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# THE WHITE HOUSE

WASHINGTON

## SCHEDULE OF THE PRESIDENT FOR TUESDAY, FEBRUARY 1, 1983

EVENT: Drop-by Republican Eagles Fundraiser at the  
Organization of American States  
DRESS: Men's Business Suit; Ladies' Afternoon Dress  
WEATHER: Mostly Cloudy; Low 40's

9:55 p.m. With Mrs. Reagan, proceed to motorcade for boarding.  
10:00 p.m. Depart The White House en route Organization of  
American States (OAS). Drive Time: 2 mins.  
10:02 p.m. Arrive the OAS and proceed inside.  
- Open Press (outside only)

Met at entrance by:

Mike Curb, Finance Chairman, Republican  
National Committee

10:05 p.m. Escorted by Mike Curb, proceed to second floor  
holding room. - Ofcl. Photographers

Met in holding room by:

Senator Paul Laxalt, General Chairman,  
Republican Party  
Mrs. Carol Laxalt  
Frank Fahrenkopf, Chairman, Republican  
National Committee  
Secretary Drew Lewis  
Mrs. Marilyn Lewis, Vice Chairman,  
Second Inaugural Dinner Dance

10:10 p.m. Mike Curb escorts holding room guests to  
Grand Ballroom.

10:17 p.m. Proceed to off-stage announcement area.

Met by:

Senator Laxalt  
Frank Fahrenkopf

02/01/83 2:30 p.m.

Ruffles and Flourishes  
Announcement (off-stage)  
"Hail to the Chief"

Escorted by Senator Laxalt and Frank Fahrenkopf,  
proceed to dais and remain standing with other dais  
guests.

- 10:20 p.m. Proceed to podium and make brief remarks.
- 10:25 p.m. Conclude remarks and remain at podium for toast given  
by invited guests.
- 10:30 p.m. Conclude and proceed to motorcade for boarding.
- 10:35 p.m. Depart OAS en route The White House. Drive Time: 2  
mins.
- 10:37 p.m. Arrive The White House and proceed to Residence.

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January 31, 1983

MEMORANDUM FOR THE PRESIDENT

FROM: CRAIG L. FULLER 

SUBJECT: Visit to the Chrysler Plant in Fenton, Missouri

The following is provided as background information for your visit to Chrysler's plant in Fenton, Missouri:

- Chrysler announced December 28 that it will recall 1,400 to 1,700 workers to its Fenton auto assembly plant by summer (July) for production of new front-wheel-drive models Chrysler Laser and Dodge Daytona, and G-24 sports car.
- Chrysler announced January 27 that another 1,500 workers will be rehired to work at Missouri Truck Plant at Fenton, which was closed in 1980 and will be converted to production of rear-wheel-drive cars.
- An approximate total of 3,000 workers between the two St. Louis, MO, plants will return to work by September, with a few beginning earlier to get plants ready for 1984 model production.
- Chrysler will invest about \$55 million in truck plant facility to build a vehicle previously built in Canada. (This should not be stressed since the Canadians are not pleased.)
- Reopening of truck plant facility resulted from combined efforts and cooperation between the state, government, labor and business.
- Chrysler's investment in Missouri goods and services to prepare the Fenton plants for 1984 model production combined with economic activity generated from annual wages paid to the two Fenton plants' shifts will boost significantly the state's economic activity and tax revenues.
- As part of the cooperative effort between business, labor and the state, the latter will pay Chrysler \$2 million for job retraining and \$3-4 million for improved access to the facility (road improvements, etc.)

- The Fenton plants phenomenon is a great example of business, labor, state and local governments working together in cooperative partnership for the common good of all (3,000 people will no longer be unemployed; the State of Missouri will receive a shot in the arm economically, which benefits all parties, etc.)
- Lee Iacocca's remarks will acknowledge that what Chrysler is able to do in expanding production at one plant, reopening another plant and putting 3,000 people back to work has been made possible as a result of assistance and cooperation between government, the unions/labor and business.

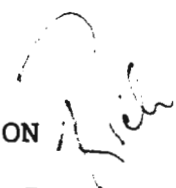
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THE WHITE HOUSE

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January 31, 1983

MEMORANDUM FOR THE PRESIDENT

FROM: RICHARD S. WILLIAMSON   
SUBJECT: TIMES BEACH, MISSOURI  
DIOXIN CONTAMINATION/FLOODING

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In the early 1970's, the community of Times Beach, near St. Louis, sprayed unpaved streets with a dioxin-tainted oil as a dust control measure. The dioxin was originally produced as a bi-product in the manufacture of Agent Orange. The effect of dioxin on humans is not fully understood, but on the basis of tests, scientists believe it is one of the most toxic chemicals known to man.

