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THE WHITE HOUSE

WASHINGTON

September 6, 1984

MEMORANDUM FOR FRED F. FIELDING

FROM: JOHN G. ROBERTS *JGR*

SUBJECT: Letter to Mrs. Ann Kerr Regarding  
Fundraising Drive of American  
University of Beirut

Richard Darman has asked for our views by close of business today on a proposed letter from the President to Mrs. Ann Kerr, widow of the late president of the American University of Beirut (AUB), Malcolm Kerr. The President met with Mrs. Kerr and her son on May 24, and on May 30 Mrs. Kerr wrote asking the President to help secure financial support for AUB from Congress and to write a letter in support of an AUB fundraising drive. The draft letter, prepared by NSC, states that the President has directed State, Treasury, and OMB to work with Congress on a program of support for AUB. Enclosed with the letter is a "dear friend" letter from the President, urging financial support for AUB.

A letter from the President to be used in a private charitable fundraising drive does, of course, contravene established White House policy. That policy, frequently invoked, is based on the inability of the White House to monitor the activities of charitable organizations benefitting from the President's endorsement, and the manifest unfairness of granting some requests but not other, essentially indistinguishable requests in the highly competitive arena of charitable fundraising. It is of course often difficult to adhere to this policy when dealing with the worthiest charitable organizations, but the difficulty is eased considerably by being able to state that the policy is uniformly applied. Any exceptions, of course, seriously undermine this position.

On the other hand there is no purely legal bar to the President signing the letters in question, and it can be argued that the case of AUB is sui generis and that Presidential support for its fundraising does not create a troublesome precedent. I recommend simply reminding Darman of our policy, and the evident costs of an exception, and leaving it to those more familiar with the Lebanon issue to decide if the benefits of support for AUB outweigh those broader costs.

THE WHITE HOUSE

WASHINGTON

September 6, 1984

MEMORANDUM FOR RICHARD G. DARMAN  
ASSISTANT TO THE PRESIDENT

FROM: FRED F. FIELDING <sup>Orig. signed by FFF</sup>  
COUNSEL TO THE PRESIDENT

SUBJECT: Letter to Mrs. Ann Kerr Regarding  
Fundraising Drive of American  
University of Beirut

You have asked for our views on a proposed letter from the President to Mrs. Ann Kerr, and an accompanying proposed letter from the President to be used in a fundraising drive for the American University of Beirut. Established White House policy generally precludes use of Presidential letters in support of private charitable fundraising efforts. This office routinely denies requests for such letters, noting that the White House cannot monitor the fundraising activities of private charities, which would be necessary to some extent were the President to lend his name to such activities, and that, since the President can hardly accede to all of the countless requests he receives from worthy organizations, fairness compels him to deny them all. The difficulty of denying such requests from very worthy organizations is eased somewhat by being able to state that the policy against granting such requests is uniformly applied.

On the other hand, there is no purely legal bar to the President signing a letter in support of a particular private fundraising effort. If those more familiar with Administration policy in the Middle East consider this letter critical, I would be willing to acquiesce in an exception to our established policy.

FFF:JGR:aea 9/6/84

cc: FFFielding/JGRoberts/Subj/Chron

## WHITE HOUSE CORRESPONDENCE TRACKING WORKSHEET

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Name of Correspondent: Richard Daiman

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Subject: letter to Mrs. Ann Kerr re Fundraising Drive of American University of Beirut

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# WHITE HOUSE STAFFING MEMORANDUM

DATE: 9/5/84 ACTION/CONCURRENCE/COMMENT DUE BY: 9/6/84

SUBJECT: LETTER TO MRS. ANN KERR RE FUNDRAISING DRIVE OF AMERICAN UNIVERSITY OF BEIRUT

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**REMARKS:**

Do you have any problems with the attached?

**RESPONSE:**

Richard G. Darman  
Assistant to the President  
Ext. 2702

## THE WHITE HOUSE

WASHINGTON

ACTION

## MEMORANDUM FOR THE PRESIDENT

FROM: ROBERT C. MCFARLANE *RCM*

SUBJECT: Letter in Response to Mrs. Ann Kerr

Issues

Whether to sign the letter to Mrs. Ann Kerr and the letter for use in the private fundraising drive of the American University of Beirut.

