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January 12, 2017
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PRIVATE

**MEETING BREAKDOWN FOR PRESIDENT BARACK OBAMA
THURSDAY, JANUARY 12, 2017
WASHINGTON, DC**

10:30 – 11:00 am **PRESIDENTIAL DAILY BRIEFING**
Location: The Oval Office
PRESS: CLOSED

Attendees:

1. The Vice President
2. Denis McDonough
3. Avril Haines
4. Colin Kahl
5. Ben Rhodes
6. Director Clapper

11:00 – 11:55 am **DESK TIME**
Location: The Oval Office
PRESS: CLOSED

11:55 – 12:00 pm **MOVE TO THE EEOB NAVY STEPS**

12:00 – 12:10 pm **GROUP DEPARTURE PHOTO WITH UNITED STATES DIGITAL SERVICE (USDS)**
Location: The EEOB Navy Steps
POC: Divya Kantamneni
Attendees: Approximately 180 guests
Setup: Standing Photo
PRESS: CLOSED

Format:

- **YOU** greet the USDS Staff, who will be pre-set on the Navy Steps
- **YOU** pose for a group photo with the USDS staff (180 guests // 1 click)
- Following the group photo, **YOU** briefly thank the staff for their work and depart

Attendees manifested in event memo

12:10 – 12:15 pm **MOVE TO THE OVAL OFFICE**

12:30 – 1:30 pm **PRIVATE LUNCH**
Location: The Oval Office Private Dining Room
POC: Ferial Govashiri
PRESS: CLOSED

1:30 – 2:00 pm **POTUS TIME**
Location: The Oval Office
PRESS: CLOSED

+ photo on South
Grounds with
USSS uniform
Division

2:15 – 2:30 pm

OVAL OFFICE DROP-BY

Location: The Oval Office
POC: Ferial Govashiri
PRESS: CLOSED

2:30 – 2:45 pm

OVAL OFFICE DROP-BY WITH SECRETARY VILSACK

Location: The Oval Office
POC: Will Layden
PRESS: CLOSED

Attendees:

1. Tom Vilsack, United States Secretary of Agriculture

2:55 – 3:00 pm

MOVE TO THE RED ROOM VIA USHER'S STAIRCASE

3:00 – 3:25 pm

**BIDEN FAMILY AND FRIENDS END OF ADMINISTRATION
APPRECIATION RECEPTION**

Location: The State Dining Room
POC: Kristina Broadie
Attendees: Approximately 175 guests
Setup: **YOU** deliver remarks from a podium centered on an 8-foot by 10-foot stage positioned on the West Wall of the State Dining Room. The Vice President stands to **YOUR RIGHT**. Audience is seated theater-style, and the First Lady and Dr. Biden are seated in the front row.
Remarks: Prepared
Sound/Podium: Dual Wired Microphones // Blue Goose Toast Lectern
PRESS: POOLED PRESS // WH VIDEOGRAPHER

Format:

- **YOU** and the Vice President join the First Lady and Dr. Biden in the Red Room
- VOG announces the First Lady and Dr. Biden to their seats in the front row
- VOG announces **YOU** and the Vice President to stage. **YOU** move to the podium and the Vice President stands to **YOUR RIGHT**
- **YOU** deliver remarks
- At the conclusion of **YOUR** remarks, **YOU** invite the Vice President to deliver remarks
- The Vice President delivers remarks
- Following the program, **YOU**, the First Lady, the Vice President, and Dr. Biden depart the State Dining Room and proceed to the Blue Room

3:25 – 3:30 pm

**GROUP PHOTO WITH THE FIRST LADY, THE VICE PRESIDENT,
AND DR. BIDEN**

Location: The Blue Room
POC: Kristina Broadie
Attendees: **YOU**, the First Lady, the Vice President, and Dr. Biden
Setup: Standing Photo

PRESS: CLOSED

Format:

- **YOU**, the First Lady, the Vice President, and Dr. Biden pose for a group photo
- **YOU** bid farewell and depart (**NOTE:** The reception continues after **YOU** depart)

Attendees:

1. **YOU**
2. The First Lady
3. The Vice President
4. Dr. Biden

3:30 – 3:35 pm

MOVE TO THE OVAL OFFICE

3:50 – 4:00 pm

MEETING PREP

Location: The Oval Office

POC: Peter Velz

PRESS: CLOSED

Attendees:

5. Josh Earnest
6. Jen Psaki
7. Shailagh Murray

4:00 – 5:15 pm

OFF-THE-RECORD MEETING WITH CONSERVATIVE WRITERS

Location: The Roosevelt Room

POC: Liz Allen

Attendees: 7 guests

Setup: Seated Meeting

Seating: On **YOUR LEFT**: MaryKatharine Ham, The Federalist
On **YOUR RIGHT**: David Frum, The Atlantic

Remarks: Informal

PRESS: CLOSED // OFF THE RECORD

Format:

- **YOU** enter the room and greet roundtable participants
- **YOU** open the roundtable with brief informal remarks
- **YOU** invite the columnists to introduce topics for discussion (discussion continues for approximately one hour)
- **YOU** conclude and depart

Attendees:

1. Ross Douthat, The New York Times ✓
2. David Frum, The Atlantic ✓
3. MaryKatharine Ham, The Federalist ✓
4. Bret Stephens, Wall Street Journal ✓
5. JD Vance, Author of "Hillbilly Elegy" ✓

White House Attendees:

- | | |
|----|-----------------|
| 6. | Shailagh Murray |
| 7. | Eric Schultz |

5:30 – 6:00 pm

WRAP UP

Location: The Oval Office
POC: Jenny Wang
PRESS: CLOSED

6:00 – 6:30 pm

DESK TIME

Location: The Oval Office
PRESS: CLOSED

6:30 – 8:25 pm

POTUS TIME

Location: The Private Residence
PRESS: CLOSED

8:25 – 8:30 pm

MOVE TO THE RESIDENCE

8:30 – 8:35 pm

GROUP PHOTOS FOR EAST ROOM PERFORMANCE

Location: The Blue Room
POC: Pantea Faed
Attendees: 8 participants // 2 clicks
Setup: Standing Photos
PRESS: CLOSED

Format:

- **YOU** and the First Lady enter the Blue Room and greet the participants in the first click, who will be pre-set
- **YOU** and the First Lady pose for two group photos
- Following the last click, **YOU** and the First Lady move to **YOUR** seats in the East Room via the Green Room doors

8:35 – 10:00 pm

EAST ROOM PERFORMANCE

Location: The East Room
POC: Pantea Faed
Attendees: Approximately 200 guests
Setup: A 12-foot by 24-foot stage is placed on the East Wall of the East Room with stairs at front center. Audience is seated theater-style; **YOU** and the First Lady are seated in the front row.
Remarks: Informal
Sound/Podium: Handheld Microphone // None
PRESS: CLOSED

Format:

- VOG announces **YOU** and the First Lady into the East Room
- **YOU** and the First Lady enter the East Room and take **YOUR** seats
- VOG announces talent into the East Room
- Talent moves to stage and the performance begins

- Following the performance, **YOU** move to stage to deliver brief informal remarks
- Following **YOUR** remarks, **YOU** and the First Lady depart and move to the Private Residence

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THE WHITE HOUSE

January 12, 2016

10:40 – 11:14	PDB
10:55 – 11:20	[REDACTED]
11:20 – 11:45	POTUS signed posters
11:45 – 12:15	POTUS took pictures with US Digital Team and UD officers
12:30 – 2:20	[REDACTED]
2:20 – 2:30	Chris Sautter and wife drop-by
2:30 – 2:40	Sec Vilsack drops by
2:40 – 3:00	Desk Time
3:00 – 3:40	Desk Time
3:40 – 4:40	Biden event
4:40 – 6:30	Author's roundtable
6:3-6:40	Wrap with Denis

[6:30?]

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Memo to the Record

RE: January 12, 2017 Presidential Tribute to Vice President Biden

The following times for public events were recorded in person by the Assistant Diarist.

3:48 pm: The President and Vice President arrived in the State Dining Room

3:50 – 4:05 pm: The President gave remark to the crowd honoring Vice President Joe Biden

4:06 pm: The President awarded Vice President Joseph R. Biden the Presidential Medal of Freedom with the highest honors

4:07 – 4:26 pm: Vice President Biden made remarks the President listened.

4:28 pm: The President and Vice President left the state dining room

Katie Ricks
Assistant Presidential Diarist
Office of Scheduling and Advance

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PRESIDENTIAL CALL LOG

SIGNAL SWITCHBOARD

Thursday, January 12, 2017

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POTUS REPORT

Appointment Information

Appointment #: 808742 **U #:** U42922 **Room #:** Oval **Person to be Visited:** POTUS
Requestor: FERAL GOVASHIRI **Requestor Phone:** 65795
From Date/Time: 01/12/2017 02:00 PM **Type of Appointment:** Appointment
To Date/Time: 01/12/2017 11:59 PM **Location:** White House (WH)

Visitor's Name
LIPKIN, HARRIET ANNE
SAUTTER, CARL CHRISTIAN

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POTUS REPORT***Appointment Information***

Appointment #: 809045 **U #:** U42993 **Room #:** Roosevelt Room **Person to be Visited:** POTUS/Peter Velz
Requestor: PETER VELZ **Requestor Phone:** 63485
From Date/Time: 01/12/2017 03:15 PM **Type of Appointment:** Appointment
To Date/Time: 01/12/2017 11:59 PM **Location:** White House (WH)

Visitor's Name
BREWER, MARY KA
DOUTHAT, ROSS NMN
FRUM, DAVID JEFFREY
STEPHENS, BRET LOUIS
VANCE, JAMES DAVID



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POTUS REPORT

Appointment Information

Appointment #: 809457 **U #:** 170125 **Room #:** Ushers Office **Person to be Visited:** Daniel Shanks
Requestor: DANIEL SHANKS **Requestor Phone:** 1111162650
From Date/Time: 01/12/2017 10:00 AM **Type of Appointment:** Worker
To Date/Time: 01/12/2017 11:00 PM **Location:** White House (WH)

Visitor's Name
CADIMAGUTUERREZ, FERNANDO RODRIGO
ESPINOSASANCHEZ, JUAN ENRIQUE
SANTOS, SANDRO NMN
TAVAREZ, JOSE ANGEL



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POTUS REPORT

Appointment Information

Appointment #: 809579 **U #:** U43407 **Room #:** Navy Steps **Person to be Visited:** POTUS
Requestor: EMMANUEL CHAN **Requestor Phone:** 65427
From Date/Time: 01/12/2017 11:15 AM **Type of Appointment:** Appointment
To Date/Time: 01/12/2017 11:59 PM **Location:** Eisenhower Executive Office Building (EEOB)

Visitor's Name
ARNWINE, SHAWN MICHAEL
BRADY, LUCY LIVINGSTON
BRODY, ANDREW GOODFRIEND
CHAO, EDWARD T
CHAPMAN, SUZANNE ELIZABETH
CHISNELL, DANA ELIZABETH
COCHRAN, LAURA NMN
DASHER, GRANT WOODSON
DESHMUKH, INDRANRITA NMN
DIEBLER, SEBASTIEN ERIC
DOROTHY, JOSHUA ROSS
EIMERMANWALLACE, COURTNEY NMN
EMANAVIN, CHAENY CHRISTOPHER
EVANS, ERICA UNDERDAHL
EVANS, RYAN LEE
FANTANO, LAURYN NMN
FISKE, NOAH WILLIAM
GENSBURG, DAVID SAMUELTHAL
GIVEN, CHRISTOPHER MARSHALL
GRAUBARD, VIVIAN PAULETTE
HARBATKIN, MARC PAUL
HARRISON, COREY NMN
HARSHAWAT, KAVI NMN
HASELTON, SCOTT NICHOLAS
HAYNES, KATHERINE ANN
HOAG, DANIEL TIMOTHY
HOLMES, ROBERT MICHAEL
HOPKINS, MEGAN ELIZABETH
IRIZARRY, FROILAN NMN

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JOHNSON, KAYENDA TENISE
JOHNSTON, CHRISTOPHER MATTHEW
JURICK, KATHRYN LEE
KADAMUS, LAURA PATRICIA
KAINIC, ANNE FRANCOISE
KIM, GINA NMN
KIM, JENNYJIYOON NMN
KIMBALL, CHASE EDWARD
KOHL, LARA ANN
KOVACS, STEVEN DYLAN
KUNAPULI, DEEPIKA USHA
LAND, MICHAEL FRANK
LANGER, STACEY NMN
LERNER, MARK JONATHAN
LOVETTBARRON, ANDREW THOMASWAYNE
LYNCH, CHRISTOPHER BRADLEY
MAHER, JEFFREY MICHAEL
MAJMA, RAPHAEL JAMSHID
MARTIN, MARINA STONE
MEHTA, SHARDUL NMN
MIKLIK, AMANDA MARIE
MILLER, ANDREW BLAKEMAN
MOORE, NATALIE ELEANOR
MORGANA, GIUSEPPE ANTONIO
NING, CHUN NMN
NOOR, FATIMA MAHMOOD
OCONNOR, KELLY ANN
ODAR, ELIZABETH JEANATWATER
ORTIZ, EDUARDO NMN
PALMER, MICHAEL SEAN
PAYNE, STEPHANIE NMN
PONCE, RUBENIA CAROLA
POPE, ALEXANDRA PAGE
QUAGLIAROLI, JOSHUA WILLIAM
RAOUNAK, ELAMINE MOHAMED
RASKIN, ABIGAIL RACHEL
RUSKIN, MOLLIE COHEN
RUSSELL, SHANE ALEXANDER
SCHMIDT, ANTHONY BENNO

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SCHWARTZ, ORI NMN
SHAH, AALOK BIPIN
SHAH, NISHANT NMN
SMITHGALL, BENJAMIN JAMES
STALEY, REINA NICHOLE
STUMPF, TODD DEVIN
SUNTHARALINGAM, SIVAGAJEN NMN
TAVOULAREAS, EVAGELIA EMILY
THOMAS, LORRAINE MARIE
UBHI, DEAP NMN
UPPAL, RAJIV KANWAL
WEAVER, MATTHEW JACOB
WILLIS, DANIEL SPENCER
WIMBERLY, ADRISSHA STARR
WISWELL, LISA JEAN
WONG, ALBERT JONGKIT
WOODS, SHARON NMN
WU, JASON CHISUN
YALELOEHR, ALEXANDER NMN
ZUCKER, GABRIEL MERESON



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POTUS REPORT

Appointment Information

Appointment #: 809754 **U #:** U43531 **Room #:** 180 **Person to be Visited:** POTUS
Requestor: KARIM FARISHTA **Requestor Phone:** 61483
From Date/Time: 01/12/2017 11:30 AM **Type of Appointment:** Appointment
To Date/Time: 01/12/2017 11:59 PM **Location:** Eisenhower Executive Office Building (EEOB)

Visitor's Name

ESPINOSA, PILAR C



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POTUS REPORT

Appointment Information

Appointment #: 808974 **U #:** U42936 **Room #:** State Floor **Person to be Visited:** POTUS/
FLOTUS
Requestor: Jonathan Lee **Requestor Phone:** 2024563032
From Date/Time: 01/12/2017 01:00 PM **Type of Appointment:** Appointment
To Date/Time: 01/12/2017 11:59 PM **Location:** White House (WH)

Visitor's Name

WU, CHRISTOPHER P



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POTUS REPORT

Appointment Information

Appointment #: 809293 **U #:** U43186 **Room #:** State Floor **Person to be Visited:** POTUS

Requestor: LEAH GANONI

Requestor Phone: 72661

From Date/Time: 01/12/2017 01:00 PM

Type of Appointment: Appointment

To Date/Time: 01/12/2017 11:59 PM

Location: White House (WH)

Visitor's Name
Commerer, Tanner James
Dewey, Glenn Alan
Prather, Alan Charles
ROSE, CHRISTOPHER PAUL
WILSON, RUSSELL ANDREW



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POTUS REPORT

Appointment Information

Appointment #: 809132 U #: U43075 Room #: State Floor Person to be Visited:

POTUS/
FLOTUS/
VPOTUS/
SLOTUS

Requestor: Jonathan Lee

Requestor Phone: 2024563032

From Date/Time: 01/12/2017 01:30 PM

Type of Appointment: Appointment

To Date/Time: 01/12/2017 11:59 PM

Location: White House (WH)

Visitor's Name
ALCORN, JOSHUA M
ALLEN, ELIZABETH MARIE
ANGELSON, MARK ALAN
ASSANIS, DIONISSIOS NMN
ASSANIS, HELEN NMN
BIDEN, AMY BRACCO
BIDEN, ASHLEY BLAZER
BIDEN, CAROLINE NICOLE
BIDEN, FINNEGAN JAMES
BIDEN, HALLIE OLIVERA
BIDEN, HUNTER NMN
BIDEN, JAMES BRIAN
BIDEN, MAISY NMN
BIDEN, NAOMI KING
BIDEN, NATALIE NMN
BIDEN, ROBERT HUNTER
BIDEN, SARA JONES
BIDENOWENS, VALERIE NMN
BLINKEN, ANTONY JOHN
BRADY, ROBERT A
BRECKENRIDGE, ANITA DECKER
BUCCINI, BERNADETTE DESETA
BUCCINI, CHRISTOPHER FRANCIS
BUCCINI, DONATO ROBERT
BUCCINI, ELIZABETH S
BUCCINI, ROBERT E
CANEGALLO, KRISTIE ANNA

