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May 27, 1982

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Dear Mrs. Junge:

Thank you so very much for your letter to President Reagan thanking him for taking the initiative to put prayer back in our schools. We appreciate your expression of support for this effort.

We also appreciate your expression of increased spending for the Defense budget, and we can assure you that we will not forget the veterans who willingly served in the Armed Forces of this great country. In fact, I should mention to you that my father gave his life in World War II, and my husband is a Marine veteran from Korea so I have great empathy for your cause.

In addition, I wish to thank you for returning the questionnaire which I sent requesting information about the American Legion Auxiliary. Please let me know the next time that you are in the Washington area, for I certainly would like to have an opportunity to meet with you and discuss items of common interest and concern.

Thank you again for expressing your support.

Sincerely,

Wendy Borchardt
Special Assistant to the
President for Public Liaison

Mrs. Miriam Junge
National Secretary
American Legion Auxiliary
777 North Meridian Street
Indianapolis, Indiana 46204



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May 14, 1982

The President
The White House
Washington, DC 20500

My dear Mr. President:

I just had to take a minute today to thank you for taking the initiative to put prayer back into our schools. We certainly support this effort.

We also are in favor of increased spending insofar as the Defense Budget is concerned; however, we must not forget the veterans who willingly served in the armed forces of this great country.

We are proud of you, Mr. President.

Most sincerely,

Mrs. Miriam Junge
National Secretary

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THE WHITE HOUSE
WASHINGTON

May 22, 1981

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Dear Mr. Hurst:

Thank you so much for your recent letter requesting President Reagan to meet with Mrs. Lyle Seymour, National President of the American Legion Auxiliary, at which time he would accept one of the "Memorial Poppies."

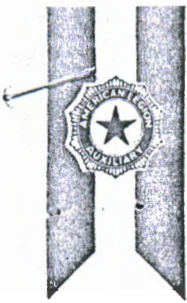
I have taken the liberty of forwarding your request to Gregory Newell, Director of Presidential Scheduling, with a suggestion that he give your request every consideration.

Again, thank you for writing.

Sincerely,

Charlotte Ellis
Administrative Assistant

Mr. Layton K. Hurst
Program Coordinator
American Legion Auxiliary
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Washington, DC 20006



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May 12, 1981

George → *Chair -*
Reply that we
passed to P. Skell
+ arranged!

Mrs. Elizabeth H. Dole
Assistant to the President for Public Liaison
The White House
1600 Pennsylvania Avenue, N.W.
Washington, D.C. 20500

Dear Mrs. Dole:

The National President of the American Legion Auxiliary, Mrs. Lyle Seymour of Bird City, Kansas, has asked me to confer with you to see if it is possible for her to have a brief appointment with President Reagan this spring or early summer in which to photograph his acceptance of one of the Memorial Poppies annually worn by Americans in honor of the war dead.

No formal audience or interview is requested - only a brief appointment for a picture which we would send to all of our state organizations. Some of their communities observe this tradition on Memorial Day, others on Veterans Day in November, so the picture would be available for use either as a news follow-up to the former, or in promotion of the latter observance.

As you know, the Memorial Poppy of the American Legion Auxiliary has been proudly worn by Americans since World War I, not only to honor those who sacrificed their lives for their country, but to aid disabled veterans and their families. We are proud of the work of the hospitalized veterans who handcraft the poppy as a part of their physical therapy program. We value also the fact that no salaries are paid to the volunteers who distribute them so that the entire proceeds can go toward rehabilitation and child welfare programs primarily in the communities in which the money is raised.

Mrs. Seymour would be pleased to cooperate with you on any time that might be available for such a picture. Could we discuss this at your convenience?

With this letter come the good wishes of the nearly one million women who are members of the American Legion Auxiliary.

