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MEMORANDUM

THE WHITE HOUSE
WASHINGTON

January 3, 1983

FOR: FRED F. FIELDING

FROM: JOHN G. ROBERTS

SUBJECT: Proclamation Designating January 3, 1983
As the "One Hundred and Fiftieth Anniversary
of Greene County, Missouri"

Dodie Livingston, for Richard Darman, has requested comments by noon today on the above-referenced draft proclamation. House Joint Resolution 630 authorized and requested the President to issue a proclamation designating January 3, 1983 the one hundred and fiftieth anniversary of Greene County, Missouri. The attached draft does so. I see no legal objections.

I do have a stylistic objection. The last part of the second sentence -- "and has contributed many of its sons and daughters to hold high public office and otherwise serve the State of Missouri and our nation" -- strikes me as awkward. The preposition "to" after the verb "contributed" calls for objects, yet this construction supplies the verbs "hold" and "serve." I suggest: "and has contributed many of its sons and daughters to high public office and other service of the State of Missouri and our nation." Better yet, the sentence should be split, to read: ". . . distinguished history. Many of its sons and daughters have held high public office and otherwise served the state . . ."

I have contributed a draft memorandum to discuss these minor concerns.

THE WHITE HOUSE
WASHINGTON

January 3, 1983

MEMORANDUM FOR DODIE LIVINGSTON
ASSISTANT TO RICHARD G. DARMAN

FROM: FRED F. FIELDING
COUNSEL TO THE PRESIDENT

SUBJECT: Draft Proclamation Designating January 3, 1983
the "One Hundred and Fiftieth Anniversary
of Greene County, Missouri"

Counsel's Office has reviewed the above-referenced draft proclamation and has no legal objection.

We do, however, find the last part of the second sentence somewhat awkward, and suggest either of the following alternatives:

"Greene County ... distinguished history, and has contributed many of its sons and daughters to high public office and other service of the State . . ."

"Greene County . . . distinguished history. Many of its sons and daughters have held high public office and otherwise served the State . . ."

FFF/JGR/kl
FFFielding
JGRoberts ✓
Subj.
Chron.

THE WHITE HOUSE

WASHINGTON

January 4, 1983

MEMORANDUM FOR RICHARD G. DARMAN

ASSISTANT TO THE PRESIDENT

FROM: FRED F. FIELDING *Orig. signed by FFF*
COUNSEL TO THE PRESIDENT

SUBJECT: Draft Proclamation Designating February 11,
1983, as "National Inventors' Day, 1983"

Counsel's Office finds no objection from a legal perspective
to the above-referenced proclamation.

bcc: FFFielding
✓JGRoberts
Subject
Chron

THE WHITE HOUSE
Office of the Press Secretary

For Immediate Release

January 12, 1983

NATIONAL INVENTORS' DAY, 1983

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BY THE PRESIDENT OF THE UNITED STATES OF AMERICA

A PROCLAMATION

Almost two hundred years ago, President George Washington recognized that invention and innovation were fundamental to the welfare and strength of the United States. He successfully urged the First Congress to enact a patent statute as expressly authorized by the U.S. Constitution and wisely advised that "there is nothing which can better deserve your patronage than the promotion of science..." In 1790, the first patent statute initiated the transformation of the United States from an importer of technology to a world leader in technological innovation.

Today, just as in George Washington's day, inventors are the keystone of the technological progress that is so vital to the economic, environmental, and social well-being of this country. Individual ingenuity and perseverance, spurred by the incentives of the patent system, begin the process that results in improved standards of living, increased public and private productivity, creation of new industries, improved public services, and enhanced competitiveness of American products in world markets.

In recognition of the enormous contribution inventors make to the nation and the world, the Congress, pursuant to Senate Joint Resolution 140 (Public Law 97-198), has designated February 11, 1983, the anniversary of the birth of Thomas Alva Edison, one of America's most famous and prolific inventors, as National Inventors' Day. Such recognition is especially appropriate at a time when our country is striving to maintain its global position as a leader in innovation and technology. Key to our future success will be the dedication and creativity of inventors.

NOW, THEREFORE, I, RONALD REAGAN, President of the United States of America, do hereby proclaim February 11, 1983, as National Inventors' Day and call upon the people of the United States to observe this day with appropriate ceremonies and activities.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I have hereunto set my hand this twelfth day of January, in the year of our Lord nineteen hundred and eighty-three, and of the Independence of the United States of America the two hundred and seventh.

