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SCHEDULE PROPOSAL

Date: August 12, 1974

FROM: Stanley S. Scott

VIA: David Parker

MEETING: Request that the President meet with Black Mayors and civil rights leaders to discuss the economic, social and unemployment status of the Black population.

DATE: Tuesday, August 20, or as soon thereafter as possible.

PURPOSE: To demonstrate Presidential concern and commitment to face the serious problems affecting the inner cities and America's largest minority group.

To give a new sense of direction and encouragement to the Executive Branch, the Legislative Branch, and the business community of the Nation to recognize and deal responsibly with these problems.

To demonstrate the President's commitment to bring the Nation together.

FORMAT: The Cabinet Room
The Theater

SPEECH MATERIAL: Remarks will emphasize (1) the President's determination to heal the Nation's wounds and bring the Nation together; (2) open door policy; (3) search for solutions to high unemployment and other social and economic problems affecting minorities and the Nation's largest cities. Remarks to be prepared with aid of Stan Scott and Domestic Council.

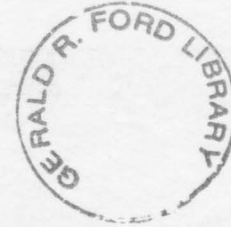


PRESS COVERAGE:

1. Prior announcement.
2. Photo availability.
3. Excerpts of President's remarks to be distributed following the meeting.

STAFF:

Stan Scott and key Domestic Council Aides.



SCHEDULE PROPOSAL

Date: August 12, 1974

FROM: Stanley S. Scott

VIA: David Parker

MEETING: With editors and publishers of the National Newspaper Publishers Association, representing a majority of the 200 Black-owned newspapers in America.

DATE: Tuesday, August 27, or as soon thereafter as possible.

PURPOSE: To show Presidential interest in the Nation's Black community.

To generate a feeling of mutual respect between these publishers and the Administration.

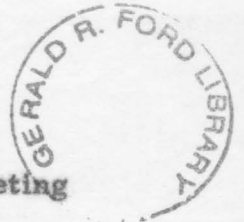
To gain much needed support of the Black community for the Administration.

FORMAT: Family Theater and during a reception following an all-day briefing.

Participants: 80 publishers (List to follow).

SPEECH MATERIAL: Remarks, informal, reemphasizing open door policy, commitment to focus on peculiar problems faced by minorities and the poor, interest in the Black community.

PRESS COVERAGE: Each participant will cover for his newspaper or periodical. White House photographers to take pictures of President greeting the attendees.



Press Office announcement prior to meeting and briefing.

Press Office summary to be issued, following statement by Dr. Carlton Goodlett, publisher's president.

STAFF:

Jerald H. TeHorst, Stan Scott, John Calhoun

BACKGROUND:

Briefing would be conducted by a number of Cabinet officials and Presidential Aides who will focus on the problems of greatest interest to the Black community: high unemployment, crime, social programs, U.S. relations with Africa, and business development

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THE WHITE HOUSE

WASHINGTON

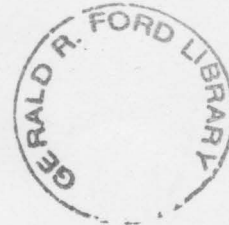
MEETING WITH LIEUTENANT GENERAL DANIEL JAMES, JR., USAF

Wednesday, August 21, 1974

4:30 p.m. (15 Minutes)

The Oval Office

From: Henry A. Kissinger



I. PURPOSE

To hear General James' views on the concerns of black Americans and to thank him for his role in POW/MIA affairs as he departs Washington to become Vice Commander of the Military Airlift Command.

II. BACKGROUND, PARTICIPANTS AND PRESS PLAN

A. Background: Lt. General Daniel (Chappie) James has served as Deputy Assistant Secretary of Defense for Public Affairs since March 1970. In that position he became one of the Administration's most effective spokesmen in support of our Vietnam policies and played a key liaison role with the families of U.S. Prisoners of War and Missing In Action. An outstanding military officer, an experienced combat fighter pilot and articulate speaker on Americanism and patriotism, General James has been widely editorialized in national and international publications and is perhaps America's best known black military officer. (Biography at Tab A.)

General James is uniquely qualified to comment on the attitudes of black Americans toward the Administration, the racial problems of the Armed Services and the continuing problems of its U.S. Missing in Action and their families who continue to press the Administration for a greater effort to resolve that problem.

