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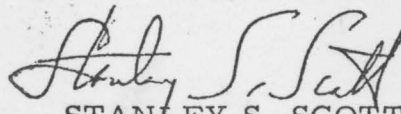
DAY LETTER ☐

NIGHT LETTER ☐

The White House
Washington

(SEE ATTACHED LIST)

WOULD APPRECIATE YOUR PRESENCE IN SMALL
DISCUSSION GROUP FRIDAY, APRIL 13, 6 TO 8:30 P.M. AT
TAYLOE HOUSE, 721 MADISON PLACE, N.W., WASH. D.C.
(OFF LAFAYETTE SQ). KINDLY RSVP TO:
MISS HUGHES AT THE WHITE HOUSE 456-2597.



STANLEY S. SCOTT

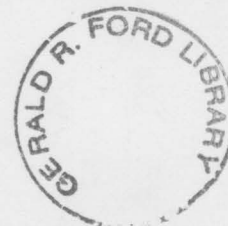
SPECIAL ASSISTANT TO THE PRESIDENT

ALEX ARMENDARIS, DIRECTOR
OFFICE OF MINORITY BUSINESS ENTERPRISE
COMMERCE DEPARTMENT

*Columbian Caterers
Chevy Chase, Md.*

656 -1533

Contact: Bill Sultzer



APPROVED FOR DISPATCH

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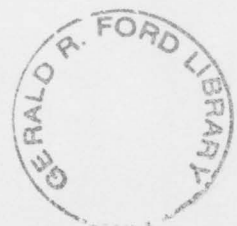
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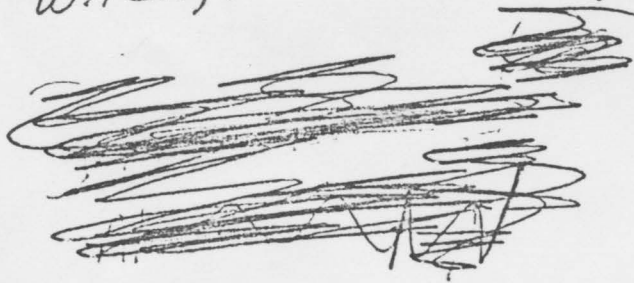
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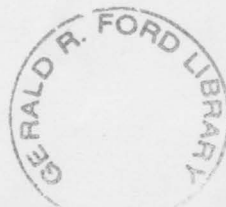
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THE WHITE HOUSE

WASHINGTON

April 21, 1975

MEMORANDUM FOR:

STAN SCOTT

FROM:

TED MARRS *Ted*

I am depending on you for guidance and suggestions in insuring Presidential participation in Bicentennial activities which are conducted by "substantial organizations with dynamic leadership" in your areas of responsibility.

Such activities do not count against the Public Liaison quota of scheduling time. Please let me know what Bicentennial activities you see for the next eighteen months which warrant special effort to insure Presidential participation.

I am working with Rustand to make long range Bicentennial plans for the President.

DR. THEODORE C. MARRS
SPECIAL ASSISTANT TO THE PRESIDENT
WHITE HOUSE BICENTENNIAL OFFICE
ROOM 191 OEOB



THE WHITE HOUSE

WASHINGTON

April 17, 1975

MEMORANDUM FOR: TED MARRS

FROM: STAN SCOTT *JS*

Ted, I would advise against Presidential involvement in the event proposed by the Black American Bicentennial Commission, Inc., unless we can determine that it is a substantial organization with dynamic leadership. I would apply the same yardstick for the "Black History-National Bicentennial Heritage Conference."

Attachments



5-2
(White House Bicentennial Office)

THE WHITE HOUSE

WASHINGTON

April 2, 1975

MEMORANDUM FOR: STAN SCOTT
FROM: TED MARRS *DM*

Please provide me with your thinking on these
two possible Presidential appearances.

Thanks.



