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VETERANS OF FOREIGN WARS

OF THE UNITED STATES

FOUNDED 1899



OFFICE OF
DIRECTOR
NATIONAL SECURITY AND FOREIGN AFFAIRS

September 13, 1982

V. F. W. MEMORIAL BUILDING 200 MARYLAND AVENUE, N. E. WASHINGTON, D. C. 20002

Mr. Morton C. Blackwell Special Assistant to the President for Public Liaison The White House Washington, D. C. 20500

Dear Morton:

Reference your August 27 letter on Iranian oil. Thank you. I think I understand.

Best personal wishes.

Cordially,

Phelps Jones

PJ/mmt

WASHINGTON

August 27, 1982

Mr. Phelps Jones, Director
National Security and Foreign Affairs
Veterans of Foreign Wars of the United States
V.F.W. Memorial Building
200 Maryland Avenue, N. E.
Washington, D. C. 20002

Dear Phelps:

This is in response to your letter of June 2, 1982, wherein you requested information concerning the Department of Energy purchase of Iranian crude oil for the Strategic Petroleum Reserve.

DOE informs me that, on April 22, 1982, a total of 6.25 million barrels of various crude oils were purchased for Strategic Petroleum Reserve storage from a number of sources. One source was an international crude oil trading firm which offered Iranian crude oil at attractive commercial terms in response to an ongoing competitive solicitation.

This offer represented a resale of crude oil previously purchased by the trading firm. The strictly commerical nature of this acquisition did not involve any direct dealings with the Iranian government or business elements and, therefore, does not reflect any change in the principles associated with the U. S. Government relations with Iran.

DOE points out that the purchase was also consistent with the removal of the ban on Iranian crude oil imports in January 1981 after the safe release of the U. S. citizens held hostage.

I hope this information adequately responds to the concerns you expressed, and I must apologize that it took so long to grind an answer out of the bureaucracy.

Sincerely,

Morton C. Blackwell Special Assistant to the President for Public Liaison

WASHINGTON

May 4, 1982

MEMORANDUM FOR CONNIE MACKEY

FROM:

CAROLYN SUNDSETH

SUBJECT:

Six first place winners in Voice of Democracy Contest, VFW (Met with President 3-31-82)

- 1. William Scott Baker 11504 Dun dee Drive Mitchellville, Maryland 20716
- 2. Alice Anne Warner 1278 Locust Lane Provost, Utah 84604
- Dean Frazier Clancy 10341 E. Evans #161 Denver, CO 80231
- Josh W. McDonald
 311 Cornwall Road
 Wilmington, Delaware 19803
- James Walter Matthews 203 Kakahiaka St. Kailua, Hawaii 96734
- 6. Ronda Ellen Maxwell Chestnut Hill Road Amherst, N. H. 03031

THE WHITE HOUSE WASHINGTON yes/accepted February 3, 1982 MEMORANDUM FOR ED MEESE ELIZABETH H. DOLE THRU: MORTON C. BLACKWELL FROM: Invitation to Speak at V.F.W. Washington SUBJECT: Conference Attached is a copy of a letter from V.F.W. National Commander-in-Chief Art Fellwock inviting you to speak at their annual D.C. meeting, March 29, 1982. I strongly urge you to accept this invitation if you can. As you recall, the V.F.W. broke all past precedent by endorsing President Reagan in the 1980 campaign. Moreover, they endorsed and fought for our budget cuts and tax cuts last year. This was the first time the V.F.W. had taken a major role in issues that were not primarily defense or V.A. It is significant as well that, in the fights for both the budget cuts and the tax cuts, the decisions of the 1.7 million member V.F.W. to support the President were followed immediately by support from the 2.6 million member American Legion. At long last we have scheduled a private meeting between the President and the head of the American Legion. Mrs. Reagan is doing an event for the American Legion Auxiliary. We have done nothing of this nature for the V.F.W. What they really want now is to have you address their conference.

