

CHRONOLOGY
OF THE
SPRING 1970 POSTAL DISPUTE
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THURSDAY, MARCH 19, 1970 - 7:30 P.M.

W. J. USERY, JR.	- Assistant Secretary of Labor for Labor-Management Relations
JACK A. WARSHAW	- Assistant to the Assistant Secretary of Labor for Labor-Management Relations
JAMES LaPENTA	- Director, Federal-Public Service Employees Division, Laborers' International Union of North America
ROBERT J. CONNERTON	- General Counsel, L.I.U.N.A.
JULIUS BERNSTEIN	- Associate Counsel, L.I.U.N.A.

Mr. Bernstein telephoned Mr. Usery early in the evening to ascertain the nature of the Department of Labor's reply to a telegram sent by the 7 national exclusive representatives of postal employees in which the postal unions had requested Secretary Shultz to intervene in bringing about a conclusion to the postal strike. (A copy of the unions' telegram dated March 19, 1970 is attached.) Mr. Usery indicated that the proposed reply was to the effect that the Department of Labor was not involved in this matter which was essentially the concern of the Post Office Department.

At Mr. Bernstein's request, a meeting was arranged for later that evening to discuss the unions' telegram and the Department of Labor's anticipated response. The unions offered to cooperate with the Department of Labor in exchange for the Department's withholding of the telegram as described by Mr. Usery.

At the meeting, the union representatives alleged that all communications had broken down between the Post Office Department and the 7 postal unions having national exclusive recognition. They urged that the Department of Labor take an active role in the matter and that the proposed Labor Department reply, due to be issued at 8:30 p.m. be withheld to avoid further spread of the strike to other post offices. Mr. Usery telephoned Under Secretary Hodgson to

request that the Labor Department reply be delayed until the following day and that he (Usery) would like to explore with Mr. Hodgson and Secretary Shultz the possibility of changing the earlier decision and agreeing to meet with the postal union leaders. Secretary Shultz interrupted a trip to Chicago to return to Washington that night because of developments in the postal strike.

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THE HONORABLE GEORGE P SHULTZ, SECRETARY OF LABOR

UNITED STATES DEPT OF LABOR WASHDC

ON BEHALF OF ALL SEVEN OF THE NATIONAL EXCLUSIVE REPRESENTATIVES
OF POSTAL EMPLOYEES WE CALL UPON YOU TO INTERVENE IMMEDIATELY
AND USE YOUR GOOD OFFICES AND EXPERTISE IN BRINGING ABOUT A
CONCLUSION TO THE GROWING INTERRUPTION IN MAIL SERVICE PRESENTLY
IN PROGRESS.

IN ADDITION, WE RECOMMEND THAT YOU COMMENCE MEETINGS
BETWEEN THE POST OFFICE DEPARTMENT AND THE EXCLUSIVE UNIONS
IN AN EFFORT TO SEEK MEANS WHEREBY THE INTERRUPTION MAY BE
HALTED SO THAT THE ISSUES WHICH UNDERLIE THIS INTERRUPTION
MAY BE RESOLVED PROMPTLY AND PEACEABLY

JAMES H RADEMACHER PRESIDENT NATIONAL ASSOCIATION OF LETTER
CARRIERS AFL-CIO

MONROE CRABLE PRESIDENT NATIONAL ASSN OF POST OFFICE AND
GENERAL SERVICES MAINTENANCE EMPLOYEES AFL-CIO

LONNIE JOHNSON PRESIDENT NATIONAL ASSN OF POST OFFICE MAIL
HANDLERS AFFILIATED WITH LIUNA AFL-CIO

MICHAEL J CULLEN PRESIDENT NATIONAL ASSN OF SPECIAL DELIVERY
MESSENGERS AFL-CIO

CHESTER W PARRISH PRESIDENT NATIONAL FEDERATION OF POST OFFICE
MOTOR VEHICLE EMPLOYEES AFL-CIO

HERBERT F ALFREY PRESIDENT NATIONAL RURAL LETTER CARRIERS
ASSN

FRANCIS S FILBEY PRESIDENT UNITED FEDERATION OF POSTAL CLERKS
AFL-CIO

FRIDAY, MARCH 20, 1970 - 8:30 A.M.

