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DATE: 2/4/82 WHITE HOUSE STAFFING MEMORANDUM Presidenteal fractions

ACTION/CONCURRENCE/COMMENT DUE BY: 10 a.m. 2/8/82

SUBJECT: Proposed proclamation designating the week of February 15, 1982,

as National Patriotism Week.

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Remarks:

Attached is the proposed draft proclamation as noted above.

Please comment as you feel appropriate.

Thank you!

This is the most poorly worded draft of a Presidential document I have yet to see. It should be entirely replaced.

Morton C. Blackwel

Dodie Livingston for

Richard G. Darman Assistant to the President and

Deputy to the Chief of Staff (x-2821)



OFFICE OF MANAGEMENT AND BUDGET WASHINGTON, D.C. 20503

January 11, 1982

MEMORANDUM FOR:

THE PRESIDENT

FROM:

MICHAEL J. HOROWITZ

COUNSEL TO THE DIRECTOR

SUBJECT:

NATIONAL PATRIOTISM WEEK

By Senate Joint Resolution 34 (Public Law 96-421), the President is requested to proclaim the week commencing on the third Monday in February, 1982, as National Patriotism Week. The enclosed proclamation would fulfill that request.

The proposed proclamation was submitted by the Veterans Administration. It has been slightly revised in this office for editorial reasons.

The proposed proclamation has the approval of the Director of the Office of Management and Budget.

Enclosure

NATIONAL PATRIOTISM WEEK

BY THE PRESIDENT OF THE UNITED STATES OF AMERICA

A PROCLAMATION

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History tells us how the early Americans, our forefathers, fought for independence, creating for succeeding generations a new way of life -- a democratic government, liberty, and essential freedoms never before guaranteed to mankind.

Those early Americans were patriots, their courage and dedication to principle necessary prerequisites to the upstart nation they founded.

As we know so well, patriotism is self-perpetuating concept which is as valid and important today as it was two hundred and six years ago. How often the day has been won against heavy odds because the torch of liberty burned so brightly in the hearts of our people.

posses rights, opportunities, and freedoms which are unknown to those in many parts of the world. We are guaranteed individual liberty so long as the exercise of that liberty does not infringe unreasonably upon the liberty of others.

Yet we must match our rights of citizenship with a sense of responsibility and reciprocity. All Americans must bear the obligation to preserve our cherished constitutional system which has sustained our country through these past two centuries. Citizenship in the United States has value far

As the inheritors of the greatest land on earth, we

NOW, THEREFORE, I, RONALD REAGAN, President of the United States of America, do hereby designate the week beginning February 15, 1982, as National Patriotism Week.

preserve it and pass it on undiminished to generations yet to come.

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I invite all primary and secondary schools to conduct programs of study which are dedicated to those bedrock principles of national greatness devoted to rekindling the patriotic flame in all Americans.

I call upon all citizens of the United States of
America to commemorate National Patriotism Week with appropriate
celebrations and observances.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I have hereunto set, my hand this

day of , in the year of our Lord nineteen
hundred and eighty-two, and of the Independence of the United
States of America the two hundred and sixth.

Office of the Press Secretary

For Immediate Release

March 19, 1981

NATIONAL DAY OF PRAYER, 1981

BY THE PRESIDENT OF THE UNITED STATES OF AMERICA

A PROCLAMATION

Our Nation's motto -- "In God We Trust" -- was not chosen lightly. It reflects a basic recognition that there is a divine authority in the universe to which this Nation owes homage.

Throughout our history Americans have put their faith in God and no one can doubt that we have been blessed for it. The earliest settlers of this land came in search of religious freedom. Landing on a desolate shoreline, they established a spiritual foundation that has served us ever since.

It was the hard work of our people, the freedom they enjoyed and their faith in God that built this country and made it the envy of the world. In all of our great cities and towns evidence of the faith of our people is found: houses of worship of every denomination are among the oldest structures.

While never willing to bow to a tyrant, our forefathers were always willing to get to their knees before God. When catastrophe threatened, they turned to God for deliverance. When the harvest was bountiful the first thought was thanksgiving to God.

Prayer is today as powerful a force in our Nation as it has ever been. We as a Nation should never forget this source of strength. And while recognizing that the freedom to choose a Godly path is the essence of liberty, as a Nation we cannot but hope that more of our citizens would, through prayer, come into a closer relationship with their Maker.

Recognizing our great heritage, the Congress, by Joint Resolution approved April 17, 1952 (36 U.S.C. 169h; 66 Stat. 64), has called upon the President to set aside a suitable day each year as a National Day of Prayer.

NOW, THEREFORE, I, RONALD REAGAN, President of the United States of America, do hereby proclaim Thursday, May 7, 1981, National Day of Prayer. On that day I ask all who believe to join with me in giving thanks to Almighty God for the blessings He has bestowed on this land and the protection He affords us as a people. Let us as a Nation join together before God, fully aware of the trials that lie ahead and the need, yes, the necessity, for divine guidance. With unshakable faith in God and the liberty which is heritage, we as a free Nation will surely survive and prosper.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I have hereunto set my hand this nineteenth day of March , in the year of our Lord nineteen hundred eighty-one, and of the Independence of the United States of America the two hundred and fifth.

