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THE WHITE HOUSE

WASHINGTON

1 December 1983

MEMORANDUM TO: JACK COURTEMANCHE

FROM: Morton C. Blackwell *MB*

SUBJECT: Tuition Tax Credit Meeting

It now appears that as soon as Mr. Meese's office received word that the meeting with leaders of the tuition tax credit coalition had been changed from Monday the 5th, they scheduled a major budget review meeting for senior staffers at that time. They also report that Mr. Meese has a previous engagement on the afternoon of Wednesday the 7th.

Since it is very important that Mr. Meese be present at the meeting, I suggest we try to re-schedule for some day other than December 5 or December 7.

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THE WHITE HOUSE

M.B. 11/25

11/21/83

MEMORANDUM

TO: FAITH WHITTLESEY

FROM: FREDERICK J. RYAN, JR. *FJR*

SUBJ: APPROVED PRESIDENTIAL ACTIVITY

MEETING: Dropby Meeting of Tuition Tax Credit Coalition

DATE: December 1, 1983

TIME: 3:50 pm

DURATION: 5 minutes

LOCATION: Cabinet Room

REMARKS REQUIRED: Brief Remarks

MEDIA COVERAGE: If any, coordinate with Press Office

FIRST LADY PARTICIPATION: No

NOTE: PROJECT OFFICER, SEE ATTACHED CHECKLIST

cc: R. Darman	C. McCain	J. Courtemanche
R. Deprospero	J. Rosebush	
K. Duberstein	R. Scouten	
B. Elliott	B. Shaddix	
D. Fischer	W. Sittmann	
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	Nell Yates	

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

Follow up tent cards

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)
- NA Coordinate with David Fischer (x2168) on Presidential involvement.
- Coordinate with Mark Weinberg in the Press Office (x2100) regarding Press Coverage. Indicate hometowns of participants.
- NA If remarks are required, coordinate with the Speechwriters Office (x6266) well in advance.
- NA Coordinate with the Advance Office (x7565) for Rose Garden events.
- NA For Rose Garden events, clear and reserve a backup location in case of inclement weather.
- NA If participant brings a gift, contact John Hilboldt in the White House Gift Unit (x7133) for handling.
- NA If any foreign visitor or dignitary is to be involved, please coordinate with Robert Kimmitt of the NSC (x3440).
- 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. *Ellen Jones 188*
- 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. *204 EW*
- 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.

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THE WHITE HOUSE

WASHINGTON

December 6, 1983

MEETING WITH TUITION TAX CREDIT COALITION

DATE: Wednesday, December 7, 1983
LOCATION: Cabinet Room
TIME: 3:45 p.m.
FROM: Faith Whittlesey

I. PURPOSE:

To thank these leaders for their hard work, and discuss future actions in light of the Senate tabling of the Tuition Tax Credit Bill -- particularly the long-term prospects for passage.

II. BACKGROUND:

The Tuition Tax Credit Coalition has met with the President on two previous occasions, June 22, 1983 and September 16, 1983. They have pledged their support for the bill our staff hammered out with them, and recommended that the legislation be attached to a major House-passed revenue bill.

On November 16, the Senate tabled consideration of the legislation. The vote was 59 to 38, with Senator Baker among those voting to table.

For some time, frustration has been high among tuition tax credit leaders. They appreciate the President's efforts, but they need assurance of continued support.

III. PARTICIPANTS:

See attached listing.

IV. PRESS PLAN:

White House Press Corp photo opportunity during the Presidential drop-by.

V. SEQUENCE OF EVENTS:

3:45 p.m. - Guests enter Cabinet Room and are greeted by Faith Whittlesey.

3:47 p.m. - Mrs. Whittlesey turns meeting over to Mr. Meese for brief comments and to preside over discussion.

V. SEQUENCE OF EVENTS (continued)

4:00 p.m. - President enters Cabinet Room.

4:20 p.m. - Meeting ends.

VI. ATTACHMENTS:

1. Listing of Attendees
2. Talking Points

THE WHITE HOUSE
WASHINGTON
December 6, 1983

MEMORANDUM TO: FAITH WHITTLESEY
THROUGH: Jack Courtemanche
FROM: Morton C. Blackwell
SUBJECT: Talking Points - Tuition Tax Credit Meeting

Attached are the retyped talking points.

Pursuant to Jack's instructions, the possible question and proposed answer as contained in Nancy Risque's memorandum to you, is contained on a separate, unnumbered sheet.