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Discussion

In your reply (Tab A) you inform Mrs. Kerr that you have directed the Departments of State and Treasury, as well as the Office of Management and Budget, to work with Congress to help fashion a program in support of the University. You also enclose a letter (Tab B) for use in the University's fundraising drive. Counsel has approved the letters.

RecommendationOKNo

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Attachments

Tab A Reply to Mrs. Ann Kerr  
 Tab B Letter for use in AUB fundraising drive  
 Tab C Letter from Mrs. Ann Kerr

Prepared by:  
 Michael Lazan

THE WHITE HOUSE

WASHINGTON

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Sincerely yours,

Mrs. Ann Kerr  
American University of Beirut  
850 Third Avenue  
New York, New York 10022

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Mrs. Ann Kerr  
American University of Beirut  
850 Third Avenue  
New York, New York 10022

THE WHITE HOUSE  
WASHINGTON

Dear Friend:

The American University of Beirut has played an important role in promoting American friendship with the peoples of the Middle East for over 100 years. Despite the calamitous events that have befallen the Lebanese people these past nine years, the American University of Beirut has survived as a vital institution. However, as you are well aware, AUB has not remained unscathed. The tragic assassination of AUB President Malcolm Kerr, the effects of war on the University's physical plant, and the trying circumstances of the past decade have all taken a heavy toll.

Student tuitions and government aid alone are not enough to ensure that AUB will continue to flourish. Friends of the American University of Beirut, such as yourself, have always helped the University meet its financial needs. Today, more than ever, the University needs the assistance of the great American tradition of voluntarism. I urge you to be generous in your support of this important institution in its time of need.

Sincerely,



# American University of Beirut

NEW YORK OFFICE • 850 THIRD AVENUE, NEW YORK, NEW YORK 10022 • (212) 319-2425

May-30, 1984

The Honorable Ronald W. Reagan  
The White House  
Washington, D.C. 20500

Dear Mr. President:

I wish to thank you for making time in your busy schedule last Thursday to meet with my son Steve and me. Your personal interest in the work my husband was doing at the American University of Beirut means a great deal to our family.

You were kind enough to ask if there is anything you could do to help. I have given your offer a great deal of thought here are these past few days, and there are two things in particular I would like to ask you. The best possible memorial to my husband would be to assure the permanent funding of the university. The relevant committees of the Congress are now considering proposals for doing this, and your support for legislation to accomplish this goal would be most helpful. Second, AUB is undertaking a major private fundraising effort. If you could send a letter for us to use in this drive, I know it would be a tremendous help.

Again, thank you for your courtesy and thoughtfulness in seeing us last week.

Sincerely,

*Ann Kerr*

Ann Kerr

OFFICE OF THE VICE PRESIDENT  
WASHINGTON, D.C.

June 12, 1984

TO: CAROL CLEVELAND  
FROM: NATALIE WOZNIAK

Carol:

Per our telephone conversation --

This is a thank you note to President Reagan from Mrs. Kerr, who met him in the Oval Office May 24 with the Vice President.

She is the widow of Malcolm Kerr, former president of the American University of Beirut, who was killed there.

Thank you for forwarding.

THANK YOU FOR FORWARDING

THE WHITE HOUSE

WASHINGTON

September 10, 1984

MEMORANDUM FOR FRED F. FIELDING

FROM: JOHN G. ROBERTS 

SUBJECT: Request to Meet With the President

As we discussed at the last staff meeting, Commissioner Kaufman of the President's Commission on Organized Crime has written Mr. Deaver, requesting a meeting with the President to "inform him of our progress and plans for the future." You have indicated that you have no objection to such a brief meeting, with you present. The attached draft memorandum for Deaver conveys these views.