RONALD REAGAN

Office of the Press Secretary

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For Immediate Release

February 13, 1981

NATIONAL AGRICULTURE DAY

BY THE PRESIDENT OF THE UNITED STATES OF AMERICA

A PROCLAMATION

Agriculture is among America's most vital and farreaching industries. Its production, processing, and marketing segments together provide as many as 17 million jobs.

The productivity and efficiency of American agriculture are basic ingredients in our national strength. Agricultural productivity is a major weapon in the war against inflation and in the struggle to eliminate world hunger. The efficiency of the American farmer is the envy of the world.

American farmers are, in reality, fiercely independent businessmen whose job it is to provide food and fiber. With the profit motive and freedom of enterprise, these businessmen of the soil have supplied this Nation with an abundance never before witnessed in the history of man.

Today, our farmers are also making enormous contributions to America's trade balance. In the past year alone, farm exports amounted to \$41 billion.

To achieve a better understanding of, and appreciation for, agriculture's role in the Nation's way of life and of each individual's stake in a reliable food and fiber supply, the Congress enacted a Joint Resolution, Public Law 96-416, to set aside March 19, 1981, as "National Agriculture Day."

NOW, THEREFORE, I, RONALD REAGAN, President of the United States of America, do hereby proclaim March 19, 1981, "National Agriculture Day" and do call upon the people of the United States to observe this day with appropriate ceremonies and activities.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I have hereunto set my hand this thirteenth day of February in the year of our Lord nineteen hundred eighty-one, and of the Independence of the United States of America the two hundred and fifth.

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May 21, 1981

Mr. James Wallwork New Jersey Senate 94 Canoe Brook Road Short Hills, New Jersey 07078

Dear Mr. Wallwork:

On behalf of the President we are sending you these ceremonial copies of Presidential Proclamations concerning Vietnam Veterans and Memorial Day. The President thanks you for your letter and for sharing your thoughts about the Veterans.

Sincerely,

Morton C. Blackwell

Special Assistant to the

President for Public Liaison

for Veterans.

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JAMES H. WALLWORK

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March 9th, 1981

Hon. Ronald W. Reagan The White House Washington, D.C.

Dear Mr. President:

I write to urge you to dedicate this Memorial Day, May 25, 1981, as a day of National Appreciation by the American people for the valiant service rendered by the men and women in the American armed forces during the conflict in Viet Nam.

The bravery of the Viet Nam veterans has for too long been ignored. As a retired Army Major and in the spirit of national renewal you called for in your inaugural address, I urge you to redress this tragic injustice.

The recent national celebration over the release of the American hostages only served to highlight our failure to properly honor Viet Nam Veterans.

I strongly urge you to take this opportunity to correct this unfortunate situation and let us all, in one voice, tell our veterans that we do indeed understand and appreciate all the sacrifices they have made to keep us free.

Sincerely,

James Wallwork

As Commander-in-Chief of the Armed Forces, I am indeed honored to extend warmest greetings to the NAM-POWS, Inc., on the occasion of your Third Annual Reunion in the Nation's Capital.

Our Nation owes a great debt of gratitude to the Vietnam ex-prisoners of war for having fought so bravely and for having endured long and arduous hours of anguish and humiliation in the hands of your captors. Each of you has earned the esteem of all Americans for your unselfish sacrifices and devotion to ensure the preservation of our cherished freedoms. Americans can stand tall and salute each of you for your total dedication while in the service of your country.

I know that from your reunion will come a renewed and a stronger commitment from each of you to keep our country free and prosperous.

As you and your families gather to celebrate this special occasion, you have my best wishes for a most enjoyable and memorable reunion.

Sincerely,

SENT TO:

Captain Eugene B. McDaniel, USN Director, U.S. House Liaison Rayburn House Office Building Washington, D.C. 20515

CALL WHEN SIGNED: 225-4395

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EVENT: MAY 22

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STRAIGHT WIRE - MAY 22, 1981

Mr. Janusz Krzyzanowski
National Commander
11th Triennial Convention
Polish Veterans of World War II
Westlake Holiday Inn
11 Crocker Road
Cleveland, Ohio 44145

I am delighted to send my warm greetings to the Polish Veterans of World War II as you gather for your Eleventh Triennial Convention.

Americans of all nationalities greatly admire the Polish people for their resourcefulness, courage, and their love of freedom. From the Vatican to the Kremlin, these characteristics are a major factor in world events today. These same attributes server as an example to the world of the best in the human spirit, just as they did 42 years ago when the Polish homeland was invaded.

Again, with these thoughts in mind, you have my best wishes for a productive convention and good luck in the future.

