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Schedule	Schedule of the President	11	02/10/2016	P5; P6/b6; b7c; b7e; b7f;

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Sir,
This revised schedule
contains minor updates
to your movements at
the Illinois Capital.

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Memorandum	Daily Economic Briefing - To: POTUS - From: Jeff Zients	5	02/09/2016	P5;

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Memorandum	Illinois Political Background - To: POTUS - From: Amy Dacey, et al.	18	02/09/2016	P5;

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Memorandum	Background on the economic situation in Illinois and Springfield (part of the Springfield, IL Metropolitan Statistical Area) To: POTUS - From: Jason Furman	2	02/08/2016	P5;

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THE WHITE HOUSE

Washington

February 9, 2016

ILLINOIS TARMAC GREET

DATE:

February 10, 2016

LOCATION: Abraham Lincoln Capital Airport

Springfield, IL

TIME:

11:20 - 11:25 AM

From:

Bobby Schmuck

I. **PURPOSE**

YOU will greet the Governor of Illinois and the Mayor of Springfield at the bottom of the stairs to Air Force One.

Governor Rauner and the Mayor of Springfield will travel independently to the State House for YOUR event.

II. **PARTICIPANTS**

- James Langfelder, Mayor of Springfield (D)
- Bruce Rauner, Governor of Illinois (R)

III. **PRESS PLAN**

OPEN Press.

IV. SEQUENCE OF EVENTS

- YOU descend the stairs from the aircraft.
- YOU will shake hands with the greeters.
- YOU load the motorcade and depart.

V. REMARKS

N/A

VI. **ATTACHMENT**

A. Background on Greeters

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BACKGROUND ON GREETERS

James Langfelder, Mayor of Springfield (D)

Langfelder was elected in 2015 and is currently serving his first four-year term. Previously, he served as the Springfield City Treasurer for 12 years and as a business development officer at Security Bank and for the First of America Bank. His father, Ossie, was the Mayor of Springfield, IL from 1987 to 1995 and died last October. Langfelder and his wife, Billie, have three children.

Bruce Rauner, Governor of Illinois (R)

Rauner is serving his first term as Governor of Illinois after being elected in 2014. Previously, he served as Chairman of R8 Capital Partners as well as the private equity firm GTCR, based in Chicago. He and his wife, Diana, have three children.

THE WHITE HOUSE

Washington

February 9, 2016

OTR STOP IN SPRINGFIELD

DATE:

February 10, 2016

LOCATION: The Feed Store, Springfield, IL

TIME:

11:40 AM - 12:00 PM

From:

Pat Cunnane, Communications

I. **PURPOSE**

Prior to YOUR remarks at the Illinois General Assembly, YOU will stop by The Feed Store in Springfield, IL to grab lunch. While YOUR food is being prepared, YOU will work the room and greet patrons. Senator Durbin will accompany YOU during YOUR time at The Feed Store.

II. PRESS PLAN

There will be a pool spray of YOUR time at this OTR stop. Additionally, the VICE crew that is filming B-Roll during the day will remain in the restaurant after the pool departs to capture a bit more footage. WH Videographer will cover.

III. **PARTICIPANTS**

Senator Durbin

IV. SEQUENCE OF EVENTS

- YOU enter the restaurant.
- YOU place YOUR order.
- While YOUR food is being prepared, YOU work the room.
- YOU pick up YOUR food.
- YOU work a rope line outside.
- YOU depart.

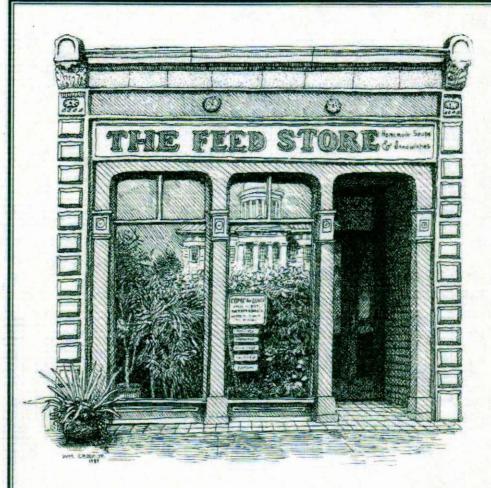
V. REMARKS

N/A

VI. **ATTACHMENT**

A. Menu

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THE FEED STORE

Offering Unique Homemade Soups, Sandwiches, Salads & Desserts

> All Menu Items Available for Carry-Out

Downtown on the Old Capitol Plaza Serving Lunch Monday - Friday, 11 am - 3 pm

516 East Adams • Springfield, IL 62701 Phone (217) 528-3355 • Fax (217) 744-1744



A Word About Our Sandwiches ...

Our sandwiches are served on your choice of buttered bread with a kosher pickle spear and orange slice. Cheese (65¢) may be added to any sandwich.

BREADS

Wheat Sourdough Bagel Light Rye Pumpernickel

Croissant
(70e Additional)
Baguette
(60e Additional)
Herb Focaccia
(60e Additional)

CHEESES

Natural Swiss Colby Cheddar Smoked Gouda Cream Cheese

Specialties of the House ...

CHICKEN SALAD\$4.95

The Feed Store's most popular sandwich (would you believe 150+ each day?), created in our own kitchen from lots of meaty chicken, real mayonnaise, celery and other seasonings.

THE LOCAL HERO ... \$6.25

Select either Turkey Breast or Ham; we'll add Swiss & Colby cheeses, lettuce, tomato & red onion, and serve it on a freshly-baked Vie de France baguette.

THE UPPER CRUST . . . \$5.45

An elegant blend of cream cheese, olives, carrots, celery, dill & chives is combined with natural Turkey Breast, topped with tomato and graciously served on your choice of bread.

THE REUBEN \$5.85

Choose our Corned Beef, Pastrami or even Turkey Breast; we'll top it with Swiss and fresh sauerkraut and serve it on the best rye bread this side of New York City.

THE PRAIRIE TURKEY. \$6.25

Our newest sandwich ... hickory-smoked Turkey Breast, smoked Gouda cheese, Boston lettuce and our special homemade Thousand Island dressing stacked on a flaky all-butter Vie de France croissant.

THE PORK BARREL . . . \$6.00

In the time-honored tradition of Illinois politics, a little something for everyone ... Ham, Salami, Colby & Swiss cheeses presented on your choice of bread.

THE UPSTAIRS DOWNSTAIRS CLUB . . \$6.25

Smoked Turkey Breast, Ham, Swiss, bacon, lettuce & tomato stacked on a trio of toasted wheat slices.

THE UNHOLY COW ... \$6.50

Choice Roast Beef, hard Salami, Colby and Cheddar cheeses, garnished with sliced red onion and served on a Vie de France baguette.

THE LOX-NESS MONSTER \$5.85

Thinly-sliced North Atlantic Smoked Salmon served on a toasted bagel with cream cheese & sliced red onion.

THE COMBINATION . . \$6.95

A double-sized sandwich – any two full portions of meat served on your choice of bread.

The "No-Choice"

Hate to make decisions? Tired of being harassed by Order Takers bombarding you with dozens of questions about what you want to eat? Relax – we have the answer!

We'll give you a sandwich, cup of wonderful homemade soup, and a beverage – our choice!

