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THE WHITE HOUSE

WASHINGTON

February 16, 1990

MEMORANDUM FOR JAMES W. CICCONI

FROM: D. ALLAN BROMLEY *Daan*

SUBJECT: ANOTHER REQUEST FOR A PRESIDENTIAL TALK

I am delighted to learn that the President is seriously considering the NAS invitation and certainly understand that this rules out the American Physical Society request. I shall talk with the APS President and explain; while he will be disappointed, he will, of course, understand.

Meanwhile, as the attached letter notes, the American Chemical Society--the world's largest professional society and perhaps the one having the closest industrial and science-technology linkages--is holding its 200th national meeting here in Washington during the week of August 26, 1990.

They would very much like to have the President participate in this meeting and with 10,000 members in attendance this would be a splendid opportunity for the President to speak on the critical interfaces between science, technology and industry.

I also realize that the President--and many of us--will probably be away from Washington in late August but I have promised to pass this on to you for the President's consideration.

If the President is going to be in town this would certainly be one of the best possible domestic audiences for a talk of the kind just mentioned. It is a very important area in terms of our economic competitiveness and anything that the President wished to say would have major impact and widespread ripples throughout both the S and T and the industrial communities.

Attachment



American Chemical Society

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December 7, 1989

The Honorable D. Allan Bromley
Science Advisor to the President
Office of Science and Technology Policy
Old Executive Building
17th Street and Pennsylvania Avenue NW
Washington, DC 20506

Dear Dr. Bromley:

During the week of August 26, 1990, the 240,000 member American Chemical Society will hold its 200th national meeting in Washington, DC. As you realize, the American Chemical Society is the largest professional scientific organization in the world. It is also one of the oldest in our nation. It is an organization whose membership cuts across the academic, industrial, and government sectors. We anticipate that approximately 10,000 of our members will attend the Washington meeting. As a result, we feel that this 200th meeting would be an ideal event for the presentation of a significant policy speech by the President of the United States on matters related to the government's position on basic science in the United States. We realize that President Bush has an extremely busy schedule, but we would hope that he could find time to make the short journey from the White House to present a short (30 minute to 1 hour) presentation to our Society.

Because the American Chemical Society is one of the leading scientific societies in the United States both in terms of representing basic research and education in the sciences, it is a particularly appropriate society for a presentation by the President. I know you are aware of our efforts in promoting improved education in chemistry at the high school level through our textbook, *Chemistry in the Community*. We are also a major player through the chemical industry in helping with the international balance of trade. Approximately half of the scientists and engineers involved in research and development in all of industry in the United States are either chemists or chemical engineers. This makes our membership a particularly crucial cog in the present and future economic well being of the United States. I believe that this factor alone constitutes a compelling argument for a presentation by the President.

We would be quite happy to accommodate the President at anytime between 3 p.m. on Sunday, August 26, and 3 p.m. on Thursday, August 30. Being fully aware of the restrictions on the President's time, we will obviously schedule the President's presentation at his convenience. While we would expect an attendance of 10,000 at our meeting, the attendance at the President's presentation would be very dependent on when the presentation was held.

I very much hope that you can persuade the President to accept this invitation. I look forward to hearing from you on this matter.

Sincerely yours,

Paul G. Gassman

/cml

cc:

Dr. Justin Collat - ACS Secretary of the Society
Dr. Clayton Callis, ACS President
Dr. Ernest Eliel, ACS Board of Directors Chair



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June 29, 1990

The Honorable D. Allan Bromley
Science Advisor to the President
The White House
1600 Pennsylvania Avenue NW
Washington, DC 20500

Dear Allan:

This letter is a follow up to my letter to you (attached) of December 7, 1989, concerning the desire of the American Chemical Society to have President Bush address our 200th national meeting in Washington, DC. The meeting is the week of August 26 and since I have not heard a negative response from you or from the President's office in the interim, I presume that a visit by the President and a presentation on basic science policy is still a possibility.

At this point, the overall programming for the meeting at which we expect in the vicinity of 14,000 attendees, is shaping up nicely. Since we now know what the program format and schedule will look like, we can indicate which times would be most advantageous for a visit by the President. These would be any time on Sunday, August 26 after 2 p.m. or Monday, Tuesday, or Wednesday (August 27-29) at 8:30 a.m., 11:30 a.m., or 1 p.m. These times would be best because it would allow us to move either our morning or afternoon programs by one hour and facilitate the minimum disruption of the regular program. Our regular sessions are scheduled from 9 a.m. through noon and from 2 p.m. to 5 p.m. Thus, a presentation at 1 p.m. on Monday, Tuesday or Wednesday would be by far the most advantageous and since it would not be scheduled against any other programming would attract the largest attendance. In our planning we have set aside Hall A at the Washington Convention Center for President Bush's presentation if he is able to attend. We know that he has spoken in this hall previously and that this hall is considered one of the more secure places in Washington where the President can provide an address.

I appreciate your efforts on behalf of the American Chemical Society and I look forward to hearing from you relative to this invitation. I sincerely hope that you can persuade the President to accept this invitation and to speak before the 200th national meeting of the American Chemical Society.

Sincerely yours,

Paul

/cml

cc: Dr. Justin Collat
Dr. Joseph Dixon

*Write to him
"No" on Aug 8
Fed Exp.*

THE WHITE HOUSE
WASHINGTON

July 9, 1990

MEMORANDUM FOR MARY CATHERINE ENGLISH
OFFICE OF SCIENCE AND TECHNOLOGY POLICY

FROM: TAMMY MARTIN
PRESIDENTIAL MESSAGES
456-2941 /18-OEOB

SUBJECT: THE AMERICAN CHEMICAL SOCIETY WILL HOLD ITS 200TH
NATIONAL MEETING ON AUGUST 26-31, 1990.

The White House has been requested to provide a message from President Bush.

May we please have your recommendation/comments regarding the attached?

If you feel that a message from the President would be appropriate for this event, please provide a draft or talking points by COB JULY 23, 1990.

If you feel a direct reply from your agency would be sufficient, send explanation and return this package. Please follow-up with a copy of your outgoing response.

Please call me if you will have any problems meeting this deadline.

Thank you for your assistance.

THE WHITE HOUSE

WASHINGTON

July 23, 1990

MEMORANDUM FOR TAMMY MARTIN

FROM:

D. ALLAN BROMLEY 

SUBJECT:

MESSAGE FOR AMERICAN CHEMICAL SOCIETY
200th NATIONAL MEETING

I recommend that Presidential greetings--as enclosed--be sent to the American Chemical Society (ACS) on the occasion of its 200th national meeting to be held in Washington, D.C. August 26-31, 1990. The ACS is the world's largest scientific and educational society. The U.S. chemical industry is one of our strongest performers with a positive foreign trade balance in excess of \$16 billion in 1989. The ACS is the most involved of any of our professional societies in mathematics and science education and in attracting students to careers in science and engineering.

THE WHITE HOUSE
WASHINGTON

August 8, 1990

Dear Paul:

In response to your earlier letter of February 16, I formally requested that the President speak at your annual meeting on August 26, 1990.

I have been holding off replying to you in the hope that it might become possible to arrange this in his schedule.

I regret that I must now tell you that this simply will not be possible since the President will be out of the city for the entire period covered by your meeting.

Both personally and on behalf of the President, let me wish you every success in this Washington meeting. He very much regrets that he is unable to join you.

Sincerely yours,



D. Allan Bromley
Assistant to the President
for
Science and Technology

P.S. I tried to contact you several times by telephone but without success.

Professor Paul Gassman
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