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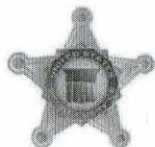
Visitor's Name
COPELAND, GARRETT NMN
COPELAND, TATIANA NMN
CUSHMAN, CHASE MARK
DEGIOIA, JOHN J
DICLEMENTE, ALBERT ANTHONY
DICLEMENTE, ELIZABETH JEAN
DODD, CHRISTOPHER JOHN
DONILON, MICHAEL CHRISTOPHER
DONILON, SARAH R
DOYLE, MICHAEL NMN
EARNEST, JOSHUA R
EGGLESTON, WARREN NEIL
FATEMI, FARIBORZ SAIFPOUR
FROMSTEIN, CHARLES ALLEN
GITENSTEIN, ELIZABETH BROWN
GITENSTEIN, MARK HENRY
GLENN, JENNIFER LAURIE
GLENN, PAUL FRANCIS
GUTMANN, AMY NMN
HAGGERTY, MARGARET AITKEN
HAINES, AVRIL DANICA
HARTMAN, DAVID CHARLES
HARTMAN, DORIS M
HARTMAN, JAN DARCY
HAYWOOD, MARTINA COMBS
HAYWOOD, PIERRE DUPONT
HOGAN, CYNTHIA C
HOOPES, ROBERT RITER
JACOBS, BONNIE LAURIE
JACOBS, KELLY ANN
JARRETT, VALERIE BOWMAN
JOHNSON, BRODERICK D
KAUFMAN, EDWARD EMMETT
KEENAN, CODY STEVEN
KENDALL, CHAD NMN
KENDALL, NEALIE NMN
KENNEDY, VICTORIA REGGIE
KIANI, KAYLA CATHERINE
KIANI, MASSI JOSEPHE

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Visitor's Name
KREIN, HOWARD NMN
LEVINE, PAULA ANN
LEWIS, PATRICIA DAILEY
LIEBERMAN, EDWARD HARRIS
LILLARD, BROOKE MCKAY
MACGILVRAY, JAMES P
MARKELL, CARLA JOAN
MAYER, JOAN KARYLE
MCDONOUGH, DENIS R
MCSWEENEY, TERRELL PIERCE
MEHRBANI, RODIN AZHARI
MONZACK, ANN NMN
MONZACK, MELVYN I
MUNOZ, CECILIA NMN
MURRAY, SHAILAGH JANE
OCONNOR, J RODERICK
OCONNOR, KEVIN CHARLES
OLIVERE, JOAN BERGER
OLIVERE, LOUIS RONALD
OMALLEY, MARK S
OWENS, JOHN T
OWENS, VALERIE JAMES
PECK, JEFFREY JAY
PERSON, FRANCIS J
PIETRANTON, KELSEY LEE
PRESCOTT, JEFFREY MICHAEL
PUTALA, ALLISON K
PUTALA, CHRISTOPHER E
RACLIN, CAROLINE REGGIE
REED, BRUCE NMN
RHODES, BENJAMIN JAMES
ROSENBAUM, AMY DEBRA
RUSSELL, CATHERINE MARY
RYAN, EVAN MAUREEN
SCHWERIN, ERIC DAVID
SHEEHAN, FREDERICA POSTER
SHEEHAN, MICHAEL DENNIS
SNOW, JACOB MATTHEW
SNOW, JAMES NMN

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	SNOW, KIM SUSAN
	SNOW, RACHEL ELIZABETH
	TCHEN, CHRISTINA M
	TERRELL, LOUISA MCKAY
	TREACY, PATRICIA ANNE
	VARGHESE, MAJU NMN
	WHITE, JOSEPH SLADE
	ZIENTS, JEFFREY D

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POTUS REPORT***Appointment Information***

Appointment #: 809628 **U #:** U43460 **Room #:** VP West Wing Office **Person to be Visited:** POTUS

Requestor: ANNE PERSON

Requestor Phone: 61732

From Date/Time: 01/12/2017 01:30 PM

Type of Appointment: Appointment

To Date/Time: 01/12/2017 11:59 PM

Location: White House (WH)

Visitor's Name
BLEWITT, JOSEPH PATRICK
BLEWITT, LAURITA NMN
OFLAHERTY, FRANCIS GABRIEL



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POTUS REPORT

Appointment Information

Appointment #: 809534 **U #:** U43374 **Room #:** 267

Person to be Visited: VP Biden
(Family and Friends Toast)

Requestor: JOSEPH TURK

Requestor Phone: 58510

From Date/Time: 01/12/2017 02:00 PM

Type of Appointment: Appointment

To Date/Time: 01/12/2017 11:59 PM

Location: Eisenhower Executive Office Building (EEOB)

Visitor's Name
BERLENBACH, SARAH FRANCES
BETTINGERLOPEZ, CAROLINE STRONGSON
BETTINGERLOPEZ, CASEY NATHAN
CROCKETT, CAILIN ANN
DUBYAK, MEGHAN MAIRE
DUGGAN, KERRY CLARE
HARRIS, BENJAMIN HOWARD
IBARRA, MARCOS ALONZO
KREAGER, JAIME ZEPPA
LANCE, KIRSTEN ELIZABETH
LEE, JERRY SSUHSIEN
MEYER, KENNETH ANDREW
NOBLITT, KARLY MARIE
OBRIEN, LYNNE FLETCHER



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POTUS REPORT

Appointment Information

Appointment #: 809878 **U #:** U43627 **Room #:** ew 200 **Person to be Visited:** POTUS
Requestor: SRIRAMYA GAINEDI **Requestor Phone:** 64877
From Date/Time: 01/12/2017 02:00 PM **Type of Appointment:** Appointment
To Date/Time: 01/12/2017 11:59 PM **Location:** White House (WH)

Visitor's Name

Hoopes, Robert nmn



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POTUS REPORT

Appointment Information

Appointment #: 809880 **U #:** U43631 **Room #:** state floor **Person to be Visited:** potus

Requestor: SRIRAMYA GAINEDI

Requestor Phone: 64877

From Date/Time: 01/12/2017 02:00 PM

Type of Appointment: Appointment

To Date/Time: 01/12/2017 11:59 PM

Location: White House (WH)

Visitor's Name

Hayward, Martina Combs



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POTUS REPORT

Appointment Information

Appointment #: 809881 **U #:** U43629 **Room #:** state floor **Person to be Visited:** potus
Requestor: SRIRAMYA GAINEDI **Requestor Phone:** 64877
From Date/Time: 01/12/2017 02:00 PM **Type of Appointment:** Appointment
To Date/Time: 01/12/2017 11:59 PM **Location:** White House (WH)

Visitor's Name

Hayward, Pierre DuPont

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POTUS REPORT***Appointment Information*****Appointment #:** 809774**U #:** U43545**Room #:** WW
Lobby/State Floor**Person to be Visited:**POTUS/
FLOTUS/
VPOTUS/
SLOTUS**Requestor:** Jonathan Lee**Requestor Phone:** 2024563032**From Date/Time:** 01/12/2017 02:45 PM**Type of Appointment:** Appointment**To Date/Time:** 01/12/2017 11:59 PM**Location:** White House (WH)**Visitor's Name**

BLINKEN, ANTONY JOHN

RYAN, EVAN MAUREEN



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POTUS REPORT

Appointment Information

Appointment #: 808920 **U #:** U42890 **Room #:** State Floor **Person to be Visited:** POTUS
Requestor: KEEGAN BARBER **Requestor Phone:** 56206
From Date/Time: 01/12/2017 06:00 PM **Type of Appointment:** Appointment
To Date/Time: 01/12/2017 11:59 PM **Location:** White House (WH)

Visitor's Name

MALONEY, BRENNALYNN



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POTUS REPORT

Appointment Information

Appointment #: 810012 **U #:** U43735 **Room #:** WEST WING **Person to be Visited:** Sara Aviel

Requestor: CHRISTOPHER CROSBIE

Requestor Phone:

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From Date/Time: 01/12/2017 06:30 PM

Type of Appointment: Appointment

To Date/Time: 01/12/2017 11:59 PM

Location: White House (WH)

Visitor's Name

DIMARZIO, MARTIN JOSEPH



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POTUS REPORT

Appointment Information

Appointment #: 809591 **U #:** U43413 **Room #:** Upper Press **Person to be Visited:** Desiree Barnes
Requestor: DESIREE BARNES **Requestor Phone:** 63571
From Date/Time: 01/12/2017 07:00 PM **Type of Appointment:** Appointment
To Date/Time: 01/12/2017 11:59 PM **Location:** White House (WH)

Visitor's Name

GANS, JOHN A



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POTUS REPORT

Appointment Information

Appointment #: 809133 **U #:** U43081 **Room #:** State Floor **Person to be Visited:** POTUS/
FLOTUS

Requestor: Jonathan Lee

Requestor Phone: 2024563032

From Date/Time: 01/12/2017 07:15 PM

Type of Appointment: Appointment

To Date/Time: 01/12/2017 11:59 PM

Location: White House (WH)

Visitor's Name
ABDELLA, MARY ELIZABETH
ABRAHAM, YOHANNES ABEBE
ADEYEMO, ADEWALE OLADIMEJI
ALKIN, JOSHUA SETH
ALLEN, ELIZABETH MARIE
ANISKOFF, PAULETTE LARAY
ARSENAULT, BREE KRISTEN
AUSTIN, ROY LESLIE
AVIEL, SARA MARGALIT
BAKER, SARAH ELIZABETH
BALSTER, GALEN WYNNE
BESSE, ROBERT CHASE
BORN, AMY RUTH
BRADEN, MYESHA KIANA
BRANCH, KATHERINE Y
BREITSCHOPF, JUSTIN BRYAN
BROOKS, JORDAN ASHLEY
BROWN, CRYSTAL LYNNE
BRUSH, MICHAEL PETER
CAMERON, IAN NMN
CANEGALLO, KRISTIE ANNA
CHAUDHARY, NAMRITA NMN
CLOSE, JENNIFER ANN
CUSHMAN, ASHLEY MARIE
CUSHMAN, CHASE MARK
DANZIG, LISA ELEANOR
DAVIGHI, DAVID JONATHAN
DEESE, KARA ARSENAULT
DIMARZIO, MARTIN JOSEPH

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DIRKSEN, WARD F
DONOVAN, KATHLEEN ELIZABETH
DONOVAN, LUCAS DUDLEYGILBERT
DONOVAN, MICHAEL WILLIAM
DONOVAN, SHAUN LS
DOWNES, ALEXANDER BRYAN
DUKE, RICHARD DELABARRE
DUMAS, MARK WILLIAM
EARNEST, JOSHUA R
EISENBERG, LYNN DARA
ELIZONDO, CARLOS EDUARDO
ETIENNE, ASHLEY NMN
Etienne, Ashley NMN
EVANS, ELISABETH W
FARNKOFF, BRIAN JOSEPH
FRIEDMAN, JOSHUA NATHANIAL
FROMAN, BENJAMIN G
FROMAN, MICHAEL BG
FURMAN, JASON LEE
GAGE, KATHARINE BURDETTE
GANNON, TIMOTHY JOHN
GANS, JOHN A
GERBER, EVE A
GILBERT, ELIZABETH EASTMAN
GOODMAN, NANCY NMN
GOVASHIRI, FERIAL NMN
GREEN, DESIREE NMN
HAINES, AVRIL DANICA
HANTMAN, DANIEL NMN
HARTZ, TIMOTHY S
HILL, EMIL TERRANCE
HOLDAWAY, DANIEL ROBERTEDWARD
HOLDREN, CHERYL E
HOLDREN, JOHN PAUL
HORNBROOK, ALEX MICHAEL
HORNSBY, MICHAEL ANDREAS
HSU, IRENE NMN
HUANG, CINDY YUNGLEH
HULL, CYNTHIA KATE

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JACKSON, LAWRENCE LEROY
JARRETT, VALERIE BOWMAN
JENKINS, ADORA ANDY
JENKINS, WILLIAM DAVID
JENKINS, WILLIAM NATHANIEL
JONES, DANIEL STUART
KALIL, THOMAS AMADEUS
KEENAN, CODY STEVEN
KELLY, LAUREN M
KENDRICK, PAUL CALVERT
KENNEDY, CHARLES W
KOCHMAN, KATHERINE HAINES
LABELLE, REGINA MARIE
LACHMAN, JONATHAN SIMON
LAMBREW, JEANNE MARIE
LEARY, MARY LOU
LEASE, PATRICIA HELEN
LECHTENBERG, KATE DOWER
LECHTENBERG, TYLER NMN
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LEMON, CHRISTOPHER JOHN
LEWISHORNSBY, CARINA LOUISE
LIDDELLWESTEFELD, CHRISTOPHER SCOTT
LIENEMANN, DAVID CARLCOULTER
LORJUSTE, GREGORY NMN
MAHER, SUSAN E
MAKANJU, ANNA ADEOLA
MALONEY, BRENNALYNN
MAROOTIAN, JEFFREY MATTHEW
MAYOCK, ANDREW NMN
MCCAMMON, JOSEPH KAY
MCCORMICK, MARYANNE NMN
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OWENS, MAURICE M
PALM, ANDREA JOAN
PANG, SUE SOOGYUEN
PASCAL, ALEXANDER JORDAN
PASION, JOYCE PENELOPE
PATEL, ROHAN SATISH
PAULSEN, BRIAN TIMOTHY
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PELOFSKY, ERIC JOSHUA
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PODESTA, MAE SOPHIE
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TEATER, LOUIS DUNCAN
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UTECH, DAN GEORGE
VAHLSING, CANDACE MARIE
VASCO, KEVIN NMN
WAGNER, SARAH EDITH
WALDO, ERIC WILLIAM
WALDO, KATHERINE ANN
WALSH, JOAN LORETTA
WELLDE, GEORGE WILLIAM
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ZAIDI, ALI ABBAS
ZIENTS, JEFFREY D



United States Secret Service
Presidential Protective Division
POTUS REPORT

Appointment Information

Appointment #: 810019 **U #:** U43742 **Room #:** West Wing **Person to be Visited:** Sara Aviel

Requestor: CHRISTOPHER CROSBIE

Requestor Phone: - - -

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From Date/Time: 01/12/2017 08:00 PM

Type of Appointment: Appointment

To Date/Time: 01/12/2017 11:59 PM

Location: White House (WH)

Visitor's Name

DIMARZIO, MARTIN JOSEPH



PRESIDENT'S BRIEFING BOOK

For

THURSDAY, JANUARY 12, 2017

Presidential Diarist

PRIVATE

MEETING BREAKDOWN FOR PRESIDENT BARACK OBAMA

THURSDAY, JANUARY 12, 2017

WASHINGTON, DC

10:30 – 11:00 am

PRESIDENTIAL DAILY BRIEFING

Location: The Oval Office

PRESS: CLOSED

Attendees:

1. The Vice President
2. Denis McDonough
3. Avril Haines
4. Colin Kahl
5. Ben Rhodes
6. Director Clapper

11:00 – 11:55 am

DESK TIME

Location: The Oval Office

PRESS: CLOSED

11:55 – 12:00 pm

MOVE TO THE EEOB NAVY STEPS

12:00 – 12:10 pm

GROUP DEPARTURE PHOTO WITH UNITED STATES DIGITAL SERVICE (USDS)

Location: The EEOB Navy Steps

POC: Divya Kantamneni

Attendees: Approximately 180 guests

Setup: Standing Photo

PRESS: CLOSED

Format:

- **YOU** greet the USDS Staff, who will be pre-set on the Navy Steps
- **YOU** pose for a group photo with the USDS staff (180 guests // 1 click)
- Following the group photo, **YOU** briefly thank the staff for their work and depart

Attendees manifested in event memo

12:10 – 12:15 pm

MOVE TO THE OVAL OFFICE

12:30 – 1:30 pm

PRIVATE LUNCH

Location: The Oval Office Private Dining Room

POC: Ferial Govashiri

PRESS: CLOSED

1:30 – 2:00 pm

POTUS TIME

Location: The Oval Office

PRESS: CLOSED

2:15 – 2:30 pm

OVAL OFFICE DROP-BY

Location: The Oval Office
POC: Ferial Govashiri
PRESS: CLOSED

2:30 – 2:45 pm

OVAL OFFICE DROP-BY WITH SECRETARY VILSACK

Location: The Oval Office
POC: Will Layden
PRESS: CLOSED

Attendees:

- I. Tom Vilsack, United States Secretary of Agriculture

2:55 – 3:00 pm

MOVE TO THE RED ROOM VIA USHER'S STAIRCASE

3:00 – 3:25 pm

**BIDEN FAMILY AND FRIENDS END OF ADMINISTRATION
APPRECIATION RECEPTION**

Location: The State Dining Room
POC: Kristina Broadie
Attendees: Approximately 175 guests
Setup: **YOU** deliver remarks from a podium centered on an 8-foot by 10-foot stage positioned on the West Wall of the State Dining Room. The Vice President stands to **YOUR RIGHT**. Audience is seated theater-style, and the First Lady and Dr. Biden are seated in the front row.
Remarks: Prepared
Sound/Podium: Dual Wired Microphones // Blue Goose Toast Lectern
PRESS: POOLED PRESS // WH VIDEOGRAPHER