RONALD REAGAN

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THE WHITE HOUSE

WASHINGTON

January 17, 1983

MEMORANDUM FOR FRED F. FIELDING

FROM: JOHN G. ROBERTS *JGR*

SUBJECT: Draft Proclamation Designating
March, 1983 as "Red Cross Month"

Dodie Livingston has requested comments by close of business January 18 on the above-referenced draft proclamation. The proclamation, consistent with the 1982 version, refers to the President as "Honorary Chairman of the American National Red Cross." I see no legal objections.

Attachment

THE WHITE HOUSE

WASHINGTON

January 17, 1983

MEMORANDUM FOR DODIE LIVINGSTON

FROM: FRED F. FIELDING

SUBJECT: Draft Proclamation Designating
March, 1983 as "Red Cross Month"

Counsel's Office finds no legal objection to the above-referenced draft proclamation.

FFF:JGR:aw 1/17/83

cc: FFFielding
✓ JGRoberts
Subj.
Chron

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Subject: Draft Proclamation Designating March 1983
as RED CROSS MONTH

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DATE: 1/12/83 ACTION/CONCURRENCE/COMMENT DUE BY: 1/18/83 COB

SUBJECT: Draft proclamation designating March 1983 as RED CROSS MONTH

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VICE PRESIDENT	☐	☐	JAMES	☐	☐
MEESE	☐	☐	MURPHY	☐	☐
BAKER	☐	☐	ROLLINS	☒	☐
DEAVER	☐	☐	WILLIAMSON	☒	☐
STOCKMAN	☐	☐	WEIDENBAUM	☐	☐
HARPER	☒	☐	HICKEY	☐	☐
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DUBERSTEIN	☒	☐	_____	☐	☐
FULLER (For Cabinet)	☒	☐	_____	☐	☐
GERGEN	☐	☐	_____	☐	☐

Remarks: Draft proclamation as noted above.

This draft was submitted by the American National Red Cross and was edited in this office.

Please comment as you feel appropriate.

TINA SILVERMAN (S)
(for) Dodie Livingston (x2941)

for
Richard G. Darman
Assistant to the President
and



EXECUTIVE OFFICE OF THE PRESIDENT
OFFICE OF MANAGEMENT AND BUDGET
WASHINGTON, D.C. 20503

GENERAL COUNSEL

January 5, 1983

MEMORANDUM FOR: THE PRESIDENT
FROM: MICHAEL J. HOROWITZ
COUNSEL TO THE DIRECTOR MU
SUBJECT: RED CROSS MONTH, 1983

Enclosed is the annual proclamation, first issued by President Roosevelt in 1943, designating March as Red Cross Month.

The proposed proclamation was submitted by the American National Red Cross and has been retyped in this office solely as to format.

The proposed proclamation has the approval of the Director of the Office of Management and Budget.

Enclosure

BY THE PRESIDENT OF THE UNITED STATES OF AMERICA

A PROCLAMATION

American Red Cross volunteers are among the millions of citizens who quietly serve their fellow man. Since the first settlement on our shores, a volunteer spirit has characterized the American way. This spirit has been reflected in the actions of the neighbor who is always ready to lend a hand.

The services performed by the Red Cross provide us with benefits that would otherwise cost billions of dollars. Last year, it was the volunteer who -- giving freely of his or her time, energy, and talent -- made it possible for the Red Cross to collect and provide the ill and injured with nearly six million units of blood. Volunteers established shelters to feed and attend to disaster victims, conducted thousands of courses to improve the quality of life by teaching nutrition, first aid, water safety, home nursing, and preparation for parenthood. The volunteer reached out to our young people, to members of the military, to veterans, and to the elderly and through personal contact eased their loneliness and fears.

For 102 years, the American Red Cross has been an essential ingredient of American life, helping us to learn, to grow, and to prosper. In accordance with this year's theme: "The Red Cross. We'll Help. Will You?" I urge all Americans to donate their time and financial resources in support of Red Cross activities. By giving of ourselves, we give the greatest gift one human being can give another -- the gift of love.

NOW, THEREFORE, I, RONALD REAGAN, President of the United States of America and Honorary Chairman of the American National Red Cross, do hereby designate March 1983 as Red Cross Month.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I have hereunto set my hand this day of , in the year of our Lord nineteen hundred and eighty-three, and of the Independence of the United States of America the two hundred and seventh.