I hope you can.

from the desk of COOPER T. HOLT

January 25, 1982

Per our phone conversation.

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YETERANS OF FOREIGN WARS OF THE UNITED STATES



January 25, 1982



Honorable Edwin Meese, III Counsellor to the President The White House Washington, D. C. 20500

Dear Ed:



On Monday, March 29, 1982, national and state officials of the Veterans of Foreign Wars of the United States will convene in our nation's capital for the Opening Session of our annual Washington Conference. This meeting will be held in the Sheraton Washington Hotel at 10 A.M.

Our Conference usually attracts approximately two thousand individuals from throughout our great nation. Those in attendance comprise our top leadership from each of the individual states.



We feel this would be a great opportunity for our leadership to receive a message from you regarding foreign affairs, defense, or any other subject of your choosing.

Your presence would add much to this important occasion and we would be pleased if you are able to attend. I would appreciate your kindness in replying to Mr. Cooper T. Holt, Executive Director of our VFW Washington Office, at 543-2239.

Sincerely yours,

ARTHUR J. FELLWOCK National Commander-in-Chief

CC: Morton Blackwell V White House Staff

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THE WHITE HOUSE WASHINGTON

December 21, 1981

TO:

CAROL MC CAIN,

Visitors Office

FROM:

MORTON BLACKWELL,

Office of Public Liaison

RE:

White House tour for the 52 high school student

State and Overseas Winners of the Voice of Democracy

Scholarship Program, sponsored by the VFW

March 30 or 31, 1982

We have received this request from the Veterans of Foreign Wars of the United States, one of the strongest of the veterans groups in support of the President and the Administration.

They are requesting a tour of the White House for these 52 high school students at one of the following times:

Tuesday, March 30, 1982

1:30 - 4:00 P.M.

Wednesday, March 31, 1982

9:00 - 11:00 A.M.

We are submitting a schedule proposal to have the President E FEGVRE briefly greet these students at the beginning or at the end of this tour for approximately five (5) minutes.

We are attaching the proposed schedule for your information, plus some additional information about this group.

I hope you can schedule a tour for this group.

Thank you.

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VOICE OF DEMOCRACY SCHOLARSHIP PROGRAM

THE PROGRAM WAS STARTED 35 YEARS AGO WITH THE ENDORSEMENT OF THE UNITED STATES OFFICE OF EDUCATION AND THE NATIONAL ASSOCIATION OF SECONDARY SCHOOL PRINCIPALS. Sponsorship was provided by the National Association of Broadcasters, Electronic Industries Association and State Associations of Broadcasters.

STARTING IN 1958-59 THE PROGRAM WAS CONDUCTED IN COOPERATION WITH THE VETERANS OF FOREIGN WARS WITH THE BROADCASTERS STILL SERVING AS SPONSORS.

IN 1961-62, THE VETERANS OF FOREIGN WARS ASSUMED SOLE SPONSORSHIP RESPONSIBILITY. AT THAT TIME, THE NATIONAL SCHOLARSHIP AWARD CONSISTED OF A SINGLE \$1,500 SCHOLARSHIP FOR THE FIRST PLACE NATIONAL WINNER.

DURING THE PAST 20 YEARS UNDER VFW SPONSORSHIP, THE ANNUAL NATIONAL SCHOLARSHIPS HAVE BEEN INCREASED TO SIX, TOTALING \$32,500 WITH THE FIRST PLACE WINNER CURRENTLY RECEIVING A \$14,000 SCHOLARSHIP TO THE SCHOOL OF HIS/HER CHOICE. STUDENT PARTICIPATION HAS TRIPLED AND SCHOOL PARTICIPATION HAS DOUBLED.

THIS PAST YEAR MORE THAN ONE-QUARTER MILLION PARTICIPATED. OVER 8,000 SCHOOLS PARTICIPATED, OVER 4,400 VFW POSTS AND 3,600 AUXILIARIES SPONSORED THE PROGRAM AND OVER 2,400 RADIO AND TV STATIONS COOPERATED.