EPA began to investigate possible dioxin contamination in Times Beach in November of 1982. Some reports indicate there may be up to 100 dioxin-contaminated sites throughout Missouri.

This situation was complicated in early January, 1983 when the Times Beach area was hit by flooding. Evacuees were uncertain whether they should return to their homes because of the possibility the dioxin contamination had been spread by the flood. High national media interest developed.

In a letter to you dated January 6, 1983, Governor Christopher Bond (R-Missouri) asked that a single person and agency be designated to have the lead among the federal agencies involved in the Times Beach situation. On January 7, 1983 a meeting was held at the White House chaired by Craig Fuller. Representatives from FEMA, EPA, the Corps of Engineers, and the Centers for Disease Control attended. Lee Thomas, Deputy Director of FEMA, was appointed the federal coordinator for the Times Beach situation and FEMA was designated the lead agency.

During the second week in January, 1983 you granted Governor Bond's request that an emergency disaster declaration related to the flooding be granted for the Times Beach area.

Governor Bond has worked closely with FEMA to alleviate the problems caused by the Times Beach flooding and the dioxin contamination. He feels strongly that the lead agency concept should continue even after the flood related problems at Times Beach have abated.

In response to your disaster declaration, FEMA has provided temporary housing assistance to the families who evacuated their homes.

The Corps of Engineers has made \$600,000 available to the St. Louis District to define the scope of the flood control project presented by the Times Beach situation.

EPA has found that debris caused by the flooding is not contaminated with dioxin and clearance activities are continuing. EPA has taken a total of 305 composite samples drawn from public and private areas to determine the level of dioxin present. Results are expected in early February.

The Centers for Disease Control has completed 800 health interviews with the citizens of Times Beach to determine whether people have been affected by the dioxin.

Under the direction of Lee Thomas at FEMA, an integrated community relations plan is being developed which will set out the specific alternatives for the citizens of Times Beach based on the levels of dioxin which are revealed by the current testing. This plan is expected to be completed by February 5, 1983.

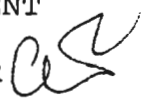


THE WHITE HOUSE

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January 31, 1983

MEMORANDUM FOR THE PRESIDENT

FROM: CRAIG L. FULLER   
SUBJECT: St. Louis Regional Commerce and Growth Association

You will be attending a reception and luncheon for the St. Louis Regional Commerce and Growth Association Small Business Forum on Tuesday, February 1, 1983.

The St. Louis Regional Commerce and Growth Association (RCGA), a private sector organization, was founded in 1973 "to promote economic welfare in the St. Louis metropolitan area." This area extends into Illinois which includes 2.4 million people, 5,000 square miles, four counties in Illinois, four counties in Missouri and the City of St. Louis. The association is funded by dues from member organizations.

The RCGA is a membership organization which includes small and large business organizations, labor unions, and non-business and government organizations. There are currently 3,100 member organizations, approximately 3,000 of those are small business firms which employ 100 people or less.

The RCGA sponsors seminars and luncheons periodically to discuss the problems of area businesses. This will be the first Small Business Forum held since creation of the group.

The Forum will be held at the Cervantes Convention Center in St. Louis.



THE WHITE HOUSE

WASHINGTON

January 31, 1983 .

MEMORANDUM FOR THE PRESIDENT

FROM: CRAIG L. FULLER *CF*  
SUBJECT: Missouri Trip and Times Beach

When you speak at lunch to the business group in St. Louis, you may be questioned by people from the Times Beach, Missouri community. Attached are some materials that may be of assistance.

- Tab A: Background and suggested remarks in reply to a question on Times Beach from the Federal Emergency Management Administration which is coordinating Federal actions in Times Beach
- Tab B: A transcript of an article from a St. Louis newspaper that describes what may be on the minds of people from Times Beach [NOTE: The article refers to a Mrs. Marianne Hrin, owner, South Town Auto Body Shop West. She has said she wrote to you. We have no record that any letter has ever been received from a Mrs. Hrin]
- Tab C: A report from the coordinator of our Federal actions in Times Beach, Lee Thomas, Acting Deputy Director, FEMA

Any question that requires follow-up can be referred to Lee Thomas through me. He has been very responsive to the people in the area.

PROPOSED REMARKS FOR PRESIDENT'S USE DURING HIS ST. LOUIS VISIT

TIMES BEACH NOTES:

I know that some of the small-business men and women attending today's meeting are from the Times Beach area--just a few miles down the road from here.