GEORGE P. SHULTZ	- Secretary of Labor
JAMES D. HODGSON	- Under Secretary of Labor
W. J. USERY, JR.	- Assistant Secretary of Labor
DAVID TAYLOR	- Executive Assistant to the Secretary
RICHARD SCHUBERT	- Executive Assistant to the Under Secretary
JACK A. WARSHAW	- Assistant to the Assistant Secretary

Assistant Secretary Usery briefed the Secretary and the Under Secretary as to the meeting held on Thursday night, March 19. He recommended that the Department of Labor not send the reply telegram originally contemplated on March 19 and that instead the Department should agree to meet with the unions. The decision was made by Secretary Shultz that the Department would invite the postal union leaders to meet at his office later that afternoon.

During this discussion the Secretary, Mr. Hodgson and Mr. Usery were called to Mr. Ehrlichman's office. Other participants at the White House meeting were Postmaster General Blount, Mr. David Nelson, Post Office Department General Counsel, and Mr. Charles Colson.

The strike was spreading and the consensus at the White House meeting was that it would become worse. Mr. Blount stated that the Government would have to deal with it in a firm manner including the possible use of troops. Secretary Shultz made several points, one of which was to meet with union leaders under Department of Labor auspices, solicit their support to get the employees back to work, hear the unions out as to their complaints, and after this meeting meet again with the Postmaster General and the White House representatives to determine the next course of action. It was left for the Assistant Secretary to set up a meeting with the postal union leaders as quickly as possible.

FRIDAY, MARCH 20, 1970 - 1:00 P.M.

SECRETARY SHULTZ

UNDER SECRETARY HODGSON

ASSISTANT SECRETARY USERY

SPECIAL ASSISTANT JOSEPH LOFTUS

POSTMASTER GENERAL BLOUNT

DAVID NELSON

- General Counsel, POD

JAMES H. RADEMACHER

- President, National Association of
Letter Carriers, AFL-CIO

FRANCIS S. FILBEY

- President, United Federation of
Postal Clerks, AFL-CIO

JAMES LaPENTA

- Director, Federal-Public Service
Employees Division, L.I.U.N.A.

LONNIE JOHNSON

- President, Post Office Mailhandlers,
Watchmen, Messengers and Group
Leaders (Division of Labours Int'l
Union of North America, AFL-CIO)

MONROE CRABLE

- President, National Association of
Post Office and General Services
Maintenance Employees, AFL-CIO

CHESTER W. PARRISH

- President, National Federation of Post
Office Motor Vehicle Operators, AFL-CIO

MICHAEL J. CULLEN

- President, National Association of
Special Delivery Messengers, AFL-CIO

The 7 presidents of postal unions having national exclusive
recognition were invited by Secretary Shultz to a meeting in response

to their request of 3/19/70 requesting his intercession. (See attached telegram of 3/20/70 from Secretary Shultz to seven postal union presidents.)

A two hour meeting discussed plans for getting striking postal workers back on the job and for preventing a nationwide postal strike threatened for Monday, 3/23/70. Negotiations of outstanding issues would not begin until the mail service was resumed. Also, the POD indicated it would discuss "full range of issues" raised in unions' complaints if strikers would first return to work. Secretary Shultz said the union presidents would meet with their Executive Boards and delegates who were then in Washington, D.C., to seek their support in getting postal employees back to work so that negotiations could begin. Secretary Shultz said that if postal employees returned to work discussions would cover all issues raised by the unions, including actions which the Administration could take as well as those which only Congress could take, such as providing money for postal pay raises. Further, the discussion would cover President Nixon's threat to veto the postal pay raise unless it was accompanied by postal reform. It was agreed to resume discussions at 6:00 p.m. that evening.

March 20, 1970

Telegram from the Secretary of Labor to
seven postal union officers:

"In response to your telegram of March 19,
1970, and, at the suggestion of the Postmaster
General as well, you are invited to a meeting
in my office at 1:00 p.m. today."

/s/ George P. Shultz

FRIDAY, MARCH 20, 1970 - 3:30 P.M.

SECRETARY SHULTZ

UNDER SECRETARY HODGSON

ASSISTANT SECRETARY USERY

DAVID SILVERGLEID - President, National Postal Union

Following on Assistant Secretary Usery's telephone conversation with Mr. Silvergleid, Mr. Silvergleid requested a meeting with Secretary Shultz to discuss the role of the NPU in the current dispute.

At the meeting, Mr. Silvergleid urged that his organization be included in any negotiations to be held between the Government and the postal unions. He was told that this would be taken under advisement and would be discussed with Post Office Department officials. However, it was felt that only the 7 national exclusive unions could be a party to the bargaining process.

