilag  
Los Angeles, CA

Choi John Jae Ung  
Reporter  
Korean American Federation  
Los Angeles, CA

Osheen Keshishian  
Editor  
Armenian Observer  
Los Angeles, CA

Thomas L. Berkley  
Publisher  
Post Newspaper Group  
Oakland, CA

Barry Breindel  
Representative  
Il Caffe  
Sacramento, CA

Juozas Kojelis  
Reporter  
Lithuanian-American News Service  
Santa Monica, CA

Victor A. Vaitkus  
Director  
Lithuanian Radio Program  
Waterbury, CT

Timothy J. Maniatis  
Managing Editor  
AHEPAN Magazine  
Washington, DC

Imre Bertalan  
Editor  
Hungarian Reformed Federation Faternal Magazine  
Washington, DC

Salvatore M. Ambrosino  
Nat'l Administrative Director  
OSIA News  
Washington, DC

Arthur M. Carter  
Editor/Publisher  
Washington Afro-American  
Washington, DC

Simeon S. Booker  
Bureau Chief  
Johnson Publications  
Washington, DC

Tae H. Yoo  
Publisher/Editor  
Korea Times  
Washington, DC

Michael Szaz  
Executive Vice President  
National Confed. of American Ethnic Groups  
Washington, DC

Steve G. Davis  
Executive Director  
National Newspapers Association  
Washington, DC

Eric O. Simpson  
Publisher  
Florida Star  
Jacksonville, FL

Cornelius A. Scott  
Publisher  
Atlanta Daily World  
Atlanta, GA

Ophelia D. Mitchell  
Publisher  
Columbus Times  
Columbus, GA

Josef K. Kucera  
President  
Denni Hlasatel  
Berwyn, IL

George W. Migala  
Station Manager  
WCEV Radio  
Chicago, IL

Robert Lewandowski  
Producer  
LEVAN Enterprises  
Chicago, IL

Roman J. Koperski  
Program Director  
Radio POMOST  
Chicago, IL

Charles B. Armstrong, Sr.  
Editor  
Chicago Metro News  
Chicago, IL

William Garth  
Publisher/Editor  
Citizen Newspapers  
Chicago, IL

Kil W. Yook  
Editor-in-Chief  
Jhoong Ang Daily  
Chicago, IL

Joseph V. Elam  
Reporter  
India Tribune  
Chicago, IL

Bronius Nainys  
Editor  
World Lithuanian  
Chicago, IL

Joseph W. Dzurawski  
Editor in Chief  
Polish Nation  
Chicago, IL

Jolanta R. Raslavicius  
Draugas  
Chicago, IL

Joseph V. Elam  
Correspondent  
India Tribune  
Chicago, IL

Maria A. Kubiak  
Editor  
Glos Polek  
Park Ridge, IL

Nadine H. Mironchuk  
Reporter  
The Polish American  
Boston, MA

Kevrok Z. Donoyan  
Editor  
Armenian  
Boston, MA

Manuel A. Ferreira  
Editor  
Portuguese Times  
New Bedford, MA

Barbara Merguerian  
Editor  
Armenian Mirror Spectator  
Watertown, MA

James C. Wei  
Publisher  
Metro Chinese Journal  
Rockville, MD

John Bolsteins  
Reporter  
Latvian American News Service  
Rockville, MD

Jerzy W. Rozalski  
Vice President  
WPON, Polish Radio Program  
Bloomfield Hills, MI