THE TOTAL MONETARY VALUE OF SCHOLARSHIPS AND AWARDS PROVIDED BY VFW POSTS, AUXILIARIES, COUNTY COUNCILS, DISTRICTS AND DEPARTMENTS AMOUNTED TO OVER \$575,000 LAST YEAR. THIS IS IN ADDITION TO THE \$32,500 IN NATIONAL

\$150,000 TO CONDUCT THE VOICE OF DEMOCRACY PROGRAM.

DURING THE TWENTY YEARS OF SPONSORSHIP BY THE VFW OVER FOUR AND ONE-HALF MILLION STUDENTS HAVE PARTICIPATED AND AWARDS TOTALING MORE THAN TWO AND ONE-HALF MILLION HAVE BEEN GIVEN TO WINNERS AT ALL LEVELS IN SCHOLARSHIPS, SAVINGS BONDS, ETC.

COOPER T. HOLT

Executive Director, VFW Washington Office Past Commander-in-Chief



COOPER T. HOLT, of Silver Spring, Maryland, was appointed Executive Director of the VFW Washington Office in August 1963 at the National Convention held in Seattle, Washington.

The World War II veteran joined VFW Post 1289, Chattanooga, Tennessee, in 1945, after having been a member-at-large for a year. He served as Adjutant of his Post, Senior Vice Commander and Post Commander. Holt became Commander of the Third District, Department of Tennessee, and successively Department Junior Vice Commander, Senior Vice Commander and Department Commander. In 1954 he was elected Junior Vice Commander-in-Chief; in 1955, Senior Vice Commander-in-Chief; and in 1956, at the National Convention in Dallas, Texas, became Commander-in-Chief of the Veterans of Foreign Wars. At 32, Holt was the youngest Commander-in-Chief in the history of the organization.

Born in Chattanooga, Tennessee, Holt was educated in the schools of that city and later graduated from the Edmondson School of Business. He joined the Army in 1943 and served overseas with Company L of the 164th Infantry. He earned the Asiatic-Pacific Theatre ribbon, the Solomon Islands campaign battle star and the Combat Infantryman's Badge.

He is a member of several civic and fraternal organizations. Mr. and Mrs. Holt the former Betty Sivley, of Chattanooga, have one daughter, Mrs. Gus (Cynthia) Pappas.

Staff members of the National Legislative, National Veterans Service, National Security and Foreign Affairs, and other offices of the VFW which require contact with government officials operate out of the VFW National Memorial Building, located on Capitol Hill.

19 yrs As Executive Director - VIN wishing Ton Office Director - VFW-PAC

WASHINGTON

SCHEDULE PROPOSAL

January 19, 1982

TO:

GREGORY J. NEWELL, DIRECTOR

PRESIDENTIAL APPOINTMENTS AND SCHEDULING

FROM:

ELIZABETH H. DOLE

REQUEST:

The Veterans of Foreign Wars of the United States to greet the 52 high school student State and Overseas Winners of the Voice of Democracy Scholarship program.

PURPOSE:

Recognition of the outstanding achievements of these high school students and the role that the VFW has played every year in promoting this scholarship program.

BACKGROUND:

The Voice of Democracy Program is sponsored by the Veterans of Foreign Wars of the United States and its-Ladies Auxiliary. During the twenty years of sponsorship by the VFW over four and one-half million students have participated and awards totaling more than two and one-half million have been given to winners at all levels in scholarships, savings bonds, etc.

PREVIOUS

PARTICIPATION: Presidents Eisenhower, Kennedy, Johnson, Nixon, and

Ford all have greeted this group during their White House

tours. President Carter did not schedule this event

during his four years in office.

LOCATION:

Family Theater or East Room, before or after a

White House tour

DATE:

March 30, Tuesday 1:30 - 4:00 P.M. or

March 31, Wednesday 9:00 - 11:00 A.M.