B. Participants: General James, General Brent Scowcroft and Stan Scott.

C. Press Plan: To be announced; picture session.



III. TALKING POINTS

1. I know of the magnificent work you did with the POW/MIA families and I want to thank you for your great personal contribution to the families and to the country. I also appreciate your key role as Deputy Assistant Secretary of Defense for Public Affairs in explaining our policies to end the Vietnam war and the many speeches you made before groups that were often hostile to our efforts.
2. Do you have any suggestions on what more we can do with regard to the problem of U.S. MIAs and in our relationships with the families of these men?
3. I would also like to hear your comments on the views of black Americans toward the Administration and your thoughts on the most serious concerns of black Americans today?
4. What racial problems continue to exist in the Armed Services and how does this impact on our efforts to build an All Volunteer Force? What more should be done to remedy these problems and to better respond to the concerns of black Americans throughout our society?
5. Tell me who are some other black voices I should be hearing as my Administration attempts to respond to the concerns of black Americans and how do you suggest we establish a continuing dialogue with black Americans?
6. I wish you well in your new assignment as Vice Commander of the Military Airlift Command. I am aware of the vital role MAC plays in this nation's ability to respond rapidly in crisis situations to assist the self-defense efforts of our allies and friends as the rapid supply efforts to Vietnam and Israel last year so vividly illustrated.

BIOGRAPHY

LIEUTENANT GENERAL DANIEL JAMES, JR., USAF

PRINCIPAL DEPUTY ASSISTANT SECRETARY OF DEFENSE (PUBLIC AFFAIRS)



Lieutenant General Daniel (Chappie) James, Jr., was born in Pensacola, Florida, February 11, 1920, graduated from Washington High School, Pensacola, Florida, in June of 1937, and attended Tuskegee Institute at Tuskegee, Alabama, from September, 1937, to March, 1942, receiving a Bachelor of Science degree in physical education and completing civilian pilot training under the government-sponsored Civilian Pilot Training Program.

He remained at Tuskegee as a civilian instructor pilot in the Army Air Corps Aviation Cadet Program until January, 1943, when he entered the program himself as a cadet and received his commission as second lieutenant in July, 1943. He next completed fighter pilot combat training at Selfridge Field, Michigan, and was assigned to various fighter units in the United States for the next six years.

In September, 1949, General James was assigned as a flight leader in the 12th Fighter Bomber Squadron, 18th Fighter Wing, Clark Field, Philippines. From there, he went to Korea in July of 1950. where he flew 101 combat missions in F-51s and F-80s.

He became an all-weather jet pilot assigned to Otis Air Force Base, Massachusetts, in July of 1951, and became the operations officer for the 58th Fighter Squadron. In August, 1955, he assumed command of the 60th Fighter Interceptor Squadron.

Following attendance at the Air Command and Staff School, Maxwell Air Force Base, Alabama, in 1956, General James was assigned to the Pentagon as Staff Officer in the Office of the Deputy Chief of Staff for Operations, Air Defense Division. He next was assigned to the Royal Air Force Station at Bentwaters, England, where in February, 1961, he became Assistant Director of Operations of the 81st Fighter Wing, later moving to command of the 92nd Tactical Fighter Squadron and ultimately to become Deputy Wing Commander for Operations.

On his return to the States in September, 1964; General James was assigned to Davis-Monthan Air Force Base, Arizona, where he functioned as Director of Operational Training and later as Deputy Commander for Operations of the 4453d Combat Training Wing, flying F-4Cs.

General James was assigned in December, 1966, to Ubon Royal Thai Air Base, Thailand, as the Deputy Commander for Operations. He was named Vice Commander of the 8th Tactical Fighter Wing by

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Colonel Robin Olds, Wing Commander, on June 4, 1967. He flew 78 combat sorties into North Vietnam, many in the Hanoi/Haiphong area. He was Colonel Robin Olds' Vice Wing Commander and the two of them were known affectionately to their men as "Black Man and Robin." He led a flight in the Bolo MIG sweep in which seven Communist MIG 21s were destroyed, the highest total kill of any mission during the Vietnam War.

Upon completion of his tour of duty in Southeast Asia, General James was named Vice Commander of the 33d Tactical Fighter Wing at Eglin Air Force Base, Florida, before his assignment to Wheelus Air Base in Libya in 1969.

He was Commander of the 7272nd Flying Training Wing at Wheelus Air Base until he became Deputy Assistant Secretary of Defense (Public Affairs). He was nominated by the President to the grade of brigadier general on December 29, 1969. He was promoted to brigadier general on March 31, 1970. On the same day, he was sworn in as a Deputy Assistant Secretary of Defense (Public Affairs) by Secretary of Defense Melvin R. Laird. He was promoted to the rank of Major General on August 1, 1972. General James was designated Principal Deputy Assistant Secretary of Defense (Public Affairs) by Secretary of Defense Elliot Richardson on April 20, 1973. He was promoted to Lieutenant General on May 21, 1973.

