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THE WHITE HOUSE

WASHINGTON

February 13, 1974

MEMORANDUM FOR: ALEXANDER HAIG
FROM: ANNE ARMSTRONG *AKA*
SUBJECT: "OPRYLAND" SCHEDULE PROPOSAL

It is my understanding that Bill Timmons recently submitted a schedule proposal recommending that consideration be given to the President attending the grand opening and first performance of the Grand Ole Opry at the new Opryland complex outside of Nashville.

I agree with Bill that the forum would be an excellent one for the President. In fact, my staff has involved itself in a project with similar objectives in mind; namely, we want to assure the preservation of the old Grand Ole Opry auditorium (Ryman Auditorium) in Nashville. The owners plan to tear it down after the new Opryland opens but I consider this a golden opportunity for a Presidential initiative -- under the heading of the Bicentennial -- which would both conserve an important symbol of our heritage and achieve many of the political objectives Bill has in mind. All of this could come to a head within the next few weeks and could be timed to coincide with the March 16th target date of the Timmons schedule proposal.

At this stage, the prospects for our Ryman Auditorium project are enhanced if we are able to maintain a high degree of uncertainty in Nashville with regard to the March 16th Opryland invitation which has been extended to the President. Therefore, it would be very helpful if any decision -- affirmative or negative -- could be coordinated with me before it gets transmitted back through the grapevine to the people in Nashville.

Thank you.

cc: Bill Timmons
David Parker

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THE WHITE HOUSE
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February 14, 1974

TO: TERRY O'DONNELL

FROM: KYLE MACRAFF

As per our conversation.

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WASHINGTON

1/16/74 / MAM / MAM -
Pls file this w/
mime. when we
receive.

T.

January 16, 1974

MEMORANDUM FOR: TERRENCE O'DONNELL
FROM: DAVID WHEAT
SUBJECT: OPRY LAND

It is my understanding that the President will receive or has already received an invitation to kick off the grand opening of "Opry Land" in Nashville sometime in March. If and when such an invitation is received, I would very much like to talk with you about it before any substantive action is taken. In the meantime, if you have any questions please give me a call.

Thanks.

2/20/74
No record of
an inv. having
been received

THE WHITE HOUSE

WASHINGTON

February 5, 1974

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*HeD
Pls hold w
Grand Old Opry
proposal
Good idea
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MEMORANDUM FOR: DAVID PARKER
FROM: WILLIAM E. TIMMONS *BT*
SUBJECT: Tennessee trip

I have a proposal in on the opening of the Grand Old Opry in Nashville, Tennessee.

I'm reminded by Senator Brock's office that March 15th is President Andrew Jackson's birthday and traditionally a presidential wreath is laid by a representative. It is suggested that the President may want to do this himself, albeit a day late.

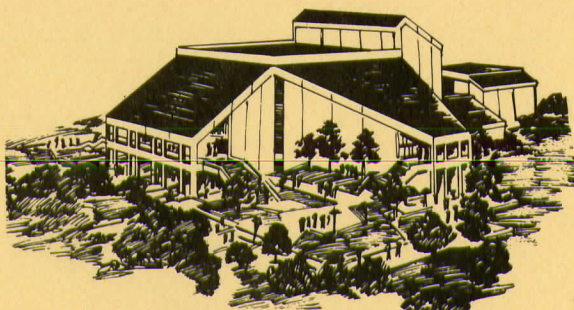
Personally, I think this would be a good idea if the President goes to Tennessee. Jackson is generally thought to be the founder of the Democratic Party.

The Grand Ole Opry
Box 100
Nashville, Tenn. 37202

BUSINESS REPLY CARD

First Class
Permit No. 2125
Nashville,
Tenn. 37202

Postage
Will be Paid
by
Addressee



Dedication and First Performance in the
Grand Ole Opry House
6:00 P.M., Saturday March 16th
Nashville, Tennessee

Admission only by ticket, which will be sent to you upon

Reproduced at the Richard Nixon Presidential Library and Museum

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☐ Sorry, I/We will be unable to attend

☐ I/We will be happy to attend

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THE WHITE HOUSE
WASHINGTON

Helen -
Pls send
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proposal
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Terry -

Pls note Dave
wheats' memo
re this (attached)

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THE WHITE HOUSE

WASHINGTON

SCHEDULE PROPOSAL

Date: January 23, 1974
From: William E. Timmons *BT*
Via: David Parker

WHERE: Nashville, Tennessee

DATE: March 16, 1974
6:30 p.m.

PURPOSE: Grand opening and first performance of Grand Ole Opry in new \$15 million Opry House.

LOCATION: Five minutes from airport enclosed in fence surrounding Opryland.

AUDIENCE: 4,400 capacity: 3,000 VIPs and 1,400 ticket requests on 3 year waiting list.

PERFORMERS: Roy Acuff, John Cash and all big names in country music.

BACKGROUND:

1. President personally indicated to late Tex Ritter that he would like to attend.
2. State has Republican Governor, two GOP Senators and five of 8 Representatives. Strong border State for the President.
3. President cancelled trip to area last year when he was to have dedicated a new dam. I do not think the President has been to Middle Tennessee in last ten years although he has been in East Tennessee (Knoxville, Chattanooga, Tri-Cities) and in West Tennessee (Memphis).

NIXON PRESIDENTIAL MATERIALS PROJECT MUSEUM OBJECT WITHDRAWAL RECORD

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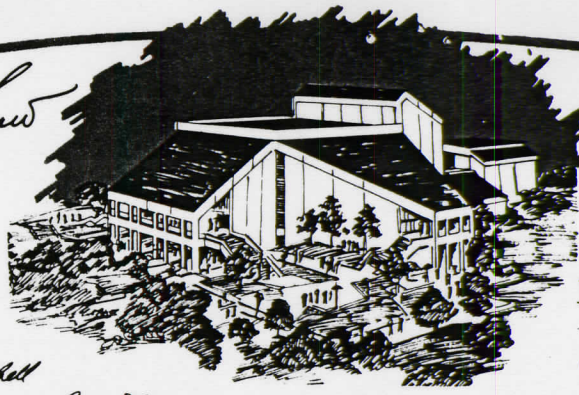
*The boards of directors
of
WSM, Incorporated,
and
The National Life and Accident Insurance Company
cordially invite you
to the dedication of and
first performance in
the new Grand Ole Opry House
in Nashville, Tennessee,
on Saturday, the sixteenth of March,
beginning at six P.M.
Central Daylight Time*

R.S.V.P.



Hand Saw
Bill Carls

Calvin Dalton



Phillips Archie Campbell

Bill Monroe

For the firm Ray Huff

Minnie Pearl Carl Scruggs

Porter Wagoner Jimmy C. Newman

Charlie Walker Main Marts
Sam and Dick Miller Stony Mt. Phillips

Fred Brown E. Ray Miller

Delaney Bob Luman
Longo + Oscar

Billy Grammer Bobby Lord
Dale Carson

Charlie Larkin Ernie Atkins

Jeanie Seely Tammy Wynette

Sammy Robinson
Jan Howard

Your invitation is an authentic autographed stick fan, symbolic of the Grand Ole Opry tradition that moves with the Opry to its new home.



Jerry Clower

The Four Tops

Ray Green

James Ray

Delaney

Ernest Tubb

Jack Brown

Ernest Tubb

Tom T. Hall

Johnnie Lee

Wanda Jackson

Willie Nelson

George Morgan Grandpa Jones

Wanda Jackson Stony Mt. Phillips

For the firm Connie Smith Jim Denny

Johnnie Lee E. Ray Miller

Delaney Bob Luman

Billy Grammer Bobby Lord

Charlie Larkin Ernie Atkins

Jeanie Seely Tammy Wynette

Sammy Robinson Jan Howard

BACKGROUND:
(continued)

4. Country Music has very large following in country, and Nashville if the "Record Capital" of the world.
5. Governor Dunn has invited all U. S. Governors and many Congressmen will be invited to attend.

OPTION:

The Hermitage, President Andrew Jackson's home, is now a museum in Nashville. Meals are never served there except for sitting Presidents. I'm told all Presidents in recent history have made point to have a meal in the Hermitage to keep the tradition alive. While I doubt all President's have, in fact, took dinner there, the event is an interesting possibility.

Recommend consideration be given to this trip.

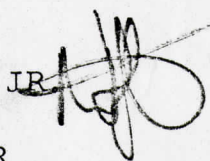
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THE WHITE HOUSE
WASHINGTON

February 27, 1974
9:30 am

MEMORANDUM FOR: DAVE PARKER

VIA: WILLIAM HENKEL, JR. 

FROM: W. DEWEY CLOWER

REGARDING: THE PRESIDENT AND MRS. NIXON'S
ATTENDANCE AT THE GRAND OLE OPRY
PREMIERE PERFORMANCE
Nashville, Tennessee
March 16, 1974

On February 27, 1974 I surveyed the Nashville Airport, the new Grand Old Opry House, and the Heritage to study the feasibility of an airport "rally", possible wreath laying ceremony and an attendance at the premiere performance of the Grand Ole Opry.

AIRPORT ARRIVAL/RALLY

Two areas on the airport appear to be adequate for arrival and rally, the first being on the terminal side just adjacent to the control tower, the second being the National Guard ramp. My recommendation is the National Guard ramp since it is much larger, can easily accommodate 26000, 27000 and a press plane as well as provide room for a crowd of some 15,000 people. There are at least 3 access roads to the ramp and possible parking for hundreds of cars on the ramp. Also it would appear that parking space could be provided on open fields a short walk from the ramp.

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The control tower site actually has only one access route. There would be sufficient parking, I would believe, but I think the ramp may be too small for the number of aircrafts involved and therefore too small to include a large crowd for the arrival.

Nashville, of course, has a pretty good Republican organization, and with help from the Governor and Senators Brock and Baker, I believe that a crowd of 15,000 can be realized for the arrival.

THE HERITAGE

The Heritage, home of President Andrew Jackson, is located about 12 miles from the airport and is about 20 minutes driving time away. It is owned by the Ladies Hermitage Association and is open to tourists (\$2.00 each admission) from 9:30 am to 5:30 pm daily.

Since March 15th is Jackson's Birthday, I visited the site to determine the appropriateness of the President visiting and laying a wreath at Jackson's tomb. President Johnson visited Hermitage in 1967, had breakfast there with 17 guests, spoke to a small group gathered on the lawn and layed a wreath.

Jackson's tomb is located in a garden-burial plot about 75 yards from the mansion. At this time of the year the garden is barren and unattractive and to my mind the President has little go gain by going there. Therefore, considering the driving time, the rather tight schedule and the fact that Mrs. Nixon may be tired from her long trip, I recommend the President not visit the Hermitage.

THE GRAND OLE OPRY HOUSE

The New Grand Ole Opry House is the center piece of the \$40 million, 369 acre opera land recreation-entertainment-broadcasting convention center complex. The auditorium is fan shaped with seating for 2400 in the balcony and 2,000 in the Orchestra. The total floor area is 152,400 square feet. The building and ground are near completion and should be ready for the opening performance.

The building, though modern in style, contains many of the features of the original Grand Ole Opry. The lighting and sound systems are near marvels of science, with the lighting computerized for desired effects and the sound system having 2500 watts of audio power seating 72 speakers and faced away for the near perfect reproduction of sound. There are 12 dressing rooms, a performer's lounge and TV studio with all

modern studio electronic gear.

It is my suggestion that the President and Mrs. Nixon enter the north exit (not a public entrance) and proceed by stairs to the balcony, stage right. There is an area just before entering the balcony where they could hold for honors and announcement and then be seated. After being seated, the program could continue until the President is introduced for remarks. He could then proceed to the stage, make his remarks and the party could depart to "Hail to the Chief." I would suggest Press Pool Coverage with the program being piped to a press center in the building.

PROBLEM AREAS

The only problem I see at this time is finding adequate rooms in a convenient hotel for the President and traveling staff. The nearest place is the Airport Hilton, only about 6 miles from Opera land. However, the Hilton is completely booked and further has no "Presidential Suite." I was told by the local contacts that they feel sure they could work out a solution by trading some rooms if it is decided to use the Hilton. Any other hotel is 15 to 20 minutes away.

At present there are no plans for live television. It would seem that perhaps the 7:00 pm to 8:00 pm segment of the first performance might be of interest to network television. I would suggest that Al Snyder or Mark Goode look into this. From the White House standpoint and also from the Opera standpoint this should be desired.

Attached is a proposed schedule.

February 27, 1974
9:30 am

THE WHITE HOUSE
WASHINGTON

PROPOSED SCHEDULE

THE PRESIDENT & MRS. NIXON'S ATTENDANCE AT THE
GRAND OLE OPRY PREMIERE PERFORMANCE

Nashville, Tennessee
March 16, 1974

9:20 am
(Local time)

Mrs. Nixon departs Brazilia en route
Nashville, Tennessee.

[Flying time: 9 hours, 40 minutes]
[Time change: -2 hours]

4:35 pm
(EDT)

President departs Andrews AFB via Spirit '76
en route Nashville, Tennessee.

[Flying time: 1 hour, 20 minutes]
(Time change: -1 hour)

4:55 pm
(CDT)

President arrives Nashville and is greeted by
Governor Dunn and members of the Tennessee
Congressional Delegation.

5:00 pm
(CDT)

Mrs. Nixon arrives Nashville.

The President and his greeting party meet Mrs.
Nixon.

The President and Mrs. Nixon proceed to a
platform for remarks.

FULL PRESS COVERAGE

5:15 pm

Remarks conclude.

President and Mrs. Nixon board motorcade en route Hilton Motor Hotel.

[Driving time: 5 minutes]

PERSONAL/STAFF TIME - 1 hour, 35 minutes

NOTE: Dinner could be served at this time.

6:50 pm

DEPART Hotel via motorcade en route New Grand Ole Opry House

[Driving time: 5 minutes]

6:55 pm

ARRIVE New Grand Ole Opry House and proceed to balcony area.

7:00 pm

President and Mrs. Nixon take their seats in balcony after honors and announcements.

The Grand Ole Opry Continues

7:40 pm

The President is introduced and invited to stage by Roy Acuff.

7:45 pm

Presidential remarks.

PRESS POOL COVERAGE

NOTE: Closed loop television piped to press center.

8:00 pm

Remarks conclude.

The President depart stage and joins Mrs. Nixon.

"Hail to the Chief"

8:05 pm

The President and Mrs. Nixon board motorcade en route airport.