Albert Misiunas  
Director of Ethnic Programs  
WCAR Radio  
Detroit, MI

Willie L. Johnson  
Publisher & Editor  
Charlotte Post  
Charlotte, NC

Carlo Scarsini  
Editor  
Il Progresso Italo-Americano  
Emerson, NJ

Carlo Scarsini  
Executive Director  
Il Progresso  
Emerson, NJ

Iskar Shumanov  
Editor  
Svobodna I Nezavisima Bolgaria  
Highland Park, NJ

Romana O. Hadzewycz  
Editor  
Ukrainian Weekly  
Jersey City, NJ

Bernhard A. Parming  
Editor  
Our Life  
New Milford, NJ

Leon J. Fornal  
WTTM Radio  
Trenton, NJ

Demetris G. Kastanas  
Producer  
National Greek TV Show  
Astoria, NY

Olgerts R. Pavlovskis  
Reporter  
Latvija Amerika  
Bronx, NY

Joseph Preite  
Editor  
L'Agenda  
Brooklyn, NY

Anthony Cornelisu Buchmys  
Editor  
Darbininkas  
Brooklyn, NY

Thomas Tarapacki  
Editor  
Am-Pol Eagle  
Buffalo, NY

James L. Hicks  
Executive Editor  
New York Voice  
Flushing, NY

Jan Petlicka  
Director  
Czechoslovak Hour  
Jackson Heights, NY



Joshua John  
Editor  
News India  
New York, NY

Panagiotis J. Gazouleas  
Publisher/Editor  
Orthodox Observer  
New York, NY

Nickolitsa Stephanopoulos  
Director, News & Information  
Greek Orthodox Archdiocese  
New York, NY

Aurelio G. Forenza  
Editor  
Attenzione  
New York, NY

Jeanne J. Wright  
Executive Editor  
National Black Monitor  
New York, NY

Kwon Suk Suh  
Reporter  
The Dong-A-Ilbo  
New York, NY

Terry Peters  
"Peters Tours Radio Hour"  
New York, NY

Laszo Kalman  
Kalman Radio Hour  
New York, NY

Christo Konowsky  
Editor  
Free Agrarian Banner  
New York, NY

Ilgvars J. Spilners  
Laiks  
New York, NY

Peter Makrias  
Editor/Publisher  
New York Greek Monthly  
New York, NY

Boleslaw Wierzbianski  
Editor  
Polish Daily News  
New York, NY

William R. Ellis  
Editor  
The Reporter  
Akron, OH

Tiber Domotor  
Hungarian Life Newspaper  
Akron, OH

Louise M. Yash  
Publisher/Editor  
First Catholic Slovak Ladies Association  
Cleveland, OH

William H. Alexander  
President  
Calling Post  
Cleveland, OH

Niklos Kossanyi  
President  
Nationality Broadcasting Network  
Cleveland, OH

Zdenek Prazak  
Director  
Czech Radio Hour  
Lakewood, OH

Bernard V. Foster  
Publisher  
The Skanner  
Portland, OR

Genevive Gunther  
Producer  
WTEL Radio  
Langhoren, PA



Joseph C. Krajsa  
Editor  
Gedno  
Middletown, PA

Claude A. Lewis  
Editor/Publisher  
The National Leader  
Philadelphia, PA

James D. Cassell  
Editor  
Philadelphia Tribune  
Philadelphia, PA

Joseph Stefka  
Publisher/Editor  
National Slovak Society  
Pittsburgh, PA

John F. Pitek  
President  
The Slovak Catholic Sokol  
Pittsburgh, PA

Bernard B. Rogalski  
Editor  
Sokol Polski  
Pittsburgh, PA

Henry J. Dende  
Publisher/Editor  
Polish American  
Scranton, PA

Sung W. Hong  
Publisher/Editor  
The Han Kook Shin Bo  
Arlington, VA

Chong B. Kim  
Publisher/Editor  
Sae Gae Shin Bo, News Service Associates  
Falls Church, VA

Brenda H. Andrews  
Editor  
Journal and Guide  
Norfolk, VA

Cecila Bros  
Editor  
Washington Liaison News  
Springfield, VA

Robert R. Suchy  
General Manager  
WYMS Radio  
Milwaukee, WI

## RR's OVERALL RECORD IN FIRST 1000 DAYS

- Have turned many of America's problems around. They were getting worse; now they're getting better.

### Economically

- Inflation's lower than it's been in 15 years.
- Economic growth has started up again, averaging over 8 percent the last 6 months.
- Growth means jobs and the economy is creating them at a rate of about 300,000 a month so far this year.
- More Americans at work now than ever -- 101.9 million.
- Factories running about at pre-recession levels and business investment is picking up, joining the recovery.
- Disposable personal income -- what workers have to spend after taxes are taken out -- is rising strongly.
- Stock market setting records -- as confidence rises.

### Improvements in other areas, too, besides economics

- Education: School systems across the country are tightening standards, renewing commitment to excellence in response to Administration's National Commission.
- Energy: U.S. dependence on OPEC sources way down. (In first 3 months of this year, more imported from Canadian, Mexican neighbors than from all OPEC countries.
  - Total oil imports less than half 1977 levels.
  - RR's decontrol wasn't inflationary, as critics predicted. Gas prices actually fell a dime a gallon last year. Up since but still lower than before decontrol.
- Social Security: Wasn't easy, but we saved retirement system from bankruptcy. At same time, benefits for average retired couple have risen over \$100 a month.

