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THE WHITE HOUSE

WASHINGTON

August 8, 1985

Dear Bob:

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As always, many thanks.

Sincerely,

Orig. signed by FFF

Fred F. Fielding  
Counsel to the President

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THE WHITE HOUSE

WASHINGTON

July 12, 1985

MEMORANDUM FOR FRED F. FIELDING.

FROM:

JOHN G. ROBERTS 

SUBJECT:

General Counsel Inaugural Report

I have reviewed the draft General Counsel Inaugural Report. I am in no position, of course, to comment on the accuracy of the bulk of the content, but, to borrow from the Office of Legal Counsel, have no objection to the form and legality of the Report. I corrected some of the more egregious grammatical transgressions, dropped a reference to "Taste of America" as an "inaugural activity" and a reference to a request for "standing authorization from Congress" for military support in the Inaugural Ball section (Section 15), and deleted a statement in the Inclement Weather section (Section 19) to the effect that insurance coverage for business interruption due to inclement weather was "not specific" (if claims are still being considered, the point should not be conceded).

In both Section 1 and Section 18 there are references to legal personnel listed on the letterhead of the transmittal letter, but the draft transmittal letter is simply on plain PIC stationery. The last paragraph of Section 7 refers to the contemplated dissolution of the Inaugural Trust. If that has in fact already occurred, the paragraph should be revised. The last sentence on page 3 of Section 9 strikes me as a bit stark; perhaps it should be deleted.

Attached, as you requested, is a proposed section on the military guidelines and subsequent GAO audit. It would seem appropriate to place this after Section 11 ("GSA Support"), renumbering the subsequent sections as appropriate.

Attachment

## Guidelines on Military Support for the Inaugural

The General Counsel's office prepared and issued a set of guidelines governing military support in connection with the various inaugural activities (Attachment A). Such guidelines were considered necessary because of the failure of Congress to respond to a 1983 opinion of the Comptroller General concerning military assistance for inaugural activities. That opinion concluded with a recommendation that Congress review such assistance and amend existing law either to conform with past practice known to and acquiesced in by Congress or expressly to prohibit practices for which it was difficult to ascertain specific statutory authority. Congress did neither, creating uncertainty with respect to what assistance was permitted and what was not.

Against this background the General Counsel's office met with representatives of the General Accounting Office (GAO), the Department of Defense, and the Armed Forces Inaugural Committee (AFIC), to consider how to approach the question of military assistance. AFIC had already been in place for a considerable period before the election, operating independent of PIC (which of course had not been formed) and preparing to provide the support traditionally provided by the military in connection with the ceremonies and activities surrounding the swearing-in of the Commander-in-Chief.

It was decided that the General Counsel's office should make a good faith effort to fill the vacuum created by Congressional inaction in response to the 1983 GAO opinion by developing guidelines on permissible military support. The final guidelines that were issued were the result of extensive consultations involving the General Counsel's office, attorneys from the Department of Defense, representatives from AFIC, and representatives from GAO. The role for the military recognized in the guidelines is one of limited assistance and support fully consistent with past practice known to and acquiesced in by Congress, and the special significance the inaugural holds for the military as the swearing-in of the Commander-in-Chief. A conscious and concerted effort was made in developing the guidelines to significantly reduce the scope of military assistance, compared with the 1981 Inaugural.

It was the concern of the General Counsel's office that guidelines be promulgated to prevent abuse of military support. The guidelines that were published may not be the best that could be developed, but it was considered important that, in the absence of action by Congress, some guidelines be in place to control the provision of military support.

It is our hope that those guidelines will serve as a starting point for development of similar guidelines for future inaugurations or, ideally, as a starting point for Congressional consideration of this issue.


It should be noted that, while the guidelines were not finally approved until January 15, questions concerning military support were generally referred to the General Counsel's office, and were resolved in a manner consistent with the guidelines as finally issued.

After the inauguration, GAO commenced an inquiry into support provided by the Government to the inauguration, including military support. We provided GAO full access to PIC files to assist this investigation. As noted, we kept GAO fully apprised of our efforts to develop guidelines on military support, and GAO participated extensively in the development of the guidelines.