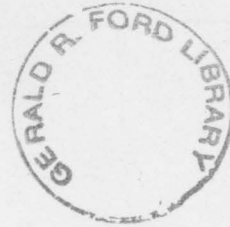
General James has been widely editorialized in numerous national and international publications. Excerpts from some of his speeches on Americanism and patriotism have been read into the Congressional Record.

His military and civilian awards include Young Man of the Year for the State of Massachusetts in 1954, Florida Jaycees Award as Man of the Year for the State of Florida in 1969, George Washington Freedom Foundation Medals in 1967 and 1968, the Phoenix Urban League Man of the Year Award in 1970, the 1969 Builders of a Greater Arizona Award, the Arnold Air Society 1970 Eugene M. Zuckert Award, the Distinguished Service Achievement Award from Kappa Alpha Psi Fraternity (for 1970), the National Commander's Public Relations Award from the American Legion in 1971, and the Commander-in-Chief's Gold Medal Award and Citation from the Veterans of Foreign Wars in 1971. General James was awarded an honorary doctor of laws degree from the University of West Florida at Pensacola in June, 1971, and was named Honorary National Commander, Arnold Air Society, in April, 1971. He has been awarded the Legion of Merit with one Oak Leaf Cluster, the Distinguished Flying Cross, Air Medal with 10 Clusters, Distinguished Unit Citation, Presidential Unit Citation and the Air Force Outstanding Unit Award.

The General is married to the former Dorothy Watkins of Tuskegee and they have three children: Danice, born in October of 1943; Daniel, III, who is now a captain in the U. S. Air Force, born in September, 1945, and Claude, born in September, 1954.

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THE WHITE HOUSE
WASHINGTON



SCHEDULE PROPOSAL

DATE: August 24, 1974 *SS*
FROM: Stanley S. Scott *SS*
VIA: Warren Rustand

MEETING: Recommend that the President meet with top civil rights leaders to establish a spirit of cooperation and a willingness to work with all segments of American society to help insure success of the Administration's civil rights and minority-oriented programs.

PARTICIPANTS: NAACP's Roy Wilkins and Clarence Mitchell; PUSH's Rev. Jesse Jackson; Rev. Leon Sullivan of OIC; Vernon Jordan of the Urban League; Dorothy Height of the National Council of Negro Women; Helen Edmonds of the Links, Inc.; Carl Holman of the Urban Coalition; Mrs. Martin Luther King; John Lewis of the Southern Voter Education Project.

DATE: September 4th, 5th, 6th, or as soon as possible thereafter.

PURPOSE: To let these leaders know that President Ford intends to build bridges to human dignity across that gulf which today too frequently separates Black America from white America. To solicit the recommendations and suggestions of these respected Americans as the President seeks solutions to domestic problems.

FORMAT: The Cabinet Room.
The Oval Office

SPEECH MATERIAL: To be prepared by Stan Scott.



PRESS COVERAGE:

Prior announcement, photo opportunity.
Distribution of photograph and news release
to minority media in a mail-out following
meeting.

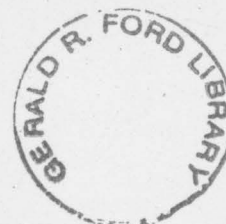
STAFF:

Robert Hartmann, John Marsh, Stan Scott,
John Calhoun, Ken Cole.

BACKGROUND:

President Ford met with some of these
leaders when he served as Vice President.

THE WHITE HOUSE
WASHINGTON



SCHEDULE PROPOSAL

DATE: August 24, 1974
FROM: Stanley S. Scott *SSS*
VIA: Warren Rustand

MEETING:

President Ford indicated an interest in meeting with key Black Republicans to let them personally know that he wants and needs their support in building an America for all Americans. My office has received numerous requests from a wide cross-section of Black Republicans to meet the Chief Executive and be assured by him that he will work to make the GOP truly the "Party of the Open Door."

DATE:

Monday, September 9, or as soon thereafter as possible.

PURPOSE:

To demonstrate his desire to broaden the base of the Republican Party with Blacks as a major part of this effort. To demonstrate the President's commitment to bring the Nation together.

FORMAT:

The Cabinet Room
The Theater

SPEECH MATERIAL:

Remarks will emphasize (1) the President's determination to heal the Nation's wounds and bring the Nation together; (2) open door policy; (3) broadening the GOP with Black support; (4) value of two-party system; (5) search for solutions to inflation, high unemployment and other social and economic problems affecting minorities and the Nation's largest cities. Remarks to be prepared with aid of Stan Scott and other White House staffers.