[Driving time: 10 minutes]

8:15 pm

ARRIVE Airport and board Spirit '76.

8:20 pm

DEPART Nashville via Spirit '76 en route
Andrews AFB.

[Flying time: 1 hour, 10 minutes]

[Time change: +1 hour]

10:30 pm
(EDT)

ARRIVE Andrews AFB.

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THE PRESIDENT HAS SEEN.....
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Rose Mary

B B
JAMES G. STAHLMAN
815 TYNE BOULEVARD
NASHVILLE, TENNESSEE 37220

March 8, 1974

Miss Rose Mary Woods
The White House
Washington, D. C. 20500

My dear Miss Woods:

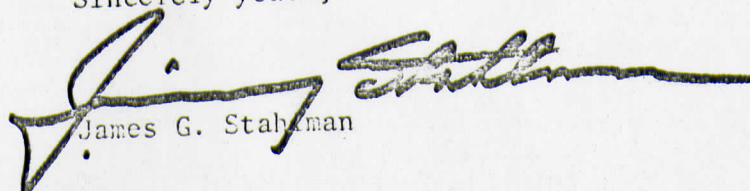
For quite some time, I have been revolted at the efforts to keep you on the hot seat, but I glory in your spunk, I salute you for your loyalty and I congratulate you for having selected a lawyer who is going to represent you properly. I like the way he talks.

I believe you will agree with the sentiment which I have expressed in the enclosed. I sent the original, addressed as personal, to The White House, but it might get shunted off somewhere by the mail desk or others, so I would be deeply grateful to you if you would keep your ears open and see that he gets a copy before he leaves for Nashville. I would like for him and Pat to understand why Gladys and I would not be at Opryland Saturday night. If I ever have a chance to see you or the President again any time soon, I will give you a fill in on my reasons.

I hope to see you before too long. In the meantime, stay in there and don't let anybody push you around.

With kindest personal regards, I am

Sincerely yours,


James G. Stahlman

JGS:mcb

Enclosures

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TR 100

March 8, 1974

MEMORANDUM FOR

Commanding Officer
Naval Photographic Center

SUBJECT: White House Photographic Support

It is requested that a motion picture crew be provided to accompany the President's trip to Nashville, Tennessee, on March 16, 1974.

T. STEPHEN TODD
Lieutenant Commander, U. S. Navy
Naval Aide to the President

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THE WHITE HOUSE
WASHINGTON
March 11, 1974

EXECUTIVE
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MEMORANDUM FOR THE PRESIDENT

FROM: ANNE ARMSTRONG

SUBJECT: PRESERVATION OF THE GRAND OLE OPRY HOUSE
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Your tentatively scheduled trip to Nashville on Saturday, March 16, presents an opportunity for you to make an announcement which would be very well received nationwide, and particularly in the South.

I recommend that, as part of your remarks at the dedication of the new Opry House at Opryland, you announce the Federal Government's intention to do an historical-architectural study of the old Grand Ole Opry House (Ryman Auditorium) in downtown Nashville. The purpose of the study, which could be done under the direction of the National Park Service in about thirty days and at a cost of between five and ten thousand dollars, would be to determine the potential uses to which the building could be adapted. Rog Morton approves of this approach.

The old Opry House is owned by the same people (National Life and Accident Insurance Co.) who own the new Opryland. There is great concern in Tennessee that the old Opry House will be torn down after the new one is opened at Opryland. The old structure was erected in 1892, and has a rich heritage as a church, a public meeting place, and as the home of country and western music. Senators Baker and Brock are in favor of preserving the auditorium, and the National Trust for Historic Preservation has it high on the list of priority structures.

Preservation of the old Grand Ole Opry House as an historical landmark, whether maintained by private interests or by the local, state, or national government, would be a significant Bicentennial project and a very popular Presidential initiative.

Len Garment, Bryce Harlow, Bill Timmons, and Ron Ziegler concur in this recommendation that you announce such a study.

Approve _____

Disapprove _____

Attachments

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U.S. Studies Way To Save Opry House

By TOM GILLEM

The federal government wants to explore the possibilities of saving Nashville's Ryman Auditorium from destruction, but negotiations to buy the historic structure are not imminent, a White House spokesman said yesterday.

David Wheat, chief assistant to White House counsel Mrs. Anne Armstrong, said he knows of no plans being considered in Washington for the federal government to purchase the Ryman from its owner, NLT Corp.

"IT'S A LITTLE bit too early for that kind of optimism," said Wheat, who plans a trip to Nashville soon to inspect the 82-year-old former tabernacle, perhaps best known as the Grand Ole Opry House.

Meanwhile, Metro officials are exploring the possibility of obtaining federal, state or private funds for the preservation of the auditorium at the request of Metro Council.

Councilman Charles French, said the Historical Preservation Committee he chairs will conduct a public hearing on the Ryman March 12, despite a vote by the council Tuesday to defer indefinitely a bill calling for the purchase or condemnation of the auditorium.

THE COUNCIL'S vote came after the Budget and Finance Committee decided 6-1 to recommend the deferral.

The lone vote was cast by Councilman Charles Seiblerling, who said he received a phone call prior to the committee meeting from Councilman James Tuck asking his feelings on the bill and reminding him that restoration of the Ryman would cost about \$2 million.

Tuck is an attorney for National Life and Accident Insurance Co., which is also owned by NLT Corp.

French said he was told all committee members received calls from a National Life representative.

Nashville Tennessean

February 21, 1974

"NATIONAL LIFE has done a lot for the city and I'm sure they'll do what's right in this case," said French, who sponsored the deferred Ryman bill. "But it kind of disturbs me that legally we don't have any control over keeping a wrecking ball from tearing down the Ryman."

However, William C. Weaver Jr., chairman of the board of NLT Corp., said yesterday the Ryman's owners "do not plan to take any action in haste" concerning destruction of the building.

"From some comments I read and hear, I get the impression that we plan to start tearing the Ryman down the day after the Opry moves (March 16)," Weaver said. "This is simply not so."

THE CORPORATION head said NLT is considering "carefully" many suggestions for possible use of the building before making a final decision on the Ryman's fate. Concerning interest in the building among Washington officials, Weaver said NLT "will certainly consider any request from our government with the utmost courtesy."

Wheat, a Texan who says he's a country music fan, said he would not be coming to Nashville "if we weren't hopeful something could be worked out."

"But we want to first see if it's fit to be saved," he said. "I'd like to see first hand if it's a viable project or just a whistle in the wind"

"We're just at the start of trying to explore this thing and see if, from the public interest standpoint, there should be some sort of consideration for saving the building."

WHEAT SAID there is a "lot of interest in a lot of different levels" of government in Washington to preserve the Ryman, including Sens. Howard Baker and Bill Brock.

But he said it is still uncertain whether the federal government's role would be to take over the building or to assist state or local governments in the project.



February 20, 1974

Ryman Sought As Landmark

Nixon, Baker, Brock Interested In Preservation

By BILL HANCE

The White House, Sen. Howard Baker and Sen. Bill Brock today expressed an interest in preserving the Ryman Auditorium as a national landmark to coincide with the upcoming Bicentennial celebration.

President Nixon, through the office of his top woman adviser, Mrs. Anne Armstrong, began negotiations with the Ryman's owners, NLT Corp., according to Mrs. Armstrong's chief assistant, David Wheat.

NLT Corp. is the parent firm of the National Life and Accident Insurance Co.

Also, Sen. Baker's office said it has been in contact with the owners through a letter the senator mailed from Washington Monday urging them to "explore all possibilities" of preserving the 82-year-old structure which is the site of the Grand Ole Opry show.

Spearhead Of Drive

Mrs. Armstrong is spearheading the newly initiated federal drive to possibly save the historic building. She serves as chief administrator of the Bicentennial Activities Committee and indicated she would have representatives here for negotiations "by the end of the month."

The fate of the Ryman Auditorium is presently in limbo since the Grand Ole Opry show will shift to Opryland March 16. The Building's future has been a source of controversy between local historians and the owners since the move was announced three years ago.

Wheat said there were several Washington people highly interested in the fate of the Ryman and the "wheels" actually began turning when President Nixon voiced his support recently for country music.

"It has not been established whether the President will be in Nashville for the move next month to the new Opry House," said Wheat, "but I am sure he would like to have someone there with a dual purpose in mind.

"By that, I mean it's possible the formal dedication of the new place could be made and also an announcement for negotiations for the preservation of the old place, too," he added.

Good Structure

"Mrs. Armstrong, also, feels the Ryman is representative of a potentially good bicentennial structure," said Wheat. "I plan on being in Nashville by the end of the month with some representatives of the Department of the Interior."

Wheat said Interior Secretary Rogers C. B. Morton

is "extremely concerned" about the building as was Sen. Brock. Brock's office said one of the senator's aides was "looking into the matter" on Brock's behalf.

William C. Weaver Jr., chairman of the board of NLT Corp., issued a statement when contacted concerning the new developments in the matter:

"We have not yet received a letter from Sen. Baker, but of course, we will certainly consider any request from our government with the utmost courtesy.

No Hasty Action

"Perhaps this is the moment to re-emphasize that we do not plan to take any action in haste. From some comments I read and hear I get the impression that we plan to start tearing the Ryman down the day after the Opry moves.

"This is simply not so.

"We have received many suggestions for its use, and, as I have said before, we plan to consider them all carefully before making any final decision about what to do with it."

Wheat said should negotiations with NLT officials prove "favorable," the Ryman Auditorium would be government owned and maintained.

"It's a viable project," he said, "one we can't ignore."

TR100

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March 13, 1974

Dear Dick:

I sent a copy of your recent note to the scheduling staff just in case they hadn't received word of it otherwise. The President would thoroughly enjoy a visit, I know, and many of us here are familiar with the impressive National Laboratory there.

If ever a stop can be arranged, I'll be in touch immediately. In the meantime, it was good to hear from you, and I'll count on continuing reminders about November '74.

Best wishes.

Sincerely,

Ron Ziegler

Ronald L. Ziegler
Press Secretary
to the President

Mr. Dick Smyser
President
The Associated Press
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The Oak Ridger
Oak Ridge, Tennessee 37380

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5:00 p.m.

The President boards helicopter on the South Lawn.

DEPART South Lawn en route Andrews AFB.

[Flying time: 15 minutes]

5:15 p.m.

ARRIVE Andrews AFB. Board S'76.

5:20 p.m.

S'76 DEPARTS Andrews AFB en route Nashville,
Tennessee

[Flying time: 1 hour, 40 minutes]

[Time change: -1 hour]

Dinner will be served en route Nashville.

6:00 p.m.

CDT

Advanceman:

Red Cavaney

ARRIVE Nashville Metropolitan Airport, Air
National Guard Facility.

GUEST INSTRUCTIONS: Board
Presidential guest vehicle which
will transport you to the First Lady's
arrival site.

STAFF INSTRUCTIONS: Debark S'76
via rear ramp. You will be escorted
to a viewing area for Mrs. Nixon's
arrival.

The President boards his vehicle and proceeds
to the entrance of the Air National Guard hangar.

6:05 p.m.

ARRIVE Air National Guard hangar entrance.

"Ruffles and Flourishes"

Announcement

"Hail to the Chief"

The President exits his vehicle and meets
members of the Welcoming Committee:

Governor and Mrs. Winfield Dunn [R-Tenn]

Senator Howard Baker [R-Tenn]

Senator Bill Brock [R-Tenn]

Rep. Dick Fulton [D-Tenn]

Russell Wagner, President of NLT Corp.

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CROWD SITUATION (INSIDE HANGAR)

The President and the Welcoming Committee hold at the hangar entrance to await the arrival of the First Lady.

6:10 p.m. 26000 arrives at the Air National Guard hangar entrance.

NOTE: Joining the Welcoming Committee will be Girl Scout Representative Lynn Linebauge.

6:10 p.m.

The President proceeds up the ramp to greet the First Lady and escorts her down the ramp to meet the Welcoming Committee.

NOTE: "Happy Birthday" will be played for the First Lady as she deplanes. The Girl Scout will present the First Lady with a bouquet of yellow roses to commemorate her birthday and that of the Girl Scouts. A large number of Middle Tennessee Girl Scouts will be in the audience.

NOTE: En route the platform, the President and First Lady will pass by the Reception Committee who will be standing at the back of the platform, facing the crowd area:

Mrs. Bill Brock and Bill Brock IV
Rep. & Mrs. Jimmy Quillen [R-Tenn]
Mrs. John Duncan
Rep. & Mrs. LaMar Baker [R-Tenn]
Rep. Ed Jones [D-Tenn]
Rep. & Mrs. Dan Kuykendall [R-Tenn]
Rep. & Mrs. Tim Lee Carter [R-Ky]

Colonel Paul N. Rogers, Commander,
118th TAW (National Guard)

Mr. S. L. Kopald, Jr., Tennessee State
GOP Chairman

6:15 p.m.

The President, First Lady, Governor and Mrs. Dunn proceed to the platform and remain standing.

NOTE: The remainder of the Welcoming Committee join Reception Committee at

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6:55 p.m. Announcement of the Governor
and the Tennessee Congressional
Delegation and their entry into
the Opry House.

6:55 p.m. The President and Mrs. Nixon depart holding
room and proceed via stairway to holding area
to await announcement.

Announcement

7:00 p.m. The President and Mrs. Nixon enter the
auditorium and are seated in the balcony, stage
right.

NOTE: The first of two evening perfor-
mances will have been underway since 6:30 p.m.

7:35 p.m. Roy Acuff invites the President
and Mrs. Nixon to the stage.

7:35 p.m. The President, Mrs. Nixon, Mr. Weaver and
Mrs. Ritter depart their balcony seats and
proceed to the stage.

"Hail to the Chief" - bluegrass style

ARRIVE Stage and be seated.

7:37 p.m. Welcoming remarks by Roy Acuff
and introduction of Mrs. Tex
(Dorothy) Ritter.

7:39 p.m. Mrs. Ritter makes presentation
of a dulcimer to the First Lady.
"Happy Birthday" will be sung
for the First Lady.

The First Lady returns to her seat.

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The President and Mrs. Nixon will meet the following individuals at plane side before departure:

Ron Rietdorf, Executive Director,
Republican Party of Tennessee
Jim McLean, County Chairman, Davidson Co
Dave Floyd, Fifth District Chairman
Emily McAlister, District Chairman for
Teenage Republicans
Lee Corbitt, Chairman, Young Republicans
Debbie Street, student from Leeds, Alabama
Mrs. Virginia Anderson, First Vice-
Chairman, Women's Federation of
Tennessee

ATKINS PHOTO OPPORTUNITY

8:30 p.m.

