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THE WHITE HOUSE

WASHINGTON

May 27, 1982

MEMORIAL DAY CEREMONY

DATE May 31, 1982
LOCATION Arlington Cemetery
TIME 11:00 a.m.

FROM: Elizabeth H. Dole

I. PURPOSE

To lay a wreath at the Tomb of the Unknown Soldier and to be the principal speaker at the Memorial Day Services.

II. BACKGROUND

This is the 114th Memorial Day Service to be held at Arlington National Cemetery. This ceremony was established by order of Major General John Logan on May 5, 1868 "with the hope that it will be kept up every year". (Issued to the Grand Army of the Republic.)

This year's program is dedicated to the 325th Air Force group, nicknamed the Checker Tail Clan because of the yellow and white checker board pattern on their planes. This Air Force group fought in the Algeria/Mediterranean battle zone.

This ceremony is coordinated by a coalition of the following veterans organizations: the Veterans of Foreign Wars, AMVETS, United Spanish War Veterans, Disabled American Veterans, Military Order of the Purple Heart, The American Legion, and the Veterans of World War I.

III. PARTICIPANTS

Representatives of approximately 30 veterans groups, the military, some foreign dignitaries, and the general public. The crowd ranges from four to six thousand.

IV. PRESS PLAN

Full press coverage.

V. SEQUENCE OF EVENTS

11:00 a.m. You place the wreath at the Tomb of the Unknown Soldier.
11:05 You proceed to the amphitheater for the program.
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MEMORANDUM

5/25/82

TO: STEPHEN STUDDERT *****
FROM: GREGORY J. NEWELL *JJR for*
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 P.M. OF THE PRECEDING DAY.

MEETING: Participate in Memorial Day Ceremony at Arlington Cemetery

DATE: May 31, 1982

TIME: 11:00 am ceremony

DURATION: Depart So. Grounds at 10:40 and return at 12:00

LOCATION: Arlington, Virginia

REMARKS REQUIRED: Yes

MEDIA COVERAGE: Coordinate with Press Office

FIRST LADY
PARTICIPATION: Optional

REMARKS REQUIRED

***** Coordinate with Elizabeth Dole

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THE WHITE HOUSE
WASHINGTON

MAY 18, 1982

APPROVED FOR

Date: 5/31/82

Time: 11:00

Length: 45 minutes

Date 5/25/82

~~GJM~~
FJR

MEMORANDUM FOR: MICHAEL K. DEEVER
FROM: FRED J. RYAN
SUBJ: ARLINGTON CEMETERY MEMORIAL DAY SERVICE

This Memorial Day, May 31, 1982, at 11:00 a.m., a coalition of Veterans Groups will hold the 114th Memorial Day Service at Arlington National Cemetery.

The ceremony traditionally consists of the placement of a wreath on the Tomb of the Unknown Soldier by the President, or his representative, followed by a 45 minute ceremony in the Arlington Cemetery Amphitheater.

This event has been attended by Presidents Eisenhower, Kennedy, Johnson, Nixon (while Vice President) and Ford.

The crowd, which ranges from four to six thousand will consist of representatives of various veterans groups, the military and the general public.

- _____ Accept
- _____ Regret
- _____ Develop further
- _____ Propose possible event away from the Washington area

The G. A. R. Memorial Day Corporation

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Constituent Organizations

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AMVETS

UNITED SPANISH WAR VETERANS
DISABLED AMERICAN VETERANS
MILITARY ORDER OF THE PURPLE HEART

THE AMERICAN LEGION
VETERANS OF WORLD WAR I

February 5, 1982

*Scheduling
5/31/82*

The President,
The White House,
Washington, D. C. 20500

Mr. President:

It is again my pleasure and privilege on behalf of the Board of Directors to extend to you a most cordial invitation to be the principal speaker at the 114th Memorial Day Services at Arlington National Cemetery, Monday May 31, 1982.

We are advised the Amphitheater will be available for use to hold these services. It has been under extensive remodelling.

The services are, as usual, being planned for 11:00 A. M., following the placing of your wreath at the Tomb of the Unknown Soldier. The schedule can be changed, however, to meet your schedule and/or that of the media.

Usually anywhere from ten to twenty Foreign Dignitaries are in attendance.

Sincerely,

Robert F. Sutphin
Robert F. Sutphin

RFS/das

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