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November 29, 1982

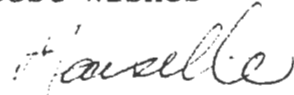
Dear Mr. Weeks:

Enclosed are the four photos you requested, along with the transcript of the President's remarks.

The other photos are presently being autographed. I will send them to you as soon as they are returned to us.

Hope the enclosed is helpful and what you are looking for.

Best Wishes



Maiselle Shortley

THE WHITE HOUSE
WASHINGTON

November 18, 1982

TO: Jayne Stankowski

FROM: Maiselle Shortley

Would you kindly send us two copies
of each of the following photos:

- sk* 1. 11 NO 82 11225-06A
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THE WHITE HOUSE

WASHINGTON

November 10, 1982

PRESENTATION OF PRESIDENTIAL CITIZENS MEDAL TO RAYMOND WEEKS

DATE: 11 November 1982
TIME: 10:00 AM (15 minutes)
LOCATION: State Dining Room

FROM: ELIZABETH H. DOLE

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Commanders of national veterans organizations (see list)
Defense Department Officials (see list)

IV. PRESS PLAN

Full press coverage.

V. SEQUENCE


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Guests include: Senator Strom Thurmond; Secretary and Mrs. Caspar Weinberger; General John W. Vessey, Chairman of Joint Chiefs of Staff; Verne Orr, Secretary of the Air Force; Robert H. Barrow, Commandant of the Marine Corps; leaders of virtually every major veterans organization and Edward V. Hickey, Assistant to the President and Director of White House Military Office.

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THE WHITE HOUSE

WASHINGTON

November 10, 1982

MEMORANDUM FOR MUFFIE BRANDON

FROM: MORTON C. BLACKWELL

SUBJECT: Substitute to Guest List for 10:00 am
Event in State Dining Room 11-11-82

If possible, please substitute Mr. Morgan Ruph, National Executive Director of AMVETS for Mrs. Robert Martin. Mr Robert Martin is the National Commander of AMVETS and his wife is unable to attend.

Thank you for your cooperation with this event.

THE WHITE HOUSE

WASHINGTON

MAILGRAM

On behalf of President Reagan, I wish to extend to you a most cordial invitation to attend a Veterans Day observance at the White House on Thursday, November 11, 1982. Please arrive at the SouthWest Gate at 9:30 a.m.

Following the event at the White House, there will be bus transportation provided at 10:15 a.m. from the Diplomatic Reception Room of the White House to the Arlington Memorial Cemetery for the 11:00 a.m. ceremony. At the conclusion of that ceremony, you may be transported by bus back to the Ellipse.

Please respond to 202-456-7788 as soon as possible with your date of birth and social security number.

Mabel H. Brandon
Social Secretary to the White House

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THE WHITE HOUSE
WASHINGTON

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MEMORANDUM

11/5/82

TO: ELIZABETH DOLE (Coordinate with James Rosebush)
FROM: WILLIAM K. ^{fit}SADLEIR
SUBJ: APPROVED PRESIDENTIAL ACTIVITY

PLEASE IMPLEMENT THE FOLLOWING AND NOTIFY AND CLEAR ALL PARTICIPANTS. THE BRIEFING PAPER AND REMARKS SHOULD BE SUBMITTED TO RICHARD DARMAN BY 3:00 P.M. OF THE PRECEDING DAY.

NOTE: AS PROJECT OFFICER FOR THIS ACTIVITY, IT IS YOUR RESPONSIBILITY TO SUBMIT A COMPLETE, CONFIRMED LIST OF STAFF AND ATTENDEES, IDENTIFIED BY TITLE, TO THE OFFICE OF PRESIDENTIAL APPOINTMENTS AND SCHEDULING WITHIN FIVE (5) DAYS AFTER THE EVENT.