Format:

- **YOU** and the Vice President join the First Lady and Dr. Biden in the Red Room
- VOG announces the First Lady and Dr. Biden to their seats in the front row
- VOG announces **YOU** and the Vice President to stage. **YOU** move to the podium and the Vice President stands to **YOUR RIGHT**
- **YOU** deliver remarks
- At the conclusion of **YOUR** remarks, **YOU** invite the Vice President to deliver remarks
- The Vice President delivers remarks
- Following the program, **YOU**, the First Lady, the Vice President, and Dr. Biden depart the State Dining Room and proceed to the Blue Room

3:25 – 3:30 pm

**GROUP PHOTO WITH THE FIRST LADY, THE VICE PRESIDENT,
AND DR. BIDEN**

Location: The Blue Room
POC: Kristina Broadie
Attendees: **YOU**, the First Lady, the Vice President, and Dr. Biden
Setup: Standing Photo

PRESS: CLOSED

Format:

- **YOU**, the First Lady, the Vice President, and Dr. Biden pose for a group photo
- **YOU** bid farewell and depart (**NOTE:** The reception continues after **YOU** depart)

3:30 – 3:35 pm

MOVE TO THE OVAL OFFICE

3:50 – 4:00 pm

MEETING PREP

Location: The Oval Office

POC: Peter Velz

PRESS: CLOSED

Attendees:

1. Josh Earnest
2. Jen Psaki
3. Shailagh Murray

4:00 – 5:15 pm

OFF-THE-RECORD MEETING WITH CONSERVATIVE WRITERS

Location: The Roosevelt Room

POC: Liz Allen

Attendees: 7 guests

Setup: Seated Meeting

Seating: On **YOUR LEFT**: MaryKatharine Ham, The Federalist
On **YOUR RIGHT**: David Frum, The Atlantic

Remarks: Informal

PRESS: CLOSED // OFF THE RECORD

Format:

- **YOU** enter the room and greet roundtable participants
- **YOU** open the roundtable with brief informal remarks
- **YOU** invite the columnists to introduce topics for discussion (discussion continues for approximately one hour)
- **YOU** conclude and depart

Attendees:

1. Ross Douthat, The New York Times
2. David Frum, The Atlantic
3. MaryKatharine Ham, The Federalist
4. Bret Stephens, Wall Street Journal
5. JD Vance, Author of "Hillbilly Elegy"

White House Attendees:

6. Shailagh Murray
7. Eric Schultz

5:30 – 6:00 pm

WRAP UP

Location: The Oval Office

POC: Jenny Wang
PRESS: CLOSED

6:00 – 6:30 pm

DESK TIME

Location: The Oval Office
PRESS: CLOSED

6:30 – 8:25 pm

POTUS TIME

Location: The Private Residence
PRESS: CLOSED

8:25 – 8:30 pm

MOVE TO THE RESIDENCE

8:30 – 8:35 pm

GROUP PHOTOS FOR EAST ROOM PERFORMANCE

Location: The Blue Room
POC: Pantea Faed
Attendees: 8 participants // 2 clicks
Setup: Standing Photos
PRESS: CLOSED

Format:

- **YOU** and the First Lady enter the Blue Room and greet the participants in the first click, who will be pre-set
- **YOU** and the First Lady pose for two group photos
- Following the last click, **YOU** and the First Lady move to **YOUR** seats in the East Room via the Green Room doors

8:35 – 10:00 pm

EAST ROOM PERFORMANCE

Location: The East Room
POC: Pantea Faed
Attendees: Approximately 200 guests
Setup: A 12-foot by 24-foot stage is placed on the East Wall of the East Room with stairs at front center. Audience is seated theater-style; **YOU** and the First Lady are seated in the front row.

Remarks: Informal
Sound/Podium: Handheld Microphone // None
PRESS: CLOSED

Format:

- VOG announces **YOU** and the First Lady into the East Room
- **YOU** and the First Lady enter the East Room and take **YOUR** seats
- VOG announces talent into the East Room
- Talent moves to stage and the performance begins
- Following the performance, **YOU** move to stage to deliver brief informal remarks
- Following **YOUR** remarks, **YOU** and the First Lady depart and move to the Private Residence

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THE WHITE HOUSE

Washington

January 12, 2017

DEPARTURE PHOTO

DATE: January 12, 2017
LOCATION: Navy Steps
TIME: 12:00 – 12:10 PM
From: Anita Breckenridge

I. PURPOSE

YOU will take a group departure photo with United States Digital Service (USDS) Staff.

II. PARTICIPANTS

- Attached at Tab A

III. PRESS PLAN

CLOSED Press.

IV. SEQUENCE OF EVENTS

- YOU arrive at the Navy Steps and greet United States Digital Service (USDS) staff.
- YOU pose for a group photo with USDS staff.
- YOU briefly thank USDS staff for their work.
- YOU depart.

V. REMARKS

N/A

VI. ATTACHMENTS

A. List of Participants

A. Participants

Acevedo, David	Product and Strategy & Operations
Anastasoff, Jennifer	USDS Director of Talent
Appa, Anitra	Design
Arnwine, Shawn	Product and Strategy & Operations
Barker, Amy	Product and Strategy & Operations
Barnes, Jeff	Design
Bates, Mollie	Design
Behrens, Amy	Design
Bellamy, Alia	Product and Strategy & Operations
Bellotti, Marianne	Engineering
Brady, Lucy	Product and Strategy & Operations
Brody, Andrew	Engineering
Brody, Mary Ann	Design
Brown, Lucas	Engineering
Burt, Aaron	Engineering
Chang, David	Engineering
Chao, Edward	Product and Strategy & Operations
Chapman, Suzanne	Design
Chisnell, Dana	Design
Cochran, Laura	Design
Colon Perez, Andres	Engineering
Colon Viera, Alberto	Engineering
Cooke, Evan	Engineering
Cooper, Joni	Special Assistant to the USDS Administrator
Crobak, Joe	Engineering
Cunha, Jared	Design
Cutts, Matthew	USDS Director of Engineering
Damman, Benjamin	Engineering
Dasher, Grant	Engineering
Deshmukh, Shauni	Engineering
Dickerson, Mikey	USDS Administrator
Diebler, Sebastien	Engineering
Dorothy, Josh	Engineering
Eimerman-Wallace, Courtney	Design
Emanavin, Chaeny	Product and Strategy & Operations
Espinosa, Stephen	Product and Strategy & Operations
Evans, Erica	Acquisition
Evans, Ryan	Engineering
Fantan, Lauryn	Design
Fiske, Justin	Talent

Frommann, Chris	Engineering
Garcia, Victor	Engineering
Gaynor, Alex	Engineering
Gelobter, Lisa	Product and Strategy & Operations
Gensburg, David Samuel	Engineering
Gianfredi, Janine	Product and Strategy & Operations
Gilbert, Dennis	Talent
Ginn, Jordan	Talent
Given, Christopher	Product and Strategy & Operations
Gorodetzky, Ron	Engineering
Graubard, Vivian	Product and Strategy & Operations
Grosser, Stephanie	Product and Strategy & Operations
Harbatkin, Marc	Engineering
Harrison, Corey	Product and Strategy & Operations
Harshawat, Kavi	Design
Hartwig, Edward	Product and Strategy & Operations
Haselton, Scott	Engineering
Haynes, Katherine	USDS Deputy Executive Director of DHS Digital Service
Heiner, Nicholas	Engineering
Ho, Elaine	Product and Strategy & Operations
Hoag, Daniel	Engineering
Holmes, David	Engineering
Holmes, Robert	Engineering
Hopkins, Megan	Talent
Hsiang, Mina	Product and Strategy & Operations
Hunt, Helen	Product and Strategy & Operations
Hysen, Eric	USDS Executive Director of DHS Digital Service
Irizary, Froilan	Engineering
Jacobs, Marcy	USDS Director of Design
Johnson, Kayenda	Design
Johnston, Chris	Product and Strategy & Operations
Jurick, Kathryn	Design
Kadamus, Laura	Design
Kainic, Anne	Engineering
Kates, Natalie	Product and Strategy & Operations
Kaufman, David	Product and Strategy & Operations
Kim, Gina	Design
Kim, Jenny	Product and Strategy & Operations
Kimball, Chase	Product and Strategy & Operations
Koch, Allison	Talent
Koh, David	Engineering
Kohl, Lara	Design

Koroma, Clair	Acquisition
Kovacs, Steve	Product and Strategy & Operations
Kozlowski, Daniel	Engineering
Kunapuli, Deepika	Product and Strategy & Operations
Land, Michael	Design
Langer, Stacey	USDS Director of VA Digital Service
Lazzeri, Mary	Product and Strategy & Operations
Lee, Richard	Design
Lefler, Brian	Engineering
Lenahan, Kerry	Product and Strategy & Operations
Lerner, Mark	Engineering
Lovett-Barron, Andrew	Design
Lynch, Chris	USDS Director of Defense Digital Service
MacMurray, Ann	Product and Strategy & Operations
Maher, Jeffrey	Engineering
Majma, Raphael	USDS Director of State Digital Service
Maland, Eric	Engineering
Maravilla, Brent	Acquisition
Margolis, Zach	Engineering
Martin, Julia Paris	Design
Martin, Marina	VA Chief Technology Officer
Martorana, Clare	Product and Strategy & Operations
McEvoy, Kiley	Product and Strategy & Operations
McKeever, Chris	Engineering
McKinney, Grace	Talent
Mechenbier, Maya	Product and Strategy & Operations
Mehta, Shardul	Product and Strategy & Operations
Meloni, Julie	Product and Strategy & Operations
Meyer, Erie	Product and Strategy & Operations
Miklik, Amanda	Design
Miller, Andrew	Design
Minton, Joel	Engineering
Minton, Kelly	Talent
Moore, Natalie	Product and Strategy & Operations
Morgana, Giuseppe	Product and Strategy & Operations
Mostowski, Jonathan	Acquisition
Nacin, Andrew	Engineering
Neill, Stephanie	Product and Strategy & Operations
Nesting, David	Engineering
Nguyen, Stephanie	Design
Nguyen, Tduyen Annie	Design
Ning, Chun	Engineering

Noor, Fatima	Product and Strategy & Operations
O'Connor, Kelly	Product and Strategy & Operations
Odar, Liz	Design
O'Duinn, John	Engineering
Ogren, Michael	Engineering
Ortiz, Eduardo	Design
Palmer, Amine	Acquisition
Perez, Ariel	Product and Strategy & Operations
Peters, Meg	Design
Pham Evans, Kathy	Product and Strategy & Operations
Ponce, Carola	Design
Pope, Lexa	Product and Strategy & Operations
Posey, Cathryn	Talent
Price, James	Product and Strategy & Operations
Quagliaroli, Joshua	Product and Strategy & Operations
Rachmeller, Kim	USDS Director of Engineering
Rahaghi, John	Product and Strategy & Operations
Raounak, Amine	Engineering
Raskin, Abigail	Design
Recordon, David	Team Leads
Ricketts, Camille	Product and Strategy & Operations
Roberts, Brian	Talent
Ruskin, Mollie	Design
Russell, Shane	Engineering
Saltiel, Sarah	Talent
Sartin, Shannon	Acquisition
Schank Shaklan, Hana	Design
Schles, Eric	Engineering
Schmidt, Anthony Benno	Design
Schwartz, Ori	Engineering
Shah, Aalok	Product and Strategy & Operations
Shah, Nishant	Product and Strategy & Operations
Shaw, Lucy	Talent
Small, Nick	Engineering
Smith, James	Engineering
Smith, Jennifer	Talent
Smithgall, Benjamin	Engineering
Staley, Reina	Product and Strategy & Operations
Stumpf, Todd	Engineering
Sullivan, Jonathan	Product and Strategy & Operations
Sullivan, Sarah	USDS Chief of Staff

Suntharalingam, Sivagajen	Engineering
Tagliamonte, Paul	Engineering
Tavoulareas, Emily	Product and Strategy & Operations
Taylor, Julie	Design
Thomas, Lorraine	Engineering
Ubhi, Deap	Product and Strategy & Operations
Uppal, Rajiv	Product and Strategy & Operations
Van Dyck, Haley	USDS Deputy Administrator
Verch, Shaun	Engineering
Walker, Traci	USDS Director of Digital Service Procurement
Wardell, Clarence	Product and Strategy & Operations
Weaver, Matthew	Engineering
Wilkes, Elliott	Product and Strategy & Operations
Williams, Sabrina	Engineering
Willis, Daniel	Design
Wimberly, Adrissha	Product and Strategy & Operations
Wiswell, Lisa	Product and Strategy & Operations
Wong, Albert	Engineering
Woods, Sharon	Product and Strategy & Operations
Worthington, Charles	USDS Director of Product and Strategy & Operations
Wu, Jason	Product and Strategy & Operations
Yale-Loehr, Alexander	Engineering
Zucker, Gabriel	Product and Strategy & Operations

THE WHITE HOUSE

Washington

January 11, 2017

BIDEN FAMILY AND FRIENDS ADMINISTRATION APPRECIATION RECEPTION

DATE: January 12, 2017
LOCATION: State Dining Room, Blue Room
TIME: 3:00 PM – 3:30 PM
FROM: Deesha Dyer and Kristina Broadie

I. PURPOSE:

The purpose of this reception is to celebrate the Vice President and Dr. Biden and the contributions that they've made to this administration.

II. PARTICIPANTS

175 People have been invited including:

- The First Lady
- Vice President Biden
- Dr. Jill Biden
- Members of the Biden Family
- Friends of the Biden Family
- Members of the Vice President's & Dr. Biden's Staffs

III. PRESS PLAN

This event is pooled press.

IV. SEQUENCE OF EVENTS

- YOU and the Vice President proceed to the Red Room via the West Colonnade and Usher's staircase to join the First Lady and Dr. Biden.
- The First Lady and Dr. Biden are announced to their seats in the front row of the State Dining Room.
- YOU and the Vice President are announced to stage.
- YOU deliver remarks.
- The Vice President delivers remarks.
- YOU, the Vice President, the First Lady and Dr. Biden depart the State Dining Room and proceed to the Blue Room.
- YOU, the Vice President, the First Lady and Dr. Biden take a group photo in the Blue Room.
- YOU and the First Lady depart the State Floor via a Red Room Cordon.

- The reception continues after YOU depart.

V. REMARKS

Remarks prepared under separate cover by speechwriting.

VI. ATTACHMENTS

A. Guest List

RECEPTION IN HONOR OF THE VICE PRESIDENT AND DR. BIDEN GUEST LIST
January 12, 2017

Mr. Joshua Alcorn, Chadds Ford, PA

The Honorable (Ms.) Elizabeth Allen, DAP and Deputy Director of Communications, Office of Communications, Washington, DC

Mr. Mark Angelson, New york, NY

Mr. Dionissios NMN Assanis, University of Delaware, President
Mrs. Helen Assanis

Ms. Ashley Biden, Executive Director, Delaware Center for Justice, Philadelphia, PA

Ms. Caroline Biden, New york, NY

Ms. Finnegan Biden, Washington, DC

Mrs. Hallie Biden, Wilmington, DE
Mr. Hunter Biden, Washington, DC (Child)
Ms. Natalie Biden, Washington, DC (Guest)

Mr. Hunter Biden, Washington, DC

Mr. Jamie Biden, New york, NY
Ms. Amy Biden, New york, NY (Guest)

The Honorable (Mr.) Joseph Biden, Jr., Vice President of the United States, Washington, DC
Dr. Jill Biden, Washington, DC

Ms. Maisy Biden, Washington, DC

Ms. Naomi Biden

Ms. Sara Biden, Merion station, PA

Ms. Valerie Biden Owens, Kennett square, PA

The Honorable (Mr.) Tony Blinken, Deputy Secretary of State, Department of State,
Washington, DC
Ms. Evan Ryan, Washington, DC

The Honorable (Mr.) Robert Brady, United States Representative (D/Pennsylvania), Washington,
DC

Mrs. Bernadette Buccini, Palm beach, FL

Mr. Chris Buccini, Wilmington, DE

Mr. Donato Buccini, Greenville, DE

Mr. Robert E Buccini, The Buccini/Pollin Group, Wilmington, DE

Mrs. Elizabeth Buccini, Wilmington, DE

The Honorable (Mr.) Joseph Clancy, Director of U.S. Secret Service, Arlington, VA

Mr. Garrett Copeland, Wilmington, DE

Mrs. Tatiana Copeland, Wilmington, DE

The Honorable (Mr.) Chase Cushman, Assistant to the President and Director of Scheduling and Advance, WHO, Washington, DC

Mr. Jack Degioia, Washington, DC

Mr. Albert DiClemente, Jockessin, DE

Ms. Elizabeth Diclemente, Hockessin, DE (Guest)

The Honorable Christopher Dodd, CEO and Former United States Senator (D/Connecticut), Motion Picture Association of America (MPAA), Washington, DC