Please . . . no input, complaints, substitutions, charitable remarks or caustic comments. We make it – you take it! Check the signs to see what today's No-Choice Special happens to be! \$7.85

MORE SANDWICHES

The Old Standbys . . .

TURKEY BREAST \$4.95

A natural breast of Turkey, moist and tender. One of our healthiest offerings, it's 99% fat-free.

ROAST BEEF \$4.95

A USDA-Choice top round, roasted to a tender medium-rare.

CORNED BEEF \$4.95

A lean kosher-style beef round - we think it's best on pumpernickel.

PASTRAMI \$4.95

A New York-style beef brisket, coated with cracked peppercorns for the traditional spicy flavor.

HAM \$4.95

Another of our best-sellers - the ham is smoked and happens to be Iowa's finest.

SMOKED TURKEY ... \$4.95

A cured and slowly-cooked hickorysmoked Turkey Breast, 99% fat-free.

TUNA SALAD \$4.95

Mayo, eggs, sweet relish and celery are blended with chunk light tuna to satisfy your seafood cravings.

SALAMI \$4.85

A savory treat - German-style hard Salami, thinly-sliced.

And Our Vegetarian Offerings . . .

THE VEGGIE HERO .. \$5.00

Swiss & Colby cheeses, cucumbers, fresh mushrooms, lettuce, tomato & sliced red onion stacked on a freshly-baked baguette.

NUTS TO OLIVE YOU. \$4.75

Pecans (lots of them), olives, pimentos and cream cheese spread thickly on pumpernickel (or your bread choice) – topped with sprouts and tomato.

ESCAPE

TO WISCONSIN \$4.25

Any (or all) of our four varieties of cheese on your choice of bread; we'll serve it cold (the best) – or warm (if you like it gooey).

BEURRE D'ARACHIDE ET CONFITURE \$4.25

OK, so it's just your basic PB & J ... crunchy or smooth peanut butter with strawberry jam or grape jelly. And it even comes with your very own box of Barnum's animal crackers!

IN THE DOUGH . \$1.30/\$1.85

A side order of bread, bagel or roll (\$1.30) to accompany your soup or salad; baguettes, croissants & herb foccacia are also available (\$1.85). Buttered & warmed, if you'd prefer.

CUKA,

SWISS & PHILLY \$4.85

Veggie cream cheese and natural Swiss are topped with thinly-sliced cucumbers & alfalfa sprouts; served on your choice of bread.

BAGEL &

CREAM CHEESE \$2.60

A hot, buttered bagel generously spread with cream cheese.

THE VEGGIE BAGEL. \$2.95

Dill, chives, olives, carrots & celery blended with cream cheese - the healthier variation of our old favorite.

Extras

Potato Chips \$.70
Animal Crackers \$1.55
Kosher Pickle Spear \$.35
Orange Slice \$.25
Bacon Slices (2) \$.65
Sliced Cucumbers \$.50
Fresh Sauerkraut \$.45
Salad Dressing \$.55/\$.90
Wheat Crackers (per pkg) \$.20

Lettuce, tomato, sprouts and/or sliced red onion can be added to any sandwich at no extra charge.

SOUPS

Between 150 and 250 quarts of fresh homemade soup are served daily, depending on the season. Soup preparation begins at 6:30 each morning – slicing fresh mushrooms, sautéing garlic, trimming onions, chopping carrots, broccoli & celery, dicing potatoes, making roux, and all the other diverse and time-consuming tasks needed to have six or seven varieties of soup ready for lunch.

Some people think the stockpot should be a catch-all for the past month's leftovers – we heartily disagree. We've always believed that superb soup comes from the finest ingredients available – fresh veggies, unsalted butter, extra virgin olive oil, real dairy products, etc. We're justifiably proud of our soup; that's why Feed Store soup has become known as "Springfield's Best."

Broth \$2.40 cup . . \$3.55 bowl

Cream . . . \$2.60 cup . . \$3.75 bowl

Seafood . . \$2.70 cup . . \$3.90 bowl

During the summer months, we offer a dazzling variety of **chilled fruit** & **vegetable soups** (\$2.70/cup; \$3.90/bowl). Chilled Strawberry Soup, a dessert soup, is the house favorite (\$3.00/cup; \$4.35/bowl).

SALADS

THE PLAZA	*******************************	\$4.75
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The Feed Store's luncheon-sized "house salad" – Boston leaf lettuce, shredded Parmesan, dried cherries, sliced red onion and croutons.

THE HEARTLAND	(Vegetarian)	,
	(Ham and/or Turkey) \$5.95	i

This large salad features a variety of greens which may include romaine, Boston, iceberg, radicchio, green leaf and spinach. We'll garnish with fresh veggies, egg and longhorn Colhy cheese.

This small multi-green salad is topped with fresh mushrooms, broccoli, tomato and cucumber.

Salad Dressing Offerings . . .

Green Goddess (Ranch).. Raspberry Vinaigrette.. Thousand Island Lemon Poppyseed Vinaigrette.. French.. Fat-Free Herb Italian Blue Cheese.. Oil & Vinegar.. Fat-Free Ranch.. Fat-Free French

MACARONI SALAD\$2.00

As American as the 4th of July, this homemade creation features green onion, grated cheddar, pimentos, celery and sweet relish (warm weather only).

And Don't Forget . . .

THE CHICKEN or TUNA SALAD PLATE \$4.95

The Feed Store's homemade Chicken or Tuna Salads served on Boston lettuce, accompanied by tomato, pickle, orange and whole wheat crackers.

BEVERAGES
SOFT DRINKS
ICED TEA\$1.35 Freshly brewed each day and served unsweetened, with lemon
LEMONADE\$1.35
THE PINEAPPLE CONCOCTION
FRUIT JUICE
SPARKLING & NATURAL WATERS
MILK 2% Reduced Fat\$.80
COFFEE Regular or Decaffeinated\$1.35
HOT TEA
DESSERTS
Our desserts are baked "from scratch" on premises, using pure extracts, real dairy products, liqueurs of exceptional quality, etc. While not fat-free or low-cal, we think occasional indulgences are good for the soul.
CARROT CAKE\$2.75 Cream cheese frosting enhances this moist and spicy cake, made with freshly-grated carrots and crushed pineapple.
APPLE CAKE\$2.95 This all-butter cake, spiced with cinnamon, nutmeg & cloves, is filled with apples and pecans and topped with a scrumptious caramel icing.
BLACK & WHITE CAKE
BETSY'S VANILLA CHEESECAKE
CHOCOLATE RASPBERRY CHEESECAKE \$3.60 This luscious cheesecake features semi-sweet chocolate, whole raspberries and Chambord liqueur. Baked on a chocolate tart pastry crust, it's served with our wonderful homemade raspberry sauce.
CHEESECAKE OF THE MONTH\$3.25 Let us tempt you with one of our specialty cheesecakes (Chocolate Mocha, Pumpkin, Amaretto, Blueberry-Lime, Chocolate Chip, Café au Lait, Grass- hopper, Praline, and more) – watch the signs for this month's selection.

