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THE WHITE HOUSE

WASHINGTON

January 27, 1986

MEETING WITH STATE OF THE UNION HEROES

Date: Tuesday, January 28, 1986

Time: 12:00 m

From: Frederick J. Ryan, Jr. *FJR*

Young Heroes

I. PURPOSE

Photo opportunity and brief meeting with the four young heroes of tonight's State of the Union Address.

II. BACKGROUND

The four individuals who are to be the young heroes for tonight's State of the Union Address have been invited to the White House for a brief personal meeting with you. They do not yet know of their selection as the heroes who will be mentioned in the speech. After meeting them, this would be your opportunity to inform them.

The young American heroes are:

Richard Cavoli
Shelby Butler
Tyrone Ford
Trevor Ferrell

Richard Cavoli, 21, of Marlboro, New York, has been interested in science and medicine as long as he can remember. As a high school student, he began an experiment which, if successful, could lead to major advances in medicine through an x-ray process that subjects patients to a reduced exposure of radiation. His experiment would also enable astronomers to better photograph distant stars. This experiment is to be tested on board the Space Shuttle to be launched this week.

Shelby Butler, 13, of St. Joseph, Missouri, performed a heroic act of courage as a member of her elementary school's Safety Patrol. The brakes failed on a school bus and it headed out of control at a crosswalk full of school children. Shelby yelled for them to move, but one young girl froze with terror in the path of the bus. Shelby ran into the path of the bus and rescued the young girl.

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Tyrone Ford, 12, of Washington, D.C., was orphaned at birth and has been raised by his adopted "grandmother", Mrs. Burter Carelock. His "grandmother" took him to church on a regular basis and sat in the front row where he could hear the organist. At the age of 4, he began playing the piano and by the age of 7, he would play all of the church songs the organist had performed. This musical prodigy is now in the 6th grade and is studying at the 11th-12th grade level. He has performed at Wolftrap and the Kennedy Center. His goal is to be a composer and attend the Tuskegee Institute.

Trevor Ferrell, 13, of Philadelphia, Pennsylvania, has become well-known for his tireless efforts on the part of the homeless in Philadelphia. Two years ago, he was watching a television story about homeless "street people" just miles away from his home. He took the blanket from his bed and gave it to a poor indigent in the central city. He expanded his efforts by obtaining surplus blankets from local stores and distributed them to the needy. His effort has now grown to include over 500 volunteers and his center cares for 250 homeless per day. You have met with him on two past occasions.

III. PARTICIPANTS

1. The President
2. Richard Cavoli (with parents: Carmen and Rose Marie Cavoli)
3. Shelby Butler (with parents: Lester and Sherry Butler, and 2 younger *sisters*)
2. Tyrone Ford (with "grandmother": Mrs. Burter Carelock)
4. Trevor Ferrell (with parents: Frank and Janet Ferrell)

IV. PRESS PLAN

White House Photographer only
(no photos to be released until after the State of the Union Address)

V. SEQUENCE OF EVENTS

- 12:00 m
- The young heroes and families enter the Oval Office.
 - Photos are taken and participants are seated for a brief meeting.
 - The President extends an invitation for the young people to be his guests at the State of the Union Address.
- 12:10 pm
- The young heroes and families depart the Oval Office.