S'76 DEPARTS Nashville en route Andrews AFB.

[Flying time: 1 hour, 20 minutes]

[Time change: +1 hour]

-Snack served en route Andrews

GUEST INSTRUCTION: Upon arrival
at airport, board 26000.

8:45 p.m.

26000 departs Nashville en route
Andrews AFB.

10:50 p.m.
EDT

S'76 ARRIVES Andrews AFB.

STAFF INSTRUCTION: Ground
transportation will be available to
take you to your destination.

10:55 p.m.

The President and Mrs. Nixon board helicopter.

DEPART via helicopter en route South Lawn.

[Flying time: 15 minutes]

11:10 p.m.

ARRIVE South Lawn.

11:15 p.m. 26000 arrives Andrews AFB.

COUNTRY-WESTERN MUSIC AT THE WHITE HOUSE

<u>Name</u>	<u>Date</u>	<u>Event</u>
Johnny Cash (Carter Family, Statler Brothers)	April 17, 1970	Evening at the White House
Glen Campbell	May 7, 1971	Salute to Agriculture
Merle Haggard (Osborne Brothers)	March 17, 1973	Evening at the White House
Roy Acuff & The Smokey Mountain Boys	May 24, 1973	POW Dinner

Note: The late Tex Ritter presented you a Country-Western Music Award in the Oval Office on December 14, 1973.

DEX TO BILL HENKEL
ADVANCE OFFICE
WASHINGTON

March 15, 1974
Midnight

MEMORANDUM FOR: WILLIAM HENKEL
FROM: RED CAVANEY
SUBJECT: GRAND OLE OPRY PERFORMANCE ON THE NIGHT
OF THE PRESIDENT'S VISIT

Attached you will find the sequence of acts for the premiere performance in the New Grand Ole Opry House on Saturday night, March 16, 1974.

It is expected that all performers through Ernie Ashworth will have performed by the time the President arrives. If the show moves at a faster than normal clip, Jim Ed Brown and possibly Wilma Lee & Stoney Cooper will have also performed.

The final song before the President proceeds to the stage will likely be by Jack Greene and/or Jeannie Seely.

A one-minute commercial will be given between each two songs.

Having viewed a portion of the last performance in the Ryman Auditorium, I think Saturday's show can best be described as warm, friendly, and totally disorganized pandemonium. Anyone who would profess to have a total handle on the program is either ignorant or unbalanced.

I will relate more when we get the opportunity to talk because that is the only way that the impact of the evening can be conveyed.

The stage during a performance is probably best equated to a New York subway train during the Friday rush hour---with music.

GRAND OLE OPRY

Saturday, March 16, 1974

FIRST SHOW: 6:30

Roy Acuff
Ralph Sloan and the Tennessee Travelers
X Group Sing

Bill Anderson
Ernie Ashworth

Jim Ed Brown
Wilma Lee & Stony Cooper

Roy Brusky
Jerry Clower

The Crook Brothers
Billy Grammer

Jack Greene
Jeannie Seely

Jack Greene/Jeannie Seely
Stonewall Jackson

Jim Howard
Tom T. Hall

The Fruit Jar Drinkers
Jim & Jesse

Grandpa Jones
Hank Locklin

Lenzo & Oscar
Bobby Lord

Charlie Louvin
George Morgan

Jeanne Pruett
Jimmy C. Newman

The Osborne Brothers
Stu Phillips

Ray Pillow
Del Reeves

Jean Shepard
Hank Snow

Connie Smith
The Four Guys

Ernest Tubb
Minnie Pearl

Justin Tubb
Charlie Walker

Dottie West
Wilburn Brothers

Del Wood
The Willis Brothers

Marion Worth
Sam & Kirk McGee

Porter Wagoner
Dolly Parton

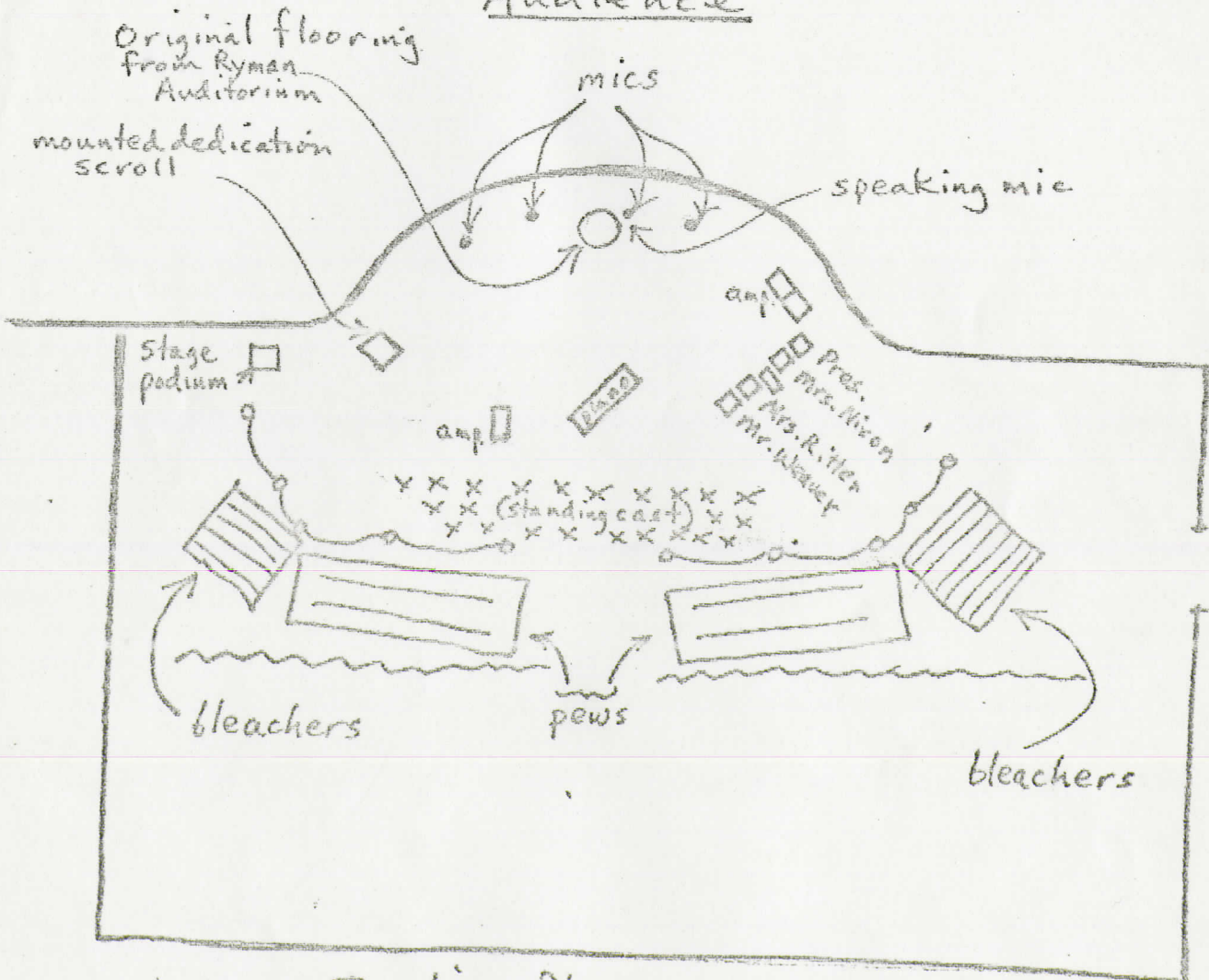
Porter Wagoner/Dolly Parton

7/15/77

11:00p

Stage Plan New Grand Ole Opry House

Audience



Seating Plan

Families and relatives of cast will occupy pews and bleachers.

Cast will be on stage (standing) in front of pews.

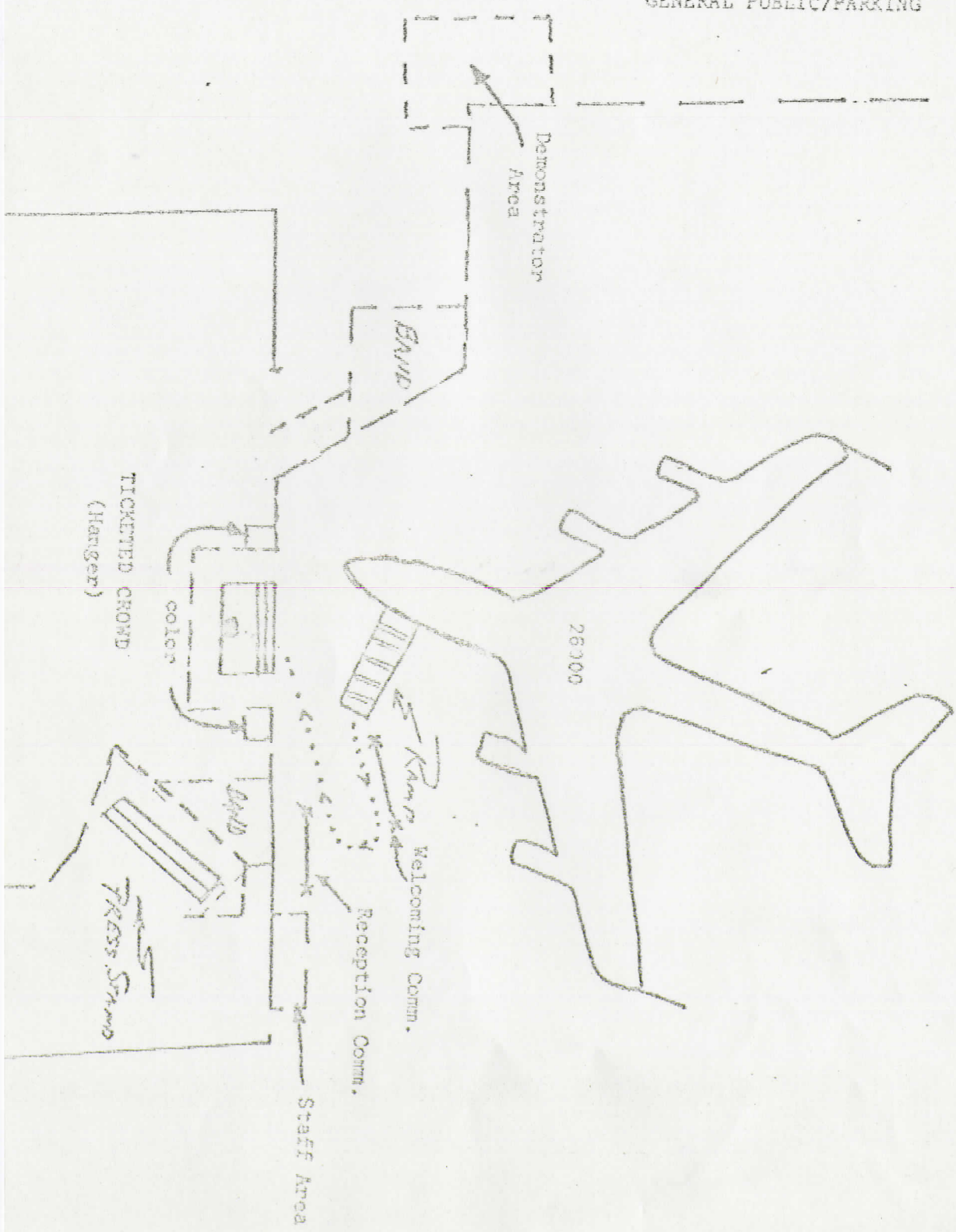
Mr. Roy Acuff who will introduce President Nixon will not have a seat on stage.

*Religious Group
Washington*

NASHVILLE ARRIVAL OF 26000

MARCH 15, 1974
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COUNTRY-WESTERN MUSIC AT THE WHITE HOUSE

<u>Name</u>	<u>Date</u>	<u>Event</u>
Johnny Cash (Carter Family, Statler Brothers)	April 17, 1970	Evening at the White House
Glen Campbell	May 7, 1971	Salute to Agriculture
Merle Haggard (Osborne Brothers)	March 17, 1973	Evening at the White House
Roy Acuff & The Smokey Mountain Boys	May 24, 1973	POW Dinner

Note: The late Tex Ritter presented you a Country-Western Music Award in the Oval Office on December 14, 1973.

Thursday

Listed Dignataries *

*Attending Grand Ole Opry**Dey**6:45**3-14-74*

Gov. & Mrs. King, New Mexico

Gov. & Mrs. Waller, Mississippi

~~Gov. & Mrs. Wallace~~

Frank Moore, Executive Secretary to Gov. Jimmy Carter

~~Sen. Vance Hartke~~

Rep. & Mrs. Devine, Ohio

Rep. & Mrs. Kluczynski, Illinois

Rep. & Mrs. Lent, New York

Rep. & Mrs. Quillen, Tennessee

Rep. & Mrs. Skubitz, Kansas

~~Sen.~~
Rep. Symington, Missouri

Rep. & Mrs. Jarman, Oklahoma

Bill Hamby, Senator ^{Baker's} Breek's OfficeMr. Robert Haught, Executive Assistant to Sen. Bellmon,
OklahomaMr. & Mrs. William Kell, Jr., Congressman Joe Evins'
OfficeMr. Mark B. Lewis, Director, Office of Cultural
Presentations, Dept. of State

Mrs. Beverly Briley & Guest, Mayor of Nashville's wife

Rep. & Mrs. Lamar Baker, Tennessee

Rep. & Mrs. Landrum, Georgia

Rep. & Mrs. Uhman, Oregon

Rep. & Mrs. Dent, Pennsylvania

Rep. & Mrs. Waggoner, Louisiana

Rep. Tim Lee Carter, Kentucky (Mrs.???)

Clay Whitehead & Brian Lamb, White House Office of
Tele-Communications*Dignataries listed provided by WSM who will be seated
behind the Presidential Party at the Grand Ole Opry.

(Stein)NK/DG

March 15, 1974

RN REMARKS -- NASHVILLE AIRPORT -- WELCOME BACK TO
MRS. NIXON (MARCH 16, 1974)

I understand that people travel an average of 470 miles just one way to visit the Grand Ole Opry here in Nashville. Mrs. Nixon must be setting some sort of record -- she has traveled more than 5,000 miles in order to come here tonight. That shows you how much we think of Nashville and the Grand Ole Opry.