The Honorable (Mr.) Mike Donilon, Alexandria, VA

Mr. Fariborz Fatemi, Mclean, VA

Mr. Charles Fromstein, NSC, Washington, DC

The Honorable (Mr.) Mark Gitenstein, Washington, DC

Mrs. Elizabeth Gitenstein, Washington, DC

Ms. Bonnie Glenn, Kenneth square, PA

Ms. Jennifer Glenn, Philadelphia, PA

Mr. Paul Glenn III, Hockessin, DE

Dr. Amy Nmn Gutmann, Philadelphia, PA

Dr. Michael Doyle, Philadelphia, PA

Mrs. Margaret Haggerty, Washington, DC

The Honorable (Ms.) Avril Haines, Assistant to the President and Deputy National Security Advisor, National Security Council, Washington, DC

Mrs. Jan Hartman, Ocean city, NJ

Mr. David Hartman, Ocean city, NJ

Ms. Doris Hartman, Beesleys point, NJ (Guest)

Mr. Peter Haywood, Wilmington, DE

Mrs. Tina Haywood, Wilmington, DE

The Honorable (Ms.) Cynthia C. Hogan, Washington, DC

Mr. Robert Hoopes, Jr., Bethesda, MD

The Honorable (Ms.) Valerie Jarrett, Senior Advisor and Assistant to the President, Office of Public Engagement and Intergovernmental Affairs, Washington, DC

The Honorable (T.H.) Ted Kaufman, former United States Senator (D/Delaware), Wilmington, DE

The Honorable (Mr.) Cody Keenan, Assistant to the President and Director of Speechwriting, Office of Communications, Washington, DC

Ms. Nealie Hartman Kendall, Hockessin, DE

Mr. Chad Kendall, Hockessin, DE (Guest)

Mrs. Victoria Kennedy, Washington, DC

Mr. Joseph Kiani, Niguel, CA (Husband of Mrs. Sarah M Kiani)

Dr. Howard Krein, Philadelphia, PA

Ms. Paula Levine, Boston, MA

Ms. Patricia Lewis, Wilmington, DE

Mr. Edward Lieberman, Washington, DC

Ms. Brooke Lillard, Washington, DC

Mr. James MacGilvray, West Islip, NY

Mrs. Carla Markell, First Lady of Delaware, Wilmington, DE (Substitute for: The Honorable Jack Markell)

Ms. Joan Mayer, Washington, DC

The Honorable (Ms.) Terrell McSweeney, Washington, DC

The Honorable (Mr.) Rodin Mehrbani, AP and Director of PPO, Washington, DC

Mr. Mel Monzack, Wilmington, DE
Mrs. Ann Monzack, Wilmington, DE

The Honorable Cecilia Munoz, Assistant to the President and Director of the Domestic Policy Council, Domestic Policy Council, Washington, DC

The Honorable (Ms.) Shailagh Murray, Assistant to the President and Senior Advisor, Washington, DC

Colonel Kevin O'Connor, Crofton, MD

Mr. Mark O'Malley, Lagrange, IL

Mr. Ron Olivere, Wilmington, DE
Mrs. Joan Olivere, Wilmington, DE

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New York Times (Ross Douthat): The Trump Matrix

December 28, 2016

Anyone who tells you, with perfect confidence, what a Trump administration will do is either bluffing or a fool. We have a prospective cabinet and a White House staff, but we haven't got the first idea how the two will fit together or relate to Congress, or how the man at the top will preside over it all.

What we can do, for now, is set up a matrix to help assess the Trump era as it proceeds, in which each appointment and policy move gets plotted along two axes. The first axis, the X-axis, represents possibilities for Trumpist policy, the second, the Y-axis, scenarios for Trump's approach to governance.

The policy axis runs from full populism at one end to predictable conservative orthodoxy on the other. A full populist Trump presidency would give us tariffs and trade wars, an infrastructure bill that would have Robert Moses doing back flips, a huge wall and E-Verify and untouched entitlements and big tax cuts for the middle class. On foreign policy it would be Henry Kissinger meets Andrew Jackson: Détente with Russia, no nation-building anywhere, and a counterterrorism strategy that shoots, bombs and drones first and asks questions later.

In an orthodox-conservative Trump presidency, on the other hand, congressional Republicans would run domestic policy and Trump would simply sign their legislation: A repeal of Obamacare without an obvious replacement, big tax cuts for the rich, and the Medicare reform of Paul Ryan's fondest dreams. On foreign policy, it would offer hawkishness with a dose of idealistic rhetoric — meaning brinkmanship with the Russians, not a rapprochement, plus military escalation everywhere.

The second axis, the possibilities for how Trump governs, runs from ruthless authoritarianism at one end to utter chaos at the other. Under the authoritarian scenario, Trump would act on all his worst impulses with malign efficiency. The media would be intimidated, Congress would be gelded, the F.B.I. and the I.R.S. would go full J. Edgar Hoover against Trump's enemies, the Trump family would enrich itself fantastically — and then, come a major terrorist attack, Trump would jail or intern anyone he deemed a domestic enemy.

At the other end of this axis, Trump and his team would be too stumbling and hapless to effectively oppress anyone, and the Trump era would just be a rolling disaster — with frequent resignations, ridiculous scandals, Republicans distancing themselves, the deep state in revolt, the media circling greedily, and any serious damage done by accident rather than design.

Trump's transition — the process, the appointees, the tweets — can be charted along both axes. On policy, much of his cabinet falls closer to the conventional conservative end, with appointees like Tom Price and Betsy DeVos and Rick Perry who would be at home in a Ted Cruz or Marco Rubio or even Jeb! administration.

On the other hand, some of his cabinet picks are a little more ideologically unknowable (like Steven Mnuchin at Treasury), and his inner circle remains highly unconventional. Stephen K.

Bannon is intent on remaking the G.O.P. along nationalist lines, Jared Kushner and Ivanka Trump seem eager for their paterfamilias to negotiate with Democrats, Peter Navarro is girding for a trade war with China. And Trump's foreign policy choices — especially Rex Tillerson at State — seem closer to full-Trumpist realpolitik than to Reaganism-as-usual.

On the governance axis, the president-elect's strong-arming of the private sector, his media-bashing tweets, and his feud with the intelligence community all hint at an authoritarian timeline ahead. Likewise, other fact patterns — that Congressional Republicans are mostly supine, that the stock market has surged — suggest that Trump could be authoritarian, corrupt and politically effective.

But anyone who fears incompetence more than tyranny has plenty of evidence as well. Trump's tweets might be a sign, not of an incipient autocrat, but of an unstable narcissist who will undermine himself at every step. He has no cushion in popular opinion: If things go even somewhat badly, his political capital will go very fast indeed. He has plenty of hacks, wild cards and misfit toys occupying positions of real responsibility — and his White House has already had its first sex scandal!

Then, finally, there is the question of how the axes interact. A populist-authoritarian combination might seem natural, with Trump using high-profile deviations from conservative orthodoxy to boost his popularity even as he runs roughshod over republican norms.

But you could also imagine an authoritarian-orthodox conservative combination, in which Congressional Republicans accept the most imperial of presidencies because it's granting them tax rates and entitlement reforms they have long desired.

Or you could imagine a totally incompetent populism, in which Trump flies around the country holding rallies while absolutely nothing in Washington gets done ... or a totally incompetent populism that ultimately empowers conventional conservatism, because Trump decides that governing isn't worth it and just lets Paul Ryan run the country.

As for what we should actually hope for — well, the midpoint of each axis, the center of the matrix, seems like the sweet spot for the country: A Trump presidency that's competent-enough without being dictatorial, and that provides a needed populist corrective to conservatism without taking us all the way to mercantilism or a debt crisis.

But this is Donald Trump we're talking about, so a happy medium seems unlikely. Along one axis or the other, bet on the extremes.

The Atlantic (David Frum): Trump Will Inherit the Biggest NATO Buildup in Europe Since the Cold War

January 10, 2017

Rumbling off cargo ships in these opening weeks of 2017 are the tanks and trucks of the biggest U.S. and NATO arms buildup on the European continent since the 1980s.

The equipment of an American armored brigade—the 3rd Armored Brigade Combat Team of the Fourth Infantry Division—is landing in Bremerhaven, Germany, soon to transit by train to its new bases in Poland and Romania. They'll be supported by half a brigade of air assault forces. The Americans will be reinforced by NATO allies. A Canadian-led regiment will take position in Latvia; a German-headed unit will deploy in Lithuania; and NATO's two other nuclear powers besides the U.S., Britain and France, will join the defense of Estonia.

Estonia is completing construction of buildings and barracks for the British-led regiment assigned to the most easterly of the Baltic republics. Thousands of additional U.S. and NATO troops will soon face eastward toward Russia, stiffened by 87 new tanks, 144 Bradley fighting vehicles, 60 additional fighting and transport helicopters, and much other advanced equipment as well—a reversal of the long build down that reduced the U.S. force in Europe from more than 300,000 in the late 1980s to barely 100,000 in the aftermath of 9/11.

It may be that resentment of plans for this kind of enhanced NATO presence was one of the motives that impelled Vladimir Putin to intervene in the U.S. presidential election with a view to weakening the pro-NATO Hillary Clinton and helping the NATO-skeptical Trump.

Whatever Putin's thinking, the force is there.

The second-most dangerous thing in international politics is to draw a red line without truly meaning it, as Barack Obama did in warning Syrian President Bashar al-Assad against using chemical weapons, then failing to retaliate when he did so. But the very most dangerous thing is to blur a red line that really is there. Donald Trump's persistent soft talk invites the Russians to misconstrue what's on the other side of that line. Vladimir Lenin, founder of the Soviet state that Putin so often mourns, is often credited with the line: "Probe with a bayonet. If you encounter steel, withdraw. If you encounter mush, then push." Whatever the true authorship, the statement offers healthy implicit advice: Clarity keeps peace; weakness invites conflict.

NATO troops train to counter not only blitzkrieg tactics, but also the kind of stealthy infiltration the Russians used to seize Crimea in 2014. Those kinds of conflicts can start small, but can end big and deadly, if they are not deterred. Donald Trump has congratulated himself on his "unpredictability." That's dangerous too. Superpowers should be ultra-predictable. Had the Soviets known that the United States would defend South Korea, the June 1950 invasion from the North would likely never have happened. The knowledge that the United States most certainly would defend West Germany kept the peace of the European continent from 1945 through 1989.

The United States and NATO went to great lengths to assure Russia that the extension of NATO after 1997 would not alter Russia's strategic situation. Western troops did not permanently deploy in substantial numbers beyond the Cold War NATO-Warsaw Pact boundary line until after Russia's intervention in Ukraine. U.S. and U.K. aircraft visited Eastern European airbases, but were not stationed there. George W. Bush insisted that missile defenses intended for Poland and the Czech Republic were intended to defend against Iran, not Russia—and when the Russians still complained, Barack Obama canceled the defenses altogether.

This goodwill has not been requited, to put it mildly. And now we all must seriously worry how the Russians will interpret their interactions with Donald Trump, and particularly his fierce excuse-making for their interference on his behalf in the U.S. electoral process. Do they believe they are encountering mush on the other side of the NATO line? The faster this misapprehension is corrected, the safer for European and world peace.

The Federalist (Mary Katharine Ham): Why Is Press Evasion Innovation Under Obama But A Threat Under Trump?

November 26, 2016

President-Elect Donald J. Trump posted a two-and-a-half minute video to his YouTube account last week. It was the first public address since his late-night acceptance speech. Trump also sat for interviews with “60 Minutes” and the New York Times, but eschewed a public press conference.

The video, in which he declared the transition running “very smoothly, efficiently and effectively,” struck some journalists as an existential threat to their profession on par with Steakgate.

As with Steakgate, there seem to two very different standards for different presidents who wish to circumvent traditional press with new-fangled technologies.

“The video underscored the extent to which Mr. Trump intends to try to navigate around the traditional newspaper and television media outlets as he seeks to communicate his message to the public,” the New York Times reported, while liberal media critics excoriated the move.

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Though the Times noted President Obama pioneered some of these tactics, the tone of coverage on a president using social media in such ways has changed. Christiane Amanpour included Trump’s social media savvy in a speech about journalism’s existential crisis, not the president’s clever social media breakthroughs:

“We have to accept that we’ve had our lunch handed to us by the very same social media that we’ve so slavishly been devoted to.

The winning candidate did a savvy end run around us and used it to go straight to the people. Combined with the most incredible development ever — the tsunami of fake news sites — aka lies — that somehow people could not, would not, recognize, fact check, or disregard.”

On a CNN panel Wednesday, media reporter Brian Stelter framed Trump’s moves as the real possibility of “creeping authoritarianism.”

“Having just a YouTube channel where the president puts out his message, unfiltered, that has a downside,” said Alisyn Camerota. “Just ask the people in Russia.”

“And even if you embrace it in President Trump’s time,” Stelter replied, “You’re not gonna like it when the Democrats are back in power, back in the White House.”

Look, I'd prefer regular press conferences, and if all we had was a YouTube channel for Trump, that'd be a problem. But that's not where we are. I'm old enough to remember when the president had an entire YouTube channel devoted to his weekly "news" show, put out by his press shop, and almost no one bemoaned his manufacturing of fake news or the inevitable extinction of journalism at his hands.

In fact, President Obama's "West Wing Week" and its creator Arun Chaudhary were profiled in the New York Times with personable descriptions— New Balances and "askew" suits!— and kindly euphemism. The Obama White House was the first to have a videographer—"part documentarian, part White House-message-machine post." Chaudhary made this "signature production" in his capacity as "reporter and promoter." Yep, reporter. He has an "artsy bent" and a "ragtag operation," and the president kids him about his scruffy hair. Charming.

The 2010 piece managed to dig up one semi-critical quote from media or media critics about this wholesale creation of propaganda:

"It is a little disconcerting to think we're going to have these tools that are so powerful in the hands of the people who also happen to be the most powerful people in the country," said Nancy Scola, the associate editor of techPresident, a blog that covers technology and the federal government. "The Obama administration has expanded the use of new media at the same time as it's freezing out old media."

Elsewhere, Obama was similarly praised for his innovative ways of "skirt[ing] traditional media" and "routing around the filters and gatekeepers so that he can speak directly to voters" and "bypass media framing."

Listen to this 2013 NPR report on Obama's "non-traditional" approach for a sense of the difference in tone. This gentle piece of journalism came, by its own admission, more than three years since Obama had sat for an interview with the New York Times or the Washington Post, while the discussion of Trump's alleged assault on the press came the same week he sat for an hour with the Times.

Trump has his faults, but lack of accessibility isn't really one of them. He loves to talk to media, and yes, he will seek to shape the rules to his advantage and reach people in non-traditional ways, just as Obama did. Between 2007 and 2016, much of the press considered this a story of evolving technology and communication. But what used to be an interesting challenge that had media "scrambling to stay in the game" against an innovative, young president is now a grave threat. Somewhere in between is probably the correct assessment, and swinging between admiration and fear depending on the president doesn't create better coverage or earn more trust from readers.

Wall Street Journal (Bret Stephens): What Does Trump Know About Russia?

January 2, 2017

Donald Trump says “I know things that other people don’t know.”

He says: “I know a lot about hacking.” And: “Hacking is a very hard thing to prove.” And: “It could be someone else.”

He says he will tell us what he knows “on Tuesday or Wednesday.”

Let’s hope so. The president-elect has taken it upon himself to be skeptic-in-chief when it comes to the U.S. intelligence community’s contention that the Russian regime hacked U.S. computer networks in an effort to swing the election to Mr. Trump. It’s entirely possible to believe that the basis for his skepticism is sound and prudent.

Then again, what if it isn’t?

The benefit-of-the-doubt case comes in three letters: WMD. As Mr. Trump noted Saturday, “If you look at the weapons of mass destruction, that was a disaster and they were wrong,” referring to the intelligence consensus that Iraq had a robust and active WMD program at the time of the 2003 invasion. He added: “And so I want them to be sure. I think it’s unfair if they don’t know.”

Fair enough. The media spent the better part of a decade swearing they wouldn’t be fooled again by intelligence assessments the way they were before 2003. So why do they now seem prepared uncritically to accept President Obama’s conclusion that “the highest levels of the Russian government” had directed “data theft and disclosure activities” to influence the election? Why are we supposed to believe, as ironclad certainties, the judgment of intelligence officials who recently failed to anticipate the rise of Islamic State?

If these are the reasons for Mr. Trump’s skepticism, so much the better: “Intelligence,” as Daniel Patrick Moynihan used to say, “is not to be confused with intelligence.” But perhaps there are less creditable reasons.

Long before there was any hint of Russian meddling in the election, Mr. Trump had made no secret of his admiration for Vladimir Putin.

In 2007, Mr. Trump told Larry King that the Russian president is “doing a great job in rebuilding the image of Russia and also rebuilding Russia period.” In 2015 he called Mr. Putin “a man so highly respected within his own country and beyond.” Last week, he tweeted that Mr. Putin was “very smart!” for not responding in kind to Mr. Obama’s expulsion of 35 Russian embassy officials.

The most innocent reading of these comments is that Mr. Trump is seeking to flatter his Russian counterpart into a cooperative relationship, much as George W. Bush and Mr. Obama sought to do in the early days of their presidencies. Maybe he thinks he’ll get a better result because he fancies himself a better deal-maker. Maybe he hopes Mr. Putin will see him as a kindred spirit: Big hombre, instinctive nationalist, zero use for liberals and their pieties.

