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THE WHITE HOUSE  
WASHINGTON

M.B. 12/14

12/12/83

MEMORANDUM

TO: FAITH WHITTLESEY (Coordinate with Messrs Meese & Fuller)

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FROM: FREDERICK J. RYAN, JR.

SUBJ: APPROVED PRESIDENTIAL ACTIVITY

MEETING: Very brief meeting and photo with Keith Kreul, National Commander, The American Legion

DATE: December 22, 1983

TIME: 4:30 pm - during Administrative Time

DURATION: 5 minutes

LOCATION: Oval Office

REMARKS REQUIRED: To be covered in briefing paper

MEDIA COVERAGE: If any, coordinate with Press Office

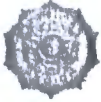
FIRST LADY PARTICIPATION: No

NOTE: PROJECT OFFICER, SEE ATTACHED CHECKLIST

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OFFICE OF THE  
EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR

November 21, 1983

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The President  
The White House  
Washington, D.C. 20500

Dear Mr. President:

The American Legion respectfully requests an opportunity for our National Commander, Keith Kreul, to discuss with you a report of his Far East tour. Included in this report is a review of military installations and observations of the attitudes towards our country of the nations in this region.

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Mr. Kreul is returning to this country on December 19 and welcomes the opportunity for a short meeting with you in your office at a time most convenient to your schedule.

Mr. President, your consideration of this request is very much appreciated.

Sincerely,

*Mylis S. Kraja*  
Mylis S. Kraja  
Executive Director



TO: PROJECT OFFICERS  
FROM: FREDERICK J. RYAN, JR.  
SUBJECT: Checklist for Presidential Events

General Responsibilities

- \_\_\_\_ Notify and clear all participants. (Full name, social security number, date of birth).
- \_\_\_\_ Prepare and submit briefing paper to Richard Darman's Office by 3:00 pm of the preceding day. (14 copies)
- \_\_\_\_ Coordinate with David Fischer (x2168) on Presidential involvement.
- \_\_\_\_ Coordinate with Mark Weinberg in the Press Office (x2100) regarding Press Coverage. Indicate hometowns of participants.
- \_\_\_\_ If remarks are required, coordinate with the Speechwriters Office (x6266) well in advance.
- \_\_\_\_ Coordinate with the Advance Office (x7565) for Rose Garden events.
- \_\_\_\_ For Rose Garden events, clear and reserve a backup location in case of inclement weather.
- \_\_\_\_ If participant brings a gift, contact John Hilboldt in the White House Gift Unit (x7133) for handling.
- \_\_\_\_ If any foreign visitor or dignitary is to be involved, please coordinate with Robert Kimmitt of the NSC (x3044).
- \_\_\_\_ Submit a complete, confirmed list of staff and attendees, identified by title, as well as the actual starting and completion times, to the President's Diarist, Office of Presidential Appointments and Scheduling (x7560) within five (5) days after the event.
- \_\_\_\_ When parking has been approved, coordinate with West Wing ushers; and inform gate of arrival time and number of vehicles.
- \_\_\_\_ If tent name cards are needed, send a list of names to Social Secretary's office (x7064) at least 48 hours in advance.
- \_\_\_\_ For West Wing Meetings all room arrangements (chairs, notepads, pencils, etc.) should be made through Carl Jones (x2275) or Nell Yates (x2605).

Residence Events

- \_\_\_\_ Coordinate with the Social Secretary's office (x7064) for all arrangements.
- \_\_\_\_ Coordinate with the Advance Office (x7565) for logistical support.
- \_\_\_\_ Send guest list to Social Secretary's office, preferably three weeks prior to the event.

To Morton  
Date 12/13/83 Time 5:02

**WHILE YOU WERE OUT**

M. Col. Bidgood  
of Harry Walters Off  
Phone 389-5351

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Message Walters hopes  
that the meeting for  
Keith Krueh can be  
lengthened to 15  
minutes.