PRESS COVERAGE:

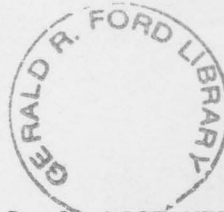
Prior announcement, photo opportunity, excerpts of President's remarks to be distributed following the meeting. Stan Scott's office to coordinate with Jerald terHorst distribution of photographs to minority media.

STAFF:

Robert Hartmann, John Marsh, Stan Scott, George Bush, Art Fletcher, John Calhoun.



nbrc special report



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March 8, 1974

NBRC STEERING COMMITTEE MEMBERS MET IN WASHINGTON D. C. LAST WEEK at National Headquarters of the Republican National Committee with several key GOP Party officials including George Bush, RNC Chairman. Among the topics discussed were: delegate selection, methods of organizing and elections. The group voted to accept the NBRC Organizational Manual which includes the Constitution and By-laws of the organization. A copy of the minutes are attached along with a list of participants, the agenda and the illustration of membership dues utilization.

VICE PRESIDENT GERALD FORD was the principle speaker at the Lincoln Day Dinner sponsored by the Capital City Republican Club on the same day of the Washington meeting (February 27, 1974). More than 700 people attended the dinner and many met the Vice President during a special VIP reception. Members of the predominately Black Club live and work in the Washington, D. C. area.

ATTENTION ANNOUNCEMENTS.....ATTENTION ANNOUNCEMENTS:

September 20 - 22, 1974 are the tentative dates for the First National Convention of the National Black Republican Council. The place: Kansas City, Kansas.

All State Black Republican Council Conventions should be scheduled before August 1, 1974.

Please send mailing lists from your respective areas TODAY!! WE NEED TO SPREAD THE WORD THAT BLACK REPUBLICANS ARE ALIVE AND WELL...

ARTHUR A. FLETCHER HAS A NUMBER OF REQUESTS TO MEET WITH STATE GOP OFFICIALS to work out details for establishing State NBRC Councils and organizations. He recently met with Governor Winfield Dunn of Tennessee. He has immediate requests from State groups in Oklahoma, Pennsylvania, Kansas, Delaware, Arkansas, Georgia and California.

NEED ASSISTANCE??? Please put all requests for assistance from NBRC's national office in writing (an informal memo will do). The many phone calls, though welcome, have caused quite a few delays in follow through with requests. Written requests insure a permanent record (files are kept on each state) of activities in respective States which can be referred to anytime. In cases where requests have not been fully taken care of, there is a record to correct any mistakes in communications.

THE FEBRUARY NEWSLETTER has been mailed and distributed. Steering Committee members needing extras may order limited copies from the national office. Other documents available to you for the asking are: NBRC's Organizational Manual; A Press Release entitled, "Nixon Endorses Black Republican Council Efforts" and the President's State of the Union Message.

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NATIONAL BLACK REPUBLICAN COUNCIL STEERING COMMITTEE MEETING

Republican National Committee Headquarters
310 First Street, Southeast
Washington, D. C.

February 27, 1974



The second meeting of the National Black Republican Council Steering Committee was called to order by NBRC Chairman, Dr. Henry C. Lucas at 1:30 p.m.

Welcome remarks were given by Ab Hermann of the Republican National Committee (Special Assistant to Chairman Bush) and included a brief history of Black participation in the Party. Jo Good then gave remarks on "Delegates to the National Convention" and outlines some general procedures for becoming delegates. She is RNC's Director of Conventions and has been for many years. She handed out several pamphlets including the 1972 Republican National Convention, "Process of Delegate Selection" and stated, "In 1976 there will be more competition for delegates because there will be four or five major candidates". She also pointed out that there were 101 Black delegates to the 1972 Convention (39 delegates and 62 alternates) or 4.3%.

Steering Committee members then heard remarks of Laszlo Pasztor, Chairman of the Heritage Counsel at RNC who spoke about "The Need to Organize". "In a free society the voice of people is only as strong as they are organized" said Pasztor. According to Pasztor members of the various ethnic groups that belong to the Heritage Counsel got seats on county committees, slate committees, etc. which is a beginning.

Chairman Bush, Chairman of the Republican National Committee was able to meet with the group for only a short time because of prior commitments but told steering committee members that he and Art Fletcher met with President Nixon and that the President was impressed with NBRC and emphasized that Blacks should become candidates

for office. The Chairman had some encouraging remarks about the presidency, congress, energy, the economy and the two-party system. He then thanked steering committee members for paying their own expenses, etc. to attend meeting and commended them for their efforts. "If anyone encounters any non-cooperators within the Party with NBRC efforts, please call Fletcher, Lucas or me", said the Chairman.