FRIDAY, MARCH 20, 1970 - 6:00 P.M.

SECRETARY SHULTZ

UNDER SECRETARY HODGSON

ASSISTANT SECRETARY USERY

POSTMASTER GENERAL BLOUNT

DAVID NELSON, GENERAL COUNSEL, POD

MR. RADEMACHER

MR. FILBEY

MR. JOHNSON

- Union Presidents

MR. ALFREY

MR. CRABLE

MR. PARRISH

MR. CULLEN

The presidents of the 7 exclusive postal unions met from 6 to 7:30 p.m., today with the Postmaster General and his General Counsel, the Secretary of Labor, the Under Secretary and Assistant Secretary of Labor.

The unions advised the Secretary of Labor that their Executive Boards would at that time support a return to work movement and enter into negotiations. Agreement was reached on the procedures to be followed in determining an end to the postal work stoppages and procedures for working out satisfactory answers to the outstanding issues. The Secretary assured the officers that the Government would enter into negotiations just as soon as the union members returned to work.

In a press conference following the meeting, all the parties joined in urging all postal employees to return to work promptly so that negotiation meetings could be undertaken to resolve issues raised by postal unions leaders.

FRIDAY, MARCH 20, 1970 - 8:00 P.M.

SECRETARY SHULTZ

UNDER SECRETARY HODGSON

POSTMASTER GENERAL BLOUNT

DAVID NELSON - General Counsel, POD

DAVID SILVERGLEID - NPU

ROBERT P. KEPHART - Secretary-Treasurer, NPU

Mr. Silvergleid had been advised in the earlier meeting that day that another meeting would be held with him after the 6 p.m. meeting with the 7 national exclusive unions. In additon to Mr. Silvergleid, Mr. Kephart of the NPU was present.

Mr. Silvergleid again urged that he be a part of all meetings. He was advised that this proposal would be taken up with the Post Office Department and the 7 national exclusive unions at the first negotiating session.

SATURDAY, MARCH 21, 1970 - 8:00 A.M.

SECRETARY SHULTZ

UNDER SECRETARY HODGSON

ASSISTANT SECRETARY USERY

POSTMASTER GENERAL BLOUNT

DAVID NELSON, GENERAL COUNSEL, POD

At 8:00 a.m. a meeting was held in Secretary Shultz' office to discuss and draft White House message regarding the status of the postal dispute.

At 10:30 a.m. the parties met at the White House to discuss further the course of action and present impact. In addition to those listed above, John Ehrlichman, Charles Colson, Roger Jones, Robert Hampton participated and were later joined by Bryce Harlow and Ron Zeigler. At this meeting it was proposed that union leaders of the other Government employee unions be advised of developments and that they be kept informed throughout the course of the negotiations then in process.

SUNDAY, MARCH 22, 1970 - 9:00 A.M.

Secretary Shultz, Under Secretary Hodgson and Assistant Secretary Usery went to a meeting at the White House at which the following were present: Under Secretary of the Army Beall; Barry Shillito, Department of Defense; Robert Hampton, Chairman of the Civil Service Commission; Roger Jones, Bureau of the Budget; Deputy Postmaster General Klassen; and David Nelson, General Counsel, POD. In this meeting there was a discussion as to the use of troops in the event this were to become necessary.

During the meeting, Assistant Secretary Usery received word that a meeting was about to take place between presidents of the 6 postal unions (all except James Rademacher of the National Association of Letter Carriers) that would seek to adopt a resolution asking President Meany of the AFL-CIO to support postal employees in an all out strike effort. Mr. Usery advised Secretary Shultz of this development. Secretary Shultz in turn called Mr. Ehrlichman out of the meeting. It was decided that Mr. Usery would leave the White House meeting to go to the Headquarters of the Postal Clerks Union to dissuade the postal union leaders from proceeding with their plan.

At the meeting of the postal union leaders, Mr. Usery was successful in getting them to agree not to adopt a resolution or to call the strike based on his assurances that there could be worthwhile negotiations between the Government and postal union leaders. Mr. Usery telephoned Secretary Shultz and advised him of the unions' willingness to cooperate with the Government.

SUNDAY, MARCH 22, 1970 - 2:30 P.M.