THE WHITE HOUSE  
WASHINGTON

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TO: FFF

FROM: John G. Roberts, Jr.  
Associate Counsel  
to the President 

- FYI
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LETTER TO BOB BARKER,  
TRANSMITTING REVISED  
PIC GENERAL COUNSEL REPORT.

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PIC file

THE WHITE HOUSE  
WASHINGTON

August 5, 1985

9:37 a.m.

SMC:

Lee NOrgard, Common Cause Magazine,  
833-1200, called to talk with you  
in connection with a story he is doing  
on payments from the surplus from the  
President's Inaugural Committee. Mike  
Deaver referred him to you.

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THE WHITE HOUSE

WASHINGTON

August 30, 1985

MEMORANDUM FOR FRED F. FIELDING

FROM:

JOHN G. ROBERTS *JGR*

SUBJECT:

Surplus Monies Raised by 50th American  
Inaugural Committee Donated to Child Find

John Gill, President of Children's Rights of New York, Inc., has written to ask you for information on the gift from the surplus inaugural funds to Child Find, Inc., of New York. In particular, Gill wants to know how much Child Find was given and how Child Find was chosen. Gill's organization publishes a newsletter, is very pleased that the President has identified the missing children problem as important, and would like to publicize the gift.

I think this letter should be referred to Fred Ryan, whose office is familiar with these facts and has been following up on the donation of the surplus funds. A referral memorandum is attached.

Attachment

THE WHITE HOUSE

WASHINGTON

August 30, 1985

MEMORANDUM FOR FREDERICK J. RYAN, JR. ==  
DEPUTY ASSISTANT TO THE PRESIDENT  
DIRECTOR, PRESIDENTIAL SCHEDULING

FROM: FRED F. FIELDING  
COUNSEL TO THE PRESIDENT

SUBJECT: Surplus Monies Raised by 50th American  
Inaugural Committee Donated to Child Find

The attached letter to me raises several factual questions falling more appropriately within your jurisdiction. It is accordingly referred to your office for direct response. Your response may want to go beyond Mr. Gill's specific inquiries and provide information on the many initiatives the Administration has undertaken and supported in this area.

Many thanks.

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Name of Correspondent: John Bill

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Subject: Surplus monies raised by 50th Ann. Inaugural Committee donated to Child Aid, Inc.

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THE WHITE HOUSE  
OFFICE OF THE PRESS SECRETARY

March 15, 1985

For Immediate Release

Under the direction of President Reagan, the Committee for the 50th American Presidential Inaugural will be distributing an approximate \$3 million surplus remaining from the Presidential Inaugural Fund. The money will be divided into two areas.

One million dollars will be paid to the U.S. Treasury to help reduce the national debt.

The remainder of the funds will be dispersed among 23 community based charities that provide for a variety of local needs. The following organizations will receive a portion of the funds:

- Canine Companions for Independence, Santa Rosa, California
- Child Find, Inc, New Paltz, New York
- Christmas in April, Midland, Texas
- Christmas in April, Washington, D.C.
- Cities in Schools, Atlanta, Georgia
- Committee for Food and Shelter, Inc., Washington, D.C.
- Deafpride, Washington, D.C.
- Handicapped Organized Women, Charlotte, North Carolina
- Heroes, Inc., Washington, D.C.
- H.O.M.E., Chicago, Illinois
- Little Sisters of the Poor, Washington, D.C.
- Martha's Table, Washington, D.C.
- Mathews-Dickey Boys' Club, St. Louis, Missouri
- Matthew 25 Health and Dental Clinic, Inc., Fort Wayne, Indiana
- Midtown Center, Chicago, Illinois
- Missionaries of Charity, Washington, D.C.
- National Federation of Parents for Drug Free Youth, Silver Spring, Maryland
- National Women's Employment Foundation, Inc., San Antonio, Texas
- Partnerships Data Net, Inc., Washington, D.C.
- Providence St. Mel High School, Chicago, Illinois
- Teach the Children, San Antonio, Texas
- Trevor's Campaign, Ardmore, Pennsylvania
- Warren Center of Learning, Springfield, Ohio

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