Report of the Organizational Structure Committee by Dr. Henry Lucas:

Copies of the draft Organizational Manual and By-Laws were distributed and explained by Dr. Lucas. A motion was made by Ed Bivens to adopt same with a provision that amendments can be made. Willa Good seconded and the motion was unanimously carried by voice vote.

Several insuing questions were raised by members that had not attended the Chicago meeting. Fletcher pointed out that NBRC is a steering committee only and that once the Council becomes a permanent body then problems, concerns etc. will be worked out in the Constitution and By-laws.

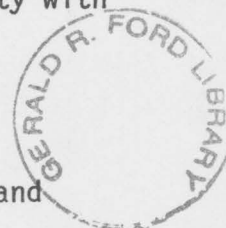
Report of the Finance Committee by Edward Bivens:

Bivens reported that over 3,000 had been collected to date including over \$1,100 for the California Council which is headed by Ted Short of Los Angeles. Michigan has also contributed more than \$1,000 to the Council to date. A motion was carried to accept the Treasurers report.

General Discussion

Dr. Lucas opened general discussion explaining dues and membership in more detail. A chart illustrating How Individual Membership Dues Are Utilized (attached) was distributed. According to Dr. Lucas, in cases where State Councils are not organized, monies will come directly to NBRC's national office in Washington, D. C. Once State Councils are organized, appropriate percentages of the monies will be sent back to State and Local Councils. Ed Bivens suggested that States Councils handle all monies for the entire state.

According to Al Lockhart, State Convener of Massachusetts, he has told his people



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that the \$5,000 represents 500 Founding Memberships. Lockhart also announced that he has met with RNC's finance people who will work with him to develop a membership card for NBRC members.

Carole Ann Taylor of New York pointed out that very few Black Republicans are involved in the National Black Political Convention upcoming in Little Rock Arkansas, March 14 - 17, 1974. A motion was carried setting up an Ad Hoc Committee with Ms. Taylor as Chairman to work out strategies for attendance and participation at the Little Rock meeting.

The meeting was adjourned at 4:30 p.m. Dr. Lucas ended by encouraging each steering committee member to obtain details about delegate selections in their respective States and actively seek Black delegates to the next convention. "The key is power in local areas", said Dr. Lucas.

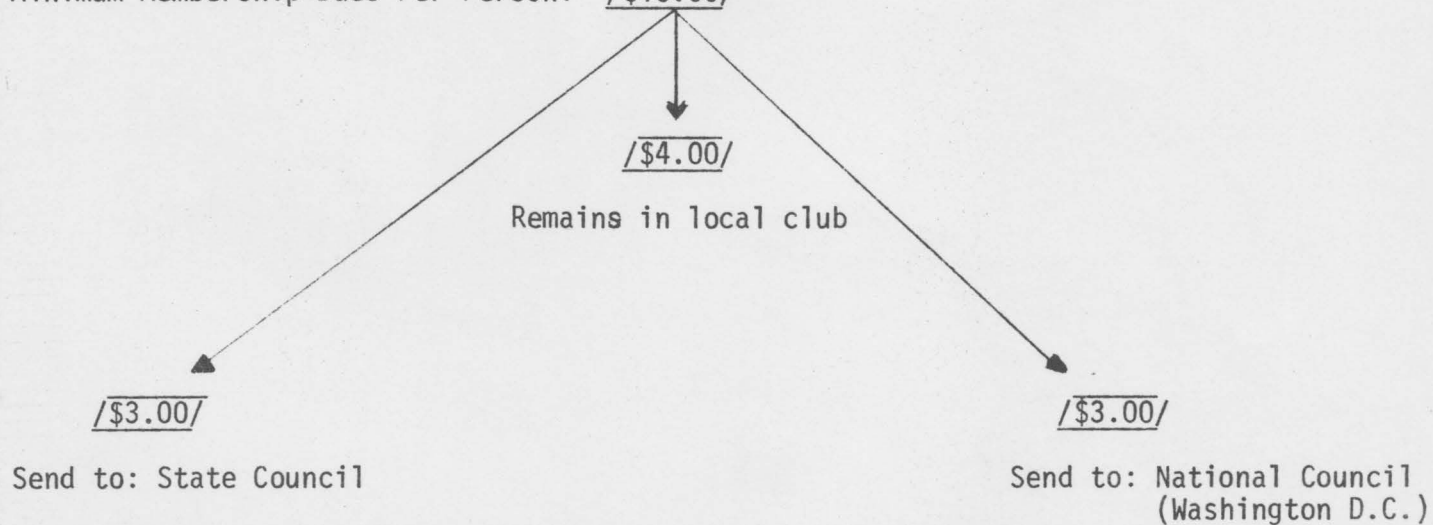


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HOW INDIVIDUAL MEMBERSHIP DUES ARE UTILIZED

Minimum Membership Dues Per Person: /\$10.00/



/AGENDA/

NATIONAL BLACK REPUBLICAN COUNCIL STEERING COMMITTEE MEETING

Republican National Committee Headquarters
310 First Street, Southeast
Washington, D. C.