THE FEED STORE (fed stor, stor), n. 1. a charming and unique restaurant of the American heartland specializing in homemade Soups (Sandwiches, Salads & Desserts, also) which follow:

BROTH SOUPS ... Beef Barley/Large chunks of beef, barley and spices simmered in a hearty beef stock • Vegetable Beef/A thick and robust vegetable soup from a recipe passed down from our Great Grandma Richardson • Chicken & Corn/A chicken noodle variation originating from an old Pennsylvania Dutch recipe • Minestrone/Nine different veggies combine in this Milanese-style vegetarian specialty

CREAM SOUPS ... Wisconsin Cheese/ Cheddar cheese is whisked into a white sauce, then mixed with a full-bodied beef broth flavored with beer Cream of Broccoli/Fresh broccoli, butter and sweet cream define the delicate flavor of this savory soup • Mushroom Bisque/A rich creamy soup, made with fresh mushrooms • Cream of Spinach/This lovely green soup begins with onions and garlic sautéing in butter, and finishes with fresh mushrooms, spinach and heavy cream • French Potato/A puréed cream of potato soup, flavored with fresh celery & onion • Zucchini Chowder/Fresh zucchini, corn, celery, mushrooms, green pepper, tomato, onion & garlic star in this thick vegetarian chowder • Tomato Bisque/Seasoned with dill and sweetened with honey, this cream of tomato is our newest attraction

SEAFOOD SOUPS ... Seafood Chowder/Shrimp, snow crab, scallops & whitefish swim in a creamy clam broth with chunks of potato, carrots and celery, New England-style

CHILLED SOUPS ... Gazpacho/ A slightly spicy, fat-free Spanish soup that features chopped cucumbers, celery and green pepper in a tomato purée · Cucumber & Mint/ Cucumbers sautéed with onions and garlic, poured over fresh mint, and finished with yogurt, milk & cream Cantaloupe/Orange and apple juices blended with sweet cantaloupe, honey, cream and a touch of cinnamon Strawberry/Fresh puréed strawberries simmered in light red wine, cinnamon, lemon, and finished with whipping and sour creams

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ABOUT THE FEED STORE

Former political organizers with a penchant for great food, husband-and-wife team Ross Richardson and Ann Laurence opened The Feed Store in September, 1977. Having become older, grayer, plumper and balder in the intervening 33 years, they continue to coordinate and nurture their business. Their son, Daniel Laurence-Richardson, has recently become site manager of the restaurant, aided by over twenty enthusiastic employees.

In 1989, the restaurant moved into its "new" circa 1865 building five doors west of the original site, located at the entrance to the Old State Capitol (two blocks south of the Lincoln Presidential Library). The rehabbed Lincoln-era building is listed on the National Historic Register.

CARRY-OUT ORDERS & CATERING

Yes, everything on our menu can be prepared "To Go" – even soups and salads. You may call (528-3355) or fax (744-1744) your order, and we'll have it ready whenever you want to pick it up. And if you're in the restaurant but would rather not take the time to eat it here, go directly to the back (don't stand in line) and give your order to our "To Go" person. We'll have your lunch made and bagged speedily.

Need to feed a group? We do Soups by the gallon (quarts & half-gallons also), Chicken and Tuna Salads by the pound, whole Carrot Cakes, Apple Cakes, Cheesecakes, etc. Pick up a copy of our "Gourmet Shop" menu for details, or call for more information.

THE WHITE HOUSE

Washington

February 9, 2016

PHOTO LINE WITH INVITED GUESTS

DATE:

February 10, 2016

LOCATION: The Hoogland Center for the Arts

TIME:

2:55 - 3:15 PM

From:

Bobby Schmuck

I. **PURPOSE**

Upon arrival, YOU will meet and take 8 photos with invited guests from across Illinois.

II. **PARTICIPANTS**

Invited Guests:

- Debra Bennie, Mother of White House Staffer Jess Allen
 - o Jacob Allen, Brother
 - o Lee Bennie, Grandmother
 - o Emma VanMiddlesworth, Niece
- Ross Breckenridge, Brother of Russ Breckenridge
- Joshua Langfelder, Sangamon County Recorder
 - o Angela Langfelder
 - o Julia Langfelder
 - o Allison Langfelder
 - o Ava Langfelder
- Desiree Lintz, Early Supporter and Consumer Products, Senior Marketing Manager
 - o Axel Lintz, Son
 - o Astrid McGruder, Son
- Maureen Schulman, Mother of White House Staffer Kori Shulman
 - o Marc Shulman, Father
- Mikal Sutton, Former U.S. Senate Staff
- Robert Stephen, Former U.S. Senate Staff
- Grace Tsao-Wu, Early Supporter and Tabula Tua, Retailer
 - o Jackson Freedman, Son
 - o Camille Freedman, Daughter

III. PRESS PLAN

CLOSED Press. WH Videographer will cover.

IV. SEQUENCE OF EVENTS

- YOU will be directed to where the participants will be positioned.
- YOU will work a push and pull photo line, shaking hands and posing for pictures.
- YOU will take police and driver photos.
- YOU will depart for off-stage announce.

V. REMARKS

N/A

VI. ATTACHMENTS

N/A

THE WHITE HOUSE

Washington

February 9, 2016

PHOTO LINE WITH FORMER ELECTED OFFICIALS AND INVITED GUESTS

DATE:

February 10, 2016

LOCATION: Illinois State Capitol

TIME:

12:15 - 12:25 PM

From:

Bobby Schmuck

I. PURPOSE

Upon arrival, YOU will meet and take 10 photos with former elected officials and invited guests from across Illinois.

PARTICIPANTS II.

Former Elected Officials:

- Emil Jones, Former Illinois Senate President
- Pat Quinn, Former Governor of Illinois

Invited Guests:

- Ken Bennett, YOUR former U.S. Senate State Director; Current Deputy Chief of Staff, City of Chicago
 - o Lisa Bennett, Wife
- · Dick Breckenridge, Retired
 - o Russ Breckenridge, United Association
- Les Coney, Mesirow Financial
- Loretta Durbin, Wife of U.S. Senator Dick Durbin
- Beverly Helm-Renfro, YOUR Former Administrative Assistant in the Illinois Statehouse
- Michael Jordan, State Farm Insurance Agent, Early Grassroots Leader
- Jennifer Mason, YOUR Former U.S. Senate Staff
- Dan Shoman, Obama for Senate Political Director

III. PRESS PLAN

CLOSED Press. WH Videographer will cover.

SEQUENCE OF EVENTS IV.

- YOU will be directed to where the participants will be positioned.
- YOU will work a push and pull photo line, shaking hands and posing for pictures.

V. REMARKS

N/A

VI. ATTACHMENTS

N/A

THE WHITE HOUSE

Washington

February 9, 2016

REMARKS AT ILLINOIS GENERAL ASSEMBLY

DATE:

February 10, 2016

LOCATION: Illinois State Capitol

TIME:

12:45 - 2:10 PM

From:

Pat Cunnane, Communications

I. **PURPOSE**

While in Springfield, Illinois, YOU will address the Illinois General Assembly. This is an opportunity for YOU to return to the place where YOUR political career began on the ninth anniversary of YOUR candidacy for President. YOUR remarks will focus on what we can do, together, to build a better politics – one that reflects our better selves. The audience will be comprised primarily of Illinois State Legislators and will include 50 guests invited by the White House, made up of a diverse group of labor leaders, stakeholders, elected officials from downstate Illinois.

Please note: Throughout YOUR day in Springfield, a VICE crew will shadow the travel pool and be given additional access to YOU behind-the-scenes as they prepare a one hour episode for HBO that will focus on YOUR career, with an emphasis on who YOU were when YOU entered the national political stage in 2004, YOUR campaign for the presidency and the beginning of YOUR time in office.