Attachment

THE WHITE HOUSE

WASHINGTON

September 10, 1984

MEMORANDUM FOR MICHAEL K. DEEVER  
ASSISTANT TO THE PRESIDENT  
DEPUTY CHIEF OF STAFF

FROM: FRED F. FIELDING  
COUNSEL TO THE PRESIDENT

SUBJECT: Request to Meet With the President

You have asked for my views on a request from Judge Irving R. Kaufman, Chairman of the President's Commission on Organized Crime, to meet briefly with the President to review the progress of the Commission and its plans for the future. I have no objection to such a meeting, but in light of the various legal issues surrounding the formation and work of the Commission, I should attend as well. As you know, the launching of the Commission was a high-profile event, and a meeting of the sort requested by Kaufman may be useful in demonstrating that the President's interest in this area was not simply a passing fancy.

FFF:JGR:aea 9/10/84

cc: FFFielding  
JGRoberts  
Subj  
Chron

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SUBJECT: Request to meet with President  
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212-264-3400

Chairman:  
Honorable Irving R. Kaufman

Executive Director and  
Chief Counsel:  
James D. Harmon, Jr.

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- Jesse A. Brewer, Jr.
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- William J. Guste, Jr.
- Judith R. Hope
- Phillip R. Manuel
- Thomas F. McBride
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- Honorable Potter Stewart
- Honorable Strom Thurmond
- Phyllis T. Wunsche

August 16, 1984

Mr. Michael K. Deaver  
Assistant to the President  
Deputy Chief of Staff  
The White House  
Washington, D.C. 20500

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Dear Mr. Deaver,

As you know, on July 28, 1983

During its first year the Commission has secured the Congressional action it required and has actively moved forward with its investigations. Our staff of experienced attorneys and investigators has developed information concerning the role of organized crime groups in a number of illegal activities, and we have uncovered facts establishing ties between traditional and emerging groups. Although some of this information has already been disclosed during the Commission's two public hearings, much more will be used at future hearings and in periodic reports to the President and the Attorney General.

As the Commission begins its second year and embarks upon its busy schedule of hearings,

I shall, of course, travel to Washington, D.C. at the convenience of the President. I would anticipate that a short meeting would be helpful to all concerned.

I send my warm regards and thank you for your assistance.

Sincerely,

*Irving R. Kaufman*

Honorable Irving R. Kaufman  
Chairman

THE WHITE HOUSE

WASHINGTON

September 10, 1984

MEMORANDUM FOR FRED F. FIELDING

FROM:

JOHN G. ROBERTS, JR. *JGR*

SUBJECT:

Posthumous Presentation of Congressional  
Gold Medal to Hubert Humphrey

Richard Darman has asked that comments on the above-referenced draft remarks be sent directly to Ben Elliott by 10:00 a.m. today. The remarks praise Humphrey's generous spirit and his dedication to public service, and conclude with a presentation of the Congressional Gold Medal to Humphrey's widow. I have reviewed the remarks and have no objection.

THE WHITE HOUSE

WASHINGTON

September 10, 1984

MEMORANDUM FOR BEN ELLIOTT  
DEPUTY ASSISTANT TO THE PRESIDENT  
AND DIRECTOR OF SPEECHWRITING

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

SUBJECT: Posthumous Presentation of Congressional  
Gold Medal to Hubert Humphrey

Counsel's office has reviewed the above-referenced draft remarks,  
and finds no objection to them from a legal perspective.

cc: Richard G. Darman

FFF/JGR:nb

cc: FFFielding  
✓ JGRoberts, Jr.  
Subj.  
Chron.



## WHITE HOUSE STAFFING MEMORANDUM

DATE: 9/7/83 ACTION/CONCURRENCE/COMMENT DUE BY: 10:00 A.M. MONDAY 9/10

SUBJECT: REMARKS: POSTHUMOUS PRESENTATION OF CONGRESSIONAL GOLD MEDAL  
TO HUBERT HUMPHREY (9/7 - 11:30 a.m.)

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**REMARKS:**

Please provide any edits directly to Ben Elliott by 10:00 a.m. Monday, September 10th, with an information copy to my office.

Thank you.

**RESPONSE:**

Richard G. Darman  
 Assistant to the President  
 Ext. 2702

1984 SEP -7 AM 11:28

(Noonan/BE)  
September 7, 1984  
11:30 a.m.