Sincerely,

(Mr.) LAYTON K. HURST
Program Coordinator

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LOUISIANA DEPARTMENT



MRS. CARROLL B. FIELDS
President
3015 Pershing Avenue
Alexandria, Louisiana 71301

P. O. Box 1046
Baton Rouge, La. 70821

4/3/81

President Ronald Reagan
The White House
Washington, D. C. 20515

Dear President Reagan:

Today is a very special day in Louisiana for a number of reasons. Our fine Governor has proclaimed Sunday, April 4, 1981 as a day of prayer for the continuing recovery of our Commander in Chief and those wounded in Monday's assassination attempt.

We in the American Legion Auxiliary, Department of Louisiana and all other citizens of Louisiana deplore this senseless act of violence and continue to pray for the total recovery of those four brave men, namely James Brady, Press Secretary; Timothy J. McCarthy, Secret Service Agent and Thomas K. Delahanty a Washington policeman and our President, and all of you will be remembered in our prayers, not only Sunday, but everyday until we learn that you have fully recovered.

Mr. President, we are very proud of you and wish to again extend our sincere appreciation to you and your fine Cabinet and Staff, for the continued interest in our veterans like yourself. On behalf of the sixteen thousand plus members of The American Legion Auxiliary in the State of Louisiana, we wish you God speed.

Mr. President, when you return to the Oval Office, I would feel honored to have an autographed picture of you to hang in my office in the Old State Capitol in Baton Rouge where our state office is located. I worked on Capitol Hill for 6 years for the late Senator Allen J. Ellender and just enjoyed politics so much and would be honored to have your picture. It would mean a lot to me personally, as well as to the members of my organization.

God Bless you and your lovely wife Nancy, a very distinguished First Lady in every sense of the word.

With kindest personal regards, I remain

Sincerely,
Wanda Henderson
Ms. Wanda Henderson
Department Secretary-Treasurer

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MEMORANDUM

Ann E. Dole

THE WHITE HOUSE
WASHINGTON

October 8, 1981

DRAFT LETTER OF CONGRATULATIONS TO MRS.ROMAINE ROETHEL, NATIONAL
PRESIDENT OF THE AMERICAN LEGION AUXILIARY FOR EHD SIGNATURE.

Dear Mrs. Roethel:

Congratulations on your installation as National
President of the American Legion Auxiliary.

I feel very close to the Legion and its Auxiliary.
I enjoyed visiting the Legion National Conventions in 1976
and 1981, and I was particularly moved by the warm reception
to my remarks at the Honolulu convention in early September.

The President greatly appreciates the strong support he
has received from the American Legion, both in the 1980
election and our major legislative battles this year to help
make America once more second to none in both military and
economic strength.

Please do not hesitate to contact my office if we can
be of any assistance to you and your organization.

Sincerely,

Elizabeth H. Dole
Assistant to the President
for Public Liaison

Director
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of copy for
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The American Legion Auxiliary

777 North Meridian St., Indianapolis, Indiana 46204

takes pleasure in announcing the installation of

Romaine Roethel

Novi, Michigan

as National President 1981-82

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October 9, 1981

Dear Mrs. Roethel:

Congratulations on your installation as National President of the American Legion Auxiliary.

I feel very close to the Legion and its Auxiliary. I enjoyed visiting the Legion National Conventions in 1976 and 1981, and I was particularly moved by the warm reception to my remarks at the Honolulu convention in early September.

The President greatly appreciates the strong support he has received from the American Legion, both in the 1980 election and our major legislative battles this year to help make America, once more, second to none in both military and economic strength.

Please do not hesitate to contact my office if we can be of any assistance to you and your organization.

Sincerely,



Elizabeth H. Dole
Assistant to the President
for Public Liaison

Mrs. Romaine Roethel
National President
The American Legion Auxiliary
777 North Meridian Street
Indianapolis, Indiana 46204

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MEMORANDUM

*Ladies
Civil Leg Camp*

Nov 9

THE WHITE HOUSE
WASHINGTON

DRAFT FOR EHD SIGNATURE

Dear Mrs. Roethel:

I have followed up on your request with Presidential scheduling and unfortunately the President could not be scheduled at this time.