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THE WHITE HOUSE
WASHINGTON

March 31, 1975

Dr. Marrs:

I checked the attached invitation out with ARBA to see if they ever heard of the group ... they have not...they checked all around.

I asked Janie Shay if she thought this would be a good one for the President to do since it is the Black American Bicentennial Commission... her suggestion was that we not do this one...but that there is going to be a "Black History - National Bicentennial Heritage Conference" to be held in D.C. in April...and if we wanted to have the President attend something in this area...that would be a good one...Mr. Warner has been invited and Janie said that if there is interest she could easily get an invitation for the President to attend...she said that most of the ethnic groups don't even consider that the President will attend anything they have so they don't even invite him...they are scared...

Do you want me to get an invitation to the President for the Conference to be held here in April for the President or would you like to go ahead with the one we have or would you like to do anything?!

Sandy



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Invitation
"This is an
invitation"
May/June

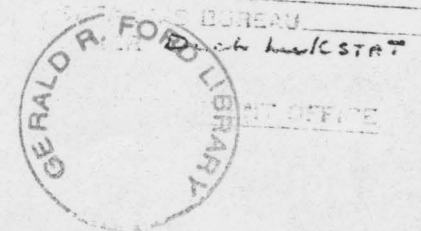
BLACK AMERICAN BICENTENNIAL COMMISSION INCORPORATED

609 Prince George Street
Williamsburg, Virginia 23185

March 21, 1975

DATE RECEIVED

MAR 21 1975



To The President of the United States of America:

Dear Mr. President:

The Board of Directors of the Black American Bicentennial Commission, Incorporated would like to extend an invitation to you to participate in its first official event this spring in Williamsburg. Accompanying this letter you will find a short narrative statement describing the organization and its activities.

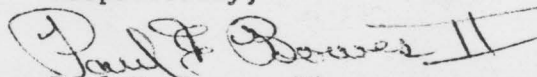
Our big day will consist of two events: a commemorative program and a banquet. We could think of no better way to inaugurate our Bicentennial activities than to acknowledge and reaffirm the historic ties of this nation's black people to Africa. We are hoping that you would participate in a commemorative celebration on the spot in Jamestown where black people first landed in this country in 1619 along with the President or envoy from the present-day African nation whence those first slaves first came -- Nigeria. A banquet would follow that evening in Williamsburg with you as the keynote speaker.

The particular date, preferably in May, is flexible; as however your schedule dictates. As pointed out in the accompanying narrative, most black people feel that they are being left out of this country's two-hundredth birthday celebration. We certainly hope that you will take advantage of this

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opportunity as this nation's leader to reaffirm and acknowledge the significant and historic role black people have played in the development of this great nation, lest we forget. Thank you.

Respectfully,



Paul E. Bowes, II

President, Black American Bicentennial Commis

P.S. Would you please have your office forward all correspondence relating to this matter to the offices of our legal counsel:

Conway A. Downing, Jr., Esq.
East End Professional Building
2501 Marshall Avenue
Newport News, Virginia 23607

Tel: Area Code 804 245-4359



BLACK AMERICAN BICENTENNIAL COMMISSION INCORPORATED

609 Prince George Street

Williamsburg, Virginia 23185



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609 Prince George Street

Williamsburg, Virginia 23185



The Black American Bicentennial Commission, Inc. was chartered in Virginia on November 4th, 1974, by which time of course government and other commemorative programs were well underway. The founders and present members of the board of directors are all life-long residents of the historical and colonial region of Southeastern Virginia which encompasses Williamsburg, Jamestown, Yorktown and the Tidewater area. It was around the latter part of 1974 that they, individually and collectively, suddenly realized that in the seat of American government and history, in the midst of all the commemorative planning taking place, no substantive programs or projects relating to the contributions and history of black people had been considered. After all, it was in 1619 that black people first set foot on this land; and lest it be forgotten that the history and role of black people can be manifested and exemplified considerably better than it is now in places like Williamsburg, the Bicentennial celebration must be made full and complete by their inclusion. Accordingly, it is the singular purpose of the Black American Bicentennial Commission, Inc. to make sure that when people visit the historical area, they are made aware that black people too are part of this country's

history and are an integral part of its commemoration. Following is a brief description of the Commission's activities and projects.