PRESIDENTIAL REMARKS: POSTHUMOUS PRESENTATION OF  
CONGRESSIONAL GOLD MEDAL TO  
HUBERT HUMPHREY  
TUESDAY, SEPTEMBER 11, 1984

Ladies and gentlemen, honored guests, and, most especially,  
Muriel Humphrey:

We are here to honor one of American political history's  
great happy warriors. Hubert Horatio Humphrey was the Mayor of a  
great midwestern city; he was a United States Senator for  
23 years; he was majority whip for his party in the Senate; he  
was Vice President of the United States. He ran for President  
three times, and won the nomination of his party in 1968, when he  
came within a few hundred thousand votes of the Presidency.

of his career, but these are the facts of his career, but somehow they don't  
begin to capture him. To get a surer sense of his real  
dimensions one must speak of his nature, his character, his  
personality.

There was in Hubert Humphrey a great joy of life, and a  
truly buoyant civility. He was robust and energetic; he loved  
the battle. He was warm and affectionate; he was hearty and  
spirited. And he was nothing if not effusive. When he spoke,  
the words poured out of him. Some said he was deeply, endlessly  
articulate; others said he was downright garrulous. Either way,  
he'd laugh when someone said he'd never had an unuttered thought.

He was a masterful politician. Issues were everything to  
him, mere strategy a bore. He was no bully -- his art was

persuasion. He asked that he be remembered as "an effective man of government," and he was certainly that.

He lived in clamorous times, but he was ever optimistic. He was involved in all the great struggles of his time, and he tried to affect them, always for the better. In 1948, he touched the conscience of his party when he took to the floor of the Democratic convention to make a passionate appeal for civil rights. In the sixties, he was deeply involved in the struggle that followed U.S. commitment to Vietnam. X

He was a liberal who was an internationalist -- a liberal who understood that America has great and serious responsibilities in the world -- a liberal who was strongly

~~anti-communist.~~ He loved justice; he believed our Constitution is a living document that is reborn every day. He was a passionate Democrat ~~small d~~ and big d -- who tried to make the world better according to his lights. And no one was better than he at infusing his followers with a fighting spirit. ✓

Hubert Humphrey was generous. After John Kennedy beat him in the Democratic primaries of 1960, he dropped out of the race and went to work to elect Kennedy President. It wasn't pro forma, the campaigning that he did for Kennedy. It was real. And when J.F.K. won the White House, majority whip Humphrey mobilized his constituencies and mustered his majorities and helped J.F.K. get the Congress to pass such legislation as the Peace Corps.

He may have been generous to a fault. He was famously patient with human frailty, and it was said that you could hurt

him with impunity. Once an old friend betrayed him, and it damaged Humphrey politically. Another friend, a fellow Senator, took him aside and said, "Hubert, I know you're not going to get rough with so-and-so after he did what he did to you, but couldn't you at least be mad at him for two weeks?" Humphrey probably laughed, and shook his head, and refused. It isn't possible to exaggerate the number of people who considered him their friend. [He was my friend.] Our political views were often different, his and mine. I found it quite possible to oppose him but utterly impossible to dislike him.

Thirty years after his great career began, 30 years after he was elected the youngest Mayor ever of Minneapolis, Hubert

~~was dying. Humphrey was told that he was dying.~~ He fought his sickness with the same spirit with which he'd lived his life. A week after his ~~last operation,~~ Humphrey showed up at an A.F.L.-C.I.O. convention to give a long-promised speech. He was thin and wan and his hair had gone white. He began his speech: "I may start out a little wobbly, but I am going to end up damn strong!" He spoke for almost an hour, and he pounded the lectern so hard it jumped.

In the last few weeks of his life, as he lay dying, an amazing healing process began. Humphrey got a WATS line, and he called his old friends and his old adversaries, and one after one he told them: I wish you well. And the calls came in, too, from all across the country. Old opponents called in, and young people just entering politics; powerful political figures called, and obscure farmers. It was as if all of them were trying to reconnect with a part of an unchanging political past, trying to

touch, for the last time, a special spirit and special style that would go with Hubert Humphrey's passing. It is said that a lot of love passed along the lines those last few days; there was a lot of forgiving, and a lot of encouraging, and a lot of sharing of wisdom.