* * *

When I see all these smiling faces greeting Mrs. Nixon and me, I am reminded of the power of Presidents and the greater power of First Ladies. The President can invite people out to greet him, but only the First Lady can make them smile.

* * *

Mrs. Nixon will tell you about what she brought back from South America, but I can tell you what I believe she left there: a message of good will, admiration and friendship from the people of the United States to our neighbors to the south.

* * *

Henry Kissinger told me that when they were working on solving the nationalization dispute with Peru, part of the trust between our countries which made that agreement possible was built up by Mrs. Nixon's trip to Peru in 1970. In whatever discussions we have with the people of Venezuela and Brazil over current issues, I am confident that Mrs. Nixon's visit will have helped to strengthen the foundation of trust and cooperation upon which our relations must proceed.

* * *

Tomorrow we will officially celebrate Mrs. Nixon's birthday, and I believe that her trip to South America, as tiring as it was, is a fitting birthday present. That is because the best prize life offers us is to work at something worth doing. And improving our relationships with Latin America, which Mrs. Nixon has been doing is eminently worth doing.

* * *

When Mrs. Nixon left, I said I was sending her from my heart to the people of Venezuela and Brazil. It is especially appropriate now that she returns first to Nashville, to the heart of country music and surely very close to the heart of America.

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Oak Ridge National
Laboratory

Dear Howard:

Many thanks for your March 13th note and enclosed invitation from Dick Smyser inviting the President to Oak Ridge in the near future.

I will, of course, endorse the invitation and your recommendation and make certain it's considered. Frankly, however, the chances for another Tennessee trip are very slim. As you know, the President and First Lady are going to Nashville this evening for the Grand Old Opry and the President was in Memphis just several months ago. We have backlogged hundreds of invitations for the President to visit other states, and I feel he'll have to honor some of those requests before he could return to Tennessee.

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Nevertheless, I know the President will appreciate Mr. Smyser's invitation and it may be possible to visit Oak Ridge at a later date.

Sincerely,

Bill

William E. Timmons
Assistant to the President

Honorable Howard Baker
United States Senate
Washington, D. C. 20510

WET:sjh

bcc: David Parker w/incoming for consideration.

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WASHINGTON, D.C. 20510

March 13, 1974

Mr. Dick Smyser, Editor
The Oak Ridger
Post Office Box 3446
101 Tyrone Road
Oak Ridge, Tennessee 37830

Dear Dick:

I appreciate your letter concerning the possible visit to Oak Ridge by President Nixon. Certainly, his presence would add stature to Oak Ridge and its position in the energy picture. I will follow up on the matter.

Best wishes,

Howard H. Baker, Jr.

HHBJr:hcs

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PH. (615) 482-1021

March 4, 1974

U. S. Sen. Howard Baker
Senate Office Building
Washington, D. C. 20001

Dear Sen. Baker:

After the appearance of President Nixon at the convention of The Associated Press Managing Editors Association in Orlando in November, it was my honor, as one of the officers of the APME, to meet the President.

Our conversation was very brief and centered on one subject.

I introduced myself as being from Oak Ridge, Tenn. "I want to come there," said the President quite directly.

I assured him that we want him to come here and said something about our previous requests that he visit. (We did, two years ago, run a special editorial in the form of an invitation to him to visit.)

I know that you have, in the past, sought to induce the President to visit Oak Ridge. I believe I am correct in saying that this is the only major nuclear installation that he has not visited. He has been to Richland, Wash. and Los Alamos within the last two years.

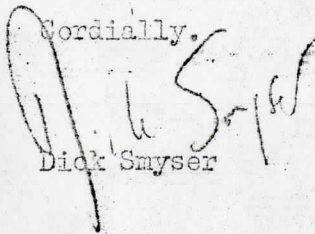
It occurred to me Monday night of last week while listening to the President's press conference --- hearing all the discussion about the energy crisis --- that it would be to the benefit of the President and the nation if he were familiar at first hand with what is the closest thing this country has to an energy laboratory --- Oak Ridge National Laboratory. This thought, plus a remembrance of the President's prompt reaction to my Oak Ridge identification in Orlando, prompts me to call this to your special attention in the hopes that it might be of some value to you in what I presume to be your continued efforts to induce him to visit Oak Ridge.

Certainly now would be a most timely time --- what with the nation so very much concerned with energy problems.

And let me take this occasion to again thank you for your own appearance at that same APME meeting. Fortunately, it is not necessary to make special efforts to get you to come to Oak Ridge. You know that you are always welcome and you know

How much we appreciate the fact that our senior senator is, without a doubt, the single senator with the best working concept of the significance of energy research here and elsewhere.

Cordially.


Dick Smyser

copies to Ronald Ziegler, the White House; Sen. William Brock; Rep. Lamar Baker; Thomas A. Hill, publisher The Oak Ridger; Mayor A. K. Bissell (Oak Ridge); Alvin M. Weinberg; John H. Gibbons

March 16, 1974

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President's schedule cards for trip
to Nashville, Tenn.

RETURN OF MRS. NIXON
GRAND OLE OPRY BUILDING
DEDICATION

Saturday - March 16, 1974

5:00 Board helicopter and
depart for Andrews AFB

5:20 Board S'76 and depart
for Nashville:

(Flying Time: 1 hr. 40 mins.)

(Time Change: -1 hour)

PRESIDENTIAL GUESTS

Mrs. Bill Brock

Bill Brock IV

Rep. /Mrs. Jimmy Quillen (R-Ten

Mrs. John Duncan

Rep. /Mrs. LaMar Baker (R-Ten

Rep. /Mrs. Dan Kuykendall

(R-Tenn)

Rep. /Mrs. Tim Lee Carter

(R-Ky.)

6:00 Arrive Nashville.
CDT

You and your guests board vehicles for transport to Air National Guard hangar where crowd is assembled for Mrs. Nixon's arrival.

6:05 Arrive hangar entrance.
Ruffles & Flourishes as you emerge from car. Announcement, and "Hail to the Chief".

You will be greeted by:

Gov./Mrs. Winfield Dunn (R-Tenn)
Senator Howard Baker (R-Tenn)
Sen. Bill Brock (R-Tenn)
Rep. Dick Fulton (D-Tenn.)
(Nashville's Representative)
Russell Wagner, Pres. NLT
Corporation

You and Welcoming Com
hold at hangar entrance to await
First Lady. Joining Welcoming
Com. will be Girl Scout Lynn
Linebauge who will present yellow
roses to Mrs. Nixon.

6:10 Mrs. Nixon's plane
arrives. You proceed
up ramp to greet Mrs. Nixon
and escort her down ramp to meet
Welcoming Com. As you and
Mrs. Nixon descend stairs the
band will play and the crowd will
sing "Happy Birthday".

You and Mrs. Nixon proceed to
platform passing by Reception
Committee positioned at rear
of platform.

You, Mrs. Nixon and Gov. and
Mrs. Dunn ascend the platform.

6:15 Gov. Dunn acknowledges each of Tenn. Congressmen and introduces Mrs. Nixon.

6:17 Mrs. Nixon's remarks.

6:19 Gov. Dunn introduces you

6:20 YOU DELIVER REMARKS

FULL PRESS COVERAGE.

6:25 Remarks conclude.

You and Mrs. Nixon depart platform, board motorcade and depart to "Hail to the Chief".

6:30 Motorcade departs en route Grand Ole Opry House.

(Driving time: 15 min.)

6:45 Arrive Grand Ole Opry
House. Greeted by:

Mr. /Mrs. William Weaver, Jr.
Chairman, Board of National
Life Insur. Company

Mr. /Mrs. Irving Waugh, Pres.
of WSM-TV

WHITE HOUSE PHOTOGRAPHER

Proceed to holding room while
Cong. Delegation is being
announced as they enter Opry
House.

6:55 You and Mrs. Nixon
proceed to holding room to
await announcement.

7:00 You are announced, enter
balcony of auditorium and
take your seats from right
to left (as you face the
stage) as follows:

Governor Dunn

Mrs. Dunn

THE PRESIDENT

Mrs. Nixon

Mr. Weaver

Mrs. Tex Ritter

- 7:35 Roy Acuff invites you and Mrs. Nixon to join him on stage. Grand Ole Opry Musicians play "Hail to the Chief" as you proceed to stage and take your seats as follows:

THE PRESIDENT

Mrs. Nixon

Mrs. Ritter

Mr. Weaver

Roy Acuff

- 7:37 Welcoming remarks and introduction of Mrs. Tex Ritter.

7:39 Mrs. Ritter invites
Mrs. Nixon to come
forward and presents her with
dulcimer. After presentation,
all sing "Happy Birthday".

7:41 Mr. Acuff asks you and
Mrs. Nixon to step
forward and assist in
unveiling of dedicatory scroll.
You then return to your seats.

7:43 Roy Acuff introduces
you.

7:45 YOU DELIVER
REMARKS from
speaking microphone.
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INCLUDING LIVE RADIO AND
VIDEO TAPING FOR A SPECIAL
TO BE AIRED AT A LATER
DATE.

7:55

Your remarks conclude
and you return to your
seat.

7:57

Roy Acuff leads on-stage
Grand Ole Opry per-
formers in singing
"Stay All Night, Stay
a Little Longer."

8:00

Mr. Weaver will step
forward to microphone,
thank you and Mrs. Nixon
for attending, and bid
you farewell.

"Hail to the Chief" as
you depart stage and
board motorcade.

8:20

Arrive Air National
Guard Facility.
Greet local Republican
leaders at plane side.

8:30 Board S '76 and depart
en route Andrews AFB.

(Flying Time: 1 hr. 20 mins.)
(Time Change: + 1 hour)

10:50 Arrive Andrews.
Board helicopter and
depart en route White
House.

11:10 Arrive South Lawn.

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cc/

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March 18, 1974

Dear Mr. President:

This is a random selection of photographs from Mrs. Nixon's trip to South America, and the gala return at Nashville.

We thought you would enjoy seeing these as a souvenir of the trip.

Sincerely,

Ollie Atkins

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~~LETTER, MEMO, ETC.~~

TO:

The President

FROM:

Max Freidersdorf

SUBJECT:

Nashville Trip

Baker, Howard

Baker, Lamar

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MRS. W. E. ^xBROCK, III
2740 32nd Street, N. W.
Washington, D. C. 20008

Dear Mr. President,

There is no way I can properly thank you for giving our son, Bill, and myself the great thrill of traveling with you to Nashville last Saturday, but I did want you to know we were both deeply grateful! And all of us were terribly proud to have you come to Tennessee.

Sincerely,

(sg.) Muffet

^x
Brock

Tuesday

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WHITE HOUSE
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**MRS. W. E. BROCK, III
2740 32ND STREET, N. W.
WASHINGTON, D C. 20008**

RW

Dear Mr. President,

There is no way I can properly thank you for giving our son Bill and myself the great thrill of traveling with you to Nashville last

Tuesday

My dear

Dear Mr. [unclear]

Dear Mr. [unclear]

To have you come to

I am very much pleased

deeply grateful! And all

you to know we were here

Thursday, but I did not

MRS. W. E. BROOK III
2740 22ND STREET, N. W.
WASHINGTON, D. C. 20008



HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES
WASHINGTON, D. C. 20515

LAMAR BAKER
THIRD DISTRICT
TENNESSEE

March 19, 1974

Dear Mr. President:

Sue and I want to thank you for your kind hospitality in allowing us to fly with you to the Grand Ole Opry in Nashville, Tennessee.

I was most proud of the enthusiastic welcome which you received upon arrival at the airport and from the audience at "Opryland". I was equally proud of your magnificent display of affection for those before whom you appeared.

I trust the problems of the day will begin to dissolve and we can work to further improve the conditions of peace and prosperity both here and abroad.

My support and best wishes are with you constantly.

Sincerely,

The President
The White House
Washington, D.C.

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National Trust for Historic Preservation

THE WHITE HOUSE
WASHINGTON

March 19, 1974

LG:

One of us could simply
call up ^{James}Biddle and explain.

LG call him _____

BHP call him _____

Good
A late call but do
see what we can do
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L. Biddle
Done (to his Secretary & JB among)
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THE WHITE HOUSE
WASHINGTON

March 19, 1974

NOTE FOR BRAD PATTERSON

Brad--

Is this one that could be handled in your office? Because it is from so important an individual, I just thought that some comment (appropriate) might be made other than our saying from this office that there ~~was~~ was not an opportunity for the President to do this while in Nashville, letting it go at that. Thank you so very much.



Mary Rawlins

THE WHITE HOUSE
WASHINGTON

3/14

TO: *Dave Parker*

FROM: Richard M. Fairbanks

FYI _____

COMMENT:

3/15/74

Mr. O'Donnell -

The attached just came
to me this afternoon -
what to do about it at
this late date?

mr

MRawlins

late TD OK -

Helen -

I think that this ought
to be commented on
by someone other than
our staff - who do you
think I should send it
to -- perhaps Nancy
Hanks?

Mary R.

*or Sen Garment?
to be back in
the role of
"Culture"
advisor
GCP*

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Richard Fairbanks

Dave Parker

Guarding America's Heritage

National Trust for Historic Preservation

740-748 JACKSON PLACE, N. W.

WASHINGTON, D. C. 20006

(202) 382-3304

March 12, 1974

President Richard M. Nixon
The White House
Washington, D.C.

Dear Mr. President:

I note that your March travel schedule includes a possible visit to the Grand Ole Opry in Nashville, Tennessee. On behalf of the National Trust for Historic Preservation permit me to note that the future of this most significant landmark in the cultural history of the United States is uncertain. It is unquestionably one of the most significant buildings in the State of Tennessee and its national importance is recognized by its inclusion in the National Register of Historic Places.

We hope you might take the opportunity, while in Nashville, to note the importance of retaining such a landmark for contemporary adaptive use in Nashville's cultural life. As we begin the celebration of the Bicentennial era, we can think of no more a deserving representative of America's musical past and present which merits preservation.

Sincerely,

James Biddle
James Biddle
President

Preservation is Progress 25th Anniversary Year 1949-1974

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March 21, 1974

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Dear Mrs. Waggoner:

Many thanks for your thoughtful letter of March 11 concerning my recent visit to Nashville. I want you to know how very much I appreciate your courtesy in agreeing to change your hotel accommodations at the Hilton Hotel so that my party and I could use them.

As you probably know, March 16 was a very special day for Mrs. Nixon and me -- it marked not only her birthday but also her return home from her South American trip. We thoroughly enjoyed our brief stay in Nashville, where we were greeted with typical Southern hospitality. I only regret that the schedule did not afford me a chance to meet you at that time.

