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photos sent

March 7, 1983

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& group photos)

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THE WHITE HOUSE

WASHINGTON

February 23, 1983

MEETING WITH RESERVE OFFICERS ASSOCIATION

DATE: February 24, 1983

LOCATION: Oval Office

TIME: 4:45 p.m.

FROM: Red Cavaney

I. PURPOSE

To accept the Minuteman of the Year award from the Reserve Officers Association.

II. BACKGROUND

ROA draws its 126,000 members from all the armed services, including Coast Guard. This organization has been the lead organization in the military and veterans area in support of your legislative programs. Typically, the ROA will endorse a measure such as the AWACS sale, then the VFW follows suit, then the American Legion follows the VFW.

You are a lifetime member of the Reserve Officers Association.

The ROA actively supports the national Reserve Officers Training Corps (ROTC).

III. PARTICIPANTS.

See attached list.

IV. PRESS PLAN

White House photographer

V. SEQUENCE OF EVENTS

4:45 p.m. Guests arrive and make presentation of the Minuteman of the Year award.

4:48 p.m. You make brief remarks of thanks.

4:50 p.m. Guests depart the Oval Office.

SUGGESTED TALKING POINTS FOR FEBRUARY 24
MEETING WITH RESERVE OFFICERS ASSOCIATION
LEADERS

- o I want to thank the Reserve Officers Association and your President, Captain Sparks, for this high honor.

- o I want you and the members of ROA to know how deeply I appreciate the enthusiastic support your organization has given me in all of my major battles in the Congress.

- o I think your early and strong support for key pieces of legislation has been clearly responsible for much of the support we have enjoyed from other major armed forces and veterans groups.

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PARTICIPANTS - RESERVE OFFICERS ASSOCIATION

LEADERS

FEBRUARY 24, 1983, MEETING

Captain Bennet S. Sparks, USCGR, President

Colonel Artis Grant, USAR, Vice President for Army Affairs

Captain Stanley Donohoo, USNR, V.P. for Navy Affairs

Colonel Walter Vartan, USAFR, V.P. for Air Force Affairs

General J. Milnor Roberts, AUS (Ret), Executive Director

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THE WHITE HOUSE

WASHINGTON

SCHEDULE PROPOSAL

February 15, 1983

TO: WILLIAM K. SADLEIR, Director
Presidential Appointments and Scheduling

FROM: RED CAVANEY

REQUEST: Meeting with National Officers of the Reserve
Officers Association of the United States

PURPOSE: To accept the ROA's annual "Minute Man of the
Year" for 1983, and recognize the key role
of the ROA in supporting the President

BACKGROUND: The ROA is the number one group in the military
area in supporting administration policies,
such as the crucial AWACs sale, the MX-Dense
Pact proposal and the 1981 budget cuts and tax
cuts. The VFW and then the American Legion
have in every case followed the lead of the ROA
in legislative fights for the President's
proposals.
The President is a life time member of this
128,000 member organization.
The "Minute Man of the Year" award is presented
to the person who has contributed most to
national security. Such luminaries as Sonny
Montgomery, John Tower, Sam Stratton and Jerry
Ford have been recipients of this award.

PREVIOUS PARTICIPATION: The President met with the National Officers of
ROA on February 16, 1982.

DATE AND TIME: February 20 thru 24, 4:30 pm DURATION: 5 minutes

LOCATION: Oval Office

PARTICIPANTS: Captain Bennet S. Sparks, USCGR, President
Colonel Artis Grant, USAR, V.P. for Army Affairs
Captain Stanley Donohoo, USNR, V.P. for Navy Affairs
Colonel Walter Vartan, USAFR, V.P. for Air Force Affairs
General J. Milnor Roberts, AUS(Ret.), Executive Director

OUTLINE OF EVENT: The President will greet the ROA officers and
accept the award.

REMARKS REQUIRED: Talking points

MEDIA COVERAGE: White House Photographer

RECOMMENDED BY: Red Cavaney

OPPOSED BY:

PROJECT OFFICER: Morton C. Blackwell



From the desk of

Mrs. Grace White

Administrative Assistant

Marselle -
Here is the
letter. Sorry
we didn't send
you a copy
earlier.

2/9/13 Grace

RESERVE OFFICERS ASSOCIATION OF THE UNITED STATES

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20 January 1983

The Honorable Michael K. Deaver
Deputy Chief of Staff and
Assistant to the President
The White House
Washington, D. C. 20500

Dear Mr. Deaver:

As you may know, the President has agreed to accept our annual award as "Minute Man of the Year" for 1983 based upon his strong support for National Security and the military community. However, we have been advised that it may not be possible for the President to attend our annual Banquet which will be held Wednesday evening, 23 February 1983, at the Washington Hilton Hotel. In that event, we have been advised that either the Vice President or another senior Administration official will represent President Reagan.

Under these circumstances, we sincerely hope that it may be possible to schedule a five minute photo session with President Reagan at some time between 20-24 February when our National Officers could make the presentation of the plaque in person.

You may also be aware that ROA has been a leader in supporting Administration policies, such as the issue of supplying AWACS aircraft to Saudi Arabia and the MX-Dense Pact proposal. In view of our past support and in what may be difficult days ahead, we hope that the President may recognize our contributions to his program through a brief meeting in the Oval Office. There would be five of our National Officers present, including our current President, Captain Bennett S. Sparks, U. S. Coast Guard Reserve.

With best regards, I am

U S C G R

Cordially yours,

J. Milnor Roberts
Major General, AUS (Ret.)
Executive Director

JMR/gw

Col Arthur Grant
USAR

Capt Stanley Donohoo
USNR

Col Walter Vartan
USAFR

THE WHITE HOUSE

WASHINGTON

February 7, 1983

MS, FYI
Fred Ryan asked
yesterday for
Schedule
Proposal.
Please don't
ASK
JMB

Dear General Roberts:

This is with reference to your letter of January 20 to Mr. Deaver expressing the hope it would be possible to have your National Officers meet with the President some time between February 20-24 to present him their "Minute Man of the Year" Award.

We are very sorry indeed we must tell you this appointment will not be possible in view of the heavy demands of the President's schedule at this time this month. We do want to assure you and all those of the Association of the President's gratitude for the honor you are bestowing upon him and that he greatly appreciates your support.

With our very best wishes,

Sincerely,



WILLIAM K. SADLEIR
Director, Presidential
Appointments and Scheduling


Major General J. Milnor Roberts, AUS (Ret.)
Executive Director
Reserve Officers Association of the United
States
Minute Man Memorial Building
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Washington, D.C. 20002

THE WHITE HOUSE

WASHINGTON

February 24, 1983

MEMORANDUM FOR RED CAVANEY

FROM: MORTON C. BLACKWELL 

SUBJECT: Talking Points - Revised - 4:45 p.m. Meeting
with ROA Leaders

Attached is a revised set of talking points for the President for this meeting this afternoon with the Reserve Officers Association leaders.

The only change is the addition of the second point. It was a very successful banquet last night.

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