February 27, 1974

1:00 p.m. WELCOME

Ab Hermann, Special Assistant to Chairman Bush

1:15 p.m. DELEGATES TO THE NATIONAL CONVENTION

Josephine (Jo) Good, Conventions Director for RNC

1:45 p.m. THE NEED TO ORGANIZE

Laszlo Pasztor, Chairman of the Heritage Council, RNC

2:15 p.m. NBRC COMMITTEE REPORTS

Organizational Structure Committee: Dr. Henry Lucas

Finance Committee: Edward Bivens

Relationship Organizational Committee: Samuel Jackson

3:15 p.m. GENERAL DISCUSSION

A. Dues and Membership Structure, Dr. Lucas

4:30 p.m. ADJOURN

(Tour of Building Optional After Adjournment)

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February 27, 1974
Washington, D. C.

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Ford: President of all People

Amid a flurry of excitement and hopes for a new day in America, President Gerald Ford was sworn in as President of the United States on Friday, August 9, 1974.

Among the hopes of Black Americans was that the new President would demonstrate his use of "action, not words." The first indication of President Ford's sincerity came just hours after he was sworn in as 38th President, when he spoke to the residents of Watts, California via a taped message that he had been scheduled to deliver in person on the very day of his swearing in. The occasion was the dedication of the first new housing project built in Watts since the riots of 1965 and the speech was Ford's first as President.

Within a two-week period after President Ford was sworn in he met with several Blacks including all 16

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Ford: President of All the People

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members of the Congressional Black Caucus and other elected as well as appointed Black officials. He assured all individuals and groups that he will indeed have an open door policy and the fact that he met with Blacks so soon after his becoming President proved Ford's interest in establishing channels of communication between the White House and all groups of Americans, from liberal to conservative.

Rumors in Washington were rampant up to and after the new President took office. Telephone calls to the Black Political Division of the Republican National Committee increased by 50 percent and most wanted to know who the top Blacks in the new Administration would be. Many Black Republican callers reported that they and constituents had sent telegrams urging the appointments of Vice Presidential nominees including the names of Vice President-designate Nelson Rockefeller along with RNC's Chairman George Bush, Senator Edward Brooke (R-Mass.) and Washington State Governor Dan Evans. Blacks around the country voiced the opinion that more Blacks should be involved in key positions in the new Administration including: Domestic Counsellor to the President; cabinet-level posts; key appointees in government agencies as well as increased assistance to Black Republican candidates at the national, state and local levels. Ford made it known during those first days that Stanley Scott would be an integral part of his staff. He told members of the Congressional Black Caucus that Scott had been helpful to him as Vice President and that he would continue to serve the Administration in the White House.

There was unanimous pleasure with the new President and his choice of Vice President among members of the Executive Committee of the National Black Republican Council. The following statements were made by the Council's four Regional Chairmen:

TED SHORT, Los Angeles--Director of Far West Region including California, Colorado, Arizona, Nevada and Washington:

"The despair and frustration of Watergate has receded into clear waters that have a glitter of hope under the new administration of President Gerald Ford and Vice President Nelson Rockefeller. It is my hope that these two men can begin to build a bridge over this nation's troubled waters...in education, unemployment, economic and community development, crime, inflation, environment, balance of trade and health care.

"As for Republican politics, it is imperative that these two men must begin the arduous task of providing real opportunity and meaning for Blacks in the powerful intra-structure of the Republican Party; note moral and financial support for Black Republican candidates; participation and parity on local, state and regional

basis; cabinet appointments; more supergrade appointments; fair representation at national conventions; and etc. I trust that these two men will do their utmost in bridging our nation's troubles."



Ted Short



Mayor Bivins

MAYOR EDWARD BIVINS, Inkster, Michigan--Director of Midwest Region including Michigan, Ohio, Indiana, Minnesota, Wisconsin, Kansas, Missouri and Illinois:

"I am highly supportive and elated with President Ford and I think he possesses the political clout this country needs to create a balanced team, though he is known as a conservative. Accordingly, he has born out his Inauguration to be President of all the people and selected a liberal to work with him."