SECRETARY SHULTZ

UNDER SECRETARY HODGSON

ASSISTANT SECRETARY USERY

MR. RADEMACHER

MR. FILBEY

MR. JOHNSON

MR. ALFREY

- Union Presidents

MR. CRABLE

MR. PARRISH

MR. CULLEN

MR. JAMES LaPENTA

At this meeting the parties agreed to begin negotiations if most of the strikers returned to work. The decision as to what would be considered resumption of postal service on a normal basis would be determined by postal officials.

The time and places of meetings for the negotiation sessions were discussed. The unions were advised who the Government's negotiating committee would be and that the Post Office Department officials would be the spokesmen for the Government. It was also agreed that the Mail Handlers organization could have an additional representative present at the negotiations. Further, it was agreed that no attorneys would be used by either side in the negotiations.

SUNDAY, MARCH 22, 1970 - 5:00 P.M.

The parties at the earlier 9 a.m. meeting reconvened at the White House to discuss plans for moving the mails on Monday, March 23, 1970. Secretary Shultz and Assistant Secretary Usery left soon after the convening of this meeting to go to the television studio where the Secretary appeared on the Frank McGee show, along with Senator Gale McGee and James Rademacher, President of the Letter Carriers. Assistant Secretary Usery and Mr. Colson met with Mr. Rademacher following the television program to advise him of former Letter Carriers President William C. Doherty's trip to Washington, D. C. at the request of the Secretary of Labor to assist in resolving the dispute. Mr. Rademacher was given assurances that Mr. Doherty's role would be that of a good will ambassador in the postal strike and that his efforts would in no way conflict with Mr. Rademacher's objectives.

MONDAY, MARCH 23, 1970 - 7:30 to 10:30 A.M.

SECRETARY SHULTZ

POSTMASTER GENERAL BLOUNT

JOHN EHRLICHMAN

~~ROBERT~~ ^{H.R.} HALDEMAN

Meeting at the White House.

MONDAY, MARCH 23, 1970 - 11:30 A.M.

Secretary Shultz with President Nixon at the White House.

MONDAY, MARCH 23, 1970 - 1:00 P.M.

Secretary Shultz, along with others, at the White House to confer regarding the President's television appearance scheduled for later that afternoon.

MONDAY, MARCH 23, 1970 - 1:30 P.M.

UNDER SECRETARY HODGSON

ASSISTANT SECRETARY USERY

DEPUTY POSTMASTER GENERAL KLASSEN

MR. RADEMACHER

MR. FILBEY

MR. JOHNSON

MR. ALFREY - Union Presidents

MR. CRABLE

MR. PARRISH

MR. CULLEN

MR. JAMES LaPENTA

This meeting was to inform the postal union leaders of the President's decision to send in troops to the New York Post Office only, and of his expected appearance on television to announce that decision.

At 2:15 p.m. President Nixon went on television to announce his decision. A few minutes before the President's TV appearance, Secretary Shultz returned to the Department of Labor to join in the meeting and to advise the parties of what the President might be expected to say.

Mr. Rademacher left the meeting immediately to go to the television station for a TV appearance. All other conferees remained at the meeting to watch the President on television. The Secretary then left the meeting to return to the White House for further discussions. The union leaders were disturbed over the use of troops but promised to cooperate.

All of the unions except the letter carriers were demanding that negotiations begin immediately irrespective of whether all employees had returned to work. Their feelings were that by beginning negotiations this would assist them in getting people to return to work. The government's position was that there must be a return to work movement sufficient enough to indicate that the employees would return. It was agreed that there would be close liaison between the Department of Labor and the seven unions and that negotiations would begin just as soon as possible after people had returned to work.

TUESDAY, MARCH 24, 1970 - 11:30 A.M.

SECRETARY SHULTZ

ASSISTANT SECRETARY USERY

DAVID SILVERGLEID

- President, NPU

ROBERT P. KEPHART

- Secretary-Treasurer, NPU

A meeting was held in Mr. Usery's office to bring Mr. Silvergleid up to date on developments. Mr. Silvergleid demanded that Mr. Biller, President of the New York Local of NPU, be permitted to participate in any negotiations. Mr. Silvergleid outlined the difficult problems that his union was being faced with in New York since the letter carriers in New York would be represented in negotiations but that his union representing most all of the clerks and office personnel in the New York area were not being allowed to take part in meetings. No commitments were made other than to promise to keep Silvergleid apprised of developments.

TUESDAY, MARCH 24, 1970 - 3:30 to 7:30 P.M.