Mr. Trump is likely to be disappointed in these hopes: Michael Flynn, his soon-to-be national security adviser, has described Russia as a key member of “an international alliance of evil countries” against which the U.S. is at war. And Mr. Putin’s idea of a tough leader probably looks more like a Spetsnaz commando than a former beauty pageant impresario.

However Mr. Trump’s overtures to Moscow work out, they raise the possibility that his desire for a better relationship is shaping his attitude toward the intelligence. This is the same approach the Obama administration adopted in its first term. Hoping to smooth Senate ratification of the 2010 New Start arms-control treaty, it played down information showing that Russia was violating the 1987 Intermediate-range Nuclear Forces Treaty.

This is called politicizing intelligence, and it’s reprehensible whether done in the service of starting a war or passing a treaty. Since Mr. Trump shrugged off Mr. Obama’s actions against Russia last week by saying “we ought to get on with our lives,” it’s worth wondering whether the president-elect isn’t committing the same sin.

There’s something else worth wondering about.

It isn’t a secret that the Trump Organization has long been entwined with Russian business interests: “Russians make up a pretty disproportionate cross-section of our assets,” Donald Trump Jr. told a real-estate conference in 2008. It isn’t a secret that Mr. Trump’s campaign was curiously studded by figures with deep business ties to Russian or pro-Russian figures, including Paul Manafort, Rick Gates and Carter Page. It isn’t a secret that businessmen from Russia and other former Soviet states have been major investors in marquee projects such as the Trump Soho in New York and the Trump hotel in Toronto.

All this has been the subject of fascinating if inconclusive reporting, most recently by James Henry in the American Interest. Peter Schweizer, the author of “Clinton Cash,” also recently warned that he sees parallels between the Clinton Foundation and the Trump Organization.

If Mr. Trump wants to dispel the nagging suspicion that his views on Russia are driven by less-than-honest motives, he can begin by telling us what he knows about his Russia ties that the rest of us still don’t.

National Review (J.D. Vance): Why the White Working Class Is Falling Behind
August 16, 2016

Editor's Note: The following article is adapted from *Hillbilly Elegy: A Memoir of a Family and Culture in Crisis* (Harper).

Growing up in Middletown, Ohio, we had no sense that failing to achieve higher education would bring shame or any other consequences. The message wasn't explicit; teachers didn't tell us that we were too stupid or poor to make it. Nevertheless, it was all around us, like the air we breathed: No one in our families had gone to college; older friends and siblings were perfectly content to stay in Middletown, regardless of their career prospects; we knew no one at a prestigious out-of-state school; and everyone knew at least one young adult who was underemployed or didn't have a job at all.

In Middletown, 20 percent of the public high school's entering freshmen won't make it to graduation. Most won't graduate from college. Virtually no one will go to college out of state. Students don't expect much from themselves, because the people around them don't do very much. Many parents go along with this phenomenon. I don't remember ever being scolded for getting a bad grade until my grandmother (whom I called "Mamaw") began to take an interest in my grades in high school. When my sister or I struggled in school, I'd overhear things like "Well, maybe she's just not that great at fractions," or "J.D.'s more of a numbers kid, so I wouldn't worry about that spelling test."

There was, and still is, a sense that those who make it are of two varieties. The first are lucky: They come from wealthy families with connections, and their lives were set from the moment they were born. The second are the meritocratic: They were born with brains and couldn't fail if they tried. Because very few in Middletown fall into the former category, people assume that everyone who makes it is just really smart. To the average Middletonian, hard work doesn't matter as much as raw talent.

It's not like parents and teachers never mention hard work. Nor do they walk around loudly proclaiming that they expect their children to turn out poorly. These attitudes lurk below the surface, less in what people say than in how they act. One of our neighbors was a lifetime welfare recipient, but in between asking my grandmother to borrow her car or offering to trade food stamps for cash at a premium, she'd blather on about the importance of industriousness. "So many people abuse the system, it's impossible for the hardworking people to get the help they need," she'd say. This was the construct she'd built in her head: Most of the beneficiaries of the system were extravagant moochers, but she — despite never having worked in her life — was an obvious exception.

People talk about hard work all the time in places like Middletown. You can walk through a town where 30 percent of the young men work fewer than 20 hours a week and find not a single person aware of his own laziness. During the 2012 election cycle, the Public Religion Institute, a left-leaning think tank, published a report on working-class whites. It found, among other things, that working-class whites worked more hours than college-educated whites. But the idea that the average working-class white works more hours is demonstrably false. The Public Religion

Institute based its results on surveys — essentially, they called around and asked people what they thought. The only thing that report proves is that many folks talk about working more than they actually work.

Of course, the reasons poor people aren't working as much as others are complicated, and it's too easy to blame the problem on laziness. For many, part-time work is all they have access to, and their skills don't fit well in the modern economy. But whatever the reasons, the rhetoric of hard work conflicts with the reality on the ground. The kids in Middletown absorb that conflict and struggle with it.

In this, as in so much else, the Scots-Irish migrants in Ohio resemble their kin back in the holler. In an HBO documentary about eastern Kentucky hill people, the patriarch of a large Appalachian family introduces himself by drawing strict lines between work acceptable for men and work acceptable for women. While it's obvious what he considers "women's work," it's not at all clear what work, if any, is acceptable for him. Apparently not paid employment, since the man has never worked a paying job in his life. Ultimately, the verdict of his own son is damning:

Daddy says he's worked in his life. Only thing Daddy's worked is his goddamned ass. Why not be straight about it, Pa? Daddy was an alcoholic. He would stay drunk, he didn't bring food home. Mommy supported her young'uns. If it hadn't been for Mommy, we'd have been dead.

Alongside these conflicting norms about the value of blue-collar work existed a massive ignorance about how to achieve white-collar work. We didn't know that all across the country — and even in our hometown — other kids had already started a competition to get ahead in life. During first grade, we played a game every morning: The teacher would announce the number of the day, and we'd go person by person and announce a math equation that produced the number. So if the number of the day was four, you could announce "two plus two" and claim a prize, usually a small piece of candy. One day the number was 30. The students in front of me went through the easy answers — "twenty-nine plus one," "twenty-eight plus two," "fifteen plus fifteen." I was better than that. I was going to blow the teacher away.

When my turn came, I proudly announced, "Fifty minus twenty." The teacher gushed, and I received two pieces of candy for my foray into subtraction, a skill we'd learned only days before. A few moments later, while I beamed over my brilliance, another student announced, "Ten times three." I had no idea what that even meant. Times? Who was this guy?

The teacher was even more impressed, and my competitor triumphantly collected not two but three pieces of candy. The teacher spoke briefly of multiplication and asked if anyone else knew such a thing existed. None of us raised a hand. For my part, I was crushed. I returned home and burst into tears. I was certain my ignorance was rooted in some failure of character. I just felt stupid.

It wasn't my fault that until that day I had never heard the word "multiplication." It wasn't something I'd learned in school, and my family didn't sit around and work on math problems. But to a little kid who wanted to do well in school, it was a crushing defeat. In my immature brain, I didn't understand the difference between intelligence and knowledge. So I assumed I was

an idiot. I may not have known multiplication that day, but when I came home and told Papaw (my grandfather) about my heartbreak, he turned it into triumph. I learned multiplication and division before dinner. And for two years after that, he and I would practice increasingly complex math once a week, with an ice cream reward for solid performance. I would beat myself up when I didn't understand a concept, and storm off, defeated. But after I'd pout for a few minutes, Papaw was always ready to go again. My mother was never much of a math person, but she took me to the public library before I could read, got me a library card, showed me how to use it, and always made sure I had access to kids' books at home.

In other words, despite all of the environmental pressures from my neighborhood and community, I received a different message at home. And that just might have saved me.

THE WHITE HOUSE

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BRUCE SPRINGSTEEN EAST ROOM PERFORMANCE

DATE: Thursday, January 12, 2017
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TIME: 8:30 – 9:40 PM
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I. PURPOSE

YOU and The First Lady will host an acoustic performance by Bruce Springsteen in the East Room. This is a thank you event for staff who are departing the White House and have served this Administration for all eight years.

II. PARTICIPANTS

- White House Staff and guests (~200 people)

III. PRESS PLAN

This event is CLOSED press. Official photographer only.

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- YOU and The First Lady move to the Blue Room and take a photo with Bruce Springsteen and family.
- YOU and The First Lady move to the East Room and take YOUR seats.
- Bruce Springsteen performs.
- Upon the conclusion of the performance, YOU move to stage and thank performers and guests.
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IN PRESENTATION OF THE MEDAL OF FREEDOM
TO VICE PRESIDENT JOE BIDEN

State Dining Room

3:50 P.M. EST

THE PRESIDENT: Hey! All right, that's enough. Don't want to embarrass the guy. (Laughter.)

Welcome to the White House, everybody. As I have already delivered my farewell address, I will try to be relatively brief. But I just wanted to get some folks together to pay tribute to somebody who has not only been by my side for the duration of this amazing journey, but somebody who has devoted his entire professional life to service to this country, the best Vice President America has ever had, Mr. Joe Biden. (Applause.)

This also gives the Internet one last chance to talk about our bromance. (Laughter.) This has been quite a ride. It was eight and a half years ago that I chose Joe to be my Vice President. There has not been a single moment since that time that I've doubted the wisdom of that decision. He was the best possible choice, not just for me, but for the American people. This is an extraordinary man with an extraordinary career in public service. This is somebody the people of Delaware sent to the Senate as quickly as they possibly could. (Laughter.)

Elected at age 29, for more than a dozen years apiece he served as chair or ranking member of the Judiciary and Foreign Relation Committees. Domestically, he championed landmark legislation to make our communities safer, to protect our women from violence. Internationally, his wisdom and capacity to build relationships that shaped our nation's response to the fall of the Berlin Wall and the Iron Curtain, to counterterrorism, Iraq, Afghanistan.

And for the past eight years, he could not have been a more devoted or effective partner in the progress that we've made. He fought to make college more affordable and revitalize American manufacturing as the head of our Middle Class Task Force. He suited up for our Cancer Moonshot, giving hope to millions of Americans touched by this disease.

He led our efforts to combat gun violence, and he rooted out any possible misappropriations that might have occurred. And as a consequence, the Recovery Act worked as well as just about any largescale stimulus project has ever worked in this country. He visited college after college -- and made friends with Lady Gaga (laughter) -- for our "It's On Us" campaign against campus sexual assault. And when the Pope visited, Joe was even kind enough to let me talk to His Holiness, as well. (Laughter.)

Behind the scenes, Joe's candid, honest counsel has made me a better President and a better Commander-in-Chief. From the Situation Room to our weekly lunches, to our huddles after everybody else has cleared out of the room, he's been unafraid to give it to me straight, even if we disagree -- in fact, especially if we disagree.

And all of this makes him, I believe, the finest Vice President we have ever seen. And I also think he has been a lion of American history. The best part is he's nowhere close to finished. In the years ahead, as a citizen, he will continue to build on that legacy, internationally and domestically. He's got a voice of vision and reason and optimism, and a love for people. And we're going to need that spirit and that vision as we continue to try to make our world safer and to make sure that everybody has got a fair shot in this country.

So, all told, that's a pretty remarkable legacy. An amazing career in public service. It is, as Joe once said, a big deal. (Laughter and applause.) It is.

But we all know that, on its own, his work -- this list of accomplishments, the amazing résumé -- does not capture the full measure of Joe Biden. I have not mentioned Amtrak yet or aviators. (Laughter.) Literally. (Laughter.)

Folks don't just feel like they know Joe the politician, they feel like they know the person -- what makes him laugh, what he believes, what he cares about, and where he came from. Pretty much every time he speaks, he treats us to some wisdom from the nuns who taught him in grade school -- (laughter) -- or from an old Senate colleague.

But, of course, more frequently cited -- Catherine and Joseph, Sr., his mom and dad: "No one's better than you, but you're better than nobody." (Laughter.) "Bravery resides in every heart, and yours is fierce and clear." "And when you get knocked down, Joey, get up -- get up." (Laughter.) "Get up." (Applause.)

That's where he got those broad shoulders. That's where he got that Biden heart. And through his life, through trial after trial, he has never once forgotten the values and the moral fiber that made him who he is. That's what steels his faith in God, and in America, and in his friends, and in all of us.

When Joe talks to autoworkers whose livelihoods he helped save, we hear the son of a man who once knew the pain of having to tell his kids that he had lost his job.

When Joe talks about hope and opportunity for our children, we hear the father who rode the rails home every night so that he could be there to tuck his kids into bed.

When Joe sticks up for the little guy, we hear the young boy who used to stand in front of the mirror, reciting Yeats or Emerson, studying the muscles in his face, determined to vanquish a debilitating stutter.

And when Joe talks to Gold Star families who have lost a hero, we hear a kindred spirit; another father of an American veteran; somebody whose faith has been tested, and who has been forced to wander through the darkness himself, and who knows who to lean on to find the light.

So that's Joe Biden -- a resilient, and loyal, and humble servant, and a patriot. But most of all, a family man. Starts with Jill, "Captain of the Vice Squad." (Laughter.) Only the Second Lady in our history to keep her regular day job. (Applause.) Jill says, teaching isn't what she does, it's who she is. A few days after Joe and I were inaugurated in 2009, she was back in the classroom teaching. That's why when our administration worked to strengthen community colleges, we looked to Jill to lead the way.

She's also traveled the world to boost education and empowerment for women. And as a Blue Star mom, her work with Michelle to honor our military families will go down in history as one of the most lasting and powerful efforts of this administration.

Of course, like Joe, Jill's work is only part of the story. She just seems to walk this Earth so lightly, spreads her joy so freely. And she reminds us that although we're in a serious business, we don't have to take ourselves too seriously. She's quick with a laugh or a practical joke, disguising herself as a server at a party she once hosted -- (laughter) -- to liven the mood. She once hid in the overhead compartment of Air Force 2 to scare the senior staff. (Laughter.) Because why not? She seems to have a sixth sense of when to send a note of encouragement to a friend or a staffer, a simple thank you or a box of macaroons.

She is one of the best, most genuine people that I've met not just in politics, but in my entire life. She is grounded, and caring, and generous, and funny, and that's why Joe is proud to introduce himself as "Jill Biden's husband." (Laughter.)

And to see them together is to see what real love looks like -- through thick and thin, good times and bad. It's an all-American love story. Jill once surprised Joe by painting hearts on his office windows for Valentine's Day.

And then there are these Biden kids and grandkids. They're everywhere. (Laughter.) They're all good-looking. (Laughter.) Hunter and Ashley, who lived out that family creed of raising good families and looking out for the least of our brothers and sisters. Beau, who is watching over us with those broad shoulders and mighty heart himself -- a man who left a beautiful legacy and inspired an entire nation. Naomi, and Finn, and Maisy, and Natalie, and little Hunter -- grandchildren who are the light of Joe's eyes, and gives him an excuse to bust out the squirt gun around the pool. (Laughter.) This is the kind of family that built this country.

That's why my family is so proud to call ourselves honorary Bidens. (Laughter.) As Yeats put it -- because I had to quote an Irish poet, and Seamus Heaney was taken -- (laughter) -- "Think where man's glory most begins and ends, and say my glory was I had such friends."

Away from the camera, Jill and Michelle have each other's backs just as much as when they're out championing our troops. Our girls are close, best friends at school, inviting each other for vacations and sleepovers. Even though our terms are nearly over, one of the greatest gifts of these past eight years is that we're forever bonded as a family.

But, of course, I know that the Obamas are not the only ones who feel like they're part of the Biden clan because Joe's heart has radiated around this room. You see it in the enduring friendships he's forged with folks of every stripe and background up on Capitol Hill. You see it in the way that his eyes light up when he finds somebody in a rope line from Scranton. (Laughter.) Or just the tiniest towns in Delaware. (Laughter.) You see it in the incredible loyalty of his staff, the team who knows that family always comes before work because Joe tells them so every day, the team that reflects their boss's humble service. Here in this building where there have been no turf wars between our staffs because everybody here has understood that we were all on the same mission and shared the same values, there has just been cooperation and camaraderie. And that is rare. It's a testament to Joe and the tone that he's set.

And finally, you see Joe's heart in the way he consoles families, dealing with cancer, backstage after an event; when he meets kids fighting through a stutter of their own, he gives them his private phone number and keeps in touch with them long after. To know Joe Biden is to know love without pretense, service without self-regard, and to live life fully.

As one of his long-time colleagues in the Senate, who happened to be a Republican, once said, "If you can't admire Joe Biden as a person, you got a problem. He's as good a man as God ever created."

So, Joe, for your faith in your fellow Americans, for your love of country, and for your lifetime of service that will endure through the generations, I'd like to ask the military aide to join us on stage.

For the final time as President, I am pleased to award our nation's highest civilian honor -- the Presidential Medal of Freedom. (Applause.)

And for the first and only time in my presidency, I will bestow this medal with an additional level of veneration, an honor my three most recent successors reserved for only three others: Pope John Paul II, President Ronald Reagan, and General Colin Powell.

Ladies and gentlemen, I am proud to award the Presidential Medal of Freedom with Distinction to my brother, Joseph Robinette Biden, Jr.

Will the aide please read the citation.