DR. ROBERT WRIGHT, Columbus, Georgia--Director of Southeast Region including North and South Carolina, Kentucky, Tennessee, Virginia, Alabama, Georgia, Mississippi, Oklahoma, Louisiana, Arkansas, Texas and Florida:

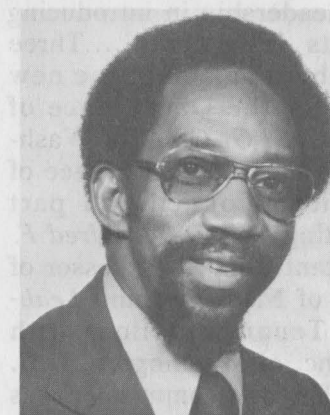
"The general impression of all people I have talked to is that there is a new freshness on the political front as it relates to the GOP and the country as a whole.

"President Ford in his brief days as President, has given an indication that he intends to have an open administration, to listen to the wishes of the people and try to come up with some constructive programs to deal with the many problems that American people are faced with at this time.

"I am particularly impressed with this frankness and boldness as it related to amnesty and the establishment of open lines of communications between the White House and the Black Caucus.

"I am delighted at the choice of Rockefeller as Vice President because of his record as chief executive of New York and his efforts in behalf of humanity. His knowledge of inner city problems that we are faced with will be a tremendous asset to the Ford Administration because it brings back into Republicanism the liveralliberal to moderate posture.

"I hope the combination will begin a new day for Black Americans and our country as a whole."



Dr. Wright



Ms. Good

MS. WILLA GOOD, Mt. Vernon, New York--Director of Northeast Region including New York, Pennsylvania, Virgin Islands, Massachusetts, Maryland, District of Columbia and New Jersey:

"I view with great pleasure President Ford's excellent nomination of former New York State Governor Nelson Rockefeller for the office of Vice President of the United States. Having brought vision, imagination, courage and skill to state, national and international offices, he now brings the expertise of a splendid career. The people of America are indeed fortunate to have such a man second in command.

"President Ford and former Governor Rockefeller are men of impeccable honesty, unquestioned integrity, deep compassion, proven ability and acknowledged qualities of mind and heart, which command the respect of all citizens. Together they will restore faith and hope to the American people.

"It is imperative that Negro Americans support these two extraordinary leaders and make positive contributions to their efforts.

"I am optimistic about the future of our country."

Other members of the Executive Committee also expressed great pleasure with the new Administration, including Dr. Henry C. Lucas, Chairman of the National Black Republican Council and Arthur A. Fletcher, Co-Chairman of NRBC and Consultant to the RNC for Minority Affairs. During the months that President Ford served as the nation's Vice President, Art Fletcher consulted him on a number of issues and in fact represented Ford at the Watts, California housing dedication as Ford was being sworn in as President.

Prior to that, Fletcher accompanied Ford on Air Force II to San Francisco where the Vice President addressed the 64th Annual Convention of the National Urban League just weeks before he became President.

There have been numerous requests for a national meeting of Black Republicans along with a national fund-raising event. For such an affair to be significant, there needs to be at least 1,000 people in attendance. Initial plans are to sponsor such an affair in the central U.S.A. in mid-October. Final decisions will hinge on your response, however. If you are interested in attending, send your name and address to NBRC Headquarters in Washington, D.C. TODAY (see form below for address). **THE DEADLINE IS NOW!!!**

Throughout Ford's term as Vice President, Art Fletcher had been called by the White House to consult with Ford and his top staff executive Robert Hartmann on a number of domestic issues involving the minority community. Fletcher supported Ford from the very beginning and testified in favor of his confirmation as Vice President while other civil rights leaders voted against Ford. Since that time a number of these leaders have met with Ford and have learned of his openness and candor and have decided to view Ford with optimism. In spite of past records that many civil rights groups disapprove of, during Ford's brief term as Vice President he spoke before the following Black organizations: The Capitol City Republican Clubs Lincoln Day Dinner; The National Council of Negro Women; The National Association of Black Manufacturers; The Links, Inc., and the Opportunities Industrialization Centers.

If Ford continues to serve as President of all the people, and indeed there is every indication that he will, some of the country's ills can be cured.

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More Black Candidates:

ALASKA

Williard Bowman--candidate for re-election as *State Representative* for District 10, which includes Anchorage.

FLORIDA

Carl Warren--candidate for *County Commissioner*.

MARYLAND (Primary September 10)

Montgomery Beard, Jr.--candidate for *State House of Delegates* (District 26). Beard is President of the Prince George's County Black Republicans Inc.

Lawrence Brooks--candidate for *State House of Delegates* (District 25).

MASSACHUSETTS

Mr. Heckler--candidate for *State Senate*.

