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ID 785637

THE WHITE HOUSE

WASHINGTON

DATE: 31 OCT 78

FOR ACTION: FRAN VOORDE

PHIL WISE

WVD 9:00 on next 2 wk schedule

INFO ONLY: THE FRIST LADY

SUBJECT: POWELL, RAFHSOON MEMO RE SHORT MEETING WITH NEWSPAPER PUBLISHERS EDITORS

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+ RESPONSE DUE TO RICK HUTCHESON STAFF SECRETARY (456-7052) +
+ BY: 1200 PM THURSDAY 02 NOV 78 +
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ACTION REQUESTED:

STAFF RESPONSE: () I CONCUR. () NO COMMENT. () HOLD.

PLEASE NOTE OTHER COMMENTS BELOW:

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FOR INFORMATION
FROM PRESIDENT'S OUTBOX
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October 30, 1978

MEMORANDUM FOR THE PRESIDENT

From: Jody Powell *Jody*
Jerry Rafshoon *Jerry*

Re: Short meetings with newspaper publishers/editors

Three of the nation's largest newspaper chains will hold publisher/editor meetings in Washington soon and we recommend that you agree to a very short drop-by to the briefing we are scheduling for each group.

We also suggest a drop-by to welcome and have pictures with the board of directors of the American Newspaper Publishers' Association and their spouses. This could be at a coffee on the State Floor of the Mansion or in the Roosevelt Room.

With a total commitment of about 45 minutes spread across these four occasions, most of the newspaper publishing hierarchy of the nation would mix and be photographed with you. Many of these persons have not seen you as President. It will be the last time most of them would see you before the 1980 primary season is upon us.

Specifics:

1. The first drop-by would be with the editors and publishers of Cox Newspapers on Monday, November 20. Jack Tarver is very actively seeking this meeting. It would be in the Cabinet or Roosevelt Room and could take 10 minutes. The group numbers about 40. Cox owns dailies in 10 cities with a total circulation of 1.3 million.
2. The second would be with the ANPA directors and spouses. This group numbers about 42. It includes publishers from the Knight-Ridder, Gannett, Harte-Hanks, Dow Jones and Copley chains, and publishers from other major papers in Texas, Illinois, North Carolina, West Virginia, Massachusetts and Louisiana. The impact of this meeting would travel far beyond the directors, as the ANPA includes almost all of the 1,750 U.S. dailies in its membership. Date, Tuesday, December 5. Time asked, 15 minutes. It would be excellent if Mrs. Carter could join you here.

3. The third, on Thursday, December 7, would be with 25 publishers and editors of Hearst Newspapers. They circulate in seven major cities in Texas, California, Massachusetts, Maryland, New York and Washington. Total circulation is 2.2-million. Location, Cabinet or Roosevelt Room. Time needed, 10 minutes.

4. The last, on Wednesday, December 13, would be with the publishers of all 77 Gannett Newspapers dailies. This is the nation's largest in number of papers and second largest (3.4-million) in daily circulation. Location, Room 450 Old Executive Office Building or Roosevelt Room. Time needed, 10 minutes.

For a minimum time expended, these four meetings should have maximum impact at the top echelon of newspaper publishing.

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ID 785560

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WASHINGTON

DATE: 27 OCT 78

FOR ACTION: PHIL WISE

FRAN VOORDE

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*10/31 - Dec 12
will be made in
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INFO ONLY: STU EIZENSTAT

BOB LIPSHUTZ

*attached
concur*

SUBJECT: ATTORNEY GENERAL MEMO RE PRESIDENTIAL RECEPTION FOR
NATION'S BENCH AND BAR

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Office of the Attorney General
Washington, D. C. 20530

October 25, 1978

MEMORANDUM TO THE PRESIDENT

SUBJECT: Presidential Reception for the Nation's Bench and Bar

I attach a memorandum from Professor Meador, who is in charge of our justice improvement program. You will find it of interest.

The American justice system badly needs the combined coordinated leadership of the President, the Attorney General, the Congress, and the Judiciary. Since February 1977, we have worked hard in the Justice Department to provide leadership for justice improvements and we have attempted to enlist the help of Congress, the judges and the bar. We have developed many new proposals, but their adoption has been uneven. We are continuing these efforts and plan to have a large justice package ready for introduction in January. I believe that affirmative assertion of Presidential leadership before the opening of the 96th Congress could significantly affect our chances of success.

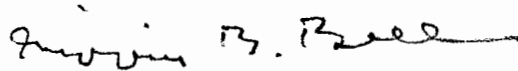
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This occasion could take the form of an early evening reception to which you could invite the State Chief Justices, the Justices of the Supreme Court, the Chief Judges of the U. S. Courts of Appeals and selected other federal judges, the presidents of the major legal organizations (such as the ABA, the National Bar Association, the American Law Institute), the leadership of major public interest law groups and other diverse groups interested in the justice system. Some government lawyers should be included such as the Counsel to the President, the Attorney General, and the Solicitor General among others. The Vice President, Speaker of the House, and the Chairmen of the House and Senate Judiciary Committees should also be included.

During the reception, you could make some informal remarks to the group stressing your dedication to improving the nation's justice system, to working cooperatively with the lawyers and judges of the country to

that end, and to your commitment to fill the new judgeships with high-quality persons from all segments of the bar selected through processes which are, to the maximum extent possible, free of domination by partisan, political influences.

If you approve this suggestion, I will be glad to work with the White House staff in developing the guest list and specific plans for the occasion.

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Griffin B. Bell". The signature is written in dark ink and is positioned above the typed name.

Griffin B. Bell
Attorney General



United States Department of Justice

OFFICE FOR IMPROVEMENTS IN THE ADMINISTRATION OF JUSTICE

WASHINGTON, D.C. 20530

October 23, 1978

RECEIVED
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ATTORNEY GENERAL

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MEMORANDUM

TO: Griffin B. Bell
Attorney General

FROM: *DM* Daniel J. Meador
Assistant Attorney General
OIAJ

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Re: Phil's office

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FOR ACTION: PHIL WISE

FRAN VOORDE

INFO ONLY: STU EIZENSTAT

BOB LIPSHUTZ

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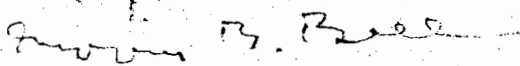
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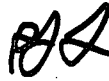
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MEMORANDUM FOR THE PRESIDENT

FROM: BOB LIPSHUTZ 

RE: Recommendation from the Attorney General for
a "Presidential Reception for the Nation's
Bench and Bar"

I concur with the recommendation of the Attorney General regarding this matter, as expressed in his memorandum of October 25, 1978, to you.

If you wish, I will be glad to coordinate the work of the White House staff in assisting the Attorney General in developing the guest list and specific plans for the occasion, as set out by him in the last paragraph of his memorandum.

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