DURATION:

5 minutes, before or after a White House tour

PARTICIPANTS:

The 52 high school student state winners Cooper Holt, Executive Director, VFW

Arthur Fellwock, National Commander-in-Chief, VFW

OUTLINE OF EVENTS:

President will greet, make brief remarks, and

pose for group pictures

REMARKS REQUIRED:

Brief remarks

MEDIA COVERAGE:

Press Corps photo opportunity

RECOMMENDED BY:

Elizabeth H. Dole, Ed Hickey, Robert Nimmo - VA

Administrator

OPPOSED BY:

PROJECT OFFICER:

Morton C. Blackwell

THE WHITE HOUSE WASHINGTON

March 9, 1982

TO: Helen Donaldson

Greg Newell's office

FROM: Kathy Christiansen

Morton Blackwell's office

RE: V.F.W. -

We have received word from Pat Byrne in the Visitors Office that they have scheduled a tour for the 52 V.F.W. Voice of Democracy students for March 30th at 1 P.M. We have submitted a schedule proposal (attached) asking for a short greeting by the President. Thus, if there is any way this can be arranged.

Also, we have submitted another schedule proposal for a short meeting with the President and the National Commander-in-Chief of the V.F.W. for sometime during that same week. If there is any way that the National Commander's meeting with the President could be combined with a short greeting for these 52 students, that would be tremendous.

Thanks for your help.



Associate Deputy Administrator for Congressional and Public Affairs

Washington DC 20420

TO: Morton Blackwell

FROM: O. Fielding Cochran

SUBJ: Schedule Proposal

I have spoken with the Administrator regarding the schedule proposal from the Veterans of Foreign Wars of the United States, and he advises me that he would like his name added next to "RECOMMENDED BY".

Fielding Cochran

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THE WHITE HOUSE WASHINGTON

February 25, 1982

TO:

Robert Nimmo

FROM:

Morton Blackwell

RE:

Schedule Proposal

Could we please add your name to this schedule proposal next to RECOMMENDED BY?

Thank you.

WASHINGTON

SCHEDULE PROPOSAL

February 22, 1982

TO:

GREGORY J. NEWELL, DIRECTOR

PRESIDENTIAL APPOINTMENTS AND SCHEDULING

FROM:

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REQUEST:

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DATE:

Thursday, March 25 or Wednesday, March 31

alternates - March 26, 27, 28, 29, 30

LOCATION:

Oval Office 5 minutes

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OUTLINE OF EVENTS: The President will greet the V.F.W. officers and express

thanks for the support of the V.F.W.

REMARKS REQUIRED: None

MEDIA COVERAGE: White House photographer

RECOMMENDED BY: Elizabeth H. Dole

OPPOSED BY:

PROJECT OFFICER: Morton C. Blackwell

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WASHINGTON

MEMORANDUM

3/19/82

TO:

ELIZABETH DOLE

FROM:

GREGORY NEWELL

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:

Greet VFW National Commander and Voice of Democracy

Scholarship Program Winners

DATE:

March 31, 1982

TIME:

11:30 am

DURATION:

10 minutes

LOCATION:

Rose Garden or Roosevelt Room

REMARKS REQUIRED: Yes

MEDIA COVERAGE: Coordinate with Press Office

FIRST LADY

PARTICIPATION:

Optional

cc: A. Bakshian

M. Brandon

R. Darman

R. DeProspero

K. Duberstein

D. Fischer

C. Fuller

C. Gerrard

E. Hickey

N. Yates

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REMARKS REQUIRED: None

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TO: MORTON	
FROM: Diana Lozano	
SUBJECT: VFW	
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VETERANS OF FOREIGN WARS OF THE UNITED STATES

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THE EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR

February 12, 1982

Mrs. Elizabeth Dole
Assistant to the President for
Public Liaison
The White House
Washington, D. C.

