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MEMORANDUM FOR THE PRESIDENT

FROM: JOSEPH P. LOCKHART
PRESS SECRETARY

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SUBJECT: Naming the White House Briefing Room after Jim Brady

I would like to recommend naming the White House Briefing Room after Jim Brady. Jim and Sarah Brady are inspiring leaders to all Americans and their work is testament to the great things that can be achieved when partisan politics are put aside. Naming the Briefing Room after Jim would stand as lasting tribute to the virtue of selfless public service.

John Podesta, Bruce Reed, Loretta Ucelli and other Senior Staff support this proposal as well. Attached is a memo from the Office of Management and Administration laying out your discretion to rename a room within the White House.

If you are supportive of this idea, we would like to proceed with a naming ceremony this Friday, February 11th. We also recommend that you call Sarah Brady personally to ask if she and Jim would welcome this honor. (Bruce Reed thinks they would be thrilled with the idea).

Please advise how you would like to proceed.

Okay with naming the White House Briefing Room after Jim Brady

Okay with calling Sarah Brady

Okay with proceeding with Friday event

[Handwritten checkmarks and initials]

Attachment

Cc: Podesta
Reed
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Graham



EXECUTIVE OFFICE OF THE PRESIDENT
OFFICE OF ADMINISTRATION
WASHINGTON, D.C. 20503

January 19, 2000

MEMORANDUM FOR MARK F. LINDSAY
ASSISTANT TO THE PRESIDENT FOR MANAGEMENT
AND ADMINISTRATION

FROM: ERICKA A. GUTHRIE, ATTORNEY ADVISOR
JOHN HARDIN YOUNG, GENERAL COUNSEL

Handwritten signatures of Ericka A. Guthrie and John Hardin Young.

SUBJECT: Renaming the White House Press Room

You have asked whether there are any restrictions on the President designating the Press Room as the "James Brady Press Room". It is our determination that the President has full discretion to rename a room within the White House. The following considerations support our conclusion:

First, there is no legal authority governing the designation of a room or suite within the a federal building. The general statute, 40 U.S.C. § 298d (1999), which authorizes the General Service Administration (GSA) to "name, rename or otherwise designate any building," is inapposite to this particular designation. This designation does not involve the renaming of a "building". Id.

Second, GSA's Office of General Counsel confirms that the naming, renaming or designation of a room, suite or auditorium within a federal agency's building is within the discretion of the naming agency.

Third, the historic precedent is that prior Presidents have renamed rooms within the White House. On March 12, 1969, for example, President Nixon renamed the "Fish Room" in the West Wing the "Roosevelt Room" in honor of Presidents Theodore Roosevelt and Franklin D. Roosevelt. See Remarks at a Meeting With the Irish Ambassador, 114 Pub. Papers (March 17, 1969), attached.

In the event that the Press Room is renamed in honor of Mr. James Bradey, we suggest that the matter be coordinated with the Facilities Management Division of Office of Administration, and for informational purposes only, the GSA Regional Office.

If we can be of further assistance in this, or any other matter please do not hesitate to let us know.

cc: Michael J. Lyle, Acting Director, Office of Administration

Richard Nixon, 1969

Mar. 17 [114]

113 Message to the President of Ireland on St. Patrick's Day.
March 17, 1969

ON THIS Saint Patrick's Day, the American people and I extend our warmest greeting to you and the people of Ireland. Proud of my own and of my wife's Irish heritage and proud of the contributions made by the Irish to the United States and to the cause of freedom everywhere, I look

forward to a continuation of that spirit of cooperation and friendship which has for so long existed between your country and mine.

RICHARD NIXON

[The Honorable Eamon de Valera, President of Eire]

114 Remarks at a Meeting With the Irish Ambassador.
March 17, 1969

Mr. Ambassador:

This is a very special and happy occasion for us, and I understand an annual occasion here at the White House—the celebration of St. Patrick's Day.

We welcome you, and, of course, every successful administration in this country has a bit of Irish in it.

I should point out that in our family, Mrs. Nixon's father was Irish, and on my side my mother was Irish. So between the two you have one. And of course this is the day that we celebrate as her birthday, St. Patrick's Day.