We are however, working toward a meeting with the President and Mrs. Reagan with leaders of the veterans organizations auxiliaries. We hope such a meeting can take place early next year.

Again, I am sorry this meeting could not take place per your request.

Sincerely,

EHD.

THE WHITE HOUSE
WASHINGTON

11/04/81

Morton,

The latest instructions from Red on this are to contact Gregg Newell to determine whether scheduling has answered this letter for the President.

Elizabeth would like you to draft a polite letter for her as well.

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This will be regretted
per scheduling 11/5

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NATIONAL HEADQUARTERS
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MRS. JOHN J. ROETHEL
NATIONAL PRESIDENT
777 N. MERIDIAN STREET
INDIANAPOLIS, INDIANA 46204

October 22, 1981

Mrs. Elizabeth H. Dole
Assistant to the President
for Public Liaison
The White House
Washington, DC 20415

Dear Mrs. Dole:

Thank you so much for your congratulatory letter of October 9. I assure you the cooperation and close liaison will be in evidence throughout my administration.

Mrs. Dole, on October 1, 1981 a letter was delivered to President Reagan requesting a visit to the White House. A copy of this letter is enclosed. We have had conversations with both Nina Wormser and Gregory J. Newell regarding this visitation. Any assistance you could give us in this regard would be deeply appreciated.

May I also extend an offer of assistance from our nearly one million members to you whenever we can be of service.

Sincerely,

Mrs. Romaine Roethel
National President

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Enclosure



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OFFICE OF THE
NATIONAL SECRETARY

October 1, 1981

The President
The White House
Washington, DC 20500

My dear Mr. President:

The National American Legion Auxiliary will conduct a National Security/Legislative Briefing in Washington, D.C., February 18-20, 1982. Our one million member volunteer organization has always been in the forefront as advocates of a strong economic and military posture for the United States. The American Legion Auxiliary's National President, Mrs. John J. Roethel, a Navy veteran and former Mayor of Novi, Michigan, who has been described as all-Navy, all-politician, and above all, all-American, will preside.

We anticipate an attendance of 300 to 500 women leaders who will represent every state in the union. Dynamic speakers covering economics, displaced homemakers, foreign relations, current legislative issues, and military manpower will be among the topics being programmed with a goal of motivating our leaders at the "grass roots" level.

In recognition of your outstanding leadership and dedication to rekindle the "spirit of patriotism in the interest of national security," you have been selected to receive the American Legion Auxiliary's prestigious "Democracy in Action" Award. Our group would appreciate the opportunity to visit the Presidential Mansion, the most historic house in America, and at that time make the presentation. Mrs. Reagan would also be presented one of the National President's limited edition commemorative plates. This beautiful plate of mezzo-etched French crystal is an original work of art which features America's national symbol of freedom, the magnificent bald eagle.

Is it possible for such presentations to be made during a tea at the White House. The American Legion Auxiliary would be willing to assist with underwriting the cost.

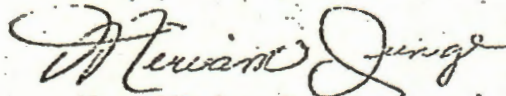
We realize both you and Mrs. Reagan have an extremely busy schedule; however, we can adjust ours accordingly. We would like to program the White House tea and presentations on Friday afternoon, February 19, 1982; second choice, Thursday afternoon, February 18, 1982; third choice, Saturday morning, February 20, 1982.

The President
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October 1, 1981

In order to better familiarize yourself with the American Legion Auxiliary,
we have enclosed brochures explaining our organization.

Thank you for your consideration of this request. A reply at your
earliest convenience will be appreciated.

Very truly yours,



Mrs. Miriam Junge
National Secretary
777 North Meridian Street
Indianapolis, IN 46204
Telephone: (317) 635-6291

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Enclosures

cc: Miss Nina Wormser

bcc: Mr. Erle Cocke, Jr.
Mrs. John J. Roethel
Mr. Layton K. Hurst