### National Security

- America's defenses being strengthened (have hammered out bipartisan agreement on needed weapons systems; morale in military improved; have reversed declining U.S. commitment to adequate defense budget.
- U.S. resuming leadership role in world affairs. Seen at Williamsburg; in UN over Korean Airline massacre; in new initiatives on arms control; in many international forums.

## Overall

- o Problems like inflation, energy dependence, Social Security's solvency, looked impossible to solve in the late '70s. Not all are solved completely or permanently yet, but 1000 days into Reagan Administration, the picture has definitely brightened.
- o More important even than restoring the economy or America's military, we set out to restore the American people's hopes for the future. Evidence is growing that we've done that.
- o Getting government to work better again; off our backs and on our side again. Taxes cut; waste reduced; regulations simplified or eliminated.
- o As a result, people's confidence rising that the future will be better and that their government can be trusted to do what's right for all.

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THE WHITE HOUSE  
WASHINGTON

PHOTO OPPORTUNITY FOR CONGRESSMAN MARVIN LEATH  
(D-TEXAS) AND MR. & MRS. FRANK  
MAYBORN PUBLISHER OF THE TEMPLE  
DAILY TELEGRAM IN TEMPLE, TEXAS

DATE: October 18, 1983  
LOCATION: The Oval Office  
TIME: 1:55 ~~10:55~~ a.m. (5 minutes)  
FROM: Kenneth M. Duberstein *Ken D.*

I. PURPOSE

To satisfy a request of Congressman Leath to exchange greetings with Mr. & Mrs. Mayborn (Frank and Sue) after Mr. Mayborn endorsed the President in 1980.

II. BACKGROUND

Frank Mayborn, as the publisher of the Temple Daily Telegram, had never endorsed a Republican candidate for elective office until supporting President Reagan in 1980.

In addition, Mr. Mayborn also owns TV Station KCEN in Waco-Temple and the daily paper in Kelleen, Texas. Sarah McClendon is a reporter for the Mayborn properties.

Congressman Leath, representing the 11th District in Central Texas, has been a staunch and consistent supporter of the President's policies and the Administration's legislative agenda.

III. PARTICIPANTS

The President  
The Vice President  
Congressman Marvin Leath (D-Texas)  
Frank Mayborn  
Sue Mayborn  
Kenneth Duberstein  
James Baker

IV. PRESS PLAN

White House Photographer only.

V. SEQUENCE OF EVENTS

President greets participants followed by photo with guests.

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Attachment: Talking Points



TALKING POINTS FOR PHOTO OPPORTUNITY WITH  
CONGRESSMAN MARVIN LEATH (D-TEXAS) AND  
MR. & MRS. FRANK MAYBORN OF TEMPLE, TEXAS

-- We were very pleased with your support in 1980,  
and your endorsement of the principles we were trying  
to articulate for our country.

-- I trust you are holding us accountable to those  
principles and that you are pleased with our  
progress. If you are not, I hope you will tell us.


-- It has been a real pleasure to work closely with  
Marvin (Leath) on many issues and to recognize his  
leadership on behalf of his constituents.

-- We know Sarah McClendon's work well and am aware that  
she is serving many of your needs here in Washington.

SEQUENCE OF EVENTS: LUNCHEON  
Editors of Ethnic Newspapers and  
some Ethnic Radio Station Managers  
Tuesday, October 18, 1983

TIME: 11:45 a.m.

LOCATION: State Dining Room

FROM: Gahl L. Hodges 

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11:45 a.m. Guests are walked from the Old Executive Office Building to the North Portico of the White House.

Guests then proceed to the State Dining Room where they may find their seats.

Noon THE PRESIDENT arrives via elevator and proceeds to his seat in the State Dining Room.

Announcement.

Luncheon is served.

12:45 p.m. Remarks by THE PRESIDENT, followed by questions and answers.

1:00 p.m. THE PRESIDENT departs the State Dining Room via the Cross Hall enroute the elevator.

1:05 p.m. Guests may begin to depart.

(Rohrabacher/BE)  
October 17, 1983  
5:00 p.m.