Broader Trip Amplification Plan

Communications will work to amplify YOUR trip through multiple channels in coordination with the Office of Digital Strategy and by engaging supporters, stakeholders and alumni. Prior to YOUR trip, we placed regional print and targeted radio interviews to preview the Springfield visit and we sent framing language widely to reporters last night. We are also working to place profile pieces on staffers who have been with YOU since the beginning, including a story on Brian Mosteller for the Washington Post. Additionally, we will engage the Obama alumni network broadly by inviting them to join the conversation online and share stories behind pivotal moments in the presidency using #WhereWereYou on social media. We will lift up participation by former high-level staffers on the trip and encourage them to write about their experiences in outlets they regularly contribute to or on Medium. In the days following YOUR trip – to keep up the drumbeat - ODS will release a produced video of YOU in YOUR old office reflecting on YOUR return to Springfield. Communications and ODS will also lift up YOUR moderated discussion with Christi Parsons and former colleagues. (See separate memo.)

II. PARTICIPANTS

N/A

III. PRESS PLAN

POOLED Press for remarks. WH Videographer will cover clutches and remarks.

IV. SEQUENCE OF EVENTS

Clutches

- YOU participate in a clutch with Senate Leadership in the Senate President's Hallway.
 - o Attendees are awaiting YOU in a horseshoe.
 - o YOU greet attendees and participate in a standard push-and-pull photo line.
- YOU depart and move to the Senate Chamber.
- YOU participate in a clutch with Former Senate Colleagues.
 - o Attendees are awaiting YOU in a horseshoe.
 - o YOU greet attendees, take candid photos, and take a group photo.
- YOU depart and move to the Speaker's Office [Covered by VICE with audio].
- YOU participate in a clutch with House Leadership.
 - o Attendees are awaiting YOU in a horseshoe.
 - o YOU greet attendees and participate in a standard push-and-pull photo line.
- YOU depart to sign plaque.
- YOU move to off-stage announce.

Remarks

- The Senate President and Speaker of the House move into the chamber.
- The Speaker of the House brings the session to order.
- The Speaker of the House announces YOU into the chamber.
- YOU move to the podium at the top of the dais.
- YOU deliver remarks; The Senate President and The Speaker of the House flank YOU for the speech [The Speaker of the House on YOUR right & The Senate President on YOUR left]
- YOU conclude.
- YOU shake hands to departure.

V. REMARKS

Provided under separate cover by Speechwriting.

VI. ATTACHMENT

A. Clutches

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CLUTCHES

YOU will meet and take photos with former Illinois Senate Leadership, Illinois Senate Colleagues, and Illinois House Leadership.

<u>Senate Leadership (12:45 – 12:50 PM):</u>

- James Clayborne, State Senator
- John Cullerton, State Senator
- Pam Cullerton, State Senator
- William Haine, State Senator
- Don Harmon, State Senator
- Mattie Hunter, State Senator
- Kimberly Lightford, State Senator
- Terry Link, State Senator
- Iris Martinez, State Senator
- Antonio Munoz, State Senator
- Ira Silverstein, State Senator
- John Sullivan, State Senator
- Donne Trotter, State Senator

Former Senate Colleagues (12:50 – 1:00 PM):

- Pam Althoff
- Bill Brady
- James Clayborne
- Jacqueline Collins
- John Cullerton, Illinois Senate President
- Gary Forby
- Bill Haine
- Don Harmon
- Mattie Hunter
- Kimberly Lightford
- Terry Link
- Dave Luechtefeld
- Iris Martinez
- Antonio Munoz
- Leader Christine Radogno
- Dale Righter
- Martin Sandoval
- Ira Silverstein
- John Sullivan
- Dave Syverson
- Donne Trotter

House Leadership (1:05 – 1:15 PM):

- Ed Acevedo, State Representative
- John Bradley, State Representative
- Dan Burke, State Representative
- Barbara Currie, State Representative
- Monique Davis, State Representative
- Sara Feigenholtz, State Representative
- Mary Flowers, State Representative
- Greg Harris, State Representative
- Lisa Hernanez, State Representative
- Jehan Gordon-Booth, State Representative
- Lou Lang, State Representative
- Lisa Madigan, Attorney General of Illinois
- Michael Madigan, Illinois House Speaker
- Elaine Nekritz, State Representative
- Al Riley, State Representative
- Silvana Tabares, State Representative
- Arthur Turner, Jr., State Representative

THE WHITE HOUSE

Washington

February 9, 2016

ODS TAPING

DATE:

February 10, 2016

LOCATION: YOUR Old Senate Office

TIME:

2:30 - 2:40 PM

From:

Jason Goldman, Adam Garber

I. **PURPOSE**

The purpose of this video is to stoke nostalgia around the 9-year anniversary of YOUR campaign announcement and remind Americans how far we've come. In the video, we will capture YOUR reflections on what it means to return to Springfield. ODS will produce a video that incorporates this interview along with footage from the day to distribute across White House social media channels and on digital platforms.

II. **PARTICIPANTS**

N/A

III. PRESS PLAN

CLOSED Press. WH Videographer will cover.

SEQUENCE OF EVENTS IV.

- YOU will be seated in YOUR old Senate office.
- ODS will pose two questions in an interview style:
 - 1. What does it feel like to back in YOUR old Senate office? Are there any specific memories in this office that come back to YOU?
 - 2. What advice would the 2016 President Obama give to the State Senator Obama?
- YOUR answers will be off-the-cuff and in an interview style. Because this is being taped and produced by ODS, YOU may stop and start as needed.
- YOU depart.

V. REMARKS

No prepared remarks

VI. ATTACHMENTS

N/A

MEMO TO BE DELIVERED

THE WHITE HOUSE

Washington

February 9, 2016

OVERFLOW REMARKS TO SUPPORTERS, STAKEHOLDER AND VOLUNTEERS

DATE:

February 10, 2016

LOCATION: The Hoogland Center for the Arts

TIME:

3:20 - 3:50 PM

From:

Pat Cunnane, Communications

I. **PURPOSE**

Following YOUR address to the Illinois General Assembly, YOU will travel to a nearby building – the Hoogland Center for the Arts – where YOU will deliver brief, informal remarks without a podium and in the round to a crowd of supporters, stakeholders, and volunteers. This group of about 500 people will have just watched YOUR remarks at the Capitol from Hoogland Center.

Senator Durbin will introduce a video that will include highlights of YOUR career. Immediately following the video, Senator Durbin will introduce YOU to the stage. Following YOUR remarks, YOU will work a long rope line.

This is an opportunity for YOU to thank this group for their support, from the beginning of YOUR political career to today.

II. **PARTICIPANTS**

Senator Durbin

III. PRESS PLAN

YOUR remarks will include travel pool coverage. WH Videographer will cover. VICE will cover remarks and rope line.

IV. **SEQUENCE OF EVENTS**

- VOG announces Senator Durbin to stage.
- Senator Durbin delivers remarks and introduces video.
- Video plays.
- At the end of the video, Senator Durbin introduces YOU to stage.
- YOU move to stage.
- YOU deliver informal remarks.
- YOU work a rope line from RIGHT to LEFT.

YOU depart.

V. REMARKS

Informal; no podium. Talking points from Cody provided Wednesday.

