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HONORARY PARTICIPATION REQUEST

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Today's Date: September 25, 1997

Date of Request: 9/9/97
Request for: POTUS
Type of Request: Honorary Patron
Requestor Name: Mr. Riley P. Bechtel
Title: Dinner Chair
Organization: The Commonwealth Club of California
595 Market Street
San Francisco, California 94105
Contact Tel. #: 415/597-6709
Event Date: 10/8/97
Event Description: 94th Anniversary and 10th Annual Distinguished Citizen Award Dinner
Notes: Since 1903, the Commonwealth Club of California has provided a non-partisan, public relations forum for local, national, and international leaders to discuss the day's pressing issues. Its radio and TV programs, though recorded in San Francisco, are broadcast nationally on NPR and C-SPAN. Several former Presidents as well, as then Governor Clinton, have spoken before Club. As the major fund-raiser for the Club's public service and educational programs, this event will commemorate the group's 94th anniversary as well as honor former secretaries George Shultz and William Perry with the Distinguished Citizen Award. Various educational and corporate leaders have agreed to serve as honorary dinner chairs.

The President should ACCEPT.

Recommendation:

TS *Agreed 9/26*
(Unless otherwise noted, a yes answer will automatically generate a message as well as acceptance of the honorary position).

Comments:

9/25
Phil/Sean -
Usually, I wouldn't recommend an
accept for a group this local,
but it will honor former
Secretary Perry. I'm pretty sure
the P would want to do.
(He did under ~~San Francisco~~ *even less compelling* circumstances
for Ab Mikva). *B*



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Washington, DC, 20500

Date Rec'd 9/9/97

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Dear President Clinton,

Each year since 1988, The Commonwealth Club of California has bestowed its Distinguished Citizen Award upon an individual, couple or organization that has made an exceptional contribution to our community on a local, regional, national or worldwide level. Past honorees include Stephen Bechtel, David Packard, Mr. and Mrs. Walter A. Haas, Jr., the San Francisco Opera, Symphony and Ballet, the owners of the San Francisco Giants, Ken Derr and, last year, Chris and Warren Hellman.

This year on the 94th Anniversary of the Commonwealth Club, we are proud to present this important award to former Secretary of State George Shultz and former Secretary of Defense William Perry. The award will be presented at the Commonwealth Club's Annual Dinner on the evening of Wednesday, October 8. The festivities will take place at the Fairmont Hotel in San Francisco and an exciting evening with great entertainment is being planned.

Because of your special relationship with the Commonwealth Club and our Honorees, we would like to extend our personal invitation to you to serve as one of the evening's ~~Honorary Dinner Chairs~~. As an Honorary Dinner Chair, your name will be listed in the invitation and the dinner program. It is our hope that in lending your name to this prestigious event, you will also be able to attend and join in the celebration.

Handwritten: Honorary Patron

Proceeds from the Annual Dinner support the public service and educational programs of the Commonwealth Club. This year's 10th Annual Distinguished Citizen Award Dinner promises to be a very memorable and enjoyable occasion, and we hope you will accept our invitation. Please respond to Dencie Brooke, Development Director, at 415-597-6709 by August 18; she will also be able to answer any questions or requests you might have.

Sincerely,

Handwritten signature: Riley P. Bechtel
Riley P. Bechtel
Dinner Chair

Handwritten signature: Bill Hambrecht
Bill Hambrecht
Dinner Chair



THE COMMONWEALTH CLUB OF CALIFORNIA
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San Francisco, California 94105-2885



President Bill Clinton
The White House
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WHAT IS THE COMMONWEALTH CLUB OF CALIFORNIA?

Since its founding in 1903, The Commonwealth Club of California has grown steadily to become the largest and most prestigious public affairs speaking forum in the U.S., with over 500 meetings a year and more than 16,000 members, most of them from Northern California.

Contributing to the study of important public issues, Commonwealth Club speakers cover a wide spectrum of regional, national, and international topics, from global economic and environmental concerns to domestic affairs, arts, letters, and sciences. The world's leading men and women discuss the day-to-day decisions that affect our lives.

The Friday luncheon program is the hallmark of the Commonwealth Club today. The speakers at these meetings are heard by members and guests at the luncheons and by listeners along a network of more than 225 radio stations throughout the nation, the broadcast industry's longest running program. Selected programs are televised in Northern California over public television's KQED and nationally via C-SPAN programming for cable systems.

The organization also holds early evening programs at which speakers of comparable stature discuss issues of the day. Study sections examine important issues of regional and personal interest to the membership, focusing on subjects related to the arts, business and economics, environment and natural resources, food and farming, health and medicine, human resources, international relations, national security, science and technology, and public affairs topics concerning the Bay Area.

In the past, these programs have led to important social and government reforms, such as the establishment of the public defender's office, the California civil service system, California's jury system, and the original California water plan.

While based in San Francisco, in recent years the Club has expanded its programming to include regional meetings held in six Bay Area counties. With over half of the Club's membership either residing or working outside San Francisco, the "Regions" provide high quality programming to these members in their own communities.

Another benefit to members is a tour program that combines travel with the study of international events, enabling members to visit countries of the world with high-level briefings on each trip.

★ The Commonwealth Club philosophy has always been "to get the facts," through nonpartisan study of current affairs. It is this long-standing objective, with members hearing all sides of issues, that has contributed to the Club's rapid growth in size and stature to become the nation's premier public affairs forum.



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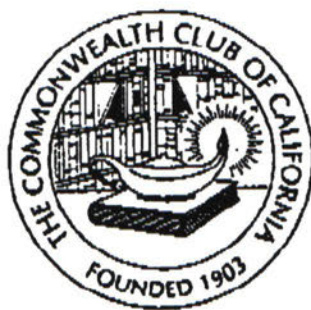
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to the individuals and organizations that made
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QUESTION SHEET

Name of Organization: The Commonwealth Club of California

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Event Description: 10th Annual Distinguished Citizen Award Dinner

Date: 10/8/97

Print Deadline:

Request for:

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POTUS/FLOTUS

Are there any other honorary positions?

Are any other members of the administration invited to participate?

FLOTUS

VP/Mrs. Gore

Cabinet

Staff

Is Organization:

LOCAL

NATIONAL

Other leading figures invited to participate?

Proceeds? support the public service and educational programs of the Commonwealth Club

Any related events or public issues?

94th anniversary of Club - former Sec of State George Shultz
10th Distinguished Citizen Award Sec of Def William Perry
Have they conferred? Yes.

Do your programs reach national audience?

What kind of programs?

information Yes
non partisan pr forum

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Send to Dorskind?

Yes ☒

No ☐

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(cc: Betty Currie) ✓

July 14

Dear President Clinton, 1997

27 SEP 26 PM 4:18

My name is Michael Benko and

I'm going into 5th grade. I am writting
this letter to help stop home work.

Will you help me? Homework is bad because
I could be with my family or playing
with freinds or reading books **that I chooes**
or going to the pond to chatch
turtles bullfrog tadpoles and frogs.

If you will help please call me at
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