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1 Attachment a/s

TALKING POINTS

TUITION TAX CREDITS

- Although we did not achieve victory, I am pleased that we got an up-or-down vote on tuition tax credits in the Senate.
- I was especially pleased because the various groups represented here today showed unity of purpose and a determination to work together.
- I view the Senate vote as the first step in a long term effort to get tuition tax credits through the Congress, and I am firmly committed to this goal.
- The vote indicated, however, that a lot of work still needs to be done by all of us before a winning vote can occur in the Senate.
- I have some thoughts as to what we should do next, but the main reason I have asked you to this meeting is to get your suggestions. Before I get your views, here are my thoughts.
- This IS a long-term effort and winning will require constant attention by all of us in this coalition, at every level of government and in the private sector.

- First, candidates for office must be made aware that tuition tax credits is not just another issue that came and went. You have the capability of making this issue come alive in every race.

- At the federal level, I and my staff will do everything we can to encourage and increase support in both the Senate and House for this issue. I will continue to speak out on the merits of our initiative and it will be clear to all that it remains a priority for me and for many American families across this nation.

- At the state level, supporters of tuition tax credits should take the Supreme Court's decision in the Minnesota case this year as a green light for action. The Court has opened the door for a range of State tuition tax plans that may have been stalled by fear that they would not survive Supreme Court review.

- At the local level, tuition tax credits are simply one more aspect of our overall push for parental control of education.

- We will continue our efforts to affirm that education is the primary right and responsibility of the parents and that government is here to serve the choices they make for the education of their children.

- I look forward to working with you to make this principle a reality for all students and parents.

- Those are my thoughts. Now, I want to get the benefit of your suggestions and comments.

If the President is asked to request a time-certain for another vote in the Senate, we recommend that his response follow along these lines:

- If it looks like we are making progress, then I will certainly consider pursuing another vote in the Senate.

LISTING OF ATTENDEES

TUITION TAX CREDIT COALITION MEETING WITH THE PRESIDENT
Wednesday, December 7, 1983,
4:00 p.m., The Cabinet Room

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THE WHITE HOUSE
WASHINGTON
December 6, 1983

MEMORANDUM TO: JACK COURTEMANCHE
FROM: Morton C. Blackwell
SUBJECT: The President's Talking Points for Tuition
Tax Credit Meeting

Per your instructions, we are changing the talking points as requested by Nancy Risque.

Frankly, her editing job is likely to produce unfortunate results for the President.

To the Coalition, the important thing is passage of the legislation. My draft affirmed that at some unspecified time the President would seek another vote. Nancy Risque's draft only has the President saying he would consider getting another vote at an appropriate time. That is weasel-wording and not consistent with the President's strong desire to get the legislation passed. If we are not willing to say definitely that at sometime we will have another vote, it is difficult to be taken seriously as a supporter of tuition tax credits.

MCB:jet

THE WHITE HOUSE

WASHINGTON

November 18, 1983

SCHEDULE PROPOSAL

To: FREDERICK J. RYAN, JR., DIRECTOR
Presidential Appointments and Scheduling

From: FAITH WHITTLESEY

Request: Meeting with leaders of the tuition tax credit coalition

Purpose: To thank these leaders for their hard work, and discuss future actions in light of the Senate tabling of the Tuition Tax Credit Bill - - particularly the long term prospects for passage.

Background: The tuition tax credit coalition has met with the President on two previous occasions, June 22, 1982 and September 16, 1983. They pledged their support for the bill our staff hammered out with them, and recommended that the legislation be attached to a major House-passed revenue bill.

On November 16 the Senate tabled consideration of the legislation. The vote was 59 38, with Senator Baker among those voting to table.

For some time frustration has been high among tuition tax credit leaders. They appreciate the President's effort, but they need assurance of continued support.

Previous Participation: June 22, 1982 and September 16, 1983

Date and Time: Monday November 28, 1983, or early that week

Duration: 30 minutes

Location: Roosevelt Room

Participants: See attached list

Outline of Event: Mr. Meese presides over the meeting. In the last ten minutes of the meeting, the President drops by and speaks briefly.

Remarks Required: Brief remarks

Media Coverage: White House Photographer

Recommended by: Faith Whittlesey

Opposed by:

Project Officer: Morton C. Blackwell

THE WHITE HOUSE

WASHINGTON

December 1, 1983

MEMORANDUM FOR KENNETH M. DUBERSTEIN

FROM: FAITH RYAN WHITTLESEY *FRW*

Subject: Tuition Tax Credits

Attached are suggested talking points for the meeting with the President on Tuition Tax Credits on December 7, 1983.