Both of us having visited your country, we feel very close to you and on this day we are so delighted to welcome you here so that you can speak to all Americans who on this day have a little bit of Irish in them.

AMBASSADOR FAY. Mr. President, it is a very great honor and privilege that you do me. May I say a word?

THE PRESIDENT. Yes, sir, more than one word.

AMBASSADOR FAY. Well, we are supposed to be garrulous, Mr. President, but I shall restrain myself, I hope, to a very

few words. But I must say something of the privilege and pleasure it is for me to be received by you and Mrs. Nixon on this occasion.

We, too, are happy that the Irish have been able to contribute, we believe, something to this great country. And on this day, the Irish at home join themselves to the Irish in the United States in wishing you and Mrs. Nixon and all the people of this great country our very best wishes.

And in pledge of that, may I have the privilege of presenting to you some shamrock contained in a specially designed and engraved vase made by Waterford Glass in Ireland.

It has an engraving of the White House on it, which, as one of your predecessors, President Kennedy, remembered when he visited us, had been designed by an Irish architect, and he was pleased to remember that the house the architect in question had designed, which is now our National Parliament, is Leinster House in Dublin.

Mr. President, may I ask you to accept this shamrock from me—to put a little in your buttonhole, if I can manage it.

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Public Papers of the Presidents

THE PRESIDENT. Does it work?

AMBASSADOR FAY. I hope so.

THE PRESIDENT. Thank you very much.

I do want to say, incidentally, that on our last trip—the trip that we just took to Europe—we were unable to include Ireland. But I want you to know that sometime during this administration, Mrs. Nixon and I are hoping that we can pay a visit to Ireland.

AMBASSADOR FAY. Well, Mr. President, you will do us great pleasure and great honor.

May I at the same time take this occasion, as I have been instructed to do by my Government, to say that we wish to invite you quite formally as and when it pleases you to come and visit us. And you are always welcome.

THE PRESIDENT. Thank you.

While we are here, I think this is also a very special occasion in another sense, that I have nominated today the new Ambassador from the United States to Ireland, Mr. John Moore.

Mr. Moore, would you like to come over and join the ranks of the ambassadors, with the consent of the Senate, I trust?

Are you Irish by any chance, Mr. Ambassador?

MR. MOORE. By any chance, indeed, Mr. President. My father, when we were young, told us to say we were 100 percent Americans and 100 percent Irish descent.

THE PRESIDENT. Well, we also have an Irish setter, you see.

Thank you very much.

NOTE: The President spoke at 11:52 a.m. in the Roosevelt Room at the White House at a meeting with William P. Fay, Ambassador to the United States from Ireland, and John D. J. Moore of Short Hills, N.J., president of W. R. Grace and Co., U.S. Ambassador-designate to Ireland.

On March 12, 1969, the Fish Room in the West Wing of the White House was renamed the Roosevelt Room.

A White House announcement of the appointment of Mr. Moore is printed in the Weekly Compilation of Presidential Documents (vol. 5, p. 428).

115 Remarks on Presenting the Medal of Honor Posthumously to Pfc. Melvin E. Newlin, USMC. March 18, 1969

Ladies and gentlemen:

The purpose of this meeting this morning is for the award of the Medal of Honor posthumously to Mr. Newlin.

The Secretary of the Navy will read the citation.

[Secretary of the Navy John H. Chafee read the citation, the text of which follows.]

The President of the United States in the name of The Congress takes pride in presenting the Medal of Honor posthumously to

PRIVATE FIRST CLASS MELVIN E. NEWLIN
UNITED STATES MARINE CORPS

for service as set forth in the following

CITATION:

For conspicuous gallantry and intrepidity at the risk of his life above and beyond the call of duty while serving as a machine gunner attached to the First Platoon, Company F, Second Battalion, Fifth Marines, First Marine Division, in the Republic of Vietnam on 3 and 4 July 1967. Private Newlin, with four other marines, was manning a key position on the perimeter of the Nong Son outpost when the

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December 12, 1999

The Honorable William Jefferson Clinton
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To the Honorable President Clinton,

I was honored to have worked for your administration in 1998. The experience has been my most educational and exciting to date. I will never forget the two separate occasions I had to speak with you. I am also excited to be in contact with friends of mine in the First Lady's Office as I prepare to volunteer for the Senate campaign of America's First Lady.