MILITARY AIDE: Vice President Joseph R. Biden, Jr. In a career of public service spanning nearly half a century, Vice President Joseph R. Biden, Jr., has left his mark on almost every part of our nation, fighting for a stronger middle class, a fairer judicial system and a smarter foreign policy; providing unyielding support for our troops; combatting crime and violence against women; leading our quest to cure cancer; and safeguarding the landmark American Recovery and Reinvestment Act from corruption.

With his charm, candor, unabashed optimism, and deep and abiding patriotism, Joe Biden has garnered the respect and esteem of colleagues of both parties, and the friendship of people across the nation and around the world. While summoning the strength, faith and grace to overcome great personal tragedy, this son of Scranton, Claymont, and Wilmington has become one of the most consequential Vice Presidents in American history, an accolade that nonetheless rests firmly behind his legacy as husband, father, and grandfather.

A grateful nation thanks Vice President Joseph R. Biden, Jr. for his lifetime of service on behalf of the United States of America.

(The Medal of Freedom is presented.) (Applause.)

THE VICE PRESIDENT: Mr. President. (Applause.) Please, please, thank you. Thank you. (Applause.) Please. Thank you.

Ricchetti, you're fired. (Laughter.) For the press, Ricchetti is my chief of staff. (Laughter.)

I had no inkling. I thought we were coming over, Michelle, to -- for you, Jill, and Barack and I and a couple of senior staff to toast one another and say what an incredible journey it's been.

Mr. President, you got right the part about my leaning on Jill. But I've also leaned on you and a lot of people in this room. I look around

the room, and I see great friends like Ted Kaufman, who has been -- has so much wisdom. Guys like Mel Monzack. I look around here and I'm startled. I keep seeing people I don't expect. Madam President, how are you? Mr. President, look at my new boss over there. (Laughter.)

But you know, I get a lot of credit I don't deserve, to state the obvious and -- because I've always had somebody to lean on. From back that time in 1972, when the accident happened, I leaned on -- and I mean this in literal sense; Chris knows this -- Dodd knows this, and Mel knows this, and Ted knows this -- I leaned on my sons Beau and Hunter. And I continue to lean on Hunter who continues to in a bizarre kind of way raise me. I mean I've leaned on them.

And, Mr. President, you observed early on that when either one of my boys would walk in the room, they'd walk up and say, Dad, what can I get you? Dad, what do you need?

And then Jill came along, and she saved our lives. She -- no man deserves one great love, let alone two. And -- but everybody knows here, I am Jill's husband. Everybody knows that I love her more than she loves me. (Laughter.) With good reason. (Laughter.) And she gave me the most precious gift, the love of my life, the life of my love, my daughter, Ashley.

And I continue to lean on the family. Mr. President, you kidded me once. You heard that the preparation for the two debates -- vice presidential debates that I had -- I only had two that Beau and Hunt would be the last people in the room. And Beau would say, look at me, Dad. Look at me. Remember, remember home base. Remember.

And the Secret Service can tell you, Mr. President, that Beau and Hunt and Ashley continue to have to corral me. We were at one of the national parks, and I was climbing up on top of a bridge to jump off the bridge with a bunch of young kids. And I hear my sons yelling, Dad, get down. Now! (Laughter.) And I just started laughing so hard I couldn't stop. And I said, I was just going to do a flip -- a full gainer off here.

He said, Dad, the Secret Service doesn't want you up there. Dad. Look at me, Dad. (Laughter.)

So we've never figured out who the father is in this family. (Laughter.)

And, Mr. President, you know that with good reason there is no power in the vice presidency. Matter of fact I just did for Nancy Pelosi's daughter a reading of the Constitution. You probably did one for her. And they had me read the provisions relating to the vice presidency in the Constitution. And there is no inherent power, nor should there be.

But, Mr. President, you have more than kept your commitment to me by saying that you wanted me to help govern. The President's line often --

other people don't hear it that often, but when someone would say, can you get Joe to do such and such. He says, I don't do his schedule. He doesn't do mine.

Every single thing you've asked me to do, Mr. President, you have trusted me to do. And that is -- that's a remarkable thing. I don't think according to -- I see the President of Georgetown here, as well. I don't think according to the presidential, vice presidential scholars that kind of relationship has existed. I mean, for real. It's all you, Mr. President. It's all you.

The reason why when you send me around the world, nothing gets -- as my mom would say, gets missed between the cup and the lip, it's because they know when I speak, I speak for you.

And it's been easy, Mr. President, because we not only have the same political philosophy and ideology, I tell everybody -- and I've told them from the beginning. And I'm not saying this to reciprocate. I've never known a President and few people I've ever met my whole life -- I can count on less than one hand -- who have had the integrity and the decency and the sense of other people's needs like you do.

I know you were upset when I told the story about when Hunt and I were worried that Beau would have to -- that he would, as a matter of honor, decide he had to step down as attorney general while he was fighting his battle because he had aphasia. He was losing his ability to speak, and he didn't want to ever be in a position where to him everything was about duty and honor.

And I said, and he may resign. I don't know I just have the feeling he may. And Hunt and I had talked about this. And I said, he doesn't have any other income, but we're all right because Hunt's there, and I can sell the house.

We were having a private lunch like we do once a week. And this man got up, came over, grabbed me by the shoulders, looked me in the eye, and said, don't you sell that house. You love that house.

I said, it's no big deal, Mr. President. He said, I'll give you the money. We'll give you the money. Promise me, promise me you won't sell that house.

I remember when Ashley, Mr. President, we were in the Oval, and Ashley was in an elevator, and the elevator plummeted to the -- she was with a group of people -- I forget which building in Philadelphia, and it plummeted to the ground. And immediately the Service was worried that she may have been badly hurt. And I got up to take the call, and you didn't let up until you made sure your service followed through and made sure everything was all right.

But you know, Mr. President, we kid about both about marrying up. We both did, that kind of thing. But the truth of the matter is -- I said

this to Michelle last night. Michelle is the finest First Lady in my view that has ever served in the office. There's been other great First Ladies, but I really genuinely mean it. (Applause.)

When I got to meet Michelle's brother, and he told me about how you guys were raised, and I got to know and love your mom, if your mom -- were your mom 15 years older, she could have been my mom. Literally, the way you were raised, the way we were raised, there wasn't any difference. And I knew that this decision to join you, which was the greatest honor of my life, was the right decision on the night we had to go and accept the nomination, the formal -- we'd be nominated at the convention. And Finnegan, who is now 18 years old, was then 10 years old. And she came to me, and she said, Pop, is it okay if the room that we're in -- Finnegan, Maisy, and Naomi -- that we have the beds taken out. And I said, why? She said, maybe the Obama girls and your brothers' children, maybe they would come down, all sleep together in sleeping bags. (Laughter.) And I give you my word as a Biden, I knew when I left to go to the convention, open that door, and saw them cuddled together, I knew this was the right decision. I knew it was the right decision. I really did. Because, Mr. President, the same values set -- the same values set.

Folks, you know, I joke with my staff that I don't know why they pay them anything, because they get to advise me. (Laughter.) Let me explain what I mean by that. As the President of the University of Delaware, where my heart resides, and my home campus of Delaware, as he can tell you, it's -- I get to give you advice. I get to be the last guy in the room and give you advice on the most difficult decisions anyone has to make in the whole world. But I get to walk out, and you make it all by yourself. All by yourself.

Harry Truman was right about the buck stopping at the desk. And I've never, never, never, never, never, never, never, never once doubted, on these life and death decisions, I never once doubted that your judgement was flawed -- not once. Not once.

And we've disagreed, and we've argued, and we've raised our voices, one of which we made a deal we'd be completely open like brothers with one another. But, Mr. President, I watched you under intense fire. I will venture to say that no President in history has had as many novel crises land on his desk in all of history. The Civil War was worse, the World War Two was worse, but, Mr. President, almost every one of the crises you faced was a case of first instance -- a case of first instance. And I watched that prodigious mind and that heart as big as your head -- I've watched you. I've watched how you've acted.

When you see a woman or man under intense pressure, you get a measure -- and you know that, Michelle, and your daughters know it, as well. This is a remarkable man. And I just hope that the asterisk in history that is attached to my name when they talk about this presidency is that I can say I was part of the journey of a remarkable man who did remarkable things for this country. (Applause.)

You know, I can't let a comment go by without quoting an Irish poet. (Laughter.) Jill and I talk about why you were able to develop the way you developed and with the heart you have. Michelle and I have talked about it. I've confided in Michelle, I've gone to her for advice. We've talked about this man. You give me insight. And I think it's because -- Mr. President, you gave me credit for having understanding other people's misery and suffering. Mr. President, there is not one single, solitary ounce of entitlement in you, or Michelle, or your beautiful daughters -- and you girls are incredible, you really are. That's not hyperbole, you really are. Not one ounce of entitlement.

And Seamus Heaney in one of his poems said -- (laughter) -- when you can find someone who says it better, use it. He said, you carried your own burden and very soon, your symptoms of creeping privilege disappeared. You carried your own burdens, and very soon, the creeping symptoms of privilege disappeared.

Mr. President, you have sometimes been like a lone wolf, but you carried yourself in a way that's pretty remarkable. The history of the journey -- your journey -- is something people are going to write about a long time, and I'm not being solicitous when I say this. And you're so fortunate, both of you, to have found each other because all that grounding, all that you have, made this guy totally whole. And it's pretty amazing.

Mr. President, this honor is not only well beyond what I deserve, but it's a reflection on the extent and generosity of your spirit. I don't deserve this, but I know it came from the President's heart. There is a Talmudic saying that says, what comes from the heart, enters the heart. Mr. President, you have crept into our heart -- you and your whole family, including Mom -- and you occupy it. It's an amazing thing that happened. I knew how smart you were. I knew how honorable you were. I knew how decent you were from the couple years we worked in the Senate, and I knew what you were capable of. But I never fully expected that you'd occupy the Bidens' heart, from Hunter, to Ashley, my sister, all of us. All of us.

And Mr. President, I'm indebted to you. I'm indebted to your friendship, I'm indebted to your family, and as I'll tell you -- I'll end on a humorous note. We're having a lunch -- lunches, and mostly it's what's ever in either one of our minds. We'll talk about family an awful lot. And about six months in, President looks at me, he said, you know, Joe, you know what surprised me? How we've become such good friends. (Laughter.) And I said, surprised you? (Laughter.)

But that is candid Obama, and it's real, and, Mr. President, you know as long as there's a breath in me, I'll be there for you, my whole family will be, and I know, I know it is reciprocal. And I want to thank you all so very, very, very much. All of you in here. (Applause.)

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It started out like another in a week of final tributes, this one with POTUS honoring VP Biden with a hundred or so friends, family and staffers seated in the State room. After warmly reminiscing at some length about their "bromance," POTUS surprised everyone when he asked the military aide to join them at the podium and said he was awarding Biden the presidential medal of freedom "with Distinction," an added layer of honor only awarded to 3 other people: Pope John Paul, President Reagan, and General Colin Powell. The female military aide read the citation

There were audible oohs and aahs when POTUS revealed the purpose of the gathering. Nobody saw it coming. "Richetti, you're fired!" Biden exclaimed as he took the podium after POTUS draped the medal around his neck. Steve Richetti is Bidens chief of staff and kept the secret. "I had no inkling," Biden said. He then went on to give an emotional ?tribute to POTUS and Michelle and Jill and his family and even Michelles mother. "Your mom15 years older could have been my mom, the way we were raised, there isn't any difference, same value set...not one ounce of entitlement...all that grounding you had made this guy totally whole."

It was vintage Biden, warm, passionately delivered and a final quote? from an Irish poet about his award: "what comes from the heart enters the heart."

"I can say I was part of the journey of a remarkable man, who did remarkable things," Biden concluded to standing ovation.
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Originally established as the Medal of Freedom by President Truman by Executive Order 9586 of July 6, 1945, the Medal was reestablished as the Presidential Medal of Freedom by President John F. Kennedy by Executive Order 11085 of February 22, 1963. It is the highest civil award of our Government. The Medal is awarded by the President of the United States to those persons whom he deems to have made especially meritorious contributions to the security or national interests of the United States, to world peace, or to cultural or other significant public or private endeavors. The Medal may be awarded to citizens of other nations and may be awarded posthumously. Executive Order 11085 also allows for a rarely-used, higher grade of the Medal, known as the Presidential Medal of Freedom with Distinction. President George W. Bush, President Bill Clinton, and President George H.W. Bush each awarded this grade of the Medal once during their time in office.

President Kennedy announced the first Presidential Medal of Freedom awards on July 4, 1963. President Lyndon Johnson then made the first presentations of the Presidential Medal of Freedom in a ceremony at the White House on December 6, 1963.

CITATION

"In a career of public service spanning nearly half a century, Vice President Joseph R. Biden, Jr., has left his mark on almost every part of our Nation - fighting for a stronger middle class, a fairer judicial system, and a smarter foreign policy; providing unyielding support for our troops; combating crime and violence against women; leading our quest to cure cancer; and safeguarding the landmark American Recovery and Reinvestment Act from corruption. With his charm, candor, unabashed optimism, and deep

and abiding patriotism, Joe Biden has garnered the respect and esteem of colleagues of both parties and the friendship of people across the Nation and around the world. While summoning the strength, faith, and grace to overcome great personal tragedy, this son of Scranton, Claymont, and Wilmington has become one of the most consequential Vice Presidents in American history - an accolade that nonetheless rests firmly behind his legacy as husband, father, and grandfather. A grateful Nation thanks Vice President Joseph R. Biden, Jr., for his lifetime of service on behalf of the United States of America."

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Statement by the President on Designating Monuments Honoring Civil Rights History

Today, I am designating new national monuments that preserve critical chapters of our country's history, from the Civil War to the civil rights movement. These monuments preserve the vibrant history of the Reconstruction Era and its role in redefining freedom. They tell the important stories of the citizens who helped launch the civil rights movement in Birmingham and the Freedom Riders whose bravery raised national awareness of segregation and violence. These stories are part of our shared history. From designating Stonewall National Monument, our country's first national monument honoring the LGBT movement, to recognizing the movement for women's equality through the Belmont-Paul Women's Equality National Monument, I have sought to build a more inclusive National Park System and ensure that our national parks, monuments and public lands are fully reflective of our nation's diverse history and culture.

I am also expanding existing areas for some of our country's treasured and historic natural resources in Oregon and California today, including stretches of California's scenic coast and unique wildlife habitat in rugged mountain ranges and forests in Oregon and California. Over the last 8 years, I have sought to work with local communities, Tribal governments, businesses, sportsmen, members of Congress and others to protect the most important public lands for the benefit of future generations. Today's actions will help ensure that more of our country's history will be preserved and celebrated, and that more of our outdoors will be protected for all to experience and enjoy.

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Attached for release and signed today by the President is a memorandum for the heads of executive departments and agencies on Promoting Diversity and Inclusion in Our National Parks, National Forests, and Other Public Lands and Waters.

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Attached for release and signed today by the President are three proclamations on the Establishment of the Birmingham Civil Rights National Monument, the Establishment of the Freedom Riders National Monument, and the Establishment of the Reconstruction Era National Monument.

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Statement by the President on Cuban Immigration Policy

Today, the United States is taking important steps forward to normalize relations with Cuba and to bring greater consistency to our immigration policy. The Department of Homeland Security is ending the so-called "wet-foot/dry foot" policy, which was put in place more than twenty years ago and was designed for a different era. Effective immediately, Cuban nationals who attempt to enter the United States illegally and do not qualify for humanitarian relief will be subject to removal, consistent with U.S. law and enforcement priorities. By taking this step, we are treating Cuban migrants the same way we treat migrants from other countries. The Cuban government has agreed to accept the return of Cuban nationals who have been ordered removed, just as it has been accepting the return of migrants interdicted at sea.

Today, the Department of Homeland Security is also ending the Cuban Medical Professional Parole Program. The United States and Cuba are working together to combat diseases that endanger the health and lives of our people. By providing preferential treatment to Cuban medical personnel, the medical parole program contradicts those efforts, and risks harming the Cuban people. Cuban medical personnel will now be eligible to apply for asylum at U.S. embassies and consulates around the world, consistent with the procedures for all foreign nationals.

The United States, a land of immigrants, has been enriched by the contributions of Cuban-Americans for more than a century. Since I took office, we have put the Cuban-American community at the center of our policies. With this change we will continue to welcome Cubans as we welcome immigrants from other nations, consistent with our laws. During my Administration, we worked to improve the lives of the Cuban people - inside of Cuba - by providing them with greater access to resources, information and connectivity to the wider world. Sustaining that approach is the best way to ensure that Cubans can enjoy prosperity, pursue reforms, and determine their own destiny. As I said in Havana, the future of Cuba should be in the hands of the Cuban people.

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FACT SHEET: President Obama Designates National Monuments Honoring Civil Rights History

In celebration of Martin Luther King Jr. Day, today, President Obama is designating three new national monuments honoring our country's civil rights history and taking new steps to promote diversity in our national parks and other public lands. Building on the Administration's commitment to protecting places that are culturally and historically significant and that reflect the story of all Americans, today's designations will protect historic sites in Alabama and South Carolina that played an important role in American history stretching from the Civil War to the civil rights movement.

The new monuments are the Birmingham Civil Rights National Monument, Freedom Riders National Monument and Reconstruction Era National Monument.