VI. ATTACHMENTS

N/A

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Memorandum	Moderated Discussion with Christi Parson and Former State Senate Colleagues - To: POTUS - From: Pat Cunnane	5	02/09/2016	P5;

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Memorandum	California Political Background - To: POTUS - From: Amy Dacey, et al.	22	02/09/2016	P5;

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Memorandum	Background on the economic situation in California and San Jose (part of the San Jose-Sunnyvale-Santa Clara, CA Metropolitan Statistical Area) - To: POTUS - From: Jason Furman	2	02/08/2016	P5;

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THE WHITE HOUSE

Washington

February 9, 2016

MOUNTAIN VIEW TARMAC GREET

DATE:

February 10, 2016

LOCATION: Moffett Federal Airfield

Mountain View, CA

TIME:

7:25 - 7:30 PM

From:

Bobby Schmuck

I. **PURPOSE**

YOU will greet two elected officials and two military personnel at the bottom of the stairs to Air Force One.

YOU have not previously met the military greeters.

PARTICIPANTS II.

Sam Liccardo, Mayor of San Jose (D) Patricia Showalter, Mayor of Mountain View (D) PRESS PLAN OPEN Press.

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- IV. SEQUENCE OF EVENTS
 - YOU descend the stairs from the aircraft.
 - YOU will shake hands with the greeters.
 - YOU load the motorcade and depart.

V. REMARKS

III.

N/A

VI. **ATTACHMENT**

A. Background on Greeters

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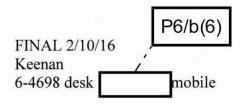
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BACKGROUND ON GREETERS

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Remarks of President Barack Obama A Better Politics Springfield, Illinois February 10, 2016

Mr. Speaker, Mr. President, Members of the General Assembly, my fellow Illinoisans:

It's kind of fun to start a speech that way twice in one month.

Thank you for the privilege of addressing this chamber. To Governor Rauner, Senator Durbin and Members of Congress, Speaker Madigan, Former Governor Pat Quinn, Mayor Langfelder and the people of Springfield – thank you for welcoming me home. It's great to see so many old friends like John Cullerton and Emil Jones. I miss you guys.

Being here today calls to mind the first time I spoke on the senate floor, almost twenty years ago. I was passionate, idealistic, and ready to make a difference. Just to stand in that magnificent chamber was enough to fill you with a heightened sense of purpose. Of course, I probably needed a little dose of reality when I first arrived.

So one day, I rose to speak about a bill. I thought I'd made some compelling points, with irrefutable logic. I was about to sit down when the senate president, a gruff former Marine named Pate Philip, slapped me on the back and grunted through his cigar, "Kid, that was a pretty good speech. Changed a lot of minds. But you didn't change any votes." My side lost in a blowout.

That was one of my first lessons in humility. Another came when I presented my own first bill – a simple piece of legislation that would make it a little easier for Illinois manufacturers to hire graduating community college students. I didn't know of any serious opposition, so I asked for a vote. What I got was a good hazing.

A senior colleague put the vote on hold to ask, "Could you correctly pronounce your name for me? I'm having a little trouble with it."

"Obama," I replied.

"Is that Irish?" he asked.

Being thirty-five, and a little big for my britches, I said, "It will be when I run countywide."

"That was a good joke," he said, not amused, "but this bill's still going to die." He went on to complain that my predecessor's name was easier to pronounce than mine, and I didn't have cookies at my desk like she did, and how would I ever expect to get any votes if I didn't have any cookies to give out at my desk? "I definitely urge a no vote," he said, "whatever your name is." And for the next several minutes, the senate debated whether I should add an apostrophe to

my name for the Irish, or whether the fact that "Obama" ends in a vowel meant I actually belonged to the Italians, and just how many trees had to die to print this terrible bill, anyway?

Chastened, I said, "If I survive this event, I will be eternally grateful and consider this a highlight of my legal and legislative career." I asked for a vote. My bill passed. But I was duly reminded that I was a freshman in the minority, and I thank all of my former colleagues, in both chambers, for not letting me forget it.

To be a rookie in the minority party, as I was, is not much fun in any legislature. Here, we were called "mushrooms" – because we were kept in the dark and fed a lot of manure. But the one benefit of such a position – and not being in the meetings where the big deals were being made – is that I had a lot of time to get to know my colleagues.

Many of us were away from our families, so we became friends. I admit I still miss the fish fries, the union halls, the golf scrambles, those bipartisan poker games at the Illinois Manufacturer's Association. I can't say that I miss the horseshoes. But away from the glare of TV, or the tweets and GIFs of today's media, we found that despite all our surface differences – Democrats and Republicans, downstate hog farmers and inner-city blacks, suburban businesspeople and Latinos from Pilsen or Little Village – we actually shared a lot in common.

We fought hard for our positions. We voted against each other. Party lines held most of the time. But those relationships – that trust we'd built – meant that we came at each debate assuming the best in one another, not the worst. We didn't call each other idiots or fascists who were trying to destroy America. Because then we'd have to explain why we were playing poker or having a drink with idiots or fascists who were trying to destroy America.

That respect gave us room for progress. After I'd served here for six years, my party finally gained the majority. By then, because I had made friends across the aisle like Kirk Dillard, who's here today, we were able to pass the first serious ethics reform in twenty-five years. Working closely with law enforcement, who knew by then that we cared about cops and sheriffs and prosecutors, we passed Illinois' first racial profiling law, which was good for police officers and minority communities. Because someone like John Bouman at the Shriver Center on Poverty Law helped us build coalitions with business, who'd then reach out to Republicans, we were able to increase tax credits for the working poor, and expand health insurance to children in need.

We wouldn't bend on our most deeply-held principles. But we were willing to forge compromises in pursuit of a larger goal. We were practical when we needed to be. We could fight like heck on one issue, and shake hands on the next.

So I want you all to know that's why I've always believed so deeply in a better kind of politics. Because of what I learned here, in this legislature. Because of what I learned traveling across this state – a state of small towns, rich farmland, and the world's greatest city; a microcosm of America, where Democrats, Republicans, Independents, and good people of every ethnicity and faith share certain bedrock values. In fact, I saw a story just the other day showing that if you rank all fifty states across categories like age, education level, household income, race, and religion – the one state that most closely mirrors the country as a whole is Illinois.

Here, I learned that if you're willing to listen, it's possible to bridge a lot of differences. I learned that most Americans know issues are more complicated than rehearsed sound bites, and play differently in different parts of the state and the country. They understand the difference between realism and idealism; responsibility and recklessness. They have the maturity to know what can and can't be compromised; to admit the possibility that the other side might have a point.

It convinced me that if we just approached our national politics the same way the American people approach their daily lives – with common sense, a commitment to fair play, and the belief that we are all in this together – there's no problem we can't solve.

That's the vision that guided me when I ran for the United States Senate. That's the vision I shared when I said that we are more than just a collection of red states and blue states, but the <u>United States</u> of America. That vision is why, nine years ago today, on the steps of the Old State Capitol just a few blocks from here, I announced my candidacy for President.

Over these nine years, my faith in the generosity and fundamental goodness of the American people has been rewarded over and over. I've seen it in the determination of autoworkers, the strength of the single mom, the vision of the small businessman, the courage of our troops. Still, it's often lamented by the pundits that the tone of our politics hasn't gotten better since I was inaugurated, that in fact it's gotten worse; that there's still a yawning gap between the magnitude of our challenges and the smallness of our politics.