I was particularly pleased to read the encouraging message you passed along to me in your letter, and Mrs. Nixon joins me in extending our thanks to you and your husband, as well as to the others in your group, whose thoughtful cooperation helped to make our Nashville visit an especially pleasant occasion.

Sincerely,

RICHARD NIXON

X
Mrs. Mary A. Waggoner
Box 44
Raymond, Mississippi 39154

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THE WHITE HOUSE
WASHINGTON

March 18, 1974

Mr. Elliott -

Should this lady get a letter
from the President?

Mary

Mary Rawlins

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Mr. O'Donnell -

*MR -
Pls handle*

*hus -
I'm afraid
Henkel's*

*office is depleted
T.*

This is from some people
who gave up their room
accomodations at Nashville
for the President - could
someone in Bill Henkle's
office call them and thank
them and tell them the
President can't meet and
talk to them?

MR

Mary R.

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EXECUTIVE

March 21, 1974

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Dear Jimmy:

I want to assure you that I did read your thoughtful letter of March 7 prior to my visit to Nashville. While Pat and I regret that we didn't have a chance to see you on March 16, we understand perfectly that personal reasons dictated your decision not to attend the opening of the New Grand Ole Opry House.

Because I have for so many years relied on you for your frank and candid opinion, your generous praise for my March 6 news conference and your encouraging comments regarding the current political situation are especially meaningful to me. To have a friend like you is a rare and special privilege.

Pat joins me in sending Gladys and you our warmest personal regards.

Sincerely,

RN

x
Mr. James G. Stahlman
815 Tyne Boulevard
Nashville, Tennessee 37220

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JAMES G. STAHLMAN
815 TYNE BOULEVARD
NASHVILLE, TENNESSEE 37220

March 7, 1974

President Richard M. Nixon
The White House
Washington, D. C. 20500

My dear Mr. President:

RK

I never saw you more forceful, more forthright, more the Dick Nixon I have known, respected and supported through the years, than you were last night.

As a newspaperman who has given the major portion of his life in preserving freedom of expression, a free press and journalistic ethics, I am filled with revulsion at the vicious, venomous, dastardly efforts of the vultures of the press and electronic media who are bent upon your destruction politically, your removal from the Presidency by any means, regardless of the consequences to that high office, to this beloved nation of ours, domestically and in the foreign field, oblivious to the certainty of the most dangerous divisiveness of what should be a united people that this country has ever known, including the Civil War.

You handled yourself admirably last night under great provocation and evident strain.

You have made the right decision to lay it all on the line to the House Judiciary Committee as you have already done for Jaworski, Sirica and others.

There will be many who still will not believe you.

But remember this--not all the press, not all the people will join the hounds yelping at your heels.

Your best defense, despite your own efforts to convince the nation of your confidence in the correctness of your conduct, will be the truth in the records about which you talked last night.

Truth is absolute, indivisible and as eternal as the stars.

My earnest hope and fervent prayer is that the Truth as you have told it and believe it to be will convince the American people, confound your detractors and sustain you against all enemies, personal, political, foreign or domestic.

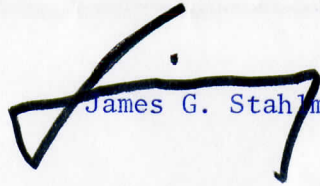
President Richard M. Nixon

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March 7, 1974

Through hell and high water,

Sincerely yours,


James G. Stahlman

JGS:mcb

P. S. For local personal reasons which you and Pat would understand,
we will not be at Opryland to welcome you back to Nixon Country.
Just the same, our best to you both.


JGS

March 21, 1974

Dear Doug:

Please accept my sincerest thanks on behalf of the entire White House Press Staff and Press Corps for your efficient and enthusiastic assistance during the President's visit to Nashville last week. Your professional skill, tireless efforts and patience were invaluable assets in helping to ensure the overall success of the event.

Thank you for the tremendous job you did for us. I am looking forward to seeing and working with you again in the future.

Sincerely,

Ronald L. Ziegler
Press Secretary to
the President

Mr. Edward Douglas Underwood
Buffaloe Road
Nashville, Tennessee 37209

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March 21, 1974

Dear Bill:

I would like to sincerely thank you for the excellent support you gave to the White House Press Staff and Press Corps during the President's visit to Nashville last week.

We appreciate all your assistance and feel the visit was a complete success, as well as being thoroughly enjoyable, due to the efforts of you and others like you.

Thanks again and best regards,

Sincerely,

Ronald L. Ziegler
Press Secretary to
the President

Mr. William Goodwin
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Nashville, Tennessee 37221

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50 app. meeting Pres. + Mrs.
in Tenn.

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Debbie Street
216 President St.
Leeds, Ala. 35094

Dear Staff Members,

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Debra Joyce Street

birthday I could ever have and you
will never know how much it means
to me. Thank you so much for
everything.

Sincerely,
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216 President St.
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March 22, 1974
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March 20, 1974

Dear Mr. Taylor:

MEMO

Word has reached me of your continued
staunch support, and this note comes
with my personal appreciation. One
deeply heartening aspect of these past
months has been the loyalty and friend-
ship expressed by so many, and I am
sincerely grateful for your own
steadfastness.

With best wishes,

Mr. Taylor's report after the early evening news
report about Senator Bayh's statement on the President's
resignation. We had a Sincerely, lengthy conversation. He
wanted me to pass on his best wishes to the President and
advise the President of his continuing support among the
folks in Tennessee. He marveled at the President's appearance
Saturday night at the Grand Ole Opry.

RICHARD NIXON

Mr. F. Carl Taylor
Chairman
TENNESSEE Houston County Republican Party
Taylor Industries, Inc.
Post Office Box 327
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THE WHITE HOUSE
WASHINGTON

March 25, 1974

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Dear Don:

This is just a brief note of thanks for your very thoughtful letter of March 20 commenting on my several recent appearances around the country. Because I have always been able to count on you for an honest and critical appraisal, your positive assessment of these sessions is particularly appreciated. Beyond this, I am deeply grateful for your warm expression of continuing trust and support at this time.

With warm personal regards,

Sincerely,

RN

The Honorable W.D. ^XBrewer
Commissioner
Interstate Commerce Commission
Washington, D.C. 20423

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GENERAL

March 26, 1974

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Dear Friends:

It was good of you to write me following my appearance at the opening of the new Grand Ole Opry on March 16. Seldom have I had a more thoroughly enjoyable time than I did that evening in Nashville. It shall remain one of the most memorable occasions of my Presidency, and I deeply appreciate your kind words.

Sincerely,

RICHARD NIXON

The Ralph Creiman Family
5118 Ellenwood Drive
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Roland L. Elliott

THE WHITE HOUSE
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Date 3-21-74

To Roland Elliott

From Rose Mary Woods *M. Acheson*

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The Peanuts Americana Collection commemorates the United States's 1976 Bi-Centennial celebration.

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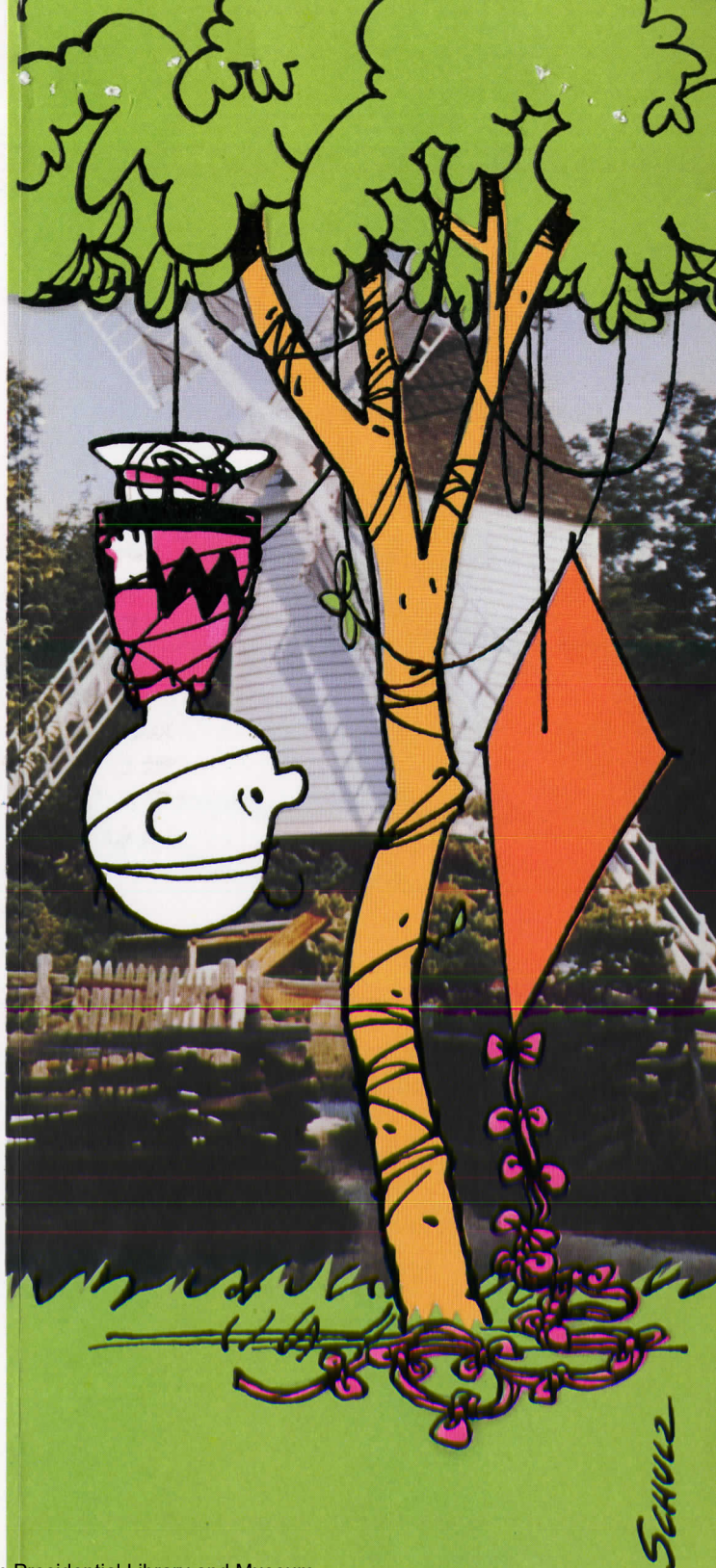
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Dear Mr. President,
We thought you
were great in Chicago!
Nashville was fantastic!
You looked relaxed
and happy, and it
was good to see!
Hang in there Mr
President - we
will make it!!!

Sincerely,
Ralph,
Anita,
Glenn Greiman

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...EVER HAVE ONE
OF THOSE DAYS?....

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March 26, 1974

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Dear Bob:

Your letter of March 18 along with the fine photographs taken by the Banner staff and the copy of the Banner itself will serve as welcome, lasting reminders of our thoroughly enjoyable visit to Nashville. Country music and its Nashville home remain the same, but after my yo-yo experience I am not sure I will. Truly, the reception and the hospitality shown us could not have been warmer and our visit shall remain one of the most memorable occasions of my Presidency. To put it simply, Mrs. Nixon and I "felt to home" at the Grand Ole Opry, and the Banner was right on target in expressing this both in its coverage and in the editorial.

With my best wishes,

Sincerely,

RICHARD NIXON

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Mr. Bob Battle
Executive Editor
X Nashville Banner
1100 Broad
Nashville, Tennessee 37202

P. S. Shortly before our departure for Nashville, Jimmy and Gladys let us know that they would not be able to attend and I have since written to them.

cc: Ziegler/Waldron/Phelan
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Photo of President and Roy Acuff inscribed: To Bob Battle With warm memories of Nashville and the Grand Ole Opry, Richard Nixon

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Photo of the President and Roy Acuff inscribed: To Martha Sanders With best wishes, Richard Nixon

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THE WHITE HOUSE
WASHINGTON

Poland

Can we change the
inscription to Battle
on the pie, please.

He has two w/ best
wishes —

What about something
like with warm memories
of Nashville and The
Grand Old Opry?

Wooden

Dear Bob:

Your ; letter of March 18 along with the fine photographs taken by the Banner staff and the copy of the Banner itself will serve as welcome, lasting reminders of our thoroughly enjoyable visit to Nashville. Country music Nashville and its/home~~xxNashvillexx~~may remain the same, but after my yo-yo experience I am not sure I will. Truly, the reception and and hospitality shown us could not have been warmer and our visit shall remain one of the most memorable occasions of my Presidency. To put it simply, Mrs. Nixon and I "felt to home" at the Grand Ole Opry, and the Banner was right on target in expressing this both in its coverage and in the editorial.

With my best wishes,

Sincerely,

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DRAFT PRESIDENTIAL

Dear Bob:

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Banner staff and a copy of the Banner itself were a welcome reminder ^{of our}

of a thoroughly enjoyable visit to Nashville. While country music

and its home, Nashville, may remain the same, I'm sure I haven't. ^{but I am sure I will not.}

^{splendid and hospitably extended} The warm reception and my effort at yo-yoing have certainly left their

mark! To put it simply, Mrs. Nixon and I "felt to home" at the new quarters

of the Grand Old Opry and the Banner was right on target in expressing this both

in the coverage and in the editorial.

~~I do hope that you will take and~~ I was sorry I didn't get the chance to

see Jimmy and Gladys ~~which~~ while I was there, but have written since.

With best wishes,

Sincerely,

RN/RZ/WP

bcc: Ziegler/Waldron/Phelan

THE WHITE HOUSE
WASHINGTON

Date 3/20/74

To Roland Elliott

From Rose Mary Woods *M. Acker*

FYI _____

Please Handle ✓

Please have a letter
prepared, for the
President's signature,
to go with the
autographed pictures
(Thanks)

Nashville Banner.

1100 BROAD
NASHVILLE, TENNESSEE 37202

BOB BATTLE
Executive Editor

March 18, 1974

The Honorable Richard M. Nixon
President of the United States
The White House
Washington, D. C.

My dear Mr. President:

You brought country music further to the foreground -- and gave credit to a city which appreciates it.

Frankly, I thought you were the Richard Nixon -- at his best. You laughed and enjoyed yourself, and still there were the serious moments. I'm proud I voted for you.

As you know, my former boss is Jimmy Stahlman -- a man I worked for, and with, for 27 years. He is your greatest friend in Tennessee. I'm one who should know.