The Black American Bicentennial Commission, Incorporated has been established to provide input in Southeastern Virginia from our nation's largest, single minority group in the celebration of America's two-hundredth birthday. The contributions, achievements and sacrifices of Black Americans are woven as finely into the fabric of this nation's history as that of any of her peoples.

It was at Jamestown in Southeastern Virginia that this nation's history began. It was there also that the first black men joined in America's rise to greatness. From the earliest beginning our country's people of color have given much on many levels. Black men have fought and died in all of our wars. Black men and women helped to build our railroads, highways and cities. Blacks have served as scientists, inventors, artists, craftsmen, tradesmen, statesmen. We have farmed, fished and labored hand for hand and step for step with our fellow Americans.

It is particularly important that a commemoration of the contributions of Black Americans should occur and be highly evident in a geographic area of our nation so closely tied to the nascent years.

Williamsburg, Jamestown, and Yorktown are names of places familiar to most Americans. On the occasion of this country's two-hundredth anniversary, Americans will visit these national monuments in greater numbers than ever before. The Black American Bicentennial Commission, Inc. hopes to provide a showcase for some of the milestone achievements of blacks in America's first two-hundred years.

The primary vehicle for the Commission's commemorative celebration will be an exhibition hall containing a theater, amphitheater and several mini-exhibit areas. This exhibition hall will be established in or around the colonial section of Williamsburg, Virginia. It will serve as the focal point for a number of satellite activities. A film series, (currently being researched), depicting significant contributions of black people will be used to establish a chronological continuum of black contributions to the growth of America. The exhibit areas will be used to highlight particular individuals and or particular areas of endeavor along this continuum. These exhibit areas will be established on a rotating basis with each exhibit appearing several times during the course of the Bicentennial celebration.

The Commission will concentrate its efforts on from seven to twelve major areas in which Black Americans have made their most significant contributions. Areas of contribution already identified include the following:



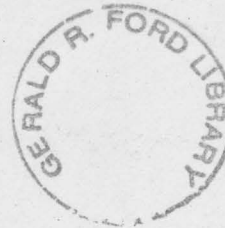
black artisans and craftsmen
black artists
blacks in the military
blacks in religion
blacks in politics
the black worker

Ancillary to these primary activities the Commission will support a recurring lecture series, a number of profiles on Black Americans whose activities have helped to shape this nation's history, as well as publications, musical compositions, and multi-media expressions of living Black Americans.

Recognition of the multiethnic and policultural nature of America's people is imperative if we are to present to the world a true and valid picture of the elements which have contributed to this nation's greatness. When we as a nation enter into our third century we would do well to remember the dream so eloquently expressed by Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr.



The Black American Bicentennial Commission, Incorporated, a non-profit, non-stock corporation chartered under the laws of Virginia has given notice to the Secretary of the Treasury under Section 508(a) of the Internal Revenue Code that it has applied for recognition under Section 501(c)(3) of the Internal Revenue Code as a tax-exempt organization.



May 22, 1975

MEMORANDUM FOR: MARGUERITE McAULIFFE

FROM: STAN SCOTT

SUBJECT: Presidential Meetings: Black
Individuals/Organizations

In accordance with your request of May 21, I am listing below the various Black individuals and organizations President Ford has met. There might have been additional meetings of which we are not aware.