That's why, in my final State of the Union Address, and in the one before that, I acknowledged that one of my few regrets is my inability to reduce the polarization and meanness in our politics.

People ask me why I've devoted so much time to the topic. I tell them it's not just because I'm the President, and gridlock and polarization are frustrating. The fact is, we've gotten a heck of a lot done these past seven years, often despite the gridlock. We saved the economy from Depression and brought back an auto industry from the brink of collapse. We've helped our businesses create 14 million new jobs over the past six years, and cut the unemployment rate from 10 to 4.9 percent. We've covered nearly 18 million more Americans with health insurance, ignited a clean energy revolution, got bin Laden, and brought the vast majority of our troops home to their families. Our political system helped make these things possible, and a whole lot more, and there is no doubt that America's better off today than when I took office.

So I care about fixing our politics not only because I'm the President today, or because some of my initiatives have been blocked by Congress – that happens to every President – but because next year, I'll still hold the most important title of all – that of citizen. And as an American citizen, I know that our progress is <u>not</u> inevitable. It must be fought for and won by all of us, with the kind of patriotism that our fellow Illinoisan, Adlai Stevenson, once described not as "short, frenzied outbursts of emotion, but the tranquil and steady dedication of a lifetime."

Today, however, that kind of citizenship is threatened by a poisonous political climate that pushes people away from participating in our public life. When that happens, more powerful and extreme voices fill the void. When that happens, progress stalls. That's how we end up with lobbyists setting the agenda. That's how we end up with policies detached from what working families face every day. That's how we end up with the well-connected who publicly demand that government stay out of their business, then whisper in its ear for special treatment. That's

how our political system gets consumed by small things when we are a people called to do great things – to give everyone a fair shot in a changing economy; to keep America safe and strong in an uncertain world; to repair our climate before it threatens everything we leave for our kids.

So what's on my mind as I come back to Illinois today; what will be a focus of mine over the course of this year is this – what can we do, all of us, to try and make our politics better?

First, let's put to rest a couple myths about our politics.

One is the myth that the problems with our politics are new. American politics has never been a particularly gentle or high-minded affair. Certainly not during times of great change. As I said when I visited a mosque in Maryland last week, Thomas Jefferson's opponents tried to stir things up by suggesting he was a Muslim – so I'm in good company. But that's nothing compared to the newspaper which warned that, if Jefferson were elected, "murder, robbery, rape, adultery, and incest will be openly taught and practiced." His Vice President, Aaron Burr, literally killed Alexander Hamilton in a duel. I don't even want to tell you what Andrew Jackson's opponents said about his mom. And Lincoln himself was routinely called "weak, wishy-washy," a "yahoo," "an unshapely man," "the obscene ape of Illinois," and, my favorite, a "facetious pettifogger."

So comparatively speaking, today isn't so bad – as long as you've got thick skin.

There's also the notion that our politics are broken because politicians are more corrupt or beholden to big money than they used to be. There's no doubt that lobbyists still have easier access to the halls of power than the average American. But I'm confident we've got enough rules and checks to prevent anyone in my cabinet from siphoning whiskey tax revenue into their own pockets like President Grant's administration did. Until FDR went after the ward bosses of Tammany Hall, they controlled judges and politicians as they pleased through patronage, bribery, and money laundering. It's not as easy as it once was to whip up tens of thousands of phantom votes in Chicago or South Texas. From Teapot Dome to Watergate, history tells us we should always be vigilant and demand that our public servants follow the highest ethical standards. But the truth is, that kind of corruption is much less likely in today's politics, and the Justice Department and media work hard to keep it that way. And that's a very good thing.

Nor is it true that today's issues are inherently more polarizing than ever. After all, we endured four years of civil war that resulted in hundreds of thousands of dead Americans, because this country was divided on a fundamental question. Before Pearl Harbor, entering World War II was a highly-charged debate. The fault lines of Vietnam and the culture wars of the sixties still echo in our politics almost a half-century later. We've been arguing since our founding over the proper size and role of government; the meaning of individual freedom and equality; over war and peace and the best way to give all our citizens a fair shot at opportunity. These are important debates that everyone should join in, with all the rigor that a free people require.

So the problem isn't that the politicians are worse or the issues are tougher. The situation we find ourselves in today is not somehow unique or hopeless. We've <u>always</u> gone through periods when our democracy seems stuck, and we have to find a new way of doing business.

That's why we have to build a better politics now. One that's less of a spectacle and more a battle of ideas; one that's less of a business and more of a mission; one that understands the success of this American experiment of ours rests on engaging all our citizens in this work.

This starts by acknowledging that we do have a problem, and we all know it. What's different today is the nature and extent of the polarization; how ideologically divided the parties are; brought about by some long-term trends in our politics and our culture. The parties themselves have become more homogenous than ever, the result of a great sorting that gradually drove southern conservatives out of the Democratic Party and northern moderates out of the Republican Party. A fractured media seeks profit in the most sensational conflict and incendiary soundbites, even as it lets us surround ourselves with our own sets of facts. Advocacy groups benefit from keeping their members agitated and assured of the righteousness of their cause. Unlimited dark money drowns out ordinary voices, and far too many of us surrender our voices entirely by choosing not to vote. This polarization has seeped into our society to the point where surveys even suggest that many Americans wouldn't want their kids to date someone from another political party.

And this isn't just an abstract problem for political scientists. It has a real impact on what we can get done together. It encourages the kind of ideological fealty that rejects any compromise as a form of weakness, and in a big, complicated democracy like ours, if we can't compromise, we can't govern ourselves.

Look, I am a progressive Democrat. I'm proud of that, make no bones about it. I believe that people should have access to health care and good public education. I believe that workers deserve a higher minimum wage; that collective bargaining is critical to the prospects of the middle class, and that pensions are vital to retirement, as long as they're funded responsibly. I believe we are judged by how we care for the poor and the vulnerable, and that in order to live up to our ideals, we have to continually fight discrimination in all its forms. I understand the science of climate change, and that a transition to cleaner sources of energy will save this planet. I believe in a tough, smart foreign policy that says America will never hesitate to protect our people and our allies, but that we should use every element of our power and never rush to war.

But I also believe that Republicans share many of these values, even if they disagree on the means to achieve them. I think they make constructive points about outdated regulations that need to be changed, or outdated programs that no longer make sense.

Finding some common ground with Republicans doesn't make me a sellout to my own party. The same applies to a Republican who might agree with me on a particular issue. So when I hear voices in either party boast of their refusal to compromise as an accomplishment in itself, all that does is prevent what most Americans would consider actual accomplishments – fixing roads, educating kids, cleaning our environment, making our streets safe.

Our founders trusted us with the keys to this system of self-government. It's only as good as the people we elect. And our politics is the place we do that; where we come together to settle our differences, and solve our challenges, and do big things together that we couldn't possibly do alone. They anchored all this in a visionary Constitution that separates power and demands compromise, precisely to prevent one party, or one wing of one party, from getting 100 percent of its way. So when either side makes blanket promises to the base that it can't possibly meet —

tax cuts without cuts to services; war without shared sacrifice; union bashing or corporate bashing without acknowledging that both workers and businesses make our economy run – then their supporters will be perennially disappointed. It only adds to folks' sense that the system's rigged. It's one reason why we see big electoral swings every few years. It's the source of so much cynicism out there.