If possible, would you autograph two pictures for me.
One to: Bob Battle.

The other to: Martha Sanders, a real strong Republican voter who saw you for the first time.

Keep up the good work. You reached Mid-America this time, and they loved you.

Sincerely yours,



Bob Battle

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Dear Colonel Ridley:

During our recent visit to Nashville, your fine support contributed greatly to this successful stop. The transportation support provided, the cooperation and responsiveness of the Air National Guard personnel certainly demonstrated the "Total Force Concept" in action.

Please pass to all concerned a well done and many thanks for the assistance.

Sincerely,

RICHARD L. LAWSON
Brigadier General, United States Air Force
Military Assistant to the President

Colonel Oscar T. Ridley
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April 1, 1974

Dear LaMar:

I would like to acknowledge and thank you for your March 28 letter to the President with which you enclosed a tear sheet from the Congressional Record with a reprint of the fine editorial from The Nashville Banner.

This is indeed a fine presentation about a wonderful evening and I know the President will appreciate very much your sharing it with him.

With kindest regards,

Sincerely,

Max L. Friedersdorf
Deputy Assistant
to the President

The Honorable LaMar Baker
House of Representatives
15 Washington, D. C. 20515

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Although it reportedly grows in a large area ranging from northern New England to North Carolina and in southeastern Missouri, it is found only occasionally, and then in isolated colonies of a few plants. Indeed, *Isotria medeoloides* is so obscure that it was just briefly described in the first two volumes of the definitive reference work "Wild Flowers of the United States," and no photographs were available to illustrate it. In fact, until shortly after publication of those volumes, I myself had never laid eyes on the plant. Then I received a letter from a man in the northwestern corner of New Jersey who said he had the species growing in his woods. It was there that I took my first look at *Isotria medeoloides*. The plant that I saw was an unspectacular little object, bearing an unspectacular little flower. Yet it displayed all of the intricate features of the orchid family. It was about 9 inches tall. Its erect stem was tipped with a circle of five leaves (some plants have six or more) about 2 inches long. Above these, on a short stalk, rose the single flower. It had three narrow green sepals.

Within the sepals, the corolla arched upward, composed of two upper greenish, overlapping petals forming a sort of hood, and a projecting whitish lower petal, the so-called lip, notched at the end. The typical orchid column, formed from the union of stamens, style and stigma, was scarcely visible within this corolla. The ovary is contained in the stem below the sepals; with the surrounding stem it becomes the seed-pod.

Why is this diminutive plant so rare? Probably because its ecological requirements are so exacting. Its sparse distribution certainly suggests a species on its way to extinction—in effect, a plant failure. Perhaps *Isotria medeoloides* is a poignant reminder of the critical interdependency of the earth's different life forms. For it may well be that the exact species of insect needed to accomplish the pollination of this complex little flower is also extremely rare.

THAT PIANO PLAYER "FELT TO HOME"

HON. LAMAR BAKER

OF TENNESSEE

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Monday, March 25, 1974

Mr. BAKER. Mr. Speaker, Mrs. Baker and I had the privilege of being in President Nixon's party when he and the First Lady attended the dedication of the new Opry House at Opryland in Tennessee last Saturday night.

It was a night to remember. The President and Mrs. Nixon were warmly received and they responded to this outpouring of affection and respect—a real honest-to-goodness Tennessee welcome—with love and appreciation.

There were many light-hearted moments which the Oprylanders and their fans on radio and television will long remember. The Nashville Banner captured the spirit of this wonderful evening in an editorial, "That Piano Player 'Felt To Home'."

In remembrance of this occasion, I ask that the editorial appear at this point in the RECORD.

The editorial follows:

THAT PIANO PLAYER "FELT TO HOME"

They sure know how to make piano players "feel to home" at the Opry!

And they must have really liked this one, because they made him play three songs. Everybody else got to do only one.

It was the Grand Ole Opry's finest hour Saturday night as a relaxed President and Mrs. Nixon dedicated the new Opry House at Opryland amid what surely was one of their warmest welcomes anywhere, if not the warmest.

And the President obviously was elated—even exuberant—as he talked, joked and played piano to the delight of 4,000 first nighters who showered the President with standing ovations, unabashed cheering and mutual appreciation of his love for country music, which he said "radiates a love of this nation."

And it was fitting that Roy Acuff, the King of Country Music, should do the honors of introducing the Nixons on stage. Mr. Acuff set the real mood of what the Opry means with his down-to-earth introduction and his attempts to teach the President the art of yo-yo.

Then the President summed it up exactly: "Country music, therefore, has those combinations which are so essential to America's character at a time that America needs character."

Nashville and the Grand Ole Opry can be proud that they brought happiness to the Nixons. And indeed they did. They can also be proud they gave the nation—and the world—an opportunity to see what's right in America—a positive look at what Mr. Acuff termed "we working people"—the real America.

"This is a wonderful program. We'll never see another one like it in our state. We never have before," Mr. Acuff said.

But, then that was a pretty fair country piano player at that!

FIFTY-SIXTH ANNIVERSARY OF BYELORUSSIAN DEMOCRATIC REPUBLIC

HON. JAMES M. HANLEY

OF NEW YORK

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Monday, March 25, 1974

Mr. HANLEY. Mr. Speaker, on March 25 the people of Byelorussia will celebrate the 56th anniversary of the Proclamation of the Byelorussian Democratic Republic. For over half a century, the people of Byelorussia have struggled to maintain the traditions and culture of their homeland in the face of Soviet attempts to rob them of their cultural identity as well as their personal freedom. Even today the Soviet Government continues "operation rewrite," a project designed to destroy the nationalist spirit of the Byelorussian people by rewriting their history to make them appear to be a backward people who were filled with shame until they became part of the Union of Soviet Socialist Republics.

In fact, the history of Byelorussia is one of a proud and progressive people who became leaders in printing and who developed for themselves a legal system far more advanced than those of their neighbors. The language of Byelorussia became an international language used in diplomatic relations in Eastern Europe much as Latin was used in Western Europe. Indeed, the history of this beautiful land is a proud history, one that can never be destroyed, darkened, or obscured.

The spirit of independence and progress that led the people of Byelorussia to declare their independence 56 years ago lives on today.

In their struggle to maintain their national identity the people of Byelorussia have not lost sight of what is most precious to them, their goal is liberty and I pray that we will see the day when this goal becomes their victory.

SANE AND WORLD FEDERALISTS USA SEEK COMPREHENSIVE MIDDLE EAST SETTLEMENT

HON. GEORGE E. BROWN, JR.

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Monday, March 25, 1974

Mr. BROWN of California. Mr. Speaker, two organizations which I hold in very high regard, SANE and the World Federalists USA, recently came forward with a joint statement regarding the Middle East situation that deserves the attention of every Member of Congress. I have seen very few statements regarding this complex tangle of overlapping interests that treat the issues involved so objectively and rationally. There are no easy solutions to the problems in the Middle East, and this statement, which appeared in the March issue of Sane World, recognizes the complexity of the situation.

The material follows:

TOWARD PERMANENT PEACE IN MIDEAST

SANE and the World Federalists USA have jointly approved the following statement on the Middle East. We invite your comments and your help in promoting community discussion on peaceful alternatives.

BACKGROUND

Four wars in 25 years have been fought because of the clash of Jewish and Arab nationalisms in the Middle East. This clash has been aggravated by the increasing participation of the superpowers. Peace in the Middle East requires reconciliation between Israelis and Arabs, aided by the world community.

In the first half of the 20th Century Arabs and Jews both worked to create independent states in the areas controlled by the Ottoman Empire, Great Britain and France. During World War I, Great Britain and France offered contradictory promises of political independence to Arabs and a homeland to Jews in exchange for their support against the Turks. The Balfour Declaration by Great Britain in 1917 held out the hope of establishing a Jewish national home in Palestine.

By the time the UN first voted in 1947 to partition Palestine into twin Arab and Jewish states, most of Palestine's neighbors had won their political independence. These Arab nations, in defiance of the UN decision, sent their troops to destroy Israel even before its existence could be officially proclaimed. When they were defeated, Jordan annexed the lands and peoples on the West Bank of the Jordan which would have been the core of Arab Palestine.

Israel, haven for the survivors of Nazi genocide, was thus born of siege, while the Palestinian Arab state decreed by the UN evaporated through war and annexation. By 1948, all of the peoples of the Middle East had states of their own except the Palestinian Arabs.

The Palestinians, mostly unable or unwilling to return to Israel and often excluded from neighboring Arab lands, festered in refugee camps. The Arab states, defeated in their attempt to wipe out Israel at its birth, refused to accept its existence. Israel, fear-

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March 28, 1974

The President
The White House
Washington, D. C.

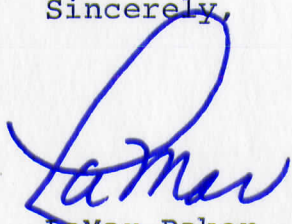
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Dear Mr. President:

After your visit to the Grand Ol'Opry in Nashville, the Nashville Banner carried an editorial in keeping with the spirit of the occasion. I felt it belonged in the Congressional Record and inserted it on Monday.

I am sure you will enjoy reading it. I am pleased to pass it along.

Mrs. Baker and I want to emphasize again how much we enjoyed sharing this occasion with you and the First Lady.

Sincerely,



Lamar Baker
Member of Congress

LB:edw

Enclosure

April 1, 1974

Dear Mr. Sands:

On behalf of the President, I wish to acknowledge and thank you for your letter of March 21. You may be sure the President appreciated your generous comments regarding the recent visit he and Mrs. Nixon made to Nashville, and he was especially pleased to learn of the role your family played in the arrival ceremony on March 16.

With regard to your inquiry about the band, you will be pleased to know that a Presidential Certificate of Appreciation is being sent to the^x Bellevue High School Band as well as to the other musical groups who took part in the program.

With the President's thanks and best wishes to you and your family,

Sincerely,

Roland L. Elliott
Special Assistant
to the President

Mr. A. D.^x Sands
725 Harpeth Bend Drive
Nashville, Tennessee 37221

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March 21, 1974

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

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My dear Mr. President

As a resident of Nashville, Tennessee and an ardent admirer and supporter of you as our Nation's President, I would like to express my appreciation to you and Mrs. Nixon for coming to our city. I was at the airport for your arrival, and as an adult, I found my excitement equal to that of a youngster. I was proud to be part of the gathering to welcome you.

I was equally proud to be the father of two daughters who performed in the official band at the airport. I have been active as a parent-booster for our high school band for over four years. During this time, our band has received much recognition. Needless to say, to be chosen as the official band to welcome you and Mrs. Nixon was the greatest honor yet. I am quoting the band members when I say this. Each child in the band considered the event as a once in a life time privilege which only few people have.

Understandingly, at the airport the band received no recognition. Much to the disappointment of the children, they also failed to get proper recognition in the newspapers, television, and radio. The band had only three days to prepare for the performance and the general opinion in Nashville is that they did an excellent job as a result of much hard work.

As a matter of highest recognition for a group of the finest young people around, I respectfully ask that you write a note to the school and in particular to the band director. This would be the "cream" that would make March 16, 1974, the most memorable day in the lives of not only the approximately one hundred band members, but to all of us associated with Bellevue High School.

The President

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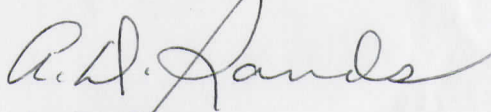
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Should you find the time in your very busy schedule to respond to my request, you may send the note to:

Mr. Rodney Webb
Band Director
Bellevue High School
656 Colice-Jeanne Road
Nashville, Tennessee 37221

Many thanks from me as a parent, and I am sure many thanks from a group of deserving young people.

Respectfully yours

A handwritten signature in cursive script, reading "A. D. Sands". The signature is written in dark ink and is positioned above the printed name and address.

A. D. Sands
725 Harpeth Bend Drive
Nashville, Tennessee 37221

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April 1, 1974

Dear General Ellis:

In connection with the President's recent visit to Nashville, Major Harold T. ^xReynolds of the Air Force One Advance Office is deserving of special recognition. Working closely with my representative and the White House advance team, Major Reynolds and his assistants carefully planned and flawlessly executed a very complicated Presidential arrival. His exceptional team spirit, professional expertise and dedication to duty significantly contributed to the success of the Nashville event.

Please convey to Major Reynolds simply, that I liked what I saw in Nashville.

Sincerely,

RICHARD L. LAWSON
Brigadier General, United States Air Force
Military Assistant to the President

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^x
General Richard H. Ellis
Vice Chief of Staff
United States Air Force
The Pentagon Room 4E936
15 Washington, D.C. 20331

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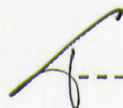
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Sincerely,

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THE WHITE HOUSE

WASHINGTON

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Prepare a note ^{to} ^{4 E936}
General Ellis, (Vice Chief ^{of}
USAF) on Major Reynolds
and a note on the crew
to Colonel Wallace
(89th MSW at Andrews).
Give me a draft &
I will message &
send.

P.S. What about that super
crew that brought
him home? 

RICHARD L. LAWSON
Brigadier General, United States Air Force
Military Assistant to the President

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Concur wholeheartedly
with Mr. Cavanaugh's
fraternal*

THE WHITE HOUSE

WASHINGTON

March 25, 1974

7:00 pm

MEMORANDUM FOR:

BGEN RICHARD LAWSON

FROM:

RED CAVANEY *[Signature]*

SUBJECT:

THE PRESIDENT'S VISIT TO
NASHVILLE, TENNESSEE
Saturday, March 16, 1974

During the course of our advance work for the President's visit to Nashville, several members of the military establishment performed their tasks in an exceptional manner; and I would like to take this opportunity to pass along their names to you.

Major "Tuck" Reynolds, USAF: As Air Force ONE Advance, his assistance, esprit de corps, and "can-do" attitude were among the finest that I have ever observed. It goes without saying that his expertise was instrumental in the success of the visit for the President and the First Lady.

Jetstar #24197 Crew: Each member of the crew that transported us from Nashville to Houston was a "professional" in the truest sense of the word. Their desire to please and concern for passenger care and comfort was extremely commendable. The crewmembers were as follows:

Major Jack Haley, USAF
Major Karl Franzysen, USAF
MSgt Larry Carlisle, USAF
TSgt Ross Porter, USAF

Please pass along my "thanks" and congratulations for a job exceptionally "well done".