His passing left Washington a lesser place. He left a big silence behind him. He was a fine man, a patriot, and he understood that though good men and women can disagree on this issue or that, we must always stay bound by a common love of country.

Hubert Humphrey was a robust and active player in the dramas of our time for more than 30 years. He was a vivid presence on

back over his the scene. And looking back over his career, it is fair to say that his greatest contribution to his country was his life -- a vitality of life that affirmed the vitality of democracy, affirmed the fact that the democratic process is alive, and full of movement, and action, and great plans, and decent dreams.

I am very proud today, and very honored, to present to Mrs. Hubert H. Humphrey -- Muriel Humphrey -- this Congressional Gold Medal for distinguished service to the Federal Government and the American people in honor of the great happy warrior: Hubert Horatio Humphrey.

THE WHITE HOUSE

WASHINGTON

September 11, 1984

MEMORANDUM FOR FRED F. FIELDING

FROM: JOHN G. ROBERTS *JGR*

SUBJECT: Request for Doug Riggs to Represent  
the President at a Meeting of the  
Circumnavigators Club

Ryck Lydecker, a member of the Circumnavigators Club, is interested in forming a District of Columbia chapter of the club and has asked Doug Riggs to represent the President at the initial meeting. As you may know, the President is the "Honorary President" of the club, as were his three immediate predecessors. The club is a social club whose members have circumnavigated the globe, crossing all the lines of longitude in one direction.

We should advise Riggs not to represent the President at any club meeting. The President serves as Honorary President of this club only because his predecessors did, and as in all cases in which the President agrees to such an "honorary" role his involvement in the actual affairs of the organization should be strictly limited. Sending a personal representative to an organizational meeting would exceed the limits of an honorary presidency of the club. A memorandum to Riggs for your review and signature is attached.

Attachment

THE WHITE HOUSE

WASHINGTON

September 11, 1984

MEMORANDUM FOR DOUGLAS A. RIGGS  
SPECIAL ASSISTANT TO THE PRESIDENT  
FOR PUBLIC LIAISON

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

SUBJECT: Request for Doug Riggs to Represent  
the President at a Meeting of the ~~the~~  
Circumnavigators Club

You have asked for our advice on an invitation you received from Ryck Lydecker to attend a meeting of the Circumnavigators Club as a representative of the President. The President, like his three immediate predecessors, is "Honorary President" of the club.

You are free to attend the meeting, but should not do so as the President's representative. When the President agrees to serve as honorary chairman or president of an organization, it is with the understanding that he will in no way be involved in the administration or planning activities of the organization. Sending a personal representative to an organization meeting would exceed the limits accompanying the President's purely honorary role with the club.

Thank you for raising this matter with this office.

FFF:JGR:aea 9/11/84

cc: FFFieldng/JGRoberts/Subj/Chron

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August 27, 1'

MEMORANDUM FOR: David Waller

FROM: DOUGLAS A. RIGGS

SUBJECT:

I need counsel on the attached.  
Please call me at your convenience.  
Thank you.

*DW*  
*DW*

Ryck Lydecker  
10216 Parkwood Drive  
Kensington, MD 20895  
(301) 564-0128

August 18, 1984

Douglas A. Riggs,  
Special Assistant to the President  
for Public Liaison  
126 Old Executive Office Building  
Washington, D.C. 20500

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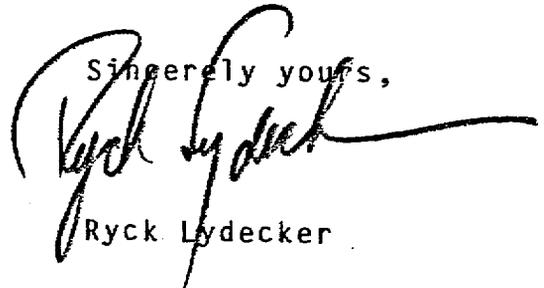
Dear Mr. Riggs;

President Reagan is honorary president of the Circumnavigators Club, a fact I was pleased to learn when I joined some time ago. But I was also surprised to discover that this international organization does not have a local chapter in the nation's capital.