Operator Joyce

THE WHITE HOUSE

WASHINGTON

December 28, 1983

MEMORANDUM TO: ELLEN JONES, PRESIDENTIAL DIARIST  
FROM: Morton C. Blackwell  
SUBJECT: Meeting with the President 

Following is a listing of those individuals who met with the President on Thursday, December 22, 1983:

Mr. Keith A. Kreul,  
National Commander  
THE AMERICAN LEGION  
Route #2, Box 21  
Fennimore, Wisconsin 53809

Mr. John Damman,  
Aide to the National Commander  
1409 Center Avenue  
Janesville, Wisconsin 53545

Mr. Mylio Kraja,  
Executive Director  
THE AMERICAN LEGION  
7117 Red Horse Tavern Lane  
Springfield, Virginia 22153

The Honorable Harry N. Walters,  
Administrator  
VETERANS ADMINISTRATION  
810 Vermont Avenue, N.W.  
Washington, D.C. 20420

Colonel F. C. Bidgood, USA,  
Executive Assistant to the Administrator  
VETERANS ADMINISTRATION  
810 Vermont Avenue, N.W.  
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Morton C. Blackwell,  
Special Assistant to the President for Public Liaison

The meeting began at 5:15 p.m. and ended at 5:20 p.m.

The Washington Office address of the American Legion is:  
THE AMERICAN LEGION  
1608 "K" Street, N.W.  
Washington, D.C. 20006

MEETING WITH KEITH KREUL  
NATIONAL COMMANDER  
AMERICAN LEGION  
PHOTO OP  
Morton BLACKWELL

1. 4:30 - Guests enter Oval  
Office
2. 4:31 - ~~Mr~~ introduces:  
Keith KREUL (Cruel)  
Natn'l Cdr., Am. Legion  
John DAMMAN (Day-man)  
Aid to Mr. Kreul  
Mylio KRAJA (Cry-ah)  
Exec. Director, Am. Leg.
3. 4:35 - Guests depart Oval  
Office

*Walters/Bidgood*

*5:15 - 5:20*



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Mylro Kraja

7117 Red Horse Tavern  
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Jolan Dammann

1409 Center Ave.

Jamesville Wisc.

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MEETING WITH: KEITH A. KREUL,  
NATIONAL COMMANDER  
THE AMERICAN LEGION

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DATE: Thursday, December 22, 1983  
LOCATION: Oval Office  
TIME: 4:30 p.m. (Administrative Time)  
FROM: FAITH WHITTLESEY

I. PURPOSE:

To meet with Keith Kreul, National Commander, The American Legion.

II. BACKGROUND:

Keith Kreul is the recently elected National Commander of The American Legion. The President met Commander Kreul in August at The American Legion's National Convention in Seattle, Washington. With 2.7 million members, the American Legion is the largest and best known of the veterans' groups. The American Legion has a million more members than the next largest veterans group, the Veterans of Foreign Wars.

Rank and file Legionnaires, as well as the organization itself, have been very supportive of the President.

III. PARTICIPANTS:

Keith Kreul, National Commander, The American Legion  
John Damman, Aid to the National Commander  
Mylio Kraja, Executive Director, The American Legion

IV. PRESS PLAN:

White House Photographer - Photo Opportunity

V. SEQUENCE OF EVENTS:

4:30 p.m. - Guests enter Oval Office

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4:35 p.m. - Guests exit

## TALKING POINTS

MEETING WITH KEITH A. KREUL, NATIONAL COMMANDER,  
THE AMERICAN LEGION

- The holidays are a time to greet old friends, and I certainly consider the American Legion to be an old friend.
  
- Commander Kreul, it's a particular pleasure to see you again. Since we met last at your national convention, I know you've continued to be supportive of so many of the things we are trying to do. I know too, that you have recently returned from a trip to the Far East.
  
- I want to thank you especially, though, for the support the American Legion has given my economic programs, as well as for our efforts to achieve peace and freedom for the peoples of Central America.

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