Times Beach has been hit hard by dual problems--contamination by toxic dioxin, and by floods in early December which virtually submerged most of the community. After the flood waters receded, residents and business operators were advised to stay out of the area until questions about dioxin contamination could be resolved.

Times Beach is one of the communities designated for Federal assistance in my December declaration of a major disaster, which was requested by Governor Bond. Temporary housing accommodations were offered to all eligible residents by the Federal Emergency Management Agency, and today more than 80% of these are being provided with Federally funded shelter. The others have chosen to return to their former homes, or are staying with friends or family until they decide what course of action is best for their special circumstances.

In early January, I also directed that a special team, headed by Lee Thomas of the Federal Emergency Management Agency, be formed to assure coordination among Federal agencies in addressing the dioxin contamination issue. The Center for Disease Control is working with the State Division of Public Health in the screening and examinations of persons with dioxin exposure histories. The Environmental Protection Agency has undertaken extensive soil samplings, and has more than tripled its number of laboratories which are able to analyze the samples for dioxin. We expect to have the results of these recent tests this month.

Where the health and well being of our citizens are concerned, we must be sure that the solution properly responds to the problem.

I recognize the concerns, the impatience and frustrations of Times Beach residents and business operators who are awaiting decisions on the solutions for this serious problem. I have no "quick fix" solution. I assure you that the Federal Government is moving as quickly as possible to determine what needs to be done. When that determination is made, I intend that it will be implemented without delay.

# Times Beachers Have Flood Of Questions For Reagan

By Dale Singer

Of the Post-Dispatch Staff

When President Ronald Reagan fields questions from the audience after a speech to small business owners here Tuesday, one table of 10 will be particularly interested in getting some answers.

They are members of the Businessmen's Association of Times Beach, where the flooding Meramec River and then the threat of dioxin contamination slowed the flow of customers to a trickle.

"We've been here in limbo, not knowing what in the world to do," says J.C. Walters, who manages the KOA St. Louis West campgrounds adjacent to Interstate 44. "It's the worst possible situation for everyone to be in."

The Times Beach merchants bought tickets to the small business forum at the Cervantes Convention Center, sponsored by the Regional Commerce and Growth Association. They're not sure they will be able to take part in Reagan's 10-minute question-and-

answer session scheduled for after his speech. But if they are, they're fairly sure what they'd like to say.

"I'd have to ask him for help," says Charles Stone, owner of two mobile home parks in Times Beach and president of the businessmen's group. "We have no chance for recovery. The Environmental Protection Agency has completely wrecked our businesses. We have to have some help."

Many of the merchants agree that it has not been so much the dioxin threat that has driven business away as the government's handling of the problem. Including was a warning to residents to stay away from their flood-damaged homes and erection of roadblocks on the main road into town.

"We were pretty optimistic until they closed the road," says Marianne Hrin, who owns South Town Auto Body Shop West with her husband, Steve. "As of that day, business ceased."

Mrs. Hrin said she already had stated her case to the president in a letter sent earlier this month. Copies

went to Gov. Christopher S. Bond and Sens. Thomas F. Eagleton and John C. Danforth, but no response has yet been received.

What would she say if she had her chance to question Reagan?

"I want to tell him just the way it is," she said. "If I did some damage to your car or property, I would feel responsible. If I put you out of business, I would pay what it cost to put you back into business. I feel the federal government should be responsible here, because they were supposed to know where the waste was disposed of and how. But evidently, they didn't care how."

"It's not the dioxin contamination that put us out of business. The dioxin's been here since 1971. It was the sensational way they did it, closing the whole town down. That's what got our business. They were testing for it in November. That didn't hurt our business."

"What closed us down was the roadblocks and the dioxin signs and the skulls and crossbones."

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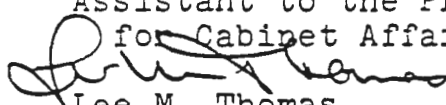


# Federal Emergency Management Agency

Washington, D.C. 20472

JAN 27 1983

MEMORANDUM FOR: Craig Fuller  
Assistant to the President  
for Cabinet Affairs

FROM:   
Lee M. Thomas  
Acting Deputy Director

SUBJECT: Times Beach

Attached is a report from the coordination meeting of January 24.

Attachment

## TIMES BEACH TASK FORCE REPORT

On Monday, January 24, I held a Times Beach Coordination Task Force meeting at the FEMA Headquarters Offices. Attending were representatives from the Corps of Engineers, Center for Disease Control, Environmental Protection Agency and FEMA. A list of attendees is attached.