Three Black professional women are among the appointees to serve on advisory panels of the Consumer Product Safety Commission. *Janie W. Cotton, Ph.D.*, will represent consumers on the National Advisory Committee for the Flammable Fabric Act--she heads the Home Economics Department of Texas Southern University in Houston. *Mildred Whitted, Ph.D.*, will serve as a member of the Consumer Advisory Council of the Better Business Bureau--she is a professor of business at Forest Park Community College in St. Louis, Missouri. *Dorothy S. Duke* also serves on the BBB Committee and is a housing specialist for the National Council of Negro Women....*John Calhoun*, Staff Assistant to the President at the White House recently said that "Minorities hear a different drumbeat: economics." In an editorial appearing in the

Detroit News, Calhoun wrote "Capitalism is a word shared and respected on Wall Street or in Harlem" and he insisted that America get down to the issues that really count: a better nation for all Americans...*U.S. Senator Hugh Scott* (R-Pa.) was awarded a citation from Dr. *Leon Sullivan* of Philadelphia, founder of Opportunity Industrialization Centers, headquartered in Pennsylvania. Dr. Sullivan presented the citation at Sen. Scott's Capitol office in Washington, D.C. in recognition of Sen. Scott's "leadership in introducing and supporting human rights legislation."....Three Blacks were among 20 members named to the new U.S. National Commission for the Observance of World Population Year: *Mrs. Cecil G. Grant* of Washington, D.C., a member of the Steering Committee of the National Black Republican Council and part owner of Colour Graphic Printing Co.; *Dr. Mildred F. Jefferson* of Boston, an Assistant Clinical Professor of Surgery at Boston U. School of Medicine; and *Leahseneth O'Neal*, Director of Tenant Relations with Savage-Fogarty Companies, Inc. of Washington, D.C. and a professional track star. The new commission was established early this year and *Clifford M. Hardin*, former Secretary of Agriculture, serves as Chairman. *Mrs. Norman C. Armitage*, President of the National Federation of Republican Women, is a Vice-Chairman of the commission....*Dr. James King, Jr.* is newly appointed director of the Environmental Effects Office in the Space Shuttle Program of the National Space and Aeronautics Agency....

FLASH...FLASH...FLASH...FLASH...

As the newsletter went to press, it was learned that a Black Republican has been endorsed by the State of Michigan GOP as candidate for State Attorney General. *Myron Wahls* was the choice of the Michigan governor and was unanimously endorsed by delegates to the State Convention held in Detroit on August 24th. Wahls is an attorney and serves on the Michigan Employment Service Commission.

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THE WHITE HOUSE
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SCHEDULE PROPOSAL

DATE: August 25, 1974
FROM: Stanley S. Scott Lff
VIA: Warren Rustand

DROP-IN Fourth Annual Dinner of the Congressional Black Caucus before an audience of three thousand Black Americans. Invitation extended by Caucus Chairman Charles Rangel of New York. Guest speaker is Mayor Maynard Jackson of Atlanta.

DATE: Saturday, September 28, between 8-9 p.m.

PURPOSE: To pursue areas of communication closed by prior Administration, and to reach out to those Americans who previously did not support us. (I think this move represents a stroke of genius, if time permits.) To make a bold initiative to demonstrate President's commitment to bring the Nation together.

FORMAT: The Washington Hilton Hotel International Ballroom. Five or ten minute drop-in at invitation of former friends in the Congress.

SPEECH MATERIAL: Remarks to be prepared by Stan Scott and speechwriters.

PRESS COVERAGE: Surprise announcement, photo opportunity. Follow-up mail distribution of photographs and news release to minority media.

STAFF: Robert Hartmann, Stan Scott, Jerald terHorst

BACKGROUND:

Sen. Edward Brooke served as keynote speaker last year at the Caucus dinner which attracts some 3,000 Blacks each year. Caucus met with President August 21 and received President's commitment to maintain lines of communication.



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August 27, 1974

Mr. David N. Parker
Special Assistant to the
President
The White House
Washington, D. C.

Dear Mr. Parker:

I wish to acknowledge your letter of August
16, 1974, on behalf of President Ford.

The National Association for Equal Opportunity
In Higher Education's delegation of Presidents
and Chancellors looks forward to meeting with
the President at his earliest convenience and
will wait to hear from his scheduling office.

Please convey our thanks and appreciation to
the President for this consideration.

Best wishes.

Sincerely,

Miles Mark Fisher, IV

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THE WHITE HOUSE

WASHINGTON

August 27, 1974

Dear Miles:

In response to your letter of August 9, to President Ford, please be advised that I am hoping to schedule you, President Lyons and other higher education leaders with the President in the next several weeks.

The purpose of the meeting will be to discuss the issues facing our colleges and universities and plan for new legislative and program initiatives next year.

I am glad to see NAFEO and TACTICS flourishing.

With kind regards.

Sincerely,



Roger D. Semerad
Staff Assistant to the President
Domestic Council

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