AT THE POSTMASTER GENERAL'S OFFICE

SECRETARY SHULTZ (PRESIDING)

UNDER SECRETARY HODGSON

ASSISTANT SECRETARY USERY

POSTMASTER GENERAL BLOUNT

DEPUTY PMG KLASSEN

DAVID NELSON

- POD General Counsel

BRYCE HARLOW

- Counsellor to the President

^{H.R.}
~~ROBERT~~ HALDEMAN

- Assistant to the President

JOHN EHRLICHMAN

- Assistant to the President for
Domestic Affairs

ROBERT HAMPTON

- Chairman, Civil Service Commission

W. VERNON GILL

- Executive Director, Federal Labor-
Management Relations Council

ROBERT MAYO

- Director, BOB

ROGER JONES

- BOB

Messrs. Mayo and Jones discussed the cost implications of a postal pay raise and other budgetary implications. Secretary Shultz suggested that in view of the size of the meeting the number of conferees be reduced. Mr. Ehrlichman agreed and Messrs. Hampton, Gill, Mayo, Jones and Nelson left the meeting. PMG Blount expressed his concern over the White House involvement and the Department of Labor role. There was lengthy discussion as to how negotiations should be conducted and who should handle the negotiations.

Mr. Usery proposed that the Government request Mr. Meany's assistance and the appointment of someone from Mr. Meany's office to act as the spokesman for all the unions. The unions were divided and there was considerable difference of opinion among the leaders. It was agreed that Mr. Usery would undertake to see if he could get the unions to make such a request of Mr. Meany and in turn get Mr. Meany to agree. This suggestion was approved. The role of mediator at the forthcoming negotiations was also discussed including the possible use of Mr. Counts (FMCS) or Assistant Secretary Usery. It was agreed that Mr. Usery would assist the parties as a mediator and act as a go-between between the government committee and the union committee. During this meeting which was quite lengthy there was considerable discussion and debate over how union negotiations should be conducted.

WEDNESDAY, MARCH 25, 1970 - 8:15 A.M.

Mr. Usery met at the International Headquarters of the United Federation of Postal Clerks with the presidents of the 6 postal unions (all but James Rademacher, President of the National Association of Letter Carriers) to enlist their cooperation in connection with the negotiations which were to begin later that day and to request Mr. Meany to appoint a bargaining spokesman for the postal unions. Mr. Filbey, President of the Postal Clerks, introduced Mr. Usery to the group who was present numbering about 12 or 15. After about a 30-minute appeal to the unions they again agreed to cooperate fully and to make a request to President Meany of the AFL-CIO to appoint someone as overall spokesman.

Mr. Usery then went to Mr. Rademacher's office to seek his support for the above proposal. Unable to reach Mr. Rademacher, Mr. Usery subsequently talked with Mr. Doherty to obtain his support in persuading Mr. Rademacher to do so. Later that day, Mr. Usery was advised by Mr. Doherty that Mr. Rademacher had agreed.

NOTE - (That afternoon a meeting was held with Mr. Meany and the 7 presidents of the postal unions. Mr. Meany agreed to offer his services and to appoint his special assistant, Mr. James Gildea, as spokesman for the postal unions. After the meeting, Mr. Usery was called by Mr. Meany's office and was advised of this decision and that the AFL-CIO would cooperate fully to find a solution.)

Throughout the entire period of the Department of Labor's involvement in the postal dispute there were numerous unrecorded calls and private meetings between Mr. Usery and various top ranking officials of the AFL-CIO, the affected postal unions and Post Office Department officials.

APRIL 2, 1970 - 9:00 A.M.

PRESIDENT NIXON

SECRETARY SHULTZ

ASSISTANT SECRETARY USERY

JOHN EHRLICHMAN

During this entire meeting the postal dispute, negotiations and possible settlement were discussed. Mr. Usery was to go to see Mr. Meany and Mr. Gildea at 11 a.m. to try and consummate a settlement based on the proposal that had been made.

At 11 a.m. Mr. Usery met with President Meany of the AFL-CIO, Mr. Gildea, Al Zack (Director of Public Relations, AFL-CIO) and the presidents of the 7 postal unions. Mr. Usery was asked to remain in the meeting and discuss with them a final settlement. Some changes were made by Mr. Meany who stated to Mr. Usery that if these minor points could be met, Meany would recommend that the matter be settled. It was proposed by Mr. Meany that negotiations that afternoon be held at the AFL-CIO Headquarters Conference Room so that it would be convenient for him and enable him to be consulted if need be. Mr. Usery assured him that he felt he could arrange the negotiations for that location.