1. August 13, 1974 -- Presidential Appointees meeting,
East Room
2. August 21, 1974 -- Black Democrats in the Congress
(Black Caucus), Cabinet Room
3. August 21, 1974 -- Meeting with Gen. Daniel (Chappie) James,
Oval Office
4. September 13, 1974 -- Black Republican Leadership,
Cabinet Room
5. October 25, 1974 -- NAACP's Roy Wilkins and other Civil
Rights leaders, Cabinet Room
6. December 1, 1974 -- Attended Lee Elder Testimonial at
Washington Hilton
7. December 6, 1974 -- Audience with Harlem Globetrotters,
Oval Office

8. December 10, 1974 -- Audience with Muhammad Ali,
Oval Office
9. January 23, 1975 -- Presidential meeting with members of
National Newspaper Publishers Assn.,
EOB Briefing Room
10. January 27, 1975 -- Leadership Conference on Civil Rights,
Cabinet Room
11. February 4, 1975 -- Addressed Rev. Leon Sullivan's OIC
in Atlanta
12. April 26, 1975 -- Drop-by visit with Alpha Kappa Sorority
members, Arlington, Va.
13. May 10, 1975 -- Played in Lee Elder Pro-Am Golf Tournament,
Fredericksburg, Va.

Attachments



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WASHINGTON

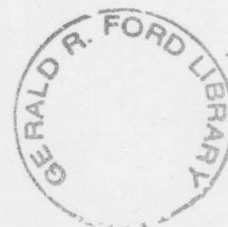
CEREMONY TO SWEAR IN LOWELL W. PERRY
EQUAL EMPLOYMENT OPPORTUNITY COMMISSION

TUESDAY - MAY 27, 1975

12:45 p.m. (15 minutes)

The Rose Garden

From: Terry O'Donnell ^{TOD}



BACKGROUND

The Equal Employment Opportunity Commission was created by Title VII of the Civil Rights Act of 1964. The five-member Commission has as its statutory mandate the elimination of discrimination in employment on the basis of race, creed, color, national origin or sex.

The EEOC began operation in July of 1965 under the chairmanship of Franklin D. Roosevelt, Jr. Other chairmen of the Commission include: Stephen N. Shulman, Clifford L. Alexander, William Brown, III, and, most recently, John Powell.

Since 1965, the EEOC has acted to prevent unlawful job discrimination in many thousands of cases. Its published guidelines have assisted the great majority of employers who are voluntarily seeking to comply with the law.

Biographical information regarding Mr. Perry is included at TAB A. Guest list will be provided prior to the ceremony.

SEQUENCE

12:45 p.m. Mr. and Mrs. (Maxine) Perry and Damon Keith, U.S. District Judge for the Eastern District of Michigan, join you in the Oval Office for brief greeting.

12:48 p.m. You proceed to the Rose Garden (via the Southwest entrance) to the podium on the steps and deliver remarks.

FULL PRESS COVERAGE

ATTENDANCE: 50

NOTE:

Mr. and Mrs. Perry and Judge Keith will follow you to the Rose Garden steps and stand to your right.

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Standing behind you on the steps will be:

Senator Jacob Javits (R.N.Y.)*
Senator Harrison Williams (D-N.J.)*
Rep. Augustus Hawkins (D-Calif)
Rep. Charles Rangel (D-N.Y.)
Rep. William Clay (D-Mo)
Rep. John Conyers (D-Mich)
Secretary William Coleman
Secretary John Dunlap
Commissioner Colston A. Lewis, EEOC
Commissioner Raymond L. Telles, EEOC
Commissioner Ethel Bent Walsh, EEOC
Lilliam M. Perry (Mother)
Lowell Perry, Jr. (Son-Yale Freshman)
Scott Perry - 10(Son)
Meredith Perry - 4 (Daughter)



* Tentative Acceptance.

12:53 p.m.	Your remarks conclude. You call on Judge Keith to administer the oath. You move to a position to Mr. Perry's left to observe oath.
12:54 p.m.	Administration of oath by Judge Keith.
12:55 p.m.	Remarks by Chairman Perry.
12:58 p.m.	Remarks conclude. You shake hands with the special guests on the steps, then return to the Oval Office.
1:00 p.m.	Arrive Oval Office.