MEETING: Ceremony for presentation of Presidential Citizens Medal for Raymond Weeks

DATE: November 11, 1982
TIME: 10:00 am
DURATION: 15 minutes
LOCATION: State Dining Room
REMARKS REQUIRED: Yes
MEDIA COVERAGE: Coordinate with Press Office
FIRST LADY PARTICIPATION: Optional

cc: A. Bakshian E. Rollins
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Jon's list +
Alan Myers list

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The Honorable John O. and Mrs Marsh Jr
Rm 3E718 The Pentagon
Washington DC 20310

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The Honorable John and Mrs Lehman
Rm 4E686 The Pentagon, Washington DC 20350

Admiral and Mrs James D. Watkins
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Washington, DC 20380

The Honorable and Mrs Verne Orr
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Paul Miller }

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THE WHITE HOUSE

WASHINGTON

November 4, 1982

MEMORANDUM FOR ELIZABETH H. DOLE

FROM: MORTON C. BLACKWELL *MB*

SUBJECT: Veterans Day Wreath Laying

I just received from Bill Sadleir's office a rejection of our proposal that the President lead the wreath laying ceremony at Arlington on Veterans Day, November 11.

The veterans organizations all urged that the President speak at the November 13 dedication of the Vietnam Veterans Memorial, but the President will be in Chicago that day for a tribute to his late father-in-law.

If the President does not make some strong statement honoring the Vietnam veterans during the period when there will be national attention on this subject, we are going to have a big black eye not only with the veterans organizations and the grass roots veterans who are not members of veterans organizations. We will have a big black eye in the media.

It was largely through the mediation of this Administration that the generally acceptable compromise was reached on the design of the memorial. We have something to take credit for here.

Unless there is some other plan to relate the President to the Vietnam era veterans during this period, I think you should make it very clear to those who schedule the President that he will be censured by those hostile to him and bitterly disappoint many who strongly support him.

VHD

10/28/82

THE WHITE HOUSE

WASHINGTON

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OCTOBER 22, 1982

SCHEDULE PROPOSAL

TO: WILLIAM K. SADLEIR, DIRECTOR
PRESIDENTIAL APPOINTMENTS AND SCHEDULING

FROM: ELIZABETH H. DOLE

REQUEST: For a speech and the traditional Presidential Wreath Laying before the tomb of the Unknown Soldier.

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DATE: November 11, 1982 DURATION: 1 hour

LOCATION: Arlington National Cemetery,
The Tomb of the Unknown Soldier

OUTLINE OF EVENT: Host-proposed sequence of events

REMARKS REQUIRED: Major address

MEDIA COVERAGE: Full press coverage

RECOMMENDED BY: Elizabeth H. Dole, V.A. Administrator Nimmo

OPPOSED BY:

PROJECT OFFICER: Morton C. Blackwell

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- Mr. Weeks returns to his place and takes his seat.
- You make the second portion of your prepared remarks.
- You shake hands of guests on the front row and depart.

THE WHITE HOUSE

WASHINGTON

SCHEDULE PROPOSAL

OCTOBER 22, 1982

TO: WILLIAM K. SADLEIR, DIRECTOR
PRESIDENTIAL APPOINTMENTS AND SCHEDULING

FROM: ELIZABETH H. DOLE

REQUEST: For a speech and the traditional Presidential Wreath Laying before the tomb of the Unknown Soldier.

PURPOSE: To honor the nation's veterans, particularly the Vietnam veterans.

BACKGROUND: The request is from the Veterans Day National Committee and this year's host organization, the Congressional Medal of Honor Society. Veterans Day is the day set aside each year to honor our more than 30 million living veterans and over 14 million veterans now deceased. The major veterans organizations have strongly urged that the President speak on November 13 at the dedication of the Vietnam Veterans Memorial. However, he will be speaking that day at the tribute for Loyal Davis in Chicago. Therefore, it is all the more important that he do this event and make a strong speech on behalf of Vietnam veterans. Failure to take part in veteran-related activity in this period would be an affront to veterans groups and to the many thousands of Vietnam vets who will be in the D.C. area during this period for the parade and memorial dedication November 13.

