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WILL YOU ALL JOIN ME NOW IN A TOAST TO PRESIDENT LUSINCHI, THE PEOPLE OF VENEZUELA, AND THINGS WE CAN AND WILL ACCOMPLISH TOGETHER.

(Rohrabacher/BE) December 3, 1984 5:00 p.m.

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(Rohrabacher) November 30, 1984 4:00 p.m.

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(Rohrabacher)
November 30, 1984
2:00 p.m.

PRESIDENTIAL REMARKS: STATE DINNER TOAST FOR
PRESIDENT JAMIE LUSINCHI OF VENEZUELA
TUESDAY, DECEMBER 4, 1984

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In this beautiful setting, with chandeliers and candles, the sacrifices of our own founding fathers seems so long ago. Yet all of what we have has been built on the foundation they laid.

President Lusinchi remembers well Venezuela's fight for freedom. He was part of it. As a young man he committed himself to the cause of democracy. He was arrested and tortured by the dictatorship. Mr. President, I'm told the beatings were so bad they left welts on your back similar to the stripes of a tiger. But you had the soul of a tiger as well, and you never gave up your ideals. Venezuela is free today, because it has people of such character.

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Will you all join me now in a toast to President Lusinchi, the people of Venezuela, and things we can and will accomplish together.

(ROHRABACHER)

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(Rohrabacher/BE)
December 3, 1984
5:00 p.m.

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(Rohrabacher)
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I speak for everyone here when I say, happy birthy and trank you for being with us,

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THE WHITE HOUSE WASHINGTON

November 13, 1984

TO: BEN ELLIOTT

FROM: Gahl L. Hodges
Social Secretary to
the White House
x7064

Information

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Attached is bio information on Andy Williams who will be the entertainer for the December 4 Venezuelan State Dinner.

ANDY WILLIAMS

A Biography

Celebrating a career in musical-variety television spanning a period of some twenty-five years, Andy Williams has been described as a cross between "an American consensus in a cashmere pullover" and a "country slicker blending good sense and artful sophistication."

Andy Williams began his singing career with his brothers

Bob, Don and Dick in the church choir in Wall Lake, Iowa. When
the family moved to Des Moines, the brothers gained tremendous
popularity with their own radio program on station WHO, then
moved to WLS in Chicago and later to WLW in Cincinnati.

Encouraged by this early success, the entire family moved once again, this time west to California where they settled in Los Angeles. For the next several years the quartet performed on local radio stations throughout California and, in 1947, made their nightclub debut in Las Vegas appearing with Kay Thompson. The troupe, known as Kay Thompson and the Williams Brothers, travelled throughout the United States and Europe in an SRO tour,

clearly establishing themselves as one of the most popular and successful nightclub acts in show business.

When the group disbanded in 1953, Andy continued his career beginning with a two-week commitment in New York with the Steve Allen "Tonight" show, which stretched into nearly three years. It was at this time that he signed with Cadence Records and during the six-year period extending from 1955 to 1961, he recorded such hits as "Hawaiian Wedding Song", "Lips of Wine", "Butterfly", and many, many others.

By 1962, Andy had developed his own enormously popular network television series appropriately titled "The Andy Williams Show". The show ran for ten years, earning three Emmy Awards, including Best Musical-Variety Series of 1966 and 1967 as well as numerous nominations in all production categories.

Andy Williams' name has also been associated with the Christmas season for many years. "Andy Williams' Early New England Christmas", a TV special, was one of the highlights of the '82 season.

December 1983 was a busy month for Andy. He starred in "Christmas in Washington", an NBC-TV special, and hosted CBS-TV's "Happy New Year America" live from the Plaza Hotel in New York.

The very popular, highly rated "The People's Choice Awards", which aired on CBS in Spring 1984, was ably hosted by Williams.