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LOWELL W. PERRY

On May 12, 1975, the President announced his intention to nominate Lowell W. Perry, of Detroit, Mich., to be a member of the Equal Employment Opportunity Commission for the remainder of the term expiring July 1, 1978. The President also announced that upon his confirmation, he will designate Mr. Perry as Chairman of the EEOC. As both member and Chairman, he will succeed John Powell, who resigned effective April 30, 1975.

Since 1974, Mr. Perry has been plant manager, Eldon Avenue Axle, Chrysler Corporation, Detroit, Michigan. He joined the Chrysler Corporation in 1963, serving successively in sales personnel and marketing, on the corporate labor relations staff, and in the basic manufacturing division. He served with the National Labor Relations Board from 1962 to 1963.

Mr. Perry was born on December 5, 1931, in Ypsilanti, Michigan. He received his B.A. degree from the University of Michigan in 1954 and his J.D. degree from Detroit College of Law in 1960. He served in the United States Air Force as a first lieutenant from 1954 to 1965. He was an all-American football player at Michigan and played professionally with the Pittsburgh Steelers.

Mr. Perry is married to the former Maxine Lewis, and they have three children.



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THE WHITE HOUSE
WASHINGTON

June 24, 1975

MEMORANDUM FOR:

FROM:

SUBJECT:

MR. PAUL THEIS

MR. STAN SCOTT

MR. TERRY O'DONNELL

f WARREN RUSTAND WWN

Approved Presidential Activity

Please take the necessary steps to implement the following and confirm with Mrs. Nell Yates, ext. 2699. The appropriate briefing paper should be submitted to Dr. David Hoopes by 4:00 p.m. of the preceding day.

Meeting: Tape Message for the dedication of WGPR-TV, Detroit, Michigan

Date: Thur. June 26, Time: 12:30 p.m. Duration:
1975

Location: The President's Study

Press Coverage:

Purpose: (See attached)

cc: Mr. Hartmann
Mr. Marsh
Mr. Cheney
Mr. Connor
Dr. Hoopes
Mr. Jones
Mr. Nessen
Mrs. Yates



7/13/75
WGPR-TV Channel 62



JUN 03 1975
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First in Black Television

Soul 'n Stereo

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DR. WILLIAM V. BANKS

President-General Manager

May 28, 1975

IVY BANKS

Executive Vice President-Secretary

President Gerald Ford
The White House
Washington, D.C.

JIM PANAGOS

Vice President-General Sales Manager
Operations Manager

Dear Mr. President:

GEORGE E. WHITE

Vice President Programming

ULYSSES W. BOYKIN

Ass't. to President
Public Relations

WILLIAM KIRKSEY

Treasurer

GARY SCHMIDT

Tech. Director

You may recall the last time we talked I told you about our plans to construct WGPR-TV Channel 62, the nations first Black-owned and programmed television. The dream has become a reality. The WGPR Television and Radio Center is located at 3140 East Jefferson, Detroit, Michigan. We are installing two million dollars worth of radio and television equipment in the 28,000 square foot facility. We expect to go on the air about the middle of July, 1975. Open house and dedication activities will start on Sunday July 13, 1975, and will continue on July 14, 15, 16, 17th and 18th. Each day and evening will include the following groups: religious leaders, employees families, customers, civic leaders, teachers and administrators, suppliers, manufacturers, television and radio dealers, officials of International Masons and Eastern Stars, other TV Stations in the Detroit Market, Special guests, news media and Trade Publications, Federal State, County, and City Officials, members of WGPR-TV Advisory Board, the Recording Industry, and advertising people.

We are inviting personalities of the sports, and entertainment world. Each day and night various ones will serve as hosts with the WGPR team of officials and will appear on the programs.

The station's 1,000 foot tower is at 8½ Mile Road and Myers Road in Royal Oak Township. It will be computer controlled from the Jefferson Avenue building. The station's three studios will provide the largest single studio facility in Detroit.