NOTE: Later that day at the AFL-CIO Conference Room a final agreement was reached by the Post Office officials and the Postal Union presidents and a press conference was held at the AFL-CIO Headquarters and then all parties went to the White House for a meeting with the President.

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CONGRESSIONAL OPEN HOUSE

5:00 - 7:00 p.m.

Monday and Tuesday, Dec 14 and 15, 1970

(The White House)
~~December 14 and 15, 1970~~

1. Dress: ~~Business~~ Business suit
2. Invited guests: ~~One-half~~ ~~that~~ The members of the House and the Senate ~~and~~ and their spouses, ...
one-half ^{the total number} each evening.
3. Entertainment: Monday, Dec 14 ...
; Tues, Dec 15 ...
4. Participation by the President and Mrs. Nixon: ~~at a time~~ ^{Resides}
~~to be decided by the President and Mrs. Nixon~~
5. Press plan: No reporters; no press photographs

CHRISTMAS TREE LIGHTING CEREMONY

5:30 ~~p.m.~~ 6:30 pm

Wednesday, December 16, 1970

(The Ellipse)

1. Dress : Business suit
2. Invited guests :
3. Entertainment :
4. Participation by the President and Mrs. Nixon :
5. Press plan :

EVENING AT THE WHITE HOUSE

8:30 p.m.

Friday, December 18, 1970

(The White House)

1. Dress :
2. Invited guests :
3. Entertainment :
4. Participation by the President and Mrs. Nixon :
5. Press plan :

WHITE HOUSE STAFF OPEN HOUSE

4:00 - 6:00 p.m.

Saturday and Sunday, Dec 19 and 20, 1970

(*in White House*)
~~December 19 - 20, 1970~~

1. Dress ;
2. Invited guests ;
3. Entertainment ;
4. Participation by the President and Mrs. Nixon ;
5. Press plan ;

MEETING OF THE CABINET AND A REPRESENTATIVE SUB-CABINET GROUP
CABINET / SUB-CABINET MEETING

3:45 - 4:45 p.m.

Monday, Dec 21, 1970
(Re. Sub Comm of the WH)

RECEPTION FOR SENIOR ADMINISTRATION OFFICIALS

5:00 - 7:00 p.m.

Monday, December 21, 1970

(The White House)

1. Dress ;
2. Invited guests ;
3. Entertainment ;
4. Participation by the President and Mrs. Nixon ;
5. Press plan ;

Reception for

WHITE HOUSE PRESS CORPS RECEPTION

4:00 - 6:00 p.m.

Wednesday, December 23, 1970

(The White House)

1. Dress ;
2. Invited guests ;
3. Entertainment ;
4. Participation by the President and Mrs. Nixon ;
5. Press Plan ;

DINNER HONORING PRIME MINISTER HEATH

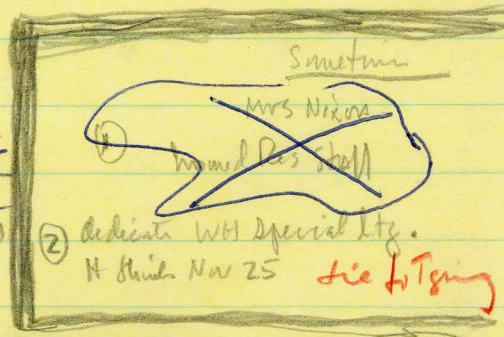
8:00 p.m.

Thursday, December 17, 1970

(The White House)

1. Dress
2. Invited guests
3. Entertainment
4. Participation by the President and Mrs. Nixon
5. Press Plan

- Tues 8 Dec - bush time at the WH
every must get to work on this
dinner not coming
- 11 Fri }
 - 12 SAT }
 - 13 Sun } Decorations group no Church
 - 14 Mon }
 - 15 Tues } Congress Timmons
 - 16 Wed } X Mas Tree lighting (We'll take it over - spectacular)
 - 17 Thurs Health Dinner - X Mas type ent - B Ties - not stags
 - 18 Fri } Cong leaves - Mrs Nixon to give news women + children (PN show)
 - 19 SAT } Passed to have Xmas party - good party - old friends - ent - sure at WH by people, Bing Crosby
 - 20 Sun } Worship Service - Sr staff / Full staff - Pines in the ranks afternoon
 - 21 Mon } Cab/Sub-Cab + families recep 2 or 2 1/2 hrs Big choral gp receiving line
 - 22 Tues } Dipl children
 - 23 Wed } WH Press Corps + families (or Full Staff) Big choral gp receiving line ?
 - 24 Thurs }
 - 25 Fri }
 - 26 Sat }