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April 1, 1974

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Dear Colonel Wallace:

In support of the President's recent visit to Nashville and Houston, Jet Star #24197 was crewed by Major Jack Haley, Major Karl Franzysen, MSgt Larry Carlisle and TSgt Ross Porter. That crew's performance is worthy of special recognition. They consistently exhibited a professional, enthusiastic approach to their duties that extended far beyond that normally expected. Their cooperation with my representative and their cordiality toward passengers aboard the flights demonstrates exactly the attitude that I desire for all aircrews assigned to White House missions.

My congratulations to these professional airmen for a job well done.

Sincerely,

RICHARD L. LAWSON
Brigadier General, United States Air Force
Military Assistant to the President

Colonel Jay R. Wallace
MAC 203
Andrews Air Force Base
15 Washington, D.C. 20335

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April 2, 1974

Dear Colonel Ridley:

This is just a note to tell you how much Mrs. Nixon and I appreciate all that you and the men under your command did in connection with our visit to Nashville on March 16. We are well aware of the extra work which is required for such an event, and we want you to know of our gratitude for your splendid efforts on this occasion.

With our thanks and best wishes,

Sincerely,

RICHARD NIXON

Colonel O. T. Ridley
Commander
118th Tactic Air Lift Group
Post Office Box 17267
Nashville, Tennessee 37217

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cc: Mary Fenton

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Dear Mr. Corbitt:

Mrs. Nixon and I thoroughly enjoyed our visit to Nashville on March 16. We are well aware of all the work that goes on beforehand "behind the scenes" in preparing for such an event, and we want you to know of our gratitude for your outstanding efforts on this occasion.

With all good wishes,

Sincerely,

RICHARD NIXON

X
Mr. Lee Corbitt
8207 Sawyer Brown Road
Nashville, Tennessee 37221

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April 2, 1974

Dear Miss Chitwood:

This is just a note to tell you how much Mrs. Nixon and I appreciated your fine efforts in connection with our visit to Nashville on March 16. We have been told of the splendid job you did as office manager in the advance office, and we want you to know of our gratitude for your special contribution to the success of this event.

With our thanks and best wishes,

Sincerely,

RICHARD NIXON

X
Miss Dorothy Chitwood
Apartment L16
Crown Chalet Apartments
Madison, Tennessee 37115

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Dear Mr. Mallory:

Mrs. Nixon and I were delighted that we were able to attend the opening of the New Grand Ole Opry House in Nashville on March 16. We could not have had a more enjoyable evening, and our only regret was the fact that our visit had to be such a brief one. We have been told of your splendid assistance in the preparation of the physical facilities at Nashville Metropolitan Airport, and this note comes to you with our gratitude for your fine cooperation on this occasion.

With our thanks and very best wishes,

Sincerely,

RICHARD NIXON

X
Mr. Hayden Mallory
Room C-2
202 Central Service Building
Nashville, Tennessee 37219

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Dear Mr. Garrison:

Mrs. Nixon and I thoroughly enjoyed our visit to Nashville on March 16, and we only regret that it had to be so brief. We have been told of your splendid assistance in the preparation of printed material relevant to this visit, and this note comes to you with our deep appreciation for your outstanding efforts on this occasion.

With our thanks and best wishes,

Sincerely,

RICHARD NIXON

Mr. Paul Garrison
969 Main Street
Nashville, Tennessee 37206

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April 2, 1974

Dear Miss Jones:

This is just a note to tell you how much Mrs. Nixon and I appreciate your splendid assistance in the advance office in connection with our visit to Nashville on March 16. We know of the extra effort and long hours which are required in planning for such an event, and we are grateful for your outstanding help. Our visit could not have been more enjoyable -- our only complaint was that it was all too brief!

With our thanks and best wishes,

Sincerely,

RICHARD NIXON

Miss Patti Jones
Route 1, Box 96
Portland, Tennessee 37148

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Dear Miss Evans:

Mrs. Nixon and I thoroughly enjoyed our visit to Nashville on March 16, and we were delighted to be present at the opening of the New Grand Ole Opry House. We are well aware of the many long hours of hard work which are necessary in preparing for such an event, and this note comes to you with our deep appreciation for your splendid assistance in working with the members of the advance team on this occasion.

With our thanks and very best wishes,

Sincerely,

RICHARD NIXON

Miss Dee Evans
Apartment 5
3629 West End Avenue
Nashville, Tennessee 37205

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Dear Mr. Rietdorf:

Our visit to Nashville on March 16 could not have been more pleasant, and Mrs. Nixon and I were delighted that our schedule permitted us to attend the opening of the New Grand Ole Opry House that evening. We have been told of your splendid efforts in helping with preparations for this event, and we just want you to know how very much we appreciate all that you did to insure that this would be such a successful and enjoyable occasion.

With all good wishes,

Sincerely,

RICHARD NIXON

X
Mr. Ron Rietdorf
114 Parker Place
Brentwood, Tennessee 37027

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cc: Mary Fenton

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April 2, 1974

Dear Mr. Collins:

It was a special pleasure for Mrs. Nixon and me to be present on March 16 for the opening of the New Grand Ole Opry House in Nashville. This magnificent auditorium will, I am sure, prove equally as popular as the original Grand Ole Opry House, and the residents of Nashville can be justly proud of this outstanding addition to their city.

Mrs. Nixon and I thoroughly enjoyed our visit, and we want you to know of our gratitude for all that you did to make us feel so welcome on this special occasion.

With our thanks and very best wishes,

Sincerely,

RICHARD NIXON

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Mr. Judson Collins
6116 Bresslyn Road
Nashville, Tennessee 37205

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cc: Mary Fenton

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Dear Mr. Goodwin:

Mrs. Nixon and I were delighted that our schedule made it possible for us to come to Nashville on March 16 for the opening of the New Grand Ole Opry House. It was a particularly enjoyable evening, and the event could not have been more well planned. We know of your splendid assistance in providing volunteer help on this occasion, and this note comes to you with our deep appreciation for your outstanding efforts.

With our thanks and very best wishes,

Sincerely,

RICHARD NIXON

X
Mr. Bill Goodwin
2020 21st Avenue
South Nashville, Tennessee 37212

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cc: Mary Fenton ✓

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April 2, 1974

Dear Mr. Goodwin:

Mrs. Nixon and I thoroughly enjoyed our visit to Nashville on March 16. We were delighted that our schedules permitted us to attend the opening of the New Grand Ole Opry House, and the entire evening could not have been more successful or enjoyable.

We have been told that you did an outstanding job as an advance man for this event, and that you then left for Houston, where you did equally splendid advance work in connection with my appearance before the Convention of the National Association of Broadcasters. I just want you to know how much your fine work is appreciated, not only by me but by Mrs. Nixon as well, and this note brings with it our thanks and warm good wishes.

Sincerely,

RICHARD NIXON

X
Mr. Robert H. Goodwin
37 - 30th Street
Des Moines, Iowa 50300

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cc: Mary Fenton ✓

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April 2, 1974

Dear Mr. Underwood:

This is just a note to tell you how much Mrs. Nixon and I appreciated your splendid assistance in connection with our visit to Nashville on March 16. We were delighted that our schedule permitted us to attend the opening of the New Grand Ole Opry House, and we only regret that our stay had to be such a brief one. We just want you to know of our gratitude for your outstanding contribution which helped to insure the success of this special occasion.

With all good wishes,

Sincerely,

RICHARD NIXON

X
Mr. Doug Underwood
Buffalo Road
Nashville, Tennessee 37209

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April 2, 1974

Dear Betty and Winfield:

March 16 would have been a very special occasion for Pat and me in any case, since it not only marked her return from South America but was also her birthday. However, the warm and friendly welcome we received in Nashville made it an especially memorable event for both of us. We were delighted to attend the opening of the New Grand Ole Opry House, and I can't remember when we have had a more enjoyable evening. From the enthusiasm of those who were in attendance, I am confident the New Grand Ole Opry House will be just as popular as the old one!

Pat and I want you to know how much we appreciate your gracious welcome and cordial hospitality during this all-too-brief visit, and she joins me in sending you our thanks and warmest good wishes.

Sincerely,

RICHARD NIXON

The Honorable and Mrs. Winfield Dunn
249 St. Andrews Fairway
Memphis, Tennessee

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P.S. I would be remiss, Winfield, if I did not also tell you of my deep gratitude for your continuing outspoken support in my behalf.

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When you write to Dunn re
the Grand Old Opry can you
include a mention for Dunn's
"continuing out spoken support
on my behalf..."

Thanks

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Roland L. Elliott



GEORGE BUSH
CHAIRMAN

2-12.
REPUBLICAN NATIONAL COMMITTEE
310 FIRST STREET, S. E., WASHINGTON, D. C.
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The President might like
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Top-level Confab

WASHINGTON—Gov. Winfield Dunn, chairman of the Republican Governors Association, chats with GOP party chairman George Bush during a breakfast for Republican governors after the windup session of the National Governors Conference.

Governor Vows To 'Break Neck' In Helping Nixon

By CARL P. LEUBSDORF
AP Political Writer

WASHINGTON — Gov. Winfield Dunn, chairman of the nation's Republican governors, said yesterday, "I'm going to break my neck" to help keep President Nixon in office.

Dunn, who is ineligible to seek re-election this year, said his determination results from a 25-minute speech Nixon made to the nation's governors at a White House dinner Thursday night.

"I HAVE NEVER been more inspired, I have never been more elated, I have never been more confident," Dunn told reporters.

"Your children and my children need a man with his grasp for the next three years," he added.

Dunn was asked whether the President's accomplishments in international affairs outweigh any possible guilt in the Watergate or related scandals now being studied by the House Judiciary Committee.

"If they prove the President has done something that demands impeachment," he replied, "I think the President would leave, probably."

Joining Dunn at a news conference called to announce a \$100,000 fund-raising effort for Republican gubernatorial

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Date March 16, 1974

Advanceman Red Cavaney

NAME & ADDRESS	SALUTATION	DESCRIPTION
✓ Mr. Michael H. Jackson 2802 South Newport Denver, Colorado 80222 ✓	Dear Mike	Volunteer Advanceman who performed in an outstanding fashion in handling the joint airport arrival ceremony
✓ Mr. Robert H. Goodwin 37 30th Street Des Moines, Iowa 50300 ✓	Dear Mr. Goodwin	Volunteer Advanceman who did a fantastic job in crowd-raising and "color". Bob immediately travelled to Houston, where he handled the NAB Q&A Session. Bob met the President at Houston planeside departure.
✓ Mr. Roy Acuff Opryland, U. S. A. Nashville, Tennessee 37214 ✓	Dear Roy	Master of Ceremonies at the Grand Ole Opry. Invited the President to the stage, introduced him, and worked with the President on the yo-yo. Has met the President on several previous times. Put on an unbelievable performance for the President and First Lady.
✓ Mr. Irving Waugh P. O. Box 100 Nashville, Tennessee 37202 ✓	Dear Mr. Waugh	Met the President upon his arrival at the Grand Ole Opry. President of WSM, which owns the Grand Ole Opry. He was very helpful to the entire advance effort.
<i>No</i> Mr. & Mrs William Weaver, Jr. National Life Building Eighth & Union Streets Nashville, Tennessee 37250 ✓	Dear Mr. & Mrs. Weaver	Met the President and First Lady on arrival at Grand Ole Opry. Weaver is Chairman of the Board of National Life, who owns WSM. Mrs Weaver is National Life's founder's daughter.

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Event Nashville, Tenn.

Date March 16, 1974

Advanceman Red Cavaney

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NAME & ADDRESS	SALUTATION	DESCRIPTION
✓ Mr. Paul Garrison 969 Main Street Nashville, Tennessee 37206 <i>NO RECORD</i>	Dear Mr. Garrison	Did a fantastic job as Printing Chairman in the preparation of all printed matter relevant to the President's visit.
✓ Mr. Hayden Mallory C-2 202 Central Service Building Nashville, Tennessee 37219 <i>NO RECORD</i>	Dear Mr. Mallory	Supervised and coordinated all of the preparation of the physical facilities at the airport. Did a great job.
✓ Ms. Dorothy Chitwood Crown Chalet Apartments Apt L16 Madison, Tennessee 37115 <i>NO RECORD</i>	Dear Ms. Chitwood	Did an outstanding job as Office Manager of the Advance Office for the trip to Nashville.
✓ Mr. Lee Corbitt 8207 Sawyer Brown Road Nashville, Tennessee 37221 <i>NO RECORD</i>	Dear Mr. Corbitt	Leader of state YR's. Did an excellent job in sign-painting and "color" for the visit.
✓ Mr. Bill Goodwin 2020 21st Avenue South Nashville, Tennessee 37212	Dear Mr. Goodwin	Provided all of the volunteers for the advance office, publicity and press relations.
✓ Mr. Doug Underwood Buffalo Road Nashville, Tennessee 37209 <i>NO RECORD</i>	Dear Mr. Underwood	Did an outstanding job as a volunteer working on publicity and press relations.
✓ Mr. Richard Wallen 2350 Sherwood Road San Marino, California 91108 <i>RESUME ONLY ATTACHED</i>	Dear Dick	Volunteer Advanceman who did an outstanding job handling the Grand Ole Opry portion of the visit.

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President's Visit to
Event Nashville, Tenn.

Date March 16, 1974

Advanceman Red Cavaney

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NAME & ADDRESS	SALUTATION	DESCRIPTION
✓ Governor and Mrs. Winfield Dunn State Capitol Nashville, Tennessee 37219	✓ Dear Win and Betty:	Served as host and hostess to the President and the First Lady during their stay in Tenn. Met both at the airport and sat with them at the Grand Ole Opry.
<i>no file</i> Mr. Steven H. Blackwell Office of the Governor State Capitol Nashville, Tennessee 37219	✓ Dear Mr. Blackwell	Key contact with the Governor's staff. Did an outstanding job in assisting us with crowd-raising and "color".
<i>att is all</i> Mr. Judson Collins 6116 Bresslyn Road Nashville, Tennessee 37205	Dear Mr. Collins	Key contact with the Grand Ole Opry. V. P. of WSM, which owns the Grand Ole Opry. Was instrumental in the success of the entire show. Met the President on departure
<i>no file</i> Miss Dee Evans 3629 West End Avenue-Apt. #5 Nashville, Tennessee 37205	Dear Miss Evans	Did an excellent job as a volunteer advance office secretary
<i>ATT. COPY 15 MCH</i> Mr. Ron Rietdorf 114 Parker Place Brentwood, Tennessee 37027	Dear Mr. Rietdorf	Key contact with the state GOP organization. Executive Director of state GOP. Did an outstanding job in providing volunteer workers and distributing guest tickets.
<i>no file</i> Miss Patti Jones Route 1, Box 96 Portland, Tennessee 37148	✓ Dear Miss Jones	Did an excellent job as a volunteer advance office secretary.