WGPR-TV Channel 62



WGPR-Radio 107.5 FM

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DR. WILLIAM V. BANKS

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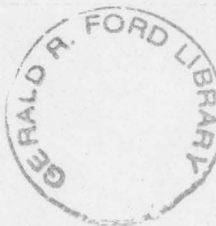
America's first Black TV Station could not go on the air unless the President of the United States played a major role in the dedication ceremonies. You could come to Detroit, cut the ribbon, tour the facility or address one of the programs, or talk to one of the groups from the White House, or tape a message and send it to us. This is the greatest thing that has happened to Black Americans since the Emancipation Proclamation. Plan to make history with us.

Dr. William V. Banks, the president and general manager of WGPR-TV Channel 62, has asked that I invite you to be our guest any time from 4p.m. Sunday July 13 to Friday July 18, 1975.

We can work out the plans to involve you as there will be luncheons, receptions and dinners scheduled each day.

Looking forward to having you on the scene in July.

Yours truly,



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Ulysses W. Boykin
Vice President, Public Relations

rr/UWB

THE WHITE HOUSE
WASHINGTON

See list

June 24, 1975

MEMORANDUM FOR:

WARREN RUSTAND

FROM:

PHILIP BUCHEN *P.W.B.*

SUBJECT:

Invitation to the President to
Address National Bar Associ-
ation during their Convention
in the city in August

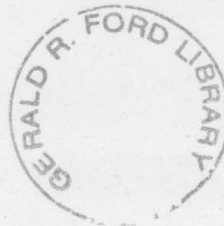
If at all possible, I believe the President should respond to the invitation of the National Bar Association to address its 50th Anniversary Banquet on Friday, August 22.

In support of this invitation I enclose a copy of a letter from Mr. John Powell.

At the time the President accepted the Report of the Commission on Revision of the Federal Court Appellate System, there was general agreement that the President should in the near future address the subject of reforming or improving the Federal court system. Such an address would cover a much wider range of issues than that addressed by the Commission on Appellate System. It maybe that this group would provide a suitable audience for such an address.

cc: William Baroody ✓
Ken Lazarus

Attachment



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THE WHITE HOUSE
WASHINGTON

June 23, 1975

MEMORANDUM FOR: PHILIP BUCHEN
FROM: WARREN RUSTAND *WR*
SUBJECT: Invitation to the President to address
National Bar Association during their
convention in the city in August

I would appreciate your comments and recommendation on this invitation to the President.

Thank you.



June 12, 1975

Dear Mr. Howard:

Mr. Baroody has forwarded your letter of May 28 requesting the President to address the banquet session of the 50th Annual Convention of the National Bar Association on Friday evening, August 22, 1975, at the Washington Hilton Hotel.

Your letter is being carried forward for careful consideration as the President's schedule for August is being worked out, and just as soon as it is possible we will be back in touch with you.

In the meantime, the President has asked that I thank you for your thoughtfulness of him and express to you his best wishes.

Sincerely,

William W. Nicholson
Deputy Director
Scheduling Office

Mr. Charles P. Howard, Jr.
President
National Bar Association
1500 American Building
Baltimore, Maryland 21202

2 cc's to Nancy Gemmell (sent)

✓ cc and incmg to Mary Widner for Aug. 22 cal. cons.

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NATIONAL BAR ASSOCIATION, INC.



Acting Director
CHARLES E. SMITH, ESQ.

May 28, 1975

Mr. William J. Baroody
Assistant to the President
White House
Washington, D.C.

Dear Mr. Baroody:

On August 17-23, 1975, the National Bar Association, Inc. will hold its 50th Annual Convention at the Washington Hilton-Hotel, Washington, D.C. We are requesting that President Gerald Ford address the NBA 50th Anniversary Banquet on Friday, August 22, 1975 at approximately 7:30 p.m.

I need not give you details as to who the National Bar Association is other than we expect over half of all the black lawyers in the United States with their families from across the country, Canada, West Indies and Africa, to attend. We believe it will be an ideal platform for the President to address the minorities of America concerning his program for the next four years, especially as it relates to them.