PRESIDENTIAL REMARKS: LUNCHEON WITH ETHNIC PRESS  
TUESDAY, OCTOBER 18, 1983

A little over 3 years ago I kicked off my 1980 campaign at a rally held in the shadow of the Statue of Liberty and Ellis Island. It is a memory I'll always cherish. There were many nationalities and family backgrounds represented in that rally, yet all of them were Americans.

All of us are descended from immigrants, most of whom came here looking for freedom and an opportunity to better their lot, and the lot of their families. America was a land of hope for so many who suffered the pains of tyranny and deprivation. America was a magic place where anyone willing to work hard could live a decent life.

And while our country had its flaws, the vision of opportunity was true enough for large numbers of immigrants to send back word of freedom and abundance.

Three years ago it seemed like something had gone terribly wrong. Stagnation and inflation were snuffing out the opportunity that had been the hallmark of our country. We were perched on the brink of an economic disaster and suffering a loss of confidence both at home and abroad. For the first time it was being said that America's best days were past. Well, the American people didn't believe that, and in the 1980 election their message was loud and clear: Do what is necessary, but make America strong again.

It's taken hard work and time, but we've turned a grave situation around. The economy is in the first phase of sustained



growth. We've brought inflation down from double digits to 2.6 percent for the last 12 months. Taxes skyrocketed in the years before we got here. We've given the people a 25-percent, across-the-board reduction in their personal income tax rates. We've also, through a highly-successful deregulation effort, trimmed 300 million hours of needless paperwork from the private sector and from State and local government.

Our economic recovery program made fundamental changes in Federal taxing, spending, and regulating policies. There are those who will suggest that the vitality now flowing throughout the economy is due to some uncontrollable cycle. But, we should never forget it was the policies of tax, spend, and inflate that knocked the winds out of our sails and stagnated our economy. And it's been the reversal of those policies and replacing them with a positive program aimed at economic growth that has put us back on the path to a better life for all our citizens. Along with this we have recaptured a spirit of optimism and hope.

In foreign affairs, we have reaffirmed our leadership and again made of ourselves an ally worthy of trust. We've begun a program to rebuild our defensive capabilities that were permitted to seriously erode during the last decade. We are firm in our belief that peace is more likely if the United States remains a strong force in the world.

One of our early decisions was to put the Battleship New Jersey back in fighting trim and recommission her. This was, we thought, an inexpensive and quick way to add needed firepower to the fleet. There were those who opposed the plan. I've found that whatever you propose there will always be a multitude of

reasons not to move forward; that's especially true when it comes to any commitment to improve our military strength. Well, the Battleship New Jersey is now playing a vital role in our defenses. I'm sure the Marines in Lebanon are thankful we ignored the critics and brought the New Jersey. I don't think it is any coincidence that shortly after they heard the New Jersey, with her 16-inch guns, was on the way, that the warring factions started making tangible progress toward a solution in that troubled land.

In the area of strategic weapons, we are working with our European allies to reestablish a strategic balance in Europe which was destroyed by the massive Soviet build-up of the last 10 years.

We've made clear, however, that no new weapons need be deployed. We have been, and continue to be, serious in our efforts to reach arms reduction agreements with the Soviets, especially in the area of intermediate range missiles. We are ready now, and we have been ready, to reach a meaningful agreement with them. We're standing by the door.

Let me emphasize today -- and I would respectfully urge the young people in Europe to reflect on this: It is not the United States and NATO which threaten peace. We have no intermediate range missiles in Europe and we are willing to forego them entirely. It is the Soviet Union, which has over 1,300 intermediate range missiles, which has been deploying the SS-20 at the rate of one per week, and which is threatening the countries of Europe. These are not actions of compromise, good



faith, and accommodation. They are actions of intimidation, pure and simple.

For our part, let me repeat: We stand ready to make any arrangement with the Soviets which will be verifiable and fair to all sides. This includes eliminating an entire class of strategic weapons, or at least a portion, and the more the better. But we cannot negotiate forever with ourselves. If Soviet intransigence continues, we will move forward to establish the balance and ensure NATO's deterrence.

Our goal, both in the economy and in protecting our national security, is to meet the mandate of the 1980 election: to make our country the strong Nation, the mighty force for good, that it is meant to be.

Thank you and now I know you have some questions. . .