RONALD REAGAN

MEMORANDUM

THE WHITE HOUSE

WASHINGTON

January 17, 1983

MEMORANDUM FOR FRED F. FIELDING

FROM: JOHN G. ROBERTS *JGR*

SUBJECT: Draft Proclamation Designating the Week
Beginning April 24, 1983, as "National
Consumers' Week"

Richard Darman has requested comments by close of business January 14 on the above-referenced draft proclamation. As noted in the memorandum from Michael J. Horowitz to the President, such a proclamation is neither traditional nor has it been requested by Congress. If we are trying to cut down on the number of proclamations, it would seem desirable to start with non-traditional, non-requested ones. Proclaiming a "National Consumers' Week" in the midst of a recession also seems somewhat discordant. On the other hand, a similar proclamation was issued last year, and Elizabeth Dole urges issuance of this one.

The proclamation itself is objectionable in that it refers to a "Consumer's Bill of Rights" considered to encompass a wide range of things that are obviously desirable from a consumer's point of view but not necessarily on the level of legal rights -- such as the right "to a wide assortment of competitively priced goods and services produced here and abroad." If the proclamation goes forward I suggest deleting the first sentence of the third paragraph and the first three words of the second sentence and substituting "Consumers should have . . ."

I have prepared a draft memorandum to Darman for your signature objecting to the "rights" language and noting that we are less than enthusiastic about reissuing this proclamation.

Attachment

THE WHITE HOUSE

WASHINGTON

January 17, 1983

MEMORANDUM FOR RICHARD G. DARMAN
ASSISTANT TO THE PRESIDENT

FROM: FRED F. FIELDING
COUNSEL TO THE PRESIDENT

SUBJECT: Draft Proclamation Designating the Week
Beginning April 24, 1983, as "National
Consumers' Week"

Counsel's Office has reviewed the above-referenced draft proclamation. We find the references to a "Consumer's Bill of Rights" in the third paragraph objectionable, because that language could be misconstrued as Presidential endorsement of broad legal rights of questionable validity. I suggest deleting the first sentence of the third paragraph, and the first three words of the second sentence, and substituting "Consumers should have . . ."

Since this proclamation is neither traditional nor has it been requested by Congress, it may be appropriate to dispense with it altogether in the interest of generally limiting the number of Presidential proclamations.

FFF:JGR:aw 1/17/83

cc: FFFielding
JGRoberts
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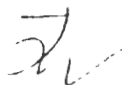
WHITE HOUSE STAFFING MEMORANDUM

DATE: 1/11/83 ACTION/CONCURRENCE/COMMENT DUE BY: ~~C O R 1-14-83~~SUBJECT: Draft proclamation designating the week beginning April 24, 1983,
as "National Consumers' Week."

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DUBERSTEIN	☒	☐		☐	☐
FULLER (For Cabinet)	☒	☐		☐	☐
GERGEN	☐	☐		☐	☐

Remarks:

Draft proclamation as noted above. Draft prepared by the Office of Public Liaison and edited in this office. Please comment as you feel appropriate. Thank you.


 Jack Wells

for

Dodie Livingston (x2941)

for

Richard G. Darman
Assistant to the President

and

Deputy to the Chief of Staff



EXECUTIVE OFFICE OF THE PRESIDENT

OFFICE OF MANAGEMENT AND BUDGET

WASHINGTON, D.C. 20503

GENERAL COUNSEL

December 16, 1982

MEMORANDUM FOR: THE PRESIDENT

FROM: MICHAEL J. HOROWITZ *MJ*
COUNSEL TO THE DIRECTOR

SUBJECT: NATIONAL CONSUMERS' WEEK

Enclosed is a proposed proclamation designating the week beginning on April 24, 1983, as National Consumers' Week.

It was submitted to this office by Mrs. Elizabeth Dole, Assistant to the President for Public Liaison. It has been revised in minor respects and retyped in this office.

This proclamation is not requested by joint resolution of the Congress, nor is it traditional. However, Mrs. Dole urges that this proclamation be issued as soon as possible so that appropriate observances may be arranged nationwide to build upon the momentum generated by events during the 1982 National Consumers' Week.

The proposed proclamation has the approval of the Director of the Office of Management and Budget.