- **Birmingham Civil Rights National Monument:** The Birmingham Civil Rights National Monument will protect the historic A.G. Gaston Motel in Birmingham, Alabama, which served at one point as the headquarters for the civil rights campaign led by Dr. Martin Luther King Jr. that helped lead to the passage of the Civil Rights Act of 1964. The monument will also tell the stories associated with other nearby Birmingham historic sites, including the Sixteenth Street Baptist Church- which was the site of a bombing in 1963; and Kelly Ingram Park, where Birmingham Public Safety Commissioner Bull Connor turned hoses and dogs on young civil rights protesters.
- **Freedom Riders National Monument:** The Freedom Riders National Monument is located in Anniston, Alabama and contains two sites that help underscore the Freedom Riders' importance to the civil rights movement. The monument includes the Greyhound Bus Station where a racially integrated bus of Freedom Riders attempting to test desegregation was attacked in the spring of 1961, and the site where the same bus was firebombed and burned some minutes later.
- **Reconstruction Era National Monument:** Located in coastal South Carolina, the new Reconstruction Era National Monument encompasses four sites throughout Beaufort County that tell the vibrant story of the robust community developed by freed former African American slaves in the Reconstruction Era South. This designation includes the Brick Baptist Church and Darrah Hall at the existing Penn Center on St. Helena Island as well as the Old Firehouse in downtown Beaufort and parts of Camp Saxton in Port Royal where the

Emancipation Proclamation was read on New Year's Day in 1863. These sites establish the first unit of the National Park System focused on telling the story of Reconstruction.

Protection for these sites is strongly supported by the local communities, elected officials, and a wide variety of stakeholders including civil rights organizations, environmental justice groups and historic preservation groups. Each designation was also supported by legislation introduced by members of the Alabama and South Carolina delegations.

Promoting Diversity and Inclusivity in Managing Our Public Lands and Water

President Obama is taking new steps to promote diversity and inclusivity in our nation's system of national parks, national forests, monuments and other public lands and waters. Today, President Obama issued a Presidential Memorandum directing the agencies charged with managing the vast majority of America's public lands and waters – the Department of the Interior, the U.S. Forest Service, the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers, and the National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration – to work to ensure that all Americans have the opportunity to experience our great outdoors and engage in decisions about how our public lands and waters are managed. The Memorandum also directs agencies to prioritize building a more inclusive Federal workforce that is reflective of the diversity of our Nation.

Expansion of National Monuments Protecting Natural Resources in California and Oregon

In addition to the new designations honoring African American history, today, President Obama is expanding two existing national monuments to protect critical biodiversity, important historic and natural resources and vital wildlife habitat in California and Oregon.

- **Expansion of California Coastal National Monument:** Today, President Obama is expanding the existing California Coastal National Monument by 6,230 acres to include six additional coastal sites proposed for protection in legislation introduced by members of the California Congressional delegation in 2015. The monument was originally designated in 2000 by President Bill Clinton and expanded by President Obama in 2014 to include Point-Arena-Stornetta in Mendocino County. Today's expansion will protect incredible coastal natural resources, scenic views, and areas of cultural and historical significance, including sites that provide insight into the Native peoples who first lived along California's coast and places still important to local tribes today.
- **Expansion of Cascade-Siskiyou National Monument:** Located in southwest Oregon and northern California, the current Cascade-Siskiyou National Monument protects the significant biodiversity at the intersection of three distinct bioregions, including wildlife habitat for nearly 200 species of birds. Drawing from two different reports compiled by the scientific community as well as a legislation introduced in the Senate in 2015, today's expansion will protect more than 42,000 additional acres of public land in Oregon and approximately 5,000 acres in California to increase vital habitat connectivity, watershed protection, and landscape-scale resilience for the area's unique biological values, particularly in the face of growing impacts from climate change.

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Statement by the President on World Trade Organization Action and Trade Enforcement Record

America succeeds when our workers and businesses have a fair shot to compete in the global economy. That's why when other countries cut corners and break the rules on trade, my Administration stands up for strong trade enforcement. In fact, since taking office, we've overhauled our trade enforcement efforts and dedicated significant new resources to holding our trading partners accountable. We've filed more enforcement complaints in the World Trade Organization (WTO) than any other WTO member - and we've won every one of those challenges that's been decided. Today, we're building on our support for American workers and businesses by filing our latest complaint with the WTO against China's trade practices.

China gives its aluminum industry an unfair advantage through underpriced loans and other illegal government subsidies. These kinds of policies have disadvantaged American manufacturers and contributed to the global glut in aluminum, steel, and other sectors. We're taking action to protect the workers - at home and around the world - who are hurt every day by these policies. That's what we've done since day one. From enhancing fair trade laws and expanding enforcement resources to preventing unfair currency practices and safeguarding intellectual property, our record of forceful and effective trade enforcement on behalf of American businesses and workers has protected American jobs. It's simple: when the playing field is level, American workers win.

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FACT SHEET: The Obama Administration's Record on the Trade Enforcement
WTO Case Announced by USTR Builds on Strong Trade Enforcement Record

From day one, President Obama and his Administration have vigorously worked to build a far more capable trade enforcement system. The result has been a strong record of enforcement victories that are helping to level the playing field for American workers and businesses. The Administration has enlisted all relevant agencies and used all the tools at its disposal to identify, monitor, enforce, and resolve the full range of international trade issues, so that American workers, farmers, and businesses receive the benefits they are due under our trade and investment agreements and to prevent American jobs from being threatened by unfair trading practices.

- ***Aggressively Pursuing - and Winning - Cases at the World Trade Organization:*** Today, the United States Trade Representative (USTR) is launching a new trade enforcement action against China at the World Trade Organization (WTO) targeting China's unfair subsidies for its aluminum industry. This is the 25th WTO challenge of this Administration and the 16th against China alone. The United States has brought more WTO challenges over the last eight years than any other country. And we've won every single one of these challenges that has been decided.
- ***Levying Anti-Dumping and Countervailing Duty Penalties on Foreign Industries and Trading Partners at the Highest Rate in 14 Years, Particularly Important to the Steel Industry:*** The Department of Commerce, U.S. Customs and Border Protection (CBP), and Immigration and Customs Enforcement (ICE) are enforcing 370 trade remedy orders that address dumped goods or unfairly subsidized imports and level the playing field for American workers and businesses.
- In each of the last two years, Commerce initiated the largest number of new investigations in 14 years. The Administration worked with Congress to secure new legislative authorities that provide a substantial upgrade in our government's trade enforcement capabilities. Commerce has conducted investigations and made final determinations on important cases brought by the American steel industry, finding dumping margins as high as 620 percent on certain products from China.

- ***Pursuing Diplomatic Engagement to Uphold Labor Rights, Protect the Environment, and Ensure Intellectual Property Rights Are Enforced:*** The United States has undertaken initiatives with our free trade agreement partners to strengthen workers' rights in Bahrain, Bangladesh, Burma, Colombia, Honduras, Jordan, Panama, and others. We have pressed our trading partners to effectively implement environmental provisions in our free trade agreements to protect the environment and prevent illegal logging. Trade and Investment Framework Agreements between the United States and more than 50 trading partners and regions around the world have facilitated discussions on enhancing intellectual property rights (IPR) protection and enforcement. We also direct international initiatives to broaden awareness of IPR's important role in addressing international concerns, such as counterfeit medicines and internet piracy, so countries will investigate and prosecute cases of IPR violations.
- ***Combating Excess Capacity in Industrial Sectors:*** The United States led an international coalition to bring together more than thirty countries – including both G-20 members and as well as major steel-producing countries that are not in the G-20 – to form a new Global Forum on Steel Excess Capacity. The Global Forum, co-chaired by the United States, will address market distorting practices that negatively impact trade and the steel industry and workers around the world. Furthermore, we successfully secured significant new commitments from China, including a commitment that it will take further steps beyond its announced plans to progressively reduce its excess capacity, close loss-making “zombie enterprises,” and ensure that central government plans and policies do not target the net expansion of capacity in its steel industry.
- ***Building Stronger Enforcement Authorities and Coordination:*** President Obama worked with Congress to pass and sign into law two new pieces of legislation, the *Trade Facilitation and Trade Enforcement Act* (also referred to as “Customs” legislation) and the *American Trade Enforcement Effectiveness Act* (also referred to as the “Level the Playing Field Act”), each of which strengthened our tools for ensuring that our trading partners and foreign industries are competing fairly and following our trade laws. With these new authorities, Commerce, CBP, and ICE have been able to apply consequences for recalcitrant importers that persist in violating our domestic trade laws, increase on-site verification of imports, and further investigate claims of evasions of import taxes.

The Administration's Continued Commitment to Enforcement

USTR Enforcement Actions

Enforcement at the WTO

Since the start of his Administration, President Obama has made enforcement of our trade rights a top priority. To that end, since 2009, the United States has filed 25 enforcement actions at the WTO, more than any other WTO Member over that period. And the United States has won every single one of those challenges decided thus far, including seven against China alone. Export figures confirm that these enforcement victories are worth billions of dollars for American farmers and ranchers; manufacturers of high-tech steel, aircraft, and automobiles; solar energy exporters; cutting edge service providers; and many others. To ensure the greatest economic benefits for American workers

and exporters, the Administration continues to use our trade enforcement actions to emphasize opening large, strategic markets to which we can export a diverse array of Made-in-America products and services. Recent examples include:

- Indonesia agricultural import barriers victory: In December 2016, a WTO panel sided with the United States on all claims regarding Indonesia's restrictive import barriers for horticultural products, animals, and animal products. The United States successfully challenged 18 Indonesian measures because they restricted or prohibited the importation of fruits, vegetables, and meat products. Elimination of these restrictions could mean hundreds of millions of dollars in increased U.S. agriculture exports to Indonesia every year.
- China administration of agricultural TRQs: In December 2016, USTR launched a WTO action against China targeting its administration of tariff-rate quotas (TRQs) for rice, wheat, and corn. China's TRQs permit set volumes of rice, wheat, and corn to enter China at a low duty rate. However, China's administration of these TRQs is not transparent, predictable, or fair, and China's TRQ administration restricts imports. This challenge will ensure China lives up to its WTO commitments to provide meaningful market access to U.S. grain exports.
- China discriminatory aircraft tax exemptions: In October 2016, USTR announced that the United States had confirmed China's ending of discriminatory tax exemptions that had benefited certain aircraft produced in China. This announcement followed USTR's December 2015 launch of a WTO action against these discriminatory measures that covered a wide range of domestically produced aircraft, including general aviation and regional and business jets. Through this action, the United States challenged China's breaches of fundamental WTO rules of non-discrimination and transparency in this strategically important sector.
- India solar localization victory: In September 2016, the WTO Appellate Body agreed with a previous panel report finding that India's "localization" rules discriminate against U.S. solar cells and modules by requiring use of Indian products. American solar exports to India dropped 90 percent after the prohibited requirements took effect, and this victory will eliminate discrimination against American solar exports in a roughly \$1 billion market.
- European aircraft subsidies victory: In September 2016, a WTO compliance panel issued a report finding that the European Union, France, Germany, Spain, and the United Kingdom continue to breach WTO rules through subsidies the WTO previously found to have caused adverse effects to the United States. The compliance panel also found that these European governments further breached WTO rules by granting more than \$4 billion in new subsidized financing for the A350 XWB which was causing tens of billions of dollars in additional adverse effects to U.S. industry.
- China agricultural government support: In September 2016, USTR launched a new WTO enforcement action against China's excessive support for farmers. In 2015, the level of support provided by China through its "market price support" programs for rice, wheat, and corn was nearly \$100 billion in excess of China's WTO commitments. By setting prices for rice, wheat, and corn well above market levels, China encourages overproduction by its farmers, disadvantaging U.S. farmers seeking export opportunities in China.

- China raw materials restrictions: In July 2016, USTR initiated a dispute at the WTO against China's export duties and quotas on various forms of nine different raw materials. These raw materials are key inputs into a variety of Made-in-America products from a range of sectors, including aerospace, automotive, electronics, chemicals, and more.
- China demonstration bases agreement: In April 2016, following a challenge by the United States at the WTO, China agreed to dismantle its prohibited export subsidies under the "Demonstration Bases-Common Service Platform" program. The agreement represented a win for American workers employed in seven diverse export sectors, including agriculture, textiles, and medical products, who will benefit from a more level playing field on which to compete.
- China poultry compliance challenge: In May 2016, the United States challenged China at the WTO following China's failure to bring its AD/CVD orders against imports of U.S. chicken broiler products into compliance with WTO rules. The United States challenged the Chinese-imposed duties on behalf of American poultry producers and the hundreds of thousands of people employed in the poultry industry. The United States remains firmly committed to ensuring that China lives up to its WTO obligations, and that American farmers and workers can compete and win on a level playing field in the global economy.
- China high-tech steel duties: In July 2015, the United States prevailed in a WTO challenge to China's compliance actions following WTO findings in 2012 that China's duties on high-tech steel were inconsistent with WTO rules. Those WTO-inconsistent duties contributed to over \$250 million in annual export losses for American steel exporters. The U.S. compliance challenge was the first time any WTO member had initiated a WTO proceeding to challenge a claim by China that it had complied with adverse WTO findings. China terminated the illegal duties following the USTR challenge.
- India agricultural bans: In June 2015, the WTO sided with the United States in a dispute challenging India's ban on U.S. agricultural products such as poultry meat, eggs, and live pigs, agreeing that India's measures represented unscientific and discriminatory restrictions. The decision affirmed that countries' avian influenza restrictions must be grounded in science, such as by taking into account the limited geographic impact from outbreaks, and not be simply a disguise for protectionism.
- Argentina import licensing restrictions: In January 2015, the United States won a trade enforcement victory against Argentina that involved its widespread restrictions on the importation of a range of U.S. goods. The restrictions by Argentina affected billions of dollars in U.S. exports, including energy products, electronics and machinery, aero-space and parts, pharmaceuticals, precious instruments and medical devices, miscellaneous chemicals, motor vehicles, vehicle parts, and agricultural products.
- China SUV / automobile duties: In June 2014, the WTO found that China breached WTO rules by imposing unjustified extra duties on American cars and sport utility vehicles. In 2013, an estimated \$5.1 billion of U.S. auto exports were covered by those duties. China terminated the illegal duties following the USTR challenge.

Other Enforcement Actions. In addition to these successes at the WTO, we have taken a wide range of additional enforcement action to protect the environment, ensure the protection of intellectual property, and protect labor rights so that American workers compete on a level playing field.

- Peru timber verification: In February 2016, the United States made the first timber verification request under the United States-Peru Trade Promotion Agreement (PTPA). In August 2016, the United States issued a statement reviewing the overall findings of the government of Peru's verification report and identified additional areas of progress for Peru. The request serves as an important assessment tool to help ensure that Peruvian forestry laws are enforced throughout the supply chain, and that timber imported into the United States is legally harvested and exported.
- South Africa agriculture export settlement: The United States and South Africa negotiated the removal of long-standing barriers to U.S. agricultural products entering South Africa. The removal of these unfair barriers ensured American poultry, pork, and beef farmers access to an important market, while providing South African consumers with an opportunity to buy and enjoy high-quality American agricultural products.
- Honduras IPR enforcement: In March 2016, the United States announced Honduras' commitment to undertake a series of actions to strengthen the protection and enforcement of intellectual property in Honduras. The new commitment followed USTR's Out-of-Cycle Review of intellectual property protection in Honduras under the Special 301 report, and will benefit American agriculture, creative industries, telecommunications, textiles and apparel, and other U.S. exports.
- Colombia labor steps: USTR and the Department of Labor worked with the government of Colombia on a Presidential Decree, issued in April 2016, to help inspectors investigate and apply potentially very significant fines to employers that use abusive forms of subcontracting to violate labor rights. With robust enforcement, this decree could have a significant impact on the ground for workers and address a main concern related to protection of workers' rights in Colombia.
- NTE report: In March 2016, USTR released the National Trade Estimate on Foreign Trade Barriers (NTE) report, which represents a key component in the Administration's unprecedented trade enforcement efforts. The report serves as a guide to trade barriers being imposed across the globe, and the work President Obama has done to build a more capable enforcement system that utilizes resources from agencies across the government.
- Special 301 report: In April 2016, the Obama Administration unveiled its 2016 Special 301 Report, which provides an overview on the global state of intellectual property rights and enforcement, and lists the most significant challenges facing American intellectual property creators and holders.