As I complete my medical education in New York, my partner and I have been busy developing an ambitious Internet-based company. This company is being developed as America, with you as President, is the unquestioned economic, military, and cultural leader of the world. Indeed we noticed that there was a large void on the Internet waiting to be filled. Our company is a distinguished electronic commerce company which will promote itself by showcasing American history, values, and ideals. It will aggressively target international and domestic markets. Its prospects are to be a highly profitable firm which will provide its principal partners substantial wealth during its initial public offering. The site will be a responsible firm donating a portion of its proceeds to child health care agencies.

As a progressive President, symbolizing American patriotism and ideals, and indeed as the nation's first Internet-savvy President, we couldn't think of a more appropriate person to have on our Board of Directors. The amount of advice you provide and your time commitment would be completely at your discretion.

The potential for a cutting edge e-commerce site, promoting America and its beliefs and culture, with your presence on the board, is enormous. The incomparable American economy reaching its zenith under your leadership, has seen the most wealth created in the Internet and high technology sectors. Our company has received strong reviews from people familiar with the industry. It is based on very sound principles and it is set to succeed in the rapidly expanding technology and financial environment promoted under your administration.

If you have any questions or concerns, please call me at any time at (212) 543-1851. If there is any time you would like me to call you or meet you in person, please let me know. Please let us know how your decision or interest with our firm is related to the completion of your term.

I know you are extraordinarily busy. I thank you for taking the time to review my letter. I hope to hear from you soon.

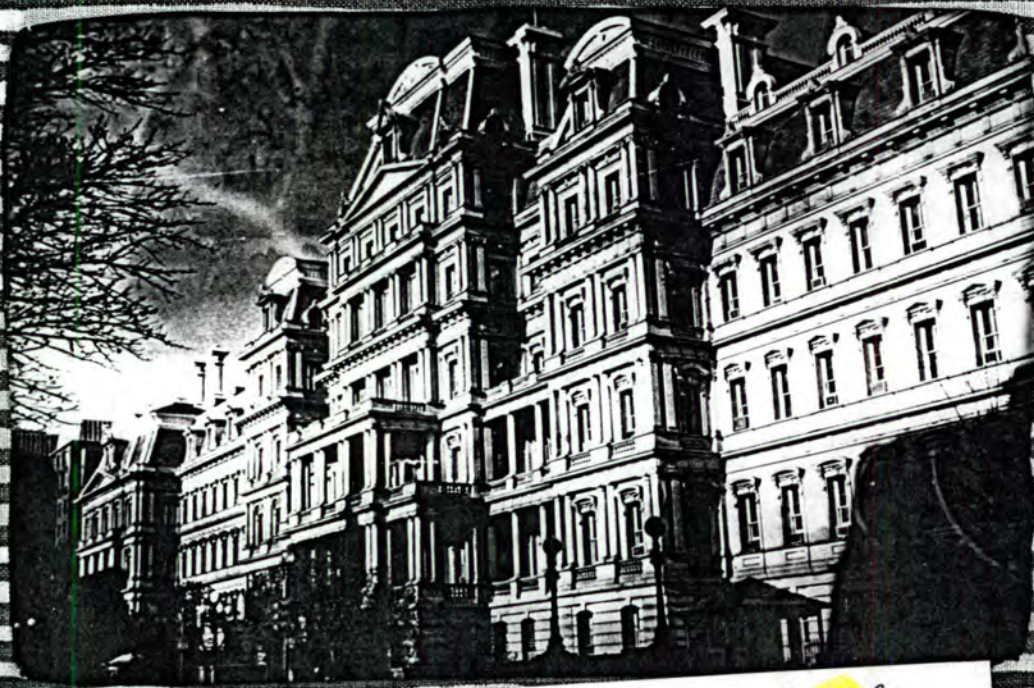
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Yes ☒

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Carl

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Carolyn -

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prepared book. Debra Wood
is Director . . .

Potus loved the book!

They want book to go to
Potus library . . . so does
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