~~I am in the process of organizing a meeting of Washington area club members to discuss the possibilities of establishing a local chapter. Details are not yet firm, however, we are hoping to meet during the second week of September so that club president, Tom Flynn, and others might join us from New York.~~

We would be honored if you could represent Mr. Reagan at that meeting. If you would contact me at the above number, we could discuss details of time and place. We look forward to your participation.

Sincerely yours,



Ryck Lydecker

# The Circumnavigators Club

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### MAGELLAN DINNER HONORS SIR EDMUND HILLARY

The dinner on December 3, 1983, honoring Sir Edmund Hillary, proved one of our Club's most notable events. More than 200 members and guests were present at The Princeton Club of New York for the black tie affair which began with a leisurely cocktail hour in the club's spacious Main Lounge. Sir Edmund arrived promptly at 6:30 p.m., escorted by Circumpresident Tom Flynn and wife Harriet. The Consul General of New Zealand Winston Cochrane and his wife Veronica also arrived about this time.

Following cocktails the assembly moved across the hall to the James Madison Room. The room, with its red Chinese wallpaper and with decorations and candles on every table, proved a spectacular setting for the dinner.

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President Thomas D. Flynn congratulates Sir Edmund Hillary upon his receiving the Club's highest award, The Order of Magellan. Bill Archibald, Chairman of the Magellan Award Dinner, looks on.

### BEING TIME AGAIN ANNUAL MEETING TIME AGAIN



President pro tem Raymond M. Dinsmore turns the William Jennings Bryan whale's tooth gavel over to newly elected President Tom Flynn. Circumpresident Flynn was overwhelmingly reelected for a second term.

The New Year arrived and it was time again for the Annual Meeting of the Circumnavigators Club, held January 5 at The Williams Club in New York. For the first time in Club history, we had a number of lady members present, thanks to our new policy of admitting women to membership.

Circumpresident Tom Flynn called the meeting to order, using the traditional William Jennings Bryan gavel, which has been a part of our heritage for three-quarters of a century. A moment of silence was observed for members who passed over the horizon during the past year, and the minutes of the previous Annual Meeting were approved. Committee reports were then presented.

*(continued on page 7)*

### "CHARTER PARTY" HELD IN LOS ANGELES

The new Los Angeles Chapter was launched January 12 at a Charter Party held at a prestigious private club in Pasadena. The refreshment hour sparkled with enthusiasm and high spirits, and it was good to see a contingent of Circumnavigators arrive from nearby La Jolla, including J.S. and Lynn Kinder and Don Bevis.

There were place cards at the tables, and some 35 Circumnavigators and guests partook of the club's celebrated buffet.

Following the dinner, the new Chapterpresident Jim Magee welcomed those present. He noted that the rules require a minimum of five members to start a new Chapter and

he introduced his "Gang of Five." These included himself, Vice President Steven Smith, Secretary-Treasurer Eleanor Moninger, Membership Chairman John Lowman, and Events Chairman Mary Francis Russell. He also introduced Margaret Buckingham and Catharine Beamer who are enthusiastic new members of the Chapter.

*(continued on page 8)*

**THE CIRCUMNAVIGATORS CLUB**

Founded 1902

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Magellan—William T. Archibald

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# Charting The Course

Dear Fellow Circumnavigators.

I very much appreciate your confidence in me and your officers and governors in reelecting us at the Annual Meeting on January 5, 1984 at The Williams Club here in New York City. You have our assurances that we will do our best to continue to achieve the objectives of the Club, and to make your participation in the affairs thoroughly enjoyable.

We start the New Year with good momentum, 1983 having been a good year for the Club. We added 173 new members in 1983, of whom 71 were women. This is the largest increase in membership in the history of the Club. At December 31, 1983 we had 987 members in our thirteen chapters, Hawaii having been added in January 1983, and Los Angeles in December of that year. Our Magellan Award Dinner honoring Sir Edmund Hillary on December 3, 1983 at The Princeton Club in New York City was a great success, with a capacity crowd of over 200 members and guests in attendance.