Dec: soup only
 Press: friends (hand)
 New friends + active old friends: X-Mas Evening at the WH
 Appointees: Cab/Sub-Cab, etc - no mtg - just X-Mas thing - Pl recep
 B.Tie - well done - 8:30 pm - 5 min at last now - cars in season (2-3)
 ✓ Cong: entire Cong + families - stayed hrs - open house - 17's for last year so that reasonable # in 20's at all times - aides must be sharp - in fact P will drop in & shake hands
 Dipl: as little as possible - perhaps just children, like last year
 Sr Staff: yes 20
 Full staff: yes 18 + 20
 Middle of Tours: After Pats. leave

Cross party

P - ^P no speak press
only display

Csb - Top WH still be there

Csb / Sub-Csb

~~P receive - no sitting
+ familiar~~

Phil stay for
Dinner 12

WH Staff (Lse)

~~stagger dinner~~

~~P speaks briefly - "drop by"~~

Cary

~~Have Csb + Top WH still there~~

~~P + PN drop in~~

~~Stagger~~

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Dipl Child

Special friends See at WH

Ultimate VIP list

Top part friends

No Cans

Coord Guest

Heath Dining

Worship No

See at WH

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Sun., Dec. 14 Worship Service
 Christmas music by members of the Adult Choir
 of the New York Avenue Presbyterian Church
 Select Congressional invited with children 6 years
 of age and over. Police count: 178

Sun., Dec. 14 Dinner for the Bob Hope troupe prior to the presentation
 of their show. 92 persons attended.

Sun., Dec. 14 Bob Hope Christmas Show. Police count: 186

Tues., Dec. 16 Dinner for Elmer Bobst. 106 persons attended.

Wed., Dec. 17 Open House for Press to view Christmas decorations
 Families included, ages 8 to 19. Police count: 474

Thurs., Dec. 18 Tea (Mrs. Nixon) for volunteers who helped write
 Christmas cards. 27 persons attended.

Fri., Dec. 19 Open House for Cabinet, Sub-Cabinet and families to
 view Christmas decorations. Ages 8 - 19 children
 included. Police count: 348

Sat., Dec. 20 Dinner for Apollo 12 Astronauts. 8 persons attended.

Sun., Dec. 21 Worship Service
 Christmas music by the Junior Boys' Choir of Wash-
 ington Cathedral. Invited were Cabinet and top White
 House staff and families (children 6 and over)

Sun., Dec. 21 Christmas for White House staff and spouses--no children.
 Police count: 1020

Mon., Dec. 22 Christmas party for Congressional members and
 families. Police count: 286. Invited by Congressional
 office.

Tue., Dec. 23 Christmas party for Diplomatic children. Invited by the
 THIS Committee. Police count 449.

TO: LUCY WINCHESTER
FROM: PENNY ADAMS

RE: CHRISTMAS ENTERTAINMENT

December 14	Congressional Reception <i>Open House</i> 5-7 Southminster Bell Ringers	
December 15	Congressional Reception <i>Open House</i> 5-7 Gleeboys Chorus	
December 16	Women's Nat'l Press Clb. & Amer. Newspaper Women's Assoc. Howard University Chorus <i>(?)</i>	3:00 p. m.
December 17	Prime Minister Heath Garrick Ohlsson <i>(pianist)</i>	
December 18	Christmas Evening at the White House David Frost <i>(readings)</i>	
December 19	Staff Reception 4-6 Burlington Rotary Boys Club	
December 20	Staff Reception 4-6 Phoenix Choir	
December 21	Cabinet, SubCabinet Reception 5-7 Gettysburg College Choir	
December 22	Diplomatic Children's Christmas Pary Sesame Street Players	4:00 p. m.
December 23	WH Press Corps Reception 5-7 National Shrine Choir	

December 2, 1970

HIGH PRIORITY

MEMORANDUM FOR: MISS WOODS
FROM: H. R. HALDEMAN

The President has done a preliminary review of the guest list for the Christmas Evening at the White House, and has said that we should leave off all those on the political list and the press list. In general, limit this to "social friends".