Commerce AD/CVD Actions and Trade Agreements Compliance

Commerce, CBP, and ICE are currently enforcing 370 antidumping (AD) / countervailing duty (CVD) orders that address dumped goods or unfairly subsidized imports. Of these orders, 184

involve imports of steel and steel-related products, representing nearly half of all orders currently in effect. AD/CVD orders are an effective tool for providing relief to U.S. companies and workers injured by unfair trade practices and allowing American companies to compete on a fairer and more level playing field. This year, Commerce has conducted investigations and made final determinations on important cases brought by the American steel industry, including on cold-rolled, hot-rolled, and corrosion-resistant steel products, finding dumping margins as high as 620 percent on certain products from China. Following affirmative determinations of material injury by the U.S. International Trade Commission, Commerce puts into place AD/CVD orders. The results of these AD/CVD investigations and orders are already having a positive impact on American workers. Recent examples include:

- *Non-Oriented Electrical Steel*. In October 2014, Commerce issued final affirmative AD determination orders with regard to non-oriented electrical steel from China, Germany, Japan, Korea, Sweden, and Taiwan and final affirmative CVD determination orders with regard to non-oriented electrical steel from China and Taiwan. Final CVD rates are as high as 158 percent for imports from China and AD rates are as high as 407 percent for imports from China.
- *Corrosion-Resistant Steel*. In July 2016, Commerce issued AD and CVD orders on corrosion-resistant steel imports from China, India, Italy, and Korea, as well as an AD order on corrosion-resistant steel products from Taiwan. AD duties as high as 210 percent and CV duties as high as 241 percent were calculated for imports from China.
- *Cold-Rolled Steel*. In July 2016, Commerce issued AD and CVD orders on cold-rolled steel from China, as well as an AD order on cold-rolled steel from Japan. In September 2016, Commerce issued further AD and CVD orders on cold-rolled steel from Brazil, India, and South Korea, as well as an AD order on cold-rolled steel from the United Kingdom. Commerce imposed final AD duties as high as 265 percent for China and final CV duties as high as 265 percent for China.
- *Hot-Rolled Steel*. In October 2016, Commerce issued AD and CVD orders with regard to hot-rolled steel from Brazil and South Korea, and AD orders with regard to hot-rolled steel from Australia, Japan, the Netherlands, Turkey, and the United Kingdom. AD duties are as high as 33 percent for imports from the United Kingdom and final CV duties are as high as 57 percent for imports from Korea.
- *Cut-To-Length Plate*. In November 2016, Commerce issued final affirmative AD determinations with regard to cut-to-length plate from Brazil, South Africa, and Turkey. AD duties were as high as 94 percent for imports from South Africa. Commerce is in the process of conducting additional investigations with regard to cut-to-length plate. In September 2016, Commerce issued an affirmative preliminary CVD determination with regard to cut-to-length plate from China with preliminary CVD duties of 210 percent for all imports from China. In November 2016, Commerce issued preliminary affirmative AD determinations with regard to cut-to-length plate from Austria, Belgium, China, France, Germany, Italy, Japan, South Korea, and Taiwan, with AD duties as high as 131 percent for imports from Italy. Commerce is scheduled to issue its pending final determinations by the end of March 2017.

Commerce also administers a variety of programs and has offices to monitor trade agreement operation, and identify and address foreign government non-compliance with trade agreement obligations. Commerce operates the *Trade Agreements Compliance Program*, which deals with non-tariff barriers that affect U.S. businesses operating abroad; monitors foreign AD/CVD actions against U.S. firms, advocating on their behalf to preserve fair access to key markets; and tracks and advocates against foreign government subsidy practices that distort trade and unbalance the playing field for U.S. companies. In 2016, Commerce successfully resolved more than 30 foreign non-tariff barrier trade compliance cases with a total combined value of more than \$14 billion in exports safeguarded. Commerce's advocacy efforts also helped bring about the successful termination of 26 foreign trade remedy proceedings in 2016, affecting approximately \$373 million in U.S. exports.

Given the importance of these matters, Commerce is establishing an Advisory Council on Trade Enforcement and Compliance (ACTEC) to directly advise the Secretary of Commerce on laws and government policies that deal with trade enforcement; identify and recommend programs, policies, and actions to help Commerce in its efforts to ensure that U.S. trading partners comply with their trade agreement commitments; and recommend ways that Commerce's trade enforcement and compliance policies and programs can better support a strong trade and manufacturing agenda and enhance the commercial competitiveness of the United States.

Stepping up U.S. Customs and Border Protection Efforts on Steel

CBP has worked alongside partners across the U.S. government to ensure that our trade laws are strictly enforced. CBP personnel work tirelessly at the 328 ports of entry and throughout the world to prevent shipments of unfairly traded goods from entering U.S. commerce, including steel that is being dumped on our markets or is unfairly subsidized and products that infringe upon U.S. intellectual property rights. In doing so, CBP defends the U.S. economy from unfair competition and the theft of American innovation and protects people who live and work in the United States from health and public safety risks posed by counterfeit goods. CBP continues to collaborate with stakeholders to ensure they have all the information they need to lawfully import and export their goods.

- CBP recently identified approximately **\$7 million in AD/CVD discrepancies on Chinese steel plate shipments**, and raised continuous bond amounts for three steel importers.
- Additionally, CBP's **Operation Flatline recovered over \$800,000 in AD/CVD duties** on imports of corrosion-resistant, flat-rolled steel products from China.
- CBP's **Trade Enforcement Task Force has collected over \$1.5 million in unpaid AD/CVD duties** on steel imports.
- CBP has **implemented a targeted approach to increase reviews of steel imports**, which will provide a measure of the risk presented by steel imports, and identify targets for further enforcement.
- CBP is **requiring "live entry" for certain high-risk steel imports**, meaning that all entry documents and duties are required to be provided before cargo is released by CBP into U.S. commerce.

- CBP is **partnering with the steel industry to deliver seminars** for CBP, other U.S. government trade personnel (including Commerce and ICE), and customs brokers to provide participants with knowledge of industry operations and enhance understanding of how AD/CVD enforcement can best be implemented in the current trade environment. In Fiscal Year 2016, CBP and the U.S. steel industry conducted Steel Seminars in Laredo, Texas; New Orleans, Louisiana; Philadelphia, Pennsylvania; Long Beach, California; and most recently, in Detroit, Michigan. These seminars are scheduled to resume in early 2017 in Chicago, Illinois; Houston, Texas; Mobile, Alabama; Newark, New Jersey; and Seattle, Washington.
- **CBP's Base Metals Center of Excellence and Expertise for trade enforcement, which is specifically focused on the steel sector, is now fully operational**, where CBP's industry experts work together to focus on outreach, targeting, and enforcement of steel imports.
- CBP Laboratories and Scientific Services is directing funds to its network of laboratories, where **CBP's forensic and scientific arm uses state-of-the-art techniques to identify AD/CVD evasion.**

Building International Pressure to Address Excess Capacity

We have made clear to our trading partners – in particular, China – that excess capacity in the steel, aluminum, and other industrial sectors is harmful to American manufacturers and an unsustainable drag on the global economy and that all major steel-producing nations must be committed to working together to eliminate policies that contribute to excess capacity, particularly in the steel industry.

Over two years, we have engaged through bilateral mechanisms such as the Joint Commission on Commerce and Trade (JCCT) and the U.S.-China Strategic and Economic Dialogue (S&ED) to press China to address industrial excess capacity. In February 2015, China publicly announced plans to reduce steelmaking capacity by 100 to 150 million metric tons over five years. At the S&ED meeting in June 2016, excess capacity was a key economic priority, and we successfully secured significant new commitments from China, including a commitment that it will take further steps beyond its announced plans to progressively reduce its excess capacity, close loss-making “zombie enterprises,” and ensure that central government plans and policies do not target the net expansion of capacity in its steel industry.

We have built a robust coalition of like-minded trading partners who share our concerns regarding excess capacity and are committed to addressing this issue. At the end of May 2016, G-7 Leaders committed to quickly take steps to address global excess capacity across industrial sectors, especially steel. And on June 29, 2016, North American Leaders announced broad customs cooperation to ensure robust trade enforcement at our borders, including increased information sharing on high-risk shipments.

On September 4-5, 2016, these steps contributed to President Obama's successful efforts to secure a commitment from the Leaders of the G-20, which also represents the world's largest steel producers, to establish a Global Forum on Steel Excess Capacity. The Global Forum is designed to help lead to a reduction in global excess steel capacity and production through the identification of market-

distorting policies that sustain excess capacity, actions to make net reductions in capacity, and monitoring and accountability mechanisms. In addition, at their summit meeting on September 5, 2016, President Obama and Chinese President Xi recognized that excess capacity was a global issue requiring collective responses, and committed to enhance cooperation and communication on the issue. In addition, China committed to take effective steps to address the challenges so as to enhance market function and encourage adjustments. China further committed to implement changes to its bankruptcy practice to facilitate market exit of failing firms and further improving its bankruptcy administrator systems to address excess capacity.

Consistent and concerted international engagement over 2016 yielded these milestones:

- *Launch of the Global Forum on Steel Excess Capacity, December 16:* More than thirty G-20 and other steel-producing countries put the Global Forum into action by approving Terms of Reference, and convening the first Forum meeting in Berlin, Germany. The United States, China, and Germany were selected as co-chairs of the Forum for 2017. The Forum will report the relevant G-20 ministers in 2017 and annually thereafter. The Forum's establishment demonstrates a commitment to identify and resolve market-distorting practices that sustain excess capacity, creating a negative impact on trade, the steel industry, and workers around the world.
- *Joint Commission on Commerce and Trade, November 23:* The United States and China committed to exchange information and work together to address global aluminum excess capacity. The United States and China also agreed to hold a U.S.-China Steel Dialogue in 2017.
- *WTO Subsidies Committee, October:* The United States with the European Union, Japan, Korea, and Mexico co-sponsored a paper on the problem of subsidies and overcapacity in certain sectors (e.g., steel and aluminum) and submitted it for consideration by the WTO Subsidies Committee. The submission proposed that the Subsidies Committee examine the extent to which subsidies contribute to overcapacity and how such subsidies could be further disciplined.
- *U.S.-Association of Southeast Asian Nations (ASEAN) Summit, September 8:* ASEAN countries recognized excess capacity as a global problem and welcomed the formation of the Global Forum on Steel Excess Capacity envisioned by the G-20 and pledged to actively support its work.
- *OECD Steel Committee Meeting, September 8:* The United States actively participated in an exchange of information regarding regional and global steel market developments and steelmaking capacity developments, to carry out a work program that increases transparency of steelmaking capacity data.
- *G-20 Leaders Meeting, September 4-5:* Leaders committed to take effective steps to address the challenges of excess capacity in steel and other industries so as to enhance market function and encourage adjustment. Leaders also called for increased information sharing and cooperation through the formation of a Global Forum on Steel Excess Capacity, to be facilitated by the Organization for Economic Cooperation and Development (OECD) with the active

participation of G-20 members and interested OECD members. This Global Forum on Steel Excess Capacity would report on progress to the relevant G-20 ministers in 2017.

- *U.S.-China Leaders Meeting, September 3:* President Obama met with Chinese President Xi to emphasize U.S. concerns regarding excess capacity in steel, aluminum, and other industries. Both leaders recognized that excess capacity is a global issue which requires collective responses and committed to enhance cooperation and communication on the issue. In addition, China committed to take effective steps to address the challenges so as to enhance market function and encourage adjustments. China further committed to implement bankruptcy laws and further improve its bankruptcy administrator systems to address excess capacity.
- *G-20 Trade Ministers Meeting, July 9-10 and G-20 Finance Ministers Meeting, July 23-24:* Trade and Finance Ministers committed to enhanced communication, cooperation, and effective steps to address the challenges surrounding excess capacity, including participation in the OECD Steel Committee.
- *North American Leaders Summit, June 29:* The United States, Canada, and Mexico announced efforts to address government policies that distort the steel and aluminum sectors and contribute to excess capacity and announced that our customs agencies would work together to ensure robust trade enforcement at our borders, including increased information sharing on high-risk shipments of steel and other industrial goods.
- *U.S. China Strategic & Economic Dialogue, June 6-7:* The United States secured China's commitment to, among other things, strictly contain steel capacity expansion, reduce net steel capacity, eliminate outdated steel capacity, and dispose of "zombie enterprises" through restructuring, bankruptcy, and liquidation, as appropriate.
- *OECD Ministerial Council Meeting, June 1-2:* The United States and partners issued statements recognizing the negative impact on trade of global excess capacity in sectors such as steel and shipbuilding, and stressed the need to avoid market-distorting measures and to enhance well-functioning markets.
- *G-7 Leaders Meeting, May 26-27:* G-7 Leaders committed to quickly take steps to address global excess capacity across industrial sectors, especially steel.
- *Joint Committee on Commerce and Trade Steel Dialogue with China, May 11-12:* U.S. senior officials, with full participation of steel industry representatives and the United Steelworkers, held a dialogue with senior Chinese government and industry officials to emphasize America's serious concerns about excess capacity and injurious trade.
- *Organization for Economic Cooperation and Development (OECD) High-Level Meeting on Excess Capacity and Structural Adjustment in the Steel Sector, April 18-19:* The United States, Canada, the European Union, Japan, Korea, Mexico, Turkey, and others joined together to call for specific steps to address steel excess capacity and to urge the formation of a Global Forum facilitated by the OECD.

- *North American Steel Trade Committee, March 31 – April 1*: The United States, Canada, and Mexico agreed on the need for all major steel-producing countries to make strong and immediate commitments to address the problem of global excess steelmaking capacity.

Commerce and USTR organized a public hearing on April 12-13, 2016 to solicit a range of views about excess capacity to inform U.S. engagement with its trading partners, to identify solutions to address the steel crisis, and to hear the concerns of our steelworkers and industry. The request for public comment generated 100 submissions and 43 requests to testify. Among those testifying were twelve Members of Congress, the President of the United Steelworkers, a range of company CEOs and COOs, and five steelworkers' associations. Secretary Pritzker and Ambassador Froman each attended sessions with representatives from CBP, Treasury, Labor, and State.

In August 2016, Commerce announced the release of a series of reports detailing current steel trade flows involving the top importing and exporting countries. The enhanced global steel trade monitor reports provide U.S. business with updated market intelligence about global steel trade flows.

Bolstering Trade Enforcement Tools

On February 24, 2016, President Obama signed the *Trade Facilitation and Trade Enforcement Act of 2015* (*Customs bill*). Coupled with the *American Trade Enforcement Effectiveness Act* (*Level the Playing Field Act*), signed by President Obama on June 29, 2015, the Customs bill strengthens our tools for ensuring that our trading partners and foreign industries are competing fairly and following our trade laws. Relevant agencies across the U.S. government have followed through by fully implementing the authorities in ways that have produced results.

- Implementation of the Customs bill:
 - Commerce now requires foreign exporters who claim to be “new shippers” to post actual estimated duties rather than bonds during the pendency of reviews to determine the validity of their new shipper claims, and has increased its scrutiny of exporters claiming to be “new shippers” in AD/CVD proceedings.
 - Commerce has also increased the number of on-site verifications of the information provided by these so-called “new shippers,” and has found many of the sales reported by these exporters to not be genuine. As a result, imports from many of these exporters are subject to higher AD/CVD rates.
 - On August 22, 2016, CBP published an interim final rule in the *Federal Register*, effective immediately, implementing additional procedures for investigating claims of evasion of AD/CVD orders pursuant to Title IV of the Act, commonly referred to as the *Enforce and Protect Act of 2015*, or EAPA. This strengthens CBP's enforcement efforts by establishing an additional method for submitting and investigating allegations of AD/CVD evasion against U.S. importers.
 - CBP established an interagency Trade Enforcement Task Force that enables CBP to leverage new enforcement authorities and harness the agency's trade enforcement expertise as a focal point for coordination with other government agency partners, including Commerce, Department of Justice, and ICE.

- CBP established an Enforce Act team to operationalize the new mandatory AD/CVD evasion investigative procedures. This includes internal operating procedures, updating CBP's e-Allegations website, and drafting regulations.
- CBP has issued four withhold release orders – which hold shipments in port – for shipment of goods made with prohibitive forms of forced labor and conducted various outreach events on implementation with various stakeholder groups including trade industry associations, foreign embassies, and non-governmental organizations.
- ICE has held over 30 information sessions on trade investigations relating to forced labor allegations to audiences such as trade industry associations, foreign embassies, and non-governmental organizations. In addition, ICE has held five media interviews on this same subject, all of which resulted in media postings in both print and online media.
- In 2016, the Small Business Administration integrated requirements in the law into the administration of the State Trade Expansion Program and issued matching-grant awards pursuant to the terms in the legislation.
- CBP AD/CVD Enforcement:
 - In FY 2016, \$14 billion of imported goods were subject to AD/CVD, and CBP collected \$1.5 billion in AD/CVD cash deposits, which has increased over 25 percent since FY 2015, and by almost 200 percent since FY 2014.
 - CBP levied monetary penalties totaling over \$30.6 million on importers for fraud, gross negligence, and negligence for AD/CVD violations under 19 U.S.C. § 1592.
 - CBP and ICE seized shipments with a domestic value of more than \$5.3 million for violations of AD/CVD.
- Implementation of Level the Playing Field Act:
 - Application of Level the Playing Field is already strengthening enforcement of the AD/CVD laws by ensuring consequences for non-cooperating parties, mandating the collection of cost of production data, and providing a firm legal basis for rejecting input values that are dumped or subsidized.
- The President's FY 2017 budget requests:
 - \$606 million for CBP trade administration activities and 3,816 full time staff to implement this work.
 - \$84 million for the Commerce Enforcement and Compliance Program, a \$4.5 million increase over the 2016 enacted level. This includes 347 full-time staff.

- Annualizes the 38 additional positions funded by Congress in FY 2016 – a 10 percent increase in Commerce’s enforcement staffing to address the urgent need for additional staffing caused by the sustained and significant increase in AD/CVD cases.

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