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President's visit to
Event Nashville, Tenn.

Date March 16, 1974

THE PRESIDENT

Advanceman Red Cavaney

NAME & ADDRESS	SALUTATION	DESCRIPTION
<i>NO Record</i> <i>3-26-74</i> Col. O. T. Ridley, Commander 118th Tactic Air Lift Group P.O. Box 17267 Nashville, Tennessee 37217 ✓	Dear Col. Ridley:	Key contact at the Tennessee Air National Guard Facility. Was very helpful.

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April 2, 1974

Dear Mike:

The job of an advance man often seems to be both a thankless and an anonymous one, but Mrs. Nixon and I want to assure you that we are well aware of your outstanding efforts assisting with plans for our visit to Nashville on March 16. We have been told that you did a particularly fine job in connection with the airport arrival ceremony. Our stay in Nashville was all too brief, and we appreciate all that you did to make it such a pleasant and memorable evening for both of us.

With every good wish,

Sincerely,

RICHARD NIXON

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Mr. Michael H. Jackson
2802 South Newport
Denver, Colorado 80222

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April 2, 1974

Dear Mr. Waugh:

Mrs. Nixon and I were delighted to have the opportunity to attend the opening of the New Grand Ole Opry House on March 16. From the audience reaction on that evening, we are convinced that this splendid new auditorium will be equally as popular as the original Ole Opry House. We want you to know of our appreciation for your warm hospitality and your gracious welcome upon our arrival, and this note comes to you with our thanks and very best wishes.

Sincerely,

X RICHARD NIXON

Mr. Irving Waugh
Post Office Box 100
Nashville, Tennessee 37202

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Brock, Bill

April 2, 1974

Dear Mary:

How thoughtful of you to write such a kind letter. I was delighted to learn that you were among those who welcomed me to Nashville recently. I always look forward to trips to different parts of the country because they give me the opportunity to meet so many new friends.

Your words of support mean a great deal to me in my service to the nation and I am glad to have this occasion to send you my best wishes for the years ahead.

Sincerely,

RICHARD NIXON

Miss Mary Morris
37 Carlisle Drive
Jackson, Tennessee 38301

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bcc: Mr. Timmons' office ✓

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March 25, 1974

Dear Bill:

Many thanks for your letter of March 20th and the enclosed letter to the President from your daughter.

Be assured that I will bring her letter to the President's attention. I know he will appreciate her taking the time to write.

All reports on the Nashville trip were excellent and I am sorry that Mimi and I could not be there.

I look forward to hearing from you during your next trip to Washington.

With best regards,

Sincerely,

William E. Timmons
Assistant to the President

Mr. W. H. Morris, Jr.
Executive Assistant to Honorable Bill Brock
102 Jackson State Bank Building
Jackson, Tennessee 38301

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✓ bcc: Roland Elliott w/incoming for RN letter & bcc to WET.

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37 Carlisle Dr.
Jackson, Tenn.
March 19, 1974

Dear President Nixon,

I think you are a very wonderful man and I am very proud of you. I don't care what all the other people say. Don't listen to them! You were elected to carry out a job and you should finish it! If there was a democratic president Watergate wouldn't have been such a big deal.

When you came to Nashville, Tenn. to open the new Grand Ole Opry House, I was there at the airport to meet you.

I shook hands with you when you came to Jackson, Tenn. several years ago! I

was only about four years old.
I am now twelve years old.

Our family is very good
friends with Sen. Bill Brock's
family.

Again I would like to
say I am very proud of
you.

Sincerely,
Mary Morris

April 2, 1974

Dear Roy:

You were the perfect choice as Master of Ceremonies at the opening of the New Grand Ole Opry House, and both Mrs. Nixon and I agree that we can't remember an occasion when we had more fun than we did on March 16. It marked a first for me -- the first time I ever tried to work a yo-yo in public -- and, considering the results of my efforts, it was probably a last as well! I think I can say without fear of contradiction that I am much better at the piano than at the yo-yo, and I enjoyed having the opportunity to play a few selections for the audience that evening.

Mrs. Nixon and I are deeply grateful to you for your warm and gracious hospitality, and for all that you did to make our visit to Nashville such a happy and memorable one.

With our thanks and best wishes to Mildred and you,

Sincerely,

RICHARD NIXON

Mr. Roy Acuff
Opryland, U.S.A.
Nashville, Tennessee 37214

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April 2, 1974

Dear Mr. Blackwell:

This is just a note to tell you how much Mrs. Nixon and I enjoyed our recent visit to Nashville, where we attended the opening of The New Grand Ole Opry House. We know how much extra effort is always required for an event such as this, and we want you to know of our deep appreciation for all that you did to make this occasion such a memorable success.

With our thanks and very best wishes,

Sincerely,

RICHARD NIXON

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Mr. Steven H. Blackwell
Office of the Governor
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Nashville, Tennessee 37219

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March 19, 1974

The President and Mrs. Nixon
The White House
Washington, D.C.

My dear Mr. President and Mrs. Nixon:

Nashville is still talking about the visit you and our gracious First Lady paid us last Saturday, and I believe everyone agrees that the city has never before had another occasion quite as auspicious and felicitous.

You showed the city -- and the nation -- a relaxed President enjoying himself, and being hailed, in the American heartland. And you did great honor to the Grand Ole Opry and to the institution of country music.

All of us are grateful.

Elizabeth and I were sorry to hear that Mrs. Nixon had developed a case of 'flu by the time she reached Washington, and we hope that her indisposition is short-lived.

Please know that you are always welcome in Nashville, and that we will keep a piano in readiness at the Opry and tuned to the key of G.

Very respectfully,

William C. Weaver, Jr.
William C. Weaver, Jr.

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April 3, 1974

Dear Dick:

This is just a note to tell you how very much Mrs. Nixon and I appreciate your splendid efforts which contributed so much to our enjoyment of our visit to Nashville on March 16. I am well aware that the job of advance man is a particularly rigorous and demanding one, and it was most thoughtful of you to volunteer your assistance as a member of the advance team on this special occasion.

With our thanks and congratulations on a job well done,

Sincerely,

X
RICHARD NIXON

Mr. Richard Wallen
2350 Sherwood Road
San Marino, California 91108

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cc: Mary Fenton ✓

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April 4, 1974

Dear Debbie:

It was particularly thoughtful of you to write as you did following our meeting in Nashville on March 16. I was especially gratified to read your generous comments about Mrs. Nixon -- I admit to being prejudiced where she is concerned, but I agree with you completely. You will be happy to know that she is feeling fine now and is fully recovered from her bout with the flu.

Mrs. Nixon and I were delighted that it was possible to meet you during our visit to Tennessee, and we agree that our evening at the New Grand Ole Opry House was one of the most enjoyable events in which we have participated. Incidentally, you were very kind to praise my piano playing -- as you may recall, Pearl Bailey seemed to think I needed a few lessons when I attempted to accompany her when she visited the White House recently!

Mrs. Nixon joins me in sending you our warmest good wishes always.

Sincerely,

* RICHARD NIXON

x
Miss Debra J. Street
216 President Street
Leeds, Alabama 35094

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April 4, 1974

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Dear Mrs. Hazelwood:

It was kind of you to write and send me the album of religious songs which you recorded. I deeply appreciate your gracious comments on the occasion of my most enjoyable evening in Nashville, and am grateful for the friendship that prompted your thoughtful remembrance.

With every good wish,

Sincerely,

RICHARD NIXON

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Mrs. Adelaide H. Hazelwood
1505 Riverwood Drive
Nashville, Tennessee 37216

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April 4, 1974

PERSONAL

Dear Mr. Rose:

It was indeed thoughtful of you to write following my visit to the opening of the new Grand Ole Opry on March 16 and to include a copy of Roy Acuff's latest album. I am pleased to be remembered in this way, and I want to assure you of my deep appreciation for the friendship that prompted your gift.

Mrs. Nixon joins me in extending our every good wish to you.

Sincerely,

Mr. Wesley H. Rose
2510 Franklin Road
Nashville, Tennessee 37204

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✓ Bellevue High School Band
Bellevue Drive
Nashville, Tennessee

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~~THE~~ PRESIDENT OF THE UNITED STATES

Presents This

Certificate of Appreciation

To

Bellevue High School Band
for outstanding performance on the
occasion of the President's visit to
Nashville, Tennessee

The White House
Washington, D.C.
March 16, 1974

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Boyce Hawkins Combo
WSM Television
Knob Road
Nashville, Tennessee

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THE PRESIDENT OF THE UNITED STATES

Presents This

Certificate of Appreciation

To

Boyce Hawkins Combo
for outstanding performance on the
occasion of the President's visit to
Nashville, Tennessee

The White House
Washington, D.C.
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Dear Steve:

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It was a great honor to receive the beautiful certificate from Governor ~~Dunn~~ which accorded me the special privilege of "Colonel, Aide de Camp" on his staff. Please pass my deep appreciation for this on to the Governor, and accept, also, my gratitude for all your help and assistance during our visit. The trip to Nashville was a tremendous success and certainly a highlight of my tour at the White House.

I look forward to returning to your beautiful state under more relaxed circumstances and availing myself of the helpful, and enticing, information packet which you so kindly sent me.

Again, thanks for everything.

Sincerely,

T. STEPHEN TODD
Lieutenant Commander, U. S. Navy
Naval Aide to the President

Mr. Steven H. Blackwell
Staff Assistant to the Governor
State of Tennessee
Nashville, Tennessee 37219

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April 10, 1974

Dear Mr. Gentry:

Thank you for your letter of March 25.

The crowd was so dense in Nashville that I'm not surprised we missed one another. You were good to send me the copy of the Sabine Index and you can be sure that I'll call your article to the President's attention. While I regret that we won't be able to arrange the photograph you requested, I am sure that President Nixon will want to drop you a personal line of appreciation for your support.

With best wishes,

Sincerely,

Ronald L. Ziegler
Press Secretary
to the President

Mr. Robert Gentry
Editor
The Sabine Index
P. O. Box 871
Many, Louisiana 71449

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April 10, 1974

PERSONAL

Dear Mr. Collins:

It was good of you to remember me with the recording during my visit to the opening of the new Grand Ole Opry. I very much appreciate your thoughtfulness, and am most grateful for the friendship this gift represents.

With all best wishes,

Sincerely,

RICHARD NIXON

Mr. Judson Collins
WSM Radio
5700 Knob Road
Nashville, Tennessee 37209

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Dear Mr. Crow:

This is just a note, but it comes with my personal thanks for your thoughtful message and encouraging comments. It is indeed heartening at this time to be able to count on the steadfastness of Republican friends, and I deeply appreciate your forthright support.

With best wishes,

Sincerely,

RICHARD NIXON

X
The Honorable James E. Crow
Member of the House of Representatives
of the State of Delaware
207 Mulberry Road
Newark, Delaware 19711

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April 11, 1974

Dear Gordon:

Many thanks for your letter of March 21, and its enclosures. I read with interest the articles in the Center House Bulletin to which you called my attention, and I especially appreciated having the opportunity to see the Woodrow Wilson article and Russell Kirk's book review which appeared in this issue.

I know that both Julie and David deeply regret that they were unable to attend the reception for the outstanding student leaders who participated in this year's National Student Symposium on the Presidency. +

It was encouraging to read your generous comments about my recent appearances in Nashville, Chicago and Houston, and I am deeply grateful for your kind words of approval for the manner in which I have carried out the duties of this office.

With my thanks and kind personal regards,

Sincerely,

RICHARD NIXON

Dr. R. Gordon Hoxie
President

+ Center for the Study
of the Presidency
New York, New York 10021

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April 17, 1974

Dear Mr. Gentry:

All the words of encouragement I have been receiving in the past few months have been deeply heartening to me, and I am particularly grateful for the staunch support of concerned citizens like you who are so actively involved in the affairs of our Nation.

I was pleased to see the front page news story from The Sabine Index -- this expression of continuing trust reaffirms my faith that this Administration can achieve the great goals all Americans seek.

With my personal appreciation for your generous support,

Sincerely,

Mr. E. E. Gentry

Marthaville, Louisiana 71450

P.S. I was also glad to get the photograph your son took at the Grand Ole Opry. That was a night I will long remember!

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June 3, 1974

Dear Debbie:

It was good to receive your thoughtful letter recently and learn of your continuing support and friendship.

Mrs. Nixon and I enjoyed having the opportunity to meet with you and with so many friends during our visit to Nashville. It was an evening we will always remember.

Incidentally, we are especially pleased to know that you will be coming to Washington, D. C. this summer. It should be an exciting trip and with your great enthusiasm and political interest, I am certain it will be a very rewarding visit for you.

With my best wishes for the years ahead,

Sincerely,

Miss Debbie Street
216 President Street
Leeds, Alabama 35094

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May 16, 1974

President Richard M. Nixon
The White House

Dear Mr. President:

About a year ago I wrote to Mrs. Nixon telling her of my admiration for her and of my discovery of our mutual birthdays. When I heard that both of you would be celebrating her birthday in Nashville, Tennessee at the Grand Ole Opry dedication, I again wrote letters requesting to meet her in Nashville since it was my birthday also. My wish came true and I was allowed to stand in line at your plane with five people from Tennessee to greet you and Mrs. Nixon as you departed from Nashville that night.

Since then, so many people have told me they still believe in you and that they are, as I am, tired of this ridiculously unfair attack on you. I thought perhaps you would like to know of these words of encouragement, so I decided to write to you and add to all the others who say "Hang in there! You've done more for America than any other President."

I realize that as a 19 year old I do not have a chance to speak out for you as much as I would like to, but if it was possible I would stand up for you in front of all America because I believe in you whole-heartedly and I am confident that you are a man of honesty and integrity.

I have not yet come down off my cloud after meeting both you and Mrs. Nixon and now I am even more excited because I found out that the choir I will be touring with this summer will be in Washington on August 2 and 3. My stay there will be so much better since I have met you. Nothing will ever be as exciting as getting to meet and talk with you both, but visiting Washington is something I have always wanted to do and I can hardly wait.

Please give my regards to Mrs. Nixon. I love you both.

Sincerely,
Debbie
Debbie Street
216 President St.
Leeds, Ala. 35094