Enclosure

BY THE PRESIDENT OF THE UNITED STATES OF AMERICA

A PROCLAMATION

A major function of our competitive free enterprise economy is to satisfy consumer demand. The effective demand of consumers is what keeps producers in the business of supplying goods and services, and is vital to keeping the wheels of industry turning. Therefore, it is most important that we fully recognize the crucial role consumers play in our economy.

Everyone is a consumer, but too often this role is the most neglected in terms of preparation and training. In our complex market economy major decisions have to be made about living within our means; protecting our futures through insurance, pension plans, and investments; choosing goods and services from our global marketplace; and voting on issues directly affecting our public and private consumption. Because consumer and economic education can contribute immeasurably to our competence as consumers and citizens, it should be started in the schools at the earliest possible time.

A "Consumer's Bill of Rights" has evolved over the past two decades. Those rights include access to a wide assortment of competitively priced goods and services produced here and abroad; accurate information on product content and care, on contractual agreements, on the cost of credit -- essentially whatever facts are needed to make an informed choice. But of greatest importance to consumers is protection against the marketing of goods that are hazardous to health or life, a fair hearing of complaints with appropriate remedies where justified, and dutiful consideration of consumer concerns at

It is clear that the greatest fairness for consumers can be achieved through the active cooperation of business, government, and consumers themselves working to insure equity, increased competition, and safety in our free market economy.

Because an effective and efficient system of commerce depends on an informed and educated public, I urge schools, public and private agencies, and all appropriate public-spirited groups to advance consumer competence by helping provide the necessary consumer and economic information for all our citizens to make well thought-out choices in the marketplace.. While the responsibility for consumer education rests primarily with the individual, the communications media and other interested organizations and institutions play an instrumental part in furthering the understanding of American consumers. I urge consumers to avail themselves of this valuable information and to wisely select the goods and services they seek.

NOW, THEREFORE, I, RONALD REAGAN, President of the United States of America, do hereby designate the week beginning April 24, 1983 as National Consumers' Week.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I have hereunto set my hand this
day of , in the year of
our Lord nineteen hundred and eighty-two, and of the Independence
of the United States of America the two hundred and seventh.

THE WHITE HOUSE
Office of the Press Secretary

For Immediate Release

January 20, 1983

NATIONAL CONSUMERS' WEEK, 1983

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BY THE PRESIDENT OF THE UNITED STATES OF AMERICA

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Everyone is a consumer, but too often this role is the most neglected in terms of preparation and training. In our complex market economy major decisions have to be made about living within our means; protecting our futures through insurance, pension plans, and investments; choosing goods and services from our global marketplace; and voting on issues directly affecting our public and private consumption. Because consumer and economic education can contribute immeasurably to our competence as consumers and citizens, it should be started in the schools at the earliest possible time.

Consumers should have access to a wide assortment of competitively priced goods and services produced here and abroad; accurate information on product content and care, on contractual agreements, on the cost of credit -- essentially whatever facts are needed to make an informed choice. But of greatest importance to consumers and private enterprise is protection against the marketing of goods that are hazardous to health or life, a fair hearing of complaints with appropriate remedies where justified, and dutiful consideration of consumer concerns at all levels of government.

It is clear that the greatest fairness for consumers can be achieved through the active cooperation of business, government, and consumers themselves working to insure equity, increased competition, and safety in our free market economy.

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NOW, THEREFORE, I, RONALD REAGAN, President of the United States of America, do hereby designate the week beginning April 24, 1983 as National Consumers' Week.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I have hereunto set my hand this twentieth day of January, in the year of our Lord nineteen hundred and eighty-three, and of the Independence of the United States of America the two hundred and seventh.

RONALD REAGAN

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MEMORANDUM

THE WHITE HOUSE

WASHINGTON

January 27, 1983

MEMORANDUM FOR FRED F. FIELDING

FROM: JOHN G. ROBERTS *JGR*

SUBJECT: Memo to Departments and Agencies
Re: Red Cross Month, 1983

Richard Darman has requested comments by close of business January 28 on a draft memorandum from the President to the heads of executive departments and agencies, urging support for the Red Cross during Red Cross Month. The President proclaimed March as Red Cross month in a recent proclamation. A very similar memorandum was circulated last year, and I see no legal objection to this year's memorandum. Consistent with the proclamation and last year's memorandum, the proposed draft refers to the President as the Honorary Chairman of the American Red Cross.