Sincerely,

RONALD REAGAN

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cc: H. von Damm/J. Wells/M. Blackwell/A. Lenz, NSC/CF

EVENT: MAY 24

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March 24, 1981

SMALL BUSINESS WEEK, 1981

BY THE PRESIDENT OF THE UNITED STATES OF AMERICA

A PROCLAMATION

Two centuries ago in this country, small business owners -- the merchants, the builders, the traders -- rebelled against excessive taxation and government interference and helped found this Nation. Today we are working to bring about another revolution, this time against the intolerable burdens inflation, over-regulation, and over-taxation have placed upon the Nation's 12 million small businesses, which provide the livelihood for more than 100 million of our people.

To revitalize the Nation, we must stimulate small business growth and opportunity. Small business accounts for over 60 percent of our jobs, half of our business output, and at least half of the innovations that keep American industry strong. The imagination, skills, and willingness of small business men and women to take necessary risks symbolize the free enterprise foundation of the American economy and must be encouraged.

I urge all Americans who own or work in a small business to continue their resourcefulness and successes, for these efforts contribute so much to the entrepreneurial spirit which made this Nation great. It is with justifiable pride that the American small business man can point to himself as the backbone of our Nation.

NOW, THEREFORE, I, RONALD REAGAN, President of the United States of America, do hereby proclaim the week beginning May 10, 1981, as Small Business Week. I call upon every American to join me in this tribute.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I have hereunto set my hand this 23rd day of March , in the year of our Lord nineteen hundred eighty-one, and of the Independence of the United States of America the two hundred and fifth.

RONALD REAGAN

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THE WHITE HOUSE Office of the Press Secretary

For Immediate Release

March 23, 1981

PAN AMERICAN DAY AND PAN AMERICAN WEEK, 1981

BY THE PRESIDENT OF THE UNITED STATES OF AMERICA
A PROCLAMATION

Since its first observance fifty years ago, Pan American Day has served as an annual reminder of the common ideals of the nations of this hemisphere, further strengthening our peoples' bonds.

Commitment to such common goals among nations is an example for the world. Such cooperation has as its first priority the resolution of differences through peaceful conciliation and arbitration. The Organization of American States has provided a valuable framework for such progress to be made.

Through increased awareness and mutual cooperation, the Pan American nations strive to promote peace and stability in the region, as well as economic, social and cultural development. Pan American Day commemorates the voluntary cooperation of our countries in achieving solidarity of purpose while maintaining individuality of culture and tradition.

On this Pan American Day of 1981, the people of the United States extend warm greetings to their neighbors in the Americas, and reaffirm their commitment to the spirit of solidarity, the ideals and purposes of the Inter-American system, and their active support of the Organization of American States.

NOW, THEREFORE, I, RONALD REAGAN, President of the United States of America, do hereby proclaim Tuesday, April 14, 1981, as Pan American Day, and the week beginning on April 12, 1981, as Pan American Week; and I urge the Governors of the fifty States, and the Governor of the Commonwealth of Puerto Rico, and officials of the other areas under the flag of the United States of America to honor these observances with appropriate activities and ceremonies.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I have hereunto set my hand this twentieth day of March, in the year of our Lord nineteen hundred eighty-one, and of the Independence of the United States of America the two hundred fifth.

RONALD REAGAN

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Office of the Press Secretary

For Immediate Release

March 19, 1981

NATIONAL DAY OF PRAYER, 1981

BY THE PRESIDENT OF THE UNITED STATES OF AMERICA

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RONALD REAGAN

THE WHITE HOUSE WASHINGTON

JUL 27 1981

FROM:

GAY W. SHANAHAN

TO:

M. Blachwell.

Incoming mail forwarded for your handling and disposition.

Advise if action required by EHD or RC.

THE WHITE HOUSE WASHINGTON

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NOTE FOR:

ELIZABETH DOLE

The President has

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the attached; and it is forwarded to you for your information.

Richard G. Darman

Deputy Assistant to the President and Staff Secretary
(X2702)

cc:

MEMORANDUM

THE WHITE HOUSE

WASHINGTON

Pres. Mariages

July 23, 1981

TO:

THE PRESIDENT

FROM:

Morton Blackwell

VIA:

Elizabeth H. DOle

RE:

Telephone Call to parents of Lt. Richard Van Dyke

In addition to the call to Mrs. Janis Dodge, widow of Navy Commander Ronald Dodge whose remains have recently been identified, we feel it would be appropriate to call the parents of Richard Van Dyke, an Air Force pilot who was not married.

Van Dyke was a Lieutenant who was shot down over North Vietnam in 1968. He had been seen with a broken leg by other POW's in 1968. Nothing more was heard of him until his remains were identified this week. He was made a Captain in 1969, but his status was changed to Killed in Action in 1973.

He graduated from the University of Colorado and made his career in the Air Force. He received a Silver Star for this mission when he was shot down.

His parents are Mr. and Mrs. Milton W. Van Dyke and can be reached at

801-582-1283.