PREVIOUS PARTICIPATION: This is a traditional event for Presidents on Veterans Day. However, the President was unable to attend last year's ceremony and Secretary of Defense Caspar Weinberger took his place.

DATE: November 11, 1982 DURATION: 1 hour

LOCATION: Arlington National Cemetery,
The Tomb of the Unknown Soldier

OUTLINE OF EVENT: Host-proposed sequence of events

REMARKS REQUIRED: Major address

MEDIA COVERAGE: Full press coverage

RECOMMENDED BY: Elizabeth H. Dole, V.A. Administrator Nimmo

OPPOSED BY:

PROJECT OFFICER: Morton C. Blackwell

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PRESIDENTIAL APPOINTMENTS AND SCHEDULING

FROM: ELIZABETH H. DOLE

REQUEST: From the Veterans Day National Committee and this year's host organization, the Congressional Medal of Honor Society, *for a speech* and the traditional Presidential Wreath Laying before the Tomb of the Unknown Soldier

PURPOSE: To honor the nation's veterans *particularly* and deliver a major address on the Vietnam veterans

BACKGROUND: *Request from V* Veterans Day is the day set aside each year to honor our more than 30 million living veterans and over 14 million veterans now deceased. *Many of the major* veterans organizations *have* strongly urged that the President speak on November 13 at the dedication of the Vietnam Veterans Memorial. However, *since* he will be speaking at the tribute for Loyal Davis *in Chicago* ~~this is not feasible~~. Therefore, it is all the more important that he do this event and make a strong speech on behalf of Vietnam veterans

PREVIOUS PARTICIPATION: *in this period would be an affront to veterans groups and to the many thousands of Vietnam vets who will be in the D.C. area during this period for the Memorial and November 13.* ~~This is a traditional event for Presidents on Veterans Day. However, the President was unable to attend last year's ceremony and Secretary of Defense Caspar Weinberger took his place, at the last moment.~~

DATE: November 11, 1982 *Time: ?*

LOCATION: Arlington National Cemetery
The Tomb of the Unknown Soldier

OUTLINE OF EVENT: Host-proposed sequence of Events

REMARKS REQUIRED: Major address

MEDIA COVERAGE: Full Press coverage

RECOMMENDED BY: Elizabeth H. Dole, Veterans Administrator Nimmo

OPPOSED BY:

PROJECT OFFICER:

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Honorable Morton C. Blackwell
Special Assistant to the President
White House
Room 191
Washington, DC 20500

Dear Mr. Blackwell:

As Chairman of the Veterans Day National Committee, and on behalf of this year's host organization, the Congressional Medal of Honor Society, it is my pleasure to invite you to be one of our special guests at Arlington National Cemetery on Thursday morning, November 11. This special commemoration each year serves not only as a tribute to those noble men and women who gave so much, but also inspires a patriotic enthusiasm in all who participate.

You will receive appropriate tickets to observe the Presidential Wreath Laying Ceremony which will take place at the Tomb of the Unknown Soldier at 11 a.m. During the program that follows, in the Memorial Amphitheater, we would like to introduce you and our other guests to the audience. Information regarding your participation will be sent with your tickets.

Reserved seating for your family and guests will be available, so please return the enclosed card indicating the number of tickets desired. For planning purposes, an early reply would be most appreciated.

We hope your busy schedule will permit you to share this important national observance with us.

Sincerely,

Robert P. Nimmo
ROBERT P. NIMMO
Chairman

Enclosure

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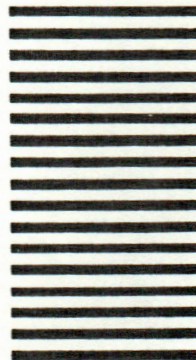
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