Our Chapters were active with good programs for their members. In our travels about the country, Harriet and I enjoyed the hospitality of -

- the Florida Chapter at its splendid Epcot Safari in February;
- the Desert Chapter at a sumptuous dinner at The Wigwam, a magnificent resort hotel in Litchfield, Arizona not far from Phoenix and Sun City, Arizona;
- the Pacific-Southwest Chapter which hosted the International board of Governors October 6-8 in La Jolla with style and elegance.

It is important to the vitality and health of our Club to have vigorous, active Chapters. I am confident that our Chapters will continue to provide entertaining programs and affairs which attract and satisfy their members. I am also hopeful that our women members will take a much more active part during this year in suggesting, planning and arranging these activities.

In closing, I would like to hear from the Chapters and the individual members their comments, criticisms, and suggestions for improving our Club and for making it more enjoyable and satisfying to them.

Luck to You,

Thomas D. Flynn, Circumpresident

Circumnavigators Club Foundation  
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President—John E. Johannessen

Administrative Secretary—Helen Jost

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THE WHITE HOUSE

WASHINGTON

September 11, 1984

MEMORANDUM FOR FRED F. FIELDING

FROM: JOHN G. ROBERTS *JGR*

SUBJECT: Placement of all Property  
in the U.S. in a Trust

One Ramon L. Rivera of Los Angeles (where else?) has written you because he has learned that "all property in the U.S. has been placed into a trust." He asks thirty specific questions about this supposed "trust," ranging from how it was created, to how it has been kept secret, to whether there are age limits on participation in the trust. The attached reply for your signature assures Mr. Rivera that all the property in the United States has not been placed into a trust.

Attachment

September 11,

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ROBERTS *JGR*

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THE WHITE HOUSE

WASHINGTON

September 11, 1984

Dear Mr. Rivera:

Thank you for your letter of September 4, 1984. In that letter you wrote that it had come to your attention that "all property in the U.S. has been placed into a trust." You then asked a series of questions about this supposed trust.

into a trust  
not, in fact, been placed into a trust. I do not know where  
your idea. you would have gotten such an idea.

~~Sincerely,~~

Sincerely,

Fred F. Fielding  
Counsel to the President

Mr. Ramon L. Rivera  
7317 Dunfield Avenue  
Los Angeles, CA 90045

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September 4, 1984

TO: Mr. Fred Fielding  
Counsel to the President  
White house  
Washington, D.C. 20500

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Dear Sir:

It has come to my attention that all property in the U.S. has been placed into a trust. I've been informed that it is a CESTUI QUE TRUST.

I would like to know why such a trust was created?

Under what authority was this trust created?

Who created this trust?

Who manages this trust?

How is this trust funded?

Why has this been kept a secret from we the people?

*trust mandatory*  
Is participation in this trust mandatory?

*trust voluntary*  
Is participation in this trust voluntary?

*from participating in this trust*  
What benefits are derived from participating in this trust?

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Are there any penalties for non participants?

Is ones personal status changed in any way by being a participant?

If one is a n unknowing participant, can <sup>ONE</sup> terminate such participation?

How is this accomplished?

Who does one contact to terminate participation?

Is participation in this trust contractual?

How can a participant aquire a copy of this contract?

How does anybody aquire a copy of the trust?

Is there a pledge of personal property, associated with this trust?

Are there any personal (civil) rights deemed to be waived in participation of this trust?

Is there a debt involved in this trust?

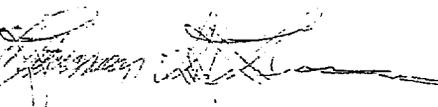
How was this debt established?

Does this trust puport to pay this debt?

Is this a private trust?  
Is it a public trust?  
Is there a minimum age associated with participation in this trust?  
Is there a maximum age associated with this trust?  
Is this trust associated with ones employment?  
Are religious association exempt from this trust?, such as the  
Quakers, Menonites, and such.  
Are there any other methods of acquiring exemptions from this trust?  
How is this accomplished?

Thank you very much.

Sincerely Yours.



Ramon L. Rivera  
7317 Dunfield Ave.