The banquet is to be held in the main ballroom of the Washington Hilton Hotel, Washington, D.C. Additional details may be secured from the undersigned or Mr. Charles E. Smith, Director of NBA, 2109 E Street, N.W., Washington, D.C., phone No. 202-872-0097.

It is my view that Mr. John Powell, former Chairman of E.E.O.C. would be an appropriate person to present the President.

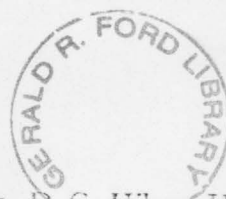
I would appreciate your earliest reply so that adequate preparations can be made.

Sincerely yours,

Charles P. Howard, Jr.
President, NBA

50th Annual Convention - Washington, D.C. Hilton Hotel - August 17 to 23, 1975

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June 16, 1975

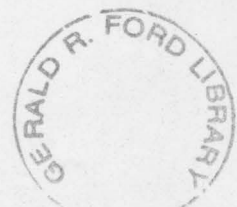
Honorable Philip W. Buchen
Counsel to the President
The White House
Washington, D.C. 20500

Dear Phil:

This is with further reference to my letter of June 5, 1975 with which was enclosed a copy of a letter to Bill Baroody from Charles Howard, President of the National Bar Association. The NBA Board of Directors would like to have President Ford address the banquet session of the NBA Annual Convention. The banquet session is scheduled for Friday, August 22, 1975 at 7:30 PM. The Convention will take place here in Washington at the Washington Hilton from August 17 through 23, 1975.

Mr. Baroody has answered Mr. Howard's letter advising that the NBA invitation has been forwarded to William W. Nicholson, the Deputy in the President's Scheduling Office. I gather that the President's schedule for August is now being formulated and that there is a distinct possibility that the NBA invitation may be honored.

I certainly appreciate whatever assistance you may have been able to provide in response to my earlier letter. However, there continues to be considerable urgency vis a vis getting some of the details settled. For example, in addition to the invitation extended in his letter of May 28, 1975, Mr. Howard and the NBA Board of Directors would very much like to have a meeting arranged between President Ford and four or five of the key NBA officers. In the event it develops that a Presidential appearance is feasible and that a meeting such as suggested above can be arranged, a preliminary meeting between Mr. Howard and myself and appropriate White House staff ought also be scheduled for the purpose of working out details.



Needless to say, whatever assistance you may be in a position to provide in getting this project off the ground, would be appreciated.

Best wishes.

Sincerely,



JOHN H. POWELL, JR.
Consultant to the Secretary



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June 5, 1975

Honorable Philip W. Buchen
Counsel to the President
The White House
Washington, D.C. 20500

Dear Phil:

Enclosed is a self-explanatory copy of a letter to Bill Baroody confirming an invitation being extended by the National Bar Association.

The NBA, as you may be aware, is the predominant national association of black lawyers. Its membership includes roughly 98% of the black lawyers in this country who are active practitioners. The current NBA president, Charles Howard, is an old college chum.

Last August Mr. Howard sought my assistance in getting President Ford as a speaker at this year's NBA convention. In the past, NBA conventions that have been held in Washington, D.C. have been addressed by the President. At my suggestion, Mr. Howard initially wrote directly to the President. To date no definite word as to whether the President may be in a position to honor the NBA's invitation has been received.

Mr. Howard recently contacted me again regarding this matter. Mr. Howard's staff needs to know as early as possible whether or not a Presidential appearance is a possibility. I therefore suggested that he write Bill Baroody. I believe that this is a matter falling within Bill's area of responsibility.

Should you think an appearance by the President is feasible, I am sure that Mr. Howard would very much



like to get in touch with either you or one of your
colleagues.

Best wishes.

Sincerely,


JOHN H. POWELL, JR.
Consultant to the Secretary

Enclosure



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