The third sentence of the draft suffers from a stylistic flaw of sufficient magnitude to warrant comment. The sentence lists four things for which we depend upon the Red Cross, and one time -- resulting in a disconcerting lack of parallelism. I suggest adding "for help" before "in times of disaster," to restore parallelism in the sentence structure.

Attachment

THE WHITE HOUSE

WASHINGTON

January 27, 1983

MEMORANDUM FOR RICHARD G. DARMAN
ASSISTANT TO THE PRESIDENT

FROM: FRED F. FIELDING Orig. signed by FFF
COUNSEL TO THE PRESIDENT

SUBJECT: Memo to Departments and Agencies
Re: Red Cross Month, 1983

Counsel's Office has reviewed the above-referenced proposed memorandum from the President, and has no legal objection to it. The third sentence, however, suffers from a lack of parallelism, which could be readily cured by inserting the words "for help" before "in times of disaster."

FFF:JGR:aw 1/27/83

cc: FFFielding
JGRoberts
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Chron

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WHITE HOUSE STAFFING MEMORANDUM

JAN 26 1983

DATE: 1/26/83 ACTION/CONCURRENCE/COMMENT DUE BY: c.o.b. 1/28/83

SUBJECT: MEMO TO DEPARTMENTS AND AGENCIES RE RED CROSS MONTH, 1983

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MEESE	☐	☒	GERGEN	☒	☐
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Remarks:

Please provide any edits/comments by Friday, January 28th.

Note: The President has already signed a proclamation on Red Cross Month.

Richard G. Darman
Assistant to the President
(x2702)

Response:

DRAFT

MEMORANDUM FOR HEADS OF EXECUTIVE DEPARTMENTS AND AGENCIES

SUBJECT: RED CROSS MONTH, 1983

March has just been designated Red Cross Month by Presidential Proclamation. It is a period when the American Red Cross will seek to swell its ranks of volunteers to carry on its vital service to this Nation. We depend upon the Red Cross for the collection and distribution of blood, for vital health and safety knowledge, for services to members of the military, veterans and their families, in times of disaster, and for training young people to undertake the responsibilities of leadership.

We, as Federal employees, can do much to assure that Red Cross Month is a success by becoming a Red Cross volunteer, by donating blood and by supporting our Red Cross chapter's membership and enrollment efforts.

Within the Federal Government, the Red Cross is a part of the Combined Federal Campaign, while more than half of its 3,000 chapters raise all of their funds during March. All chapters, however, will use the month to inform the public of Red Cross services and to recruit new blood donors and volunteers.

As President of the United States and as Honorary Chairman of the American Red Cross, I urge all civilian employees of the Federal Government and members of the Armed Forces to support this voluntary effort.

RONALD REAGAN

THE WHITE HOUSE
Office of the Press Secretary

For Immediate Release

January 20, 1983

RED CROSS MONTH, 1983

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BY THE PRESIDENT OF THE UNITED STATES OF AMERICA

A PROCLAMATION

American Red Cross volunteers are among the millions of citizens who quietly serve their fellow man. Since the first settlement on our shores, a volunteer spirit has characterized the American way. This spirit has been reflected in the actions of the neighbor who is always ready to lend a hand.

The services performed by the Red Cross provide us with benefits that would otherwise cost billions of dollars. Last year, it was the volunteer who -- giving freely of his or her time, energy, and talent -- made it possible for the Red Cross to collect and provide the ill and injured with nearly six million units of blood. Volunteers established shelters to feed and attend to disaster victims, conducted thousands of courses to improve the quality of life by teaching nutrition, first aid, water safety, home nursing, and preparation for parenthood. The volunteer reached out to our young people, to members of the military, to veterans, and to the elderly and through personal contact eased their loneliness and fears.

For 102 years, the American Red Cross has been an essential ingredient of American life, helping us to learn, to grow, and to prosper. In accordance with this year's theme: "The Red Cross. We'll Help. Will You?" I urge all Americans to donate their time and financial resources in support of Red Cross activities. By giving of ourselves, we give the greatest gift one human being can give another -- the gift of love.

NOW, THEREFORE, I, RONALD REAGAN, President of the United States of America and Honorary Chairman of the American National Red Cross, do hereby designate March 1983 as Red Cross Month.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I have hereunto set my hand this twentieth day of January, in the year of our Lord nineteen hundred and eighty-three, and of the Independence of the United States of America the two hundred and seventh.

RONALD REAGAN