The main purpose of the meeting was to get a common understanding of the current status of affairs in Times Beach and identify the next critical actions by each agency. It became very clear that increased emphasis on total federal agency coordination and timeliness of actions by each agency was essential.

Each agency reported as follows:

### Federal Emergency Management Agency

FEMA has continued to provide temporary housing assistance to the families seeking assistance. Although all Times Beach families have been determined eligible and 598 applied for assistance, 118 have withdrawn either because they have returned to their Times Beach home or because they have elected to stay with family or friends outside of Times Beach. As of January 23rd, 319 families had been housed; the field expects the rest to be housed by early February.

Debris clearance activities continue although hampered by snow and bad weather. Nevertheless, it is expected that the removal, which is cost shared 75-25 will be completed by the end of the month. State and local authorities are cooperating in this action and large containers are being made available for residents to deposit debris after the first pass through is completed.

### Corps of Engineers

The Corps has completed all Damage Survey Reports (DSR) at the request of FEMA. There are currently no Corps construction contracts ongoing or envisioned in the disaster area, either under Corps authority or at the request of FEMA. The Corps on-scene coordinator has returned to Omaha as agreed upon by the FEMA Regional Director.

Regarding the Meramec River Study. Section 2(h) of P.L. 97-128, 29 December 81, authorized the Corps of Engineers to undertake structural and nonstructural measures which were determined to be economically and engineeringly feasible to prevent flood damages along the Meramec River in St. Louis and Jefferson Counties, MO.

The structural measures could not include reservoirs. The section also authorized the appropriation of \$20 million for FY 82 and beyond to carry out these measures. The Continuing Resolution Authority for FY 82 directed that \$800,000 from available funds be made available to initiate action in accordance with the provisions of Section 2(h). Currently, \$600,000 have been made available to the St. Louis District to define the scope of the project for the purpose of seeking additional authorizing legislation.

#### Environmental Protection Agency

EPA has finished their sampling effort in Times Beach. They took a total of 305 composite samples which were drawn from public areas such as roads and fields as well as private property and inside homes. The sampling is sufficiently statistically sound to assure that the results are indicative of the conditions that prevail. Results are expected in early February. In the event that the samples still indicate the presence of an unacceptable level of DIOXIN, EPA will conduct a risk assessment to determine next actions.

In addition, EPA has initiated a program to expand their laboratory base qualified to conduct DIOXIN analysis and to increase their technical teams operating in Times Beach. I am attaching a letter from Rita Lavelle, EPA Assistant Administrator to Missouri Governor Bond.

#### Center for Disease Control

CDC has completed 800 health interviews with the citizens of Times Beach. No-cost physicals are being scheduled for residents. CDC will emphasize the highest risk patients based on the questionnaires.

CDC also stands ready to review the data from the current testing immediately upon its availability and recommend appropriate action based on the results.

#### Next Actions

The most significant next action is the development of an effective and integrated Community Relations Plan which will set out the specific alternatives for the citizens of Times Beach based on the levels of DIOXIN which are revealed by the current testing results. This plan must deal with issues related to the environment, the health effects and housing and must be credible and realistic. I have asked my staff to develop this plan in full coordination with CDC and EPA. I expect that the plan will be completed by February 5, which is in advance of the date the test results are expected.

In the meantime, it continues to be essential that all federal staff involved closely and cooperatively coordinate all their actions. It is through this means that we can best minimize confusion and misunderstanding for the citizens.

Toward this end, I will continue to hold Task Force meetings whenever necessary. The next scheduled meeting will be to review the Community Relations Plan and the test results. At that time, we also expect that we will be discussing this matter with Congressman Richard A. Gephardt, who is also holding meetings in Times Beach this weekend.

In conclusion, we are able to continue to take essential emergency actions for the citizens through the temporary housing program under the Disaster Relief Act. However, this is merely an interim solution. It is essential that we reach, as soon as possible, a permanent solution for Times Beach.

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January 31, 1983

MEETING WITH GERALD BOYD

DATE: February 1, 1983

LOCATION: Air Force One

TIME: En route St. Louis

FROM: Larry Speakes *S*

I. PURPOSE

Brief interview with Gerald Boyd, White House correspondent for the St. Louis Post-Dispatch.

II. BACKGROUND

Mr. Boyd has never had an interview with the President and a brief interview during the flight to St. Louis would be an opportunity for Mr. Boyd to ask questions on general issues although emphasis could be on St. Louis -- unemployment and Times Beach.

III. PARTICIPANTS

The President  
Gerald Boyd  
Larry Speakes

IV. PRESS PLAN

White House photographer

V. SEQUENCE OF EVENTS

After greetings, the interview will begin and last for approximately 15 minutes.