Ramon L. Rivera  
7317 Dunfield Ave.  
L.A., CA. 90045

THE WHITE HOUSE

WASHINGTON

September 17, 1984

MEMORANDUM FOR FRED F. FIELDING

FROM: JOHN G. ROBERTS *JGR*

SUBJECT: Request for Complete Investigation  
Regarding the Suicide of Danny Holley  
at Fort Ord

Lee Verstandig has referred to our office a letter to the President from Los Angeles County Supervisor Kenneth Hahn, concerning the tragic case of 13-year-old Danny Holley. Holley committed suicide in order to ease the financial burden on his family, headed by an Army sergeant on active duty. Hahn requests a full and complete investigation of the case, suggesting that the financial problems of the Holleys were the result of inadequate personnel planning by the Army.

This case has received a great deal of publicity, and I am certain that the Department of Defense has received numerous letters on it. It seems best to have any reply emanate directly from Defense. The attached memorandum refers Hahn's letter to Defense General Counsel Chapman Cox. Hahn has already received an interim reply from Verstandig.

Attachment

THE WHITE HOUSE

WASHINGTON

September 17, 1984

MEMORANDUM FOR CHAPMAN B. COX  
GENERAL COUNSEL  
U.S. DEPARTMENT OF DEFENSE

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

SUBJECT: Request for Complete Investigation  
Regarding the Suicide of Danny Holley  
at Fort Ord

The attached correspondence to the President from Los Angeles County Supervisor Kenneth Hahn is referred to you for direct response and whatever other action you consider appropriate. Many thanks.

Attachment

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DATE RECEIVED: SEPTEMBER 04, 1984

NAME OF CORRESPONDENT: THE HONORABLE KENNETH HAHN

SUBJECT: REQUESTS A COMPLETE INVESTIGATION REGARDING  
THE SUICIDE OF DANNY HOLLEY AT FORT ORD

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KENNETH HAHN  
SUPERVISOR, SECOND DISTRICT

August 30, 1984

President Ronald Reagan  
The White House  
Washington, D. C. 20500

Dear President Reagan:

On August 27, the son of Sergeant Johnnie Holley, whose family was based at Fort Ord, killed himself so that his mother would have "one less mouth to feed". Apparently, with his father stationed in South Korea, his mother was having trouble making ends meet, so 13-year-old Danny Holley took his own life.

I request you to have a full and complete investigation on this case. I believe you should also have the Secretary of Defense review the rules on food allowances for the families of servicemen stationed here in the United States as well as those on foreign bases.

We can only have a strong national defense if our soldiers and their families are strong. The health and welfare of the men and women of our armed forces and their dependents is as important to our national security as equipment, missiles and armaments.

The personnel of the armed forces represents the backbone of our defense, and each soldier, airman, sailor and their families must not feel abandoned or neglected by the nation and the citizens that they serve.

I am certain that all Americans feel deep sympathy for the Holley family and will support whatever action is necessary to ensure that such a tragedy never happens again.

Sincerely yours,

KENNETH HAHN  
Supervisor, Second District  
County of Los Angeles

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Enclosure

THE WHITE HOUSE

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September 10, 1984

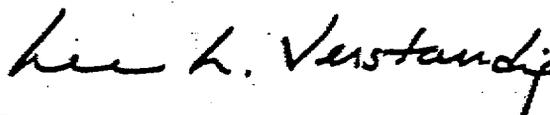
Dear Mr. Hahn:

On behalf of the President, I would like to thank you for your recent correspondence.

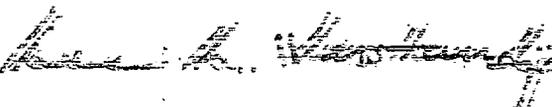
I have forwarded a copy of your letter to the White House Counsel's Office for their consideration and direct reply. You should be hearing from them shortly.

I sincerely appreciate your bringing your concerns to the attention of the Administration. Please let me know if I can be of further assistance.

Sincerely,



Lee L. Verstandig  
Assistant to the President  
for Intergovernmental Affairs



Lee L. Verstandig  
Assistant to the President

The Honorable Kenneth Hahn  
Supervisor, Second District  
County of Los Angeles  
866 Hall of Administration  
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