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In addition to his extensive television credits, Andy Williams' now legendary status in the entertainment community is reflected in his twenty-plus-year association with Columbia Records. During this period, he earned seventeen RIAA-certified gold record albums and five NARAS Grammy nominations. He won the Best Male Vocalist Poll for Billboard Magazine three times and has been cited twice by the National Association of Recording Merchandisers as Best-Selling Male Vocalist. His "Days of Wine and Roses" album for Columbia Records was certified by Billboard as the Best Vocal Album of the Year and earned him the Music Vendor LP Hit Award. Eleven Andy Williams singles have been designated by CBS as Columbia Hall of Fame Standards.

The "man in the cashmere pullover" also cuts a considerable figure in the world of sports. The Isuzu Andy Williams-San Diego Open Golf Tournament, first played in 1969, is a major annual PGA-approved event. Participants include virtually every major touring professional; proceeds from the tournament are donated to the Salk Institute for Biological Studies.

Andy is currently National Honorary Chairman of the American Lung Association. Through his efforts, which included a trip to the White House, Christmas Seals has reached its annual goal of over one million dollars.

Andy is also an ardent supporter of both the Children's

Asthma Research Institute and Hospital (CARIH) in Denver, Colorado,

where a research laboratory was built and named in his honor, and

the Robert F. Kennedy Memorial Foundation.

RECORDINGS

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Recordings for Cadence Records include:
"Canadian Sunset" (1956)
"Butterfly" (1957)
"Lips of Wine" (1957)
"Are You Sincere" (1958)
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"Lonely Street" (1959)
"The Village of St. Bernadette" (1960)
"Do You Mind" (1960)
"In The Summertime" (1961)
"The Bilbao Song" (1961)
Recordings for the Columbia label include:
"Moon River" (1962)
"Days of Wine and Roses" (1963)
"Can't Get Used To Losing You" (1963)
"May Each Day" (1963)
"Almost There" (1964)
"Charade" (1964)
"More" (1964)
"Dear Heart" (1965)
"The Shadow of Your Smile" (1966)
"In The Arms of Love" (1966)
"Born Free" (1967)
"Music to Watch Girls By" (1967)
"Happy Heart" (1969)
"Love Story" (1971)
"Love Theme from 'The Godfather'" ("Speak Softly Love") (1972)
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TELEVISION CREDITS

- "The Andy Williams and June Valli Show", 1957 (NBC)
- "The Chevy Showroom Starring Andy Williams", 1958 (ABC)
- "The Andy Williams Show", July 1959-September 1959 (CBS) September 1962-June 1963 (NBC)
- "Andy Williams in Music From Shubert Alley", 1962 (NBC)
- "The Andy Williams Show", September 1963-May 1964 (NBC) September 1966-May 1967 (NBC)
- "Andy Williams Presents Ray Stevens", 1970 (NBC)
- "The Andy Williams Show", September 1969-July 1971 (NBC)
- "Andy Williams Family Christmas Show", 1966-1971 (NBC)
- "Andy Williams' Early New England Christmas", 1982 (CBS)
- "Christmas in Washington", 1983 (NBC)
- "Happy New Year America", 1983 (CBS)
- "People's Choice Awards", 1984 (CBS)

THE WHITE HOUSE

WASHINGTON

8/28/84

MEMORANDUM

TO:

ROBERT MCFARLANE

FROM:

FREDERICK J. RYAN, JR.

SUBJ:

APPROVED PRESIDENTIAL ACTIVITY

Time reserved for State Visit of President Jaime

Lusinchi of Venezuela:

MEETING:

9:30 am - 30 min - Briefing for Visit - Oval Office

10:00 am - 30 min - Arrival Ceremony - South Lawn

DATE:

10:30 am - 60 min - Meeting - Oval Office/Cabinet Room

7:15 pm - State Dinner - Residence BLACK TIE

December 4, 1984

TIME:

As shown

DURATION: As shown

LOCATION:

As shown

REMARKS REQUIRED: Yes

MEDIA COVERAGE: Coordinate with Press Office

FIRST LADY

Yes, for Arrival Ceremony and State Dinner PARTICIPATION:

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