I have marked the paragraphs on Page two which you may want to rework in the way you think will best protect the President on this issue.

I look forward to receiving your comments.

THE WHITE HOUSE
WASHINGTON

December 2, 1983

MEMORANDUM FOR: FAITH WHITTLESEY
FROM: NANCY RISQUE *Nancy*
SUBJECT: Tuition Tax Credits

Jack

Here are our recommendations for the talking points.

Insert #1

-- The vote indicated, however, that a lot of work still needs to be done by all of us before a winning vote can occur in the Senate.

Insert #2

-- At the federal level, I and my staff will do everything we can to encourage and increase support in both the Senate and House for this issue. I will continue to speak out on the merits of our initiative and it will be clear to all that it remains a priority for me and for many American families across this nation.

If the President is asked to request a time-certain for another vote in the Senate, we recommend that his response follow along these lines:

-- If it looks like we are making progress ~~and have picked up some votes~~ then I will certainly consider ~~at that time~~ pursuing another vote in the Senate.

Thanks, Faith.

TALKING POINTS

TUITION TAX CREDITS

- Although we did not achieve victory, I am pleased that we got an up-or-down vote on tuition tax credits in the Senate. ~~We know this would be an uphill effort, but it seems to give us the impetus we need.~~
- I was especially pleased because the various groups represented here today showed unity of purpose and a determination to work together.
- I view the Senate vote as the first step in a long term effort to get tuition tax credits through the Congress, and I am firmly committed to this goal.
- ~~#1~~ **Insert**
- I have some thoughts as to what we should do next, but the main reason I have asked you to this meeting is to get your suggestions. Before I get your views, here are my thoughts.
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- First, candidates for office must be made aware that tuition tax credits is not just another issue that came and went. You have the capability of making this issue come alive in every race.

- ~~At the Federal level, we will continue to keep our~~
~~tuition tax credit bill before the Senate. I will~~
~~keep speaking out on the issue. At the right time~~
~~and in consultation with you, I will ask Senator~~
~~Baker to schedule another vote on our bill soon.~~

- ~~Prior to the next vote, we should have longer notice~~
~~as to the scheduled vote and as to the legislative~~
~~vehicle we will use. In that way we can better~~
~~coordinate efforts within the Administration and~~
~~among your groups.~~

- # 2 Insert

- At the State level, supporters of tuition tax credits should take the Supreme Court's decision in the Minnesota case this year as a green light for action. The Court has opened the door for a range of State tuition tax plans that may have been stalled by fear that they would not survive Supreme Court review.

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make for the education of their children.

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THE WHITE HOUSE
WASHINGTON

Joyce-
Please re-type
w/ Nancy R. intentions-
Thanks!
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Faith R. Whittlesey
Assistant to the President
for Public Liaison

THE WHITE HOUSE
WASHINGTON

REVISIT

12/2/83

MEMORANDUM

TO: FAITH WHITTLESEY (Coordinate with Craig Fuller)

FROM: FREDERICK J. RYAN, JR. *FJR*

SUBJ: APPROVED PRESIDENTIAL ACTIVITY

MEETING: Dropby Meeting of Tuition Tax Credit Coalition

DATE: December 7 (changed from December 5)

TIME: 4:00 pm

DURATION: 20 minutes

LOCATION: Cabinet Room

REMARKS REQUIRED: Yes

MEDIA COVERAGE: Coordinate with Press Office

FIRST LADY
PARTICIPATION: No

NOTE: PROJECT OFFICER, SEE ATTACHED CHECKLIST

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TIME: 3:50 pm

DURATION: 5 minutes

LOCATION: Cabinet Room

REMARKS REQUIRED: Brief Remarks

MEDIA COVERAGE: If any, coordinate with Press Office

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THE WHITE HOUSE
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11/30/83

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FROM: FREDERICK J. RYAN, JR. *FJR*

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DURATION: 20 minutes

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REMARKS REQUIRED: Yes

MEDIA COVERAGE: If any, coordinate with Press Office

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THE WHITE HOUSE
WASHINGTON

Morton:

Below is the list of Administration personnel I had intended to invite to the Tuition Tax Credit meeting on Wednesday. Any changes?

Edwin Meese
Faith Whittlesey
Morton Blackwell
James Cicconi
Kenneth Cribb
Steven Galebach
Robert Sweet

Write note - done

Secconi - - Pa. -

Kenneth B. Bernstein

Donald Clancy

Mr. Kojak

~~*B. B. Raily*~~