Now, I don't pretend to have all the answers. These trends won't change overnight. But I do want to offer some steps we can take to reform our institutions and change the system so that it reflects our better selves.

The first step we should take is to reduce the corrosive influence of money in our politics. This year, just over 150 families have spent as much on the presidential race as the rest of America combined. Today, a couple billionaires in one state can push their agenda by dumping dark money into every state. They spend this money based on some ideological preference that ignores the realities on the ground. They don't know what's going on at a union hall in Galesburg. Or a VFW post in Carbondale. They haven't heard personally from farmers outside the Quad Cities and what they're going through. Their voices shouldn't outweigh ours.

That's why I disagree with the Supreme Court's *Citizens United* decision. I do not believe that money is speech, or that political spending should have no limits. And I still support a Constitutional amendment to set reasonable limits on financial influence in America's elections. But amending the Constitution is an extremely challenging and time-consuming process, as it should be. So we've got to come up with a more immediate way to reduce the influence of money in our politics. Because a handful of families and hidden interests shouldn't be able to bankroll elections in the greatest democracy on Earth.

The second step towards a better politics is rethinking the way we draw our congressional districts. Today, technology allows parties in power to precision-draw constituencies so that the opposition's supporters are packed into as few districts as possible. It's why our districts are shaped like earmuffs, or spaghetti. But it's also how one party can get more seats, even if it got fewer votes. While this gerrymandering may insulate some incumbents from a serious challenge from the other party, it also means that the main thing those incumbents are worried about are challenges from the most extreme voices in their own party. So our debates move away from the middle, where most Americans are, to the far ends of the spectrum. It polarizes us further.

This is something we have the power to fix. And once the next census rolls around, and we have the most up-to-date picture of America's population, we should change the way districts are drawn. In America, politicians shouldn't pick their voters; voters should pick their politicians.

Now, the more Americans who use their voice and participate, the less captive our politics will be to narrow constituencies, no matter how many negative ads they run, or how unrepresentative a district is drawn. That's why a third step towards a better politics is to make voting easier, not harder, and modernize it for the way we live now.

Three years ago, I set up a bipartisan commission to improve the voting experience in America. And I thank this assembly for moving to adopt some of its recommendations. Thanks to the good work of Senator Harmon and so many of you, there's a new law going into effect this year that will allow Illinoisans to register and vote at the polls on Election Day. It expands early

voting – something that makes it much easier for working folks and busy parents to go vote. This law will make a difference, and I'm pretty proud of my home state for helping to lead the way. We know this works. In 2012 and 2014, the states with the highest voter turnout all had same-day registration. So today, I ask every state in America to join us – reduce these barriers to voting, and make it easier for your constituents to get out and vote.

And I encourage this assembly to take the next step. Senator Manar and Representative Gabel [GAY-bell] have bills that would automatically register every eligible citizen to vote when they apply for a driver's license. This will protect the fundamental right of everyone – Democrat, Republican, and independent; seniors, folks with disabilities, the men and women of our military – to vote and have their vote counted. As one of your constituents, I think you should pass that legislation right away. I think the Governor should sign it without delay. Let's make the Land of Lincoln a leader in voter participation. Let's set the pace, and encourage other states across the country to follow our lead, making automatic voter registration the new norm across America.

Finally, even as we change the way the <u>system</u> works, we also have a responsibility to change the way <u>we</u>, as elected officials <u>and</u> citizens, work together. Because this democracy only works when we get both right.

Recently, I've been thinking a lot about something a friend of mine, Deval Patrick, once said to his constituents when he was Governor of Massachusetts. He said, "Insist from us and from each other a modicum of civility as the condition for serving you."

I think that's something that all of us, as Americans, have to insist from each other. Our children are watching what we do. They don't just learn in school – they learn by watching us. The way we conduct ourselves. The way we treat each other. The way we respect, or don't, the hard, frustrating, but absolutely necessary work of self-government.

I want to live up to their expectations. I want this democracy to live up to their expectations. But we cannot move forward if all we do is tear each other down, and political incentives as they are today too often reward that kind of behavior. So we do have to insist better from each other.

Rather than reward those who'd disenfranchise any segment of America, we have to insist that everybody arm themselves with information, and facts, and <u>vote</u>, knowing that if 99 percent of us did, it wouldn't matter how much the one percent spent on our elections.

Rather than reward the most extreme voices, divisive language, and schoolyard taunts, we have to insist on a higher form of discourse in our common life – one based on empathy and respect.

Rather than paint those who disagree with us as motivated by malice, we can insist, as Lincoln did, that we are not enemies, but friends; that our fellow Americans are not only entitled to a different point of view, but that they love this country as much as we do.

Rather than reward media that thrives on sensationalism and conflict, we have to insist that reason and facts matter, that issues are complicated, and that blatant lies cannot go unchallenged.

Rather than accept the notion that compromise is a sellout to one side, we have to insist the opposite – that it can be a genuine victory that means progress for all sides.

Rather than prevent our kids from dating people in other parties – well, as a dad, I may have issues about dating generally, but we can trust that we've raised our kids to do the right thing.

And whenever someone begins to grow cynical about our politics, or believe that their actions can't make a difference, we have to insist, against all evidence to the contrary, that they can.

Abraham Lincoln wasn't always the giant we see him as today. He lacked formal schooling. His businesses and law practices struggled. After just one term in Congress, his opposition to the Mexican-American War damaged his reputation so badly that he didn't run for reelection. He was denounced as a traitor, a demagogue, an enemy sympathizer. He returned to his law practice, and admitted that he was losing interest in politics entirely.

Until something happened that shook his conscience. Congress effectively overturned the Missouri Compromise – the flawed and fragile law that had prohibited slavery in the North and legalized it in the South, but left the question ultimately unsettled. Stunned by this news, Lincoln said he'd been roused "as he had never been before" over what it meant for our future.

So here in Springfield, at the State Fair, he got back in the game. He delivered the first of his great anti-slavery speeches to a crowd of thousands. And over the next six years, even as he lost two more political races, his arguments with Douglas and others shaped the national debate, like his brilliant decree on the steps of the Old State Capitol that "A house divided against itself cannot stand;" that "this government cannot endure, permanently, half slave and half free."

He became the first Republican President. And I believe our greatest President. And through his will and his words and his character, he held together a nation and helped free a people.

Those victories did not solve all our problems. It would be one hundred years more until the law guaranteed African-Americans the equal rights we were promised. Even fifty years after that, our march is not yet finished. But because Lincoln made that decision <u>not</u> to give up, and <u>not</u> to let other voices speak for him; because of what he set in motion, generations of free men and women of all races and walks of life have had the same chance to choose their country's course.

That's the thing about America. We are a constant work in progress. Our success has never been certain. None of our journey has been preordained. There's always been a gap between our highest ideals and the reality we witness every day. But what makes us exceptional — what makes us <u>Americans</u> — is that we have fought wars, and passed laws, and reformed systems, and organized unions, and staged protests, and launched mighty movements to close that gap. To bring the promise and the practice of America into closer alignment. To form that more perfect union.

Nine years to the day I first announced for this office, I still believe in a politics of hope. And for all the challenges of a changing world; for all the imperfections of our democracy; the capacity to reach across our differences and choose that kind of politics, over the tranquil and steady dedication of a lifetime, is something that remains entirely up to us.