Dear Mrs. Dole:

As you know, the annual Washington Conference of the Veterans of Foreign Wars of the United States will be held at the Sheraton Washington Hotel, March 27-30, 1982, at which time approximately two thousand of our top National and State Officers will be in attendance.

Our National Commander-in-Chief, Arthur J. Fellwock, will arrive in Washington on Thursday, March 25, and will depart Washington on Wednesday, March 31.

The purpose of this letter is to respectfully request an appointment for a courtesy call on the President for Commander Fellwock at which time we would like to obtain a picture for our VFW Magazine that is mailed monthly to our two million members. Commander Fellwock would be available on any of the dates mentioned above; however, our preference would be Thursday, March 25 or Wednesday, March 31.

I am sure you realize that Commander Fellwock could use the occasion to assure the President that our organization will back him all the way on his request to upgrade our national defense. He could also express his appreciation for the President's request concerning the Fiscal Year '83 Veterans Administration budget.

We would certainly be grateful for any consideration given to this request.

Respectfully,

COOPER T. HOLT Executive Director

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WASHINGTON

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although leaders of other veterans organizations have had

Oval Office meetings.

DATE:

Thursday, March 25 or Wednesday, March 31

alternates - March 26, 27, 28, 29, 30

LOCATION:

DURATION:

Oval Office 5 minutes

PARTICIPANTS:

Arthur J. Fellwock, National Commander-in-Chief

James Robert Currieo, Senior Vice Commander-in-Chief

Clifford Olson, Junior Vice Commander-in-Chief

Howard Vander Clute, Adjutant General

Cooper Holt, Executive Director

OUTLINE OF EVENTS: The President will greet the V.F.W. officers and express

thanks for the support of the V.F.W.

REMARKS REQUIRED: None

MEDIA COVERAGE:

White House photographer

RECOMMENDED BY:

Elizabeth H. Dole

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PROJECT OFFICER:

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THE WHITE HOUSE WASHINGTON

OR I

January 5, 1982

TO:

Ed Hickey

FROM:

Morton Blackwell

RE:

Schedule Proposal

The Veterans of Foreign Wars is one of the top veterans groups.

May we add your name to this proposal next to RECOMMENDED BY:

Thank you.

WASHINGTON

SCHEDULE PROPOSAL

December 21, 1981

TO:

GREGORY J. NEWELL, DIRECTOR

PRESIDENTIAL APPOINTMENTS AND SCHEDULING

FROM:

ELIZABETH H. DOLE

REQUEST:

The Veterans of Foreign Wars of the United States to greet the 52 high school student State and Overseas Winners of the Voice of Democracy Scholarship program.

PURPOSE:

Recognition of the outstanding achievements of these high school students and the role that the VFW has played every year in promoting this scholarship program.

BACKGROUND:

The Voice of Democracy Program is sponsored by the Veterans of Foreign Wars of the United States and its-Ladies Auxiliary. During the twenty years of sponsorship by the VFW over four and one-half million students have participated and awards totaling more than two and one-half million have been given to winners at all levels in scholarships, savings bonds, etc.

PREVIOUS

PARTICIPATION: Presidents Eisenhower, Kennedy, Johnson, Nixon, and Ford all have greeted this group during their White House tours. President Carter did not schedule this event during his four years in office.

LOCATION:

Family Theater or East Room, before or after a White House tour

DATE:

March 30, Tuesday 1:30 - 4:00 P.M. March 31, Wednesday 9:00 - 11:00 A.M.

DURATION:

5 minutes, before or after a White House tour

PARTICIPANTS:

The 52 high school student state winners Cooper Holt, Executive Director, VFW

Arthur Fellwock, National Commander-in-Chief, VFW

OUTLINE OF EVENTS:

President will greet, make brief remarks, and

pose for group pictures

REMARKS REQUIRED:

Brief remarks

MEDIA COVERAGE:

Press Corps photo opportunity

RECOMMENDED BY:

Elizabeth H. Dole

OPPOSED BY:

PROJECT OFFICER:

Morton C. Blackwell