He said we could start on the invitations to the list you identified as "finance types".

He will review the personal ones with Mrs. Nixon and get back to us on it. He has made some deletions from the Cashen celebrity list, which I am returning to you. The ones not crossed off should be added.

He wants to add Tom Evens, from the law firm, but not the rest of the law firm group.

He wants to be sure to include Paul Keyes, Roger Johnson and Tom Dewey.

Fred Russell should be invited as your escort, but not as a Cabinet Member, since we won't be inviting the other Cabinet Members.

That's all I have been able to pick up so far. I presume we will get the original list back after he has reviewed it with Mrs. Nixon.

Miss Woods

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He did say that the addenda suggested by Colson - that's the long list, I guess - is okay, except ~~from~~^{for} John Irwin from State who should not be added. The problem here is, I guess, one of numbers. I'm not sure whether they are included in your total count or not. If they are, they should be added. If they haven't been included, they could at least be used as the basis for additions after we have taken care of whatever personal list the Nixons come up with.

Attachment

cc: Mr. Butterfield ✓

THE WHITE HOUSE

WASHINGTON

December 1, 1970

MEMORANDUM FOR LARRY HIGBY

FROM: HENRY C. CASHEN II *HC*

SUBJECT: Celebrities to be invited to December 18 Evening at the White House

Add

- 1) John Wayne
- 2) James Stewart
- 3) Bob Hope
- ~~4) Pearl Bailey~~
- ~~5) Glenn Campbell~~
- 6) Fred MacMurray
- 7) Pat Boone
- ~~8) Dan Rowan~~
- 9) Red Skelton
- ~~10) Dinah Shore~~
- 11) Anita Bryant
- ~~12) Dorothy Malone~~
- 13) Art Linkletter
- 14) Ray Bolger

I would like to check these names, as well as supplement them or make deletions subject to a conversation with John Wayne and/or Paul Keyes. This I will attempt to do this afternoon.

MEMORANDUM

THE WHITE HOUSE
WASHINGTON

December 22, 1970

MEMORANDUM FOR: MR. BUTTERFIELD
FROM: H.R. HALDEMAN *H*
SUBJECT: Christmas Planning for Next Year

Further on my earlier memo to Chapin regarding Christmas planning for next year. The President, I now learn, has talked to Mrs. Nixon about his feeling that they have been over extended this year.

We should now be thinking in terms of systematically going through the lists of those who have been to the White House already for some kind of an event or those who are there during the year and then at Christmas time try to eliminate duplications and get in those who haven't been in during the year. The Under Secretaries and so forth get here for Church Services and other events and don't need to be covered again at year end.

As mentioned before, we've already overdone the kid part of it and have got to do something to cut back on that and cut back on the Nixons participation.

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②* For the Church Services and this Christmas season, we have had superb choirs at the White House. The President wants to be sure we really study the choir situation and get the very best ones as we have been doing. He does feel, however, we should do more direct work on the selections that they sing and make sure that each choir does some familiar standards so that the audience will recognize the songs and feel more a part of it.

For some upcoming evening at the White House he'd like to have Lawrence Olivier with the act that apparently he would bring with him. The President understands he's interested in coming.

cc: Mrs. Stuart
Mrs. Winchester
Mr. Chapin

Christmas Season 1971

December 22, 1970

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MEMORANDUM FOR :

MR. CHAPIN

FROM :

H. R. HALDEMAN

SUBJECT :

Long-range Planning
Christmas 1971

The President feels that we've overdone his activity during this Christmas season and for next year he wants to be sure that we don't pile up so many people in the various receptions and so forth. He especially wants to avoid the long lines of handshakers. He also wants to cut down on the kids.

His point is that he's shaken hands with all these people now and that we should find a different way of letting them participate in the White House Christmas without so greatly overloading the President and Mrs. Nixon.

We should think of some other kinds of approaches. For example some entertainments, perhaps that the President does not attend, but comes in at the end and gives a Christmas greeting and then the people go out and have a refreshment. Or, simply an open house candlelight tour with the people gathering at the end in the East Room for greetings from the President. Or, in many cases, no participation by the President at all, but with it clearly understood ahead of time that that's the way it is and understood with Mrs. Nixon.

~~HRH:pm~~

cc: Mr. Butterfield
Mrs. Stuart
Mrs. Winchester