Thank you Illinois, God bless you, and may God bless America.

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United States Department of State

Washington, D.C. 20520

February 8, 2016

MEMORANDUM FOR THE PRESIDENT

FROM:

Ambassador Peter A. Selfridge, Chief of Protocol

SUBJECT:

Gift Selection for:

His Majesty Sultan Haji Hassanal Bolkiah Mu'izzaddin Waddaulah, Sultan and

Yang Di-Pertuan of Brunei Darussalam;

His Excellency Choummaly Sayasone, President of the Lao People's Democratic

Republic;

His Excellency Benigno S. Aquino III, President of the Republic of the

Philippines;

His Excellency U Thein Sein, President of the Republic of the Union of Myanmar;

His Excellency Jokowi Widodo, President of the Republic of Indonesia;

His Excellency Samdech Akka Moha Sena Padei Techo Hun Sen, Prime Minister

of the Kingdom of Cambodia;

His Excellency Lee Hsien Loong, Prime Minister of the Republic of Singapore;

His Excellency Nguyen Tan Dung, Prime Minister and Minister of Foreign Affairs

of the Socialist Republic of Vietnam;

YAB Dato' Sri Mohd Najib bin Tun Abdul Razak, Prime Minister of Malaysia;

His Excellency Prayut Chan-o-cha, Prime Minister of the Kingdom of Thailand;

His Excellency Le Luong Minh, Secretary-General of ASEAN;

On the occasion of their visit to Sunnylands, CA for the U.S.-ASEAN Leaders

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His Majesty Sultan Haji Hassanal Bolkiah Mu'izzaddin Waddaulah, Sultan and Yang Di-Pertuan of Brunei Darussalam

Previous Gifts Given by YOU: THREE

- Personalized Air Force One Jacket (Visit: March 2013)
- Community, an Original Kapa Print by Abigail Romanchak, and an Aloha Shirt by Tori Richard (APEC Visit: November 2011)
- Custom Sterling Silver and Enamel U.S.-ASEAN Flag Cufflinks (UNGA: September 2010)

Gifts Given by Previous Administrations: NONE

His Excellency Choummaly Sayasone, President of the Lao People's Democratic Republic Previous Gifts Given by YOU: ONE

• Custom Sterling Silver and Enamel U.S.-ASEAN Flag Cufflinks (UNGA: September 2010) Gifts Given by Previous Administrations: NONE

His Excellency Benigno S. Aquino III, President of the Republic of the Philippines Previous Gifts Given by YOU: SIX

- Custom APEC Unity Platter Featuring Friendship Flags of the United States and the Philippines and Herbie Hancock Signed Album "Takin' Off" in Presentation Folio (Trip: November 2015)
- Rare 1892 Map of Boston by George F. Cram (Trip: April 2014)
- Oval Office Platter with Personalized Inscription (Visit: June 2012)
- Community, an Original Kapa print by Abigail Romanchak, and an Aloha Shirt by Tori Richard (APEC Visit: November 2011)
- Custom Sterling Silver and Enamel US-ASEAN Flag Cufflinks (UNGA: September 2010)
- Custom Falling Water Crystal Sculpture Engraved with the Presidential Seal and a Personalized Inscription (Presidential Delegation: June 2010)

Gifts Given by Previous Administrations: NONE

His Excellency U Thein Sein, President of the Republic of the Union of Myanmar Previous Gifts Given by YOU: THREE

- American Golf Putter by PING with Presidential Seal and Signature, Personalized with President U Thein Sein's Name and *Ascend*, an Eagle Sculpture by Zach Oxman (Trip: November 2014)
- Personalized Limited-edition George Washington Bust and White House Golf Balls (Visit: May 2013)
- Stars and Stripes Box by Stephen Schlanser (Trip: November 2012)

Gifts Given by Previous Administrations: NONE

His Excellency Jokowi Widodo, President of the Republic of Indonesia Previous Gifts Given by YOU: TWO

- Oval Office Platter with Personalized Inscription (Visit: October 2015)
- Eagle Sculpture by Zack Oxman with Personalized Inscription (Presidential Delegation: October 2014)

Gifts Given by Previous Administrations: NONE

His Excellency Samdech Akka Moha Sena Padei Techo Hun Sen, Prime Minister of the Kingdom of Cambodia

Previous Gifts Given by YOU: TWO

- Frabel Eagle on a Base with Personalized Inscription (Trip: November 2012)
- Custom Sterling Silver and Enamel U.S.-ASEAN Flag Cufflinks (UNGA: September 2010)

Gifts Given by Previous Administrations: NONE

His Excellency Lee Hsien Loong, Prime Minister of the Republic of Singapore Previous Gifts Given by YOU: FIVE

- Rare Book: *The Unanswered Question: Six Talks at Harvard* by Leonard Bernstein, Signed by Author (Visit: April 2013)
- Community, an Original Kapa Print by Abigail Romanchak, and an Aloha Shirt by Tori Richard (APEC Visit: November 2011)
- Custom Sterling Silver and Enamel U.S.-ASEAN Flag Cufflinks (UNGA: September 2010);
- Commemorative Book: *The National Parks: America's Best Idea* by Ken Burns and Dayton Duncan (Nuclear Security Summit Visit: April 2010)
- Custom Cufflinks featuring The International Military Student Graduate Badge from Fort Leavenworth, Kansas, Two 8"x10" Sterling Silver Frames with Presidential Seal and Signature to Hold White House Photographs, and Original Maple Glass Vessel by Stephen Schlanser (Trip: November 2009)

Gifts Given by President George W. Bush: FOUR

- Presidential Inaugural Address Book (November 2008)
- Personalized Running Suit, Tennis Shoes with Friendship Flags, and iPod Set (May 2007)
- Rare Book: *The Federalist* (November 2006)
- American Music CD Collection (July 2005)

His Excellency Nguyen Tan Dung, Prime Minister and Minister of Foreign Affairs of the Socialist Republic of Vietnam

Previous Gifts Given by YOU: NONE

Gifts Given by Previous Administrations: NONE

YAB Dato' Sri Mohd Najib bin Tun Abdul Razak, Prime Minister of Malaysia Previous Gifts Given by YOU: FIVE

- Handcrafted Crystal Bowl by American Artisan Simon Pearce (Trip: November 2015)
- American Golf Putter by PING with Presidential Seal and Signature, Personalized with Prime Minister Najib's Name and Assortment of Georgetown Golf Accessories (Trip: April 2014)
- Community, an Original Kapa Print by Abigail Romanchak, and an Aloha Shirt by Tori Richard (APEC Visit: November 2011)
- Custom Sterling Silver and Enamel U.S.-ASEAN Flag Cufflinks (UNGA: September 2010)
- Commemorative Book: *The National Parks: America's Best Idea* by Ken Burns and Dayton Duncan (Nuclear Security Summit Visit: April 2010)

Gifts Given by Previous Administrations: NONE

His Excellency Prayut Chan-o-cha, Prime Minister of the Kingdom of Thailand

Previous Gifts Given by YOU: NONE

Gifts Given by Previous Administrations: NONE

His Excellency Le Luong Minh, Secretary-General of ASEAN

Previous Gifts Given by YOU: NONE

Gifts Given by Previous Administrations: NONE