

*Records of Thomas E. Stephens*

*Jan 1953 Box 48*

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PALM SPRINGS, California.  
Thursday, February 18, 1954.

The President played golf at Tamarisk Country Club, with Ben Hogan, Paul Hoffman, and Paul Helms. He started at 9:30 and finished at 1:00.

Luncheon at the Club. Following were present: Freeman Gosden, George Allen, Paul Hoffman, Paul Helms, Ben Hogan, Reuben Fleet, and Floyd Turner.



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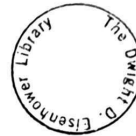
Palm Springs, California.  
Friday, February 19, 1954.

President in office 8:40 to 8:55, approximately.

Golf at Thunderbolt Club. Partners: Leonard Firestone, H. T. Dent,  
and Johnny Dawson.

Plan to stop at home of Phil Harris at 7th tee.

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The President finished about one o'clock; had lunch with Leonard Firestone, Johnny Dawson, H. J. Dent, Paul Hoffman, Charles Garfield, George Allen, Darryl Zanuck and Paul Helms. Lunch was over at 2:45.

Departed there for motor to Jacquelin Cochran's in Indio, California, arriving at 3:10; departed at 3:45.

Motored five miles to George Allen's place at La Quinta, arriving there at four o'clock; left there at 6:15; got back to Smoke Tree Ranch at 6:45.

February 20, 1954.

President in office at 7:45. Left at 8:55.



Arrived at Thunderbolt Golf Course at 9:10, greeted by Johnny Dawson. Teed off at 9:40. Played with Paul Hoffman, Paul Helms and George Allen. Completed 18 holes at 12:50 and had lunch in the private dining room of the club house, with the above and the following others: Paul Helms, Jr., Elmo Conley, K.B. Norris, Hoyt M. Leisure, Sam Goldwyn, Johnny Dawson and Herbert Hazelthime.

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Saturday, February 20, 1954

|       |                                                                 |
|-------|-----------------------------------------------------------------|
| 9:00  | Departed Smoke Tree Ranch                                       |
| 9:15  | Arrived golf course                                             |
| 9:40  | Teed off                                                        |
| 12:50 | Finished game                                                   |
|       | (Played with: Paul Helms, Sr.<br>George Allen<br>Paul Hoffman ) |
|       | Lunch at club                                                   |
| 2:45  | Back to Ranch                                                   |



Sometime between 8 & 10 p.m. --

Broke cap off front tooth, & went to  
dentist in Palm Springs to have fixed.

Sunday, February 21, 1954

9:30

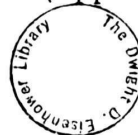
With Mrs. Eisenhower, attended church services,  
Community Church, Palm Springs -- Rev. Blackstone.

*James H. Blackstone, Jr.*

8:30

Reception (List attached)

(approx. 700 guests)



THE WHITE HOUSE  
WASHINGTON



House, Smoke  
ve of Ranch owners and help)

Mr. President:

Here is list of people expected tonight  
(outside of Ranch householders and help).

There's very little mail to be signed --  
and Tom hasn't anything that can't wait --  
do you want to avoid us in the morning?

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[aldeman's daughter)

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✓ DeWitt, Allen F. - played football for Tank Corps at Camp Meade

✓ Eisenhower, Mr. and Mrs. Lowell (cousins)

✓ Fischel, Mr. and Mrs. Victor A. (friends of Ellis Slater)

✓ Haldeman, Mr. Jesse (mother was Katie Eisenhower, sister of David  
Eisenhower)

✓ Haldeman, Mr. Abner (son of Mr. Jesse Haldeman)

✓ Householder, Col. E.R. (instructor when President at West Point)

✓ Kaiser, Charlotte Haldeman and husband - first cousin once removed

✓ Hollander, Mr. and Mrs. Al

✓ and Mrs. Adele Jacobs - Mrs. Hollander's mother

✓ Zanuck, Mr. and Mrs. Darryl

✓ Kaufmann, Mr. and Mrs. Edgar

✓ Goldwyn, Mr. and Mrs. Samuel

✓ Kaye, Sylvia

✓ Mattingly, Barak

✓ Fitzgerald, Roy E. - one of owners of El Mirador

✓ ~~Pedersen~~  
~~Peterson~~, Miss Viola )

Secretaries of Paul Hoffman

✓ Zold, Mrs. )

✓ Farrell, Mr. and Mrs. Charles

✓ Cerf, Mr. and Mrs. Bennett

✓ Gosden, Mr. and Mrs. Freeman

✓ Firestone, Mr. Leonard



Guests invited for Sunday night reception, Ranch House, Smoke  
Tree Ranch, February 21, 1954, at 8:30 (exclusive of Ranch owners and help)

- ✓Blazina, Sgt. and Mrs. Tom
- ✓Bellingham, Captain Harold J. and Mrs. (his mother was Aunt Alice)
- ✓Bellingham, Mrs. Martha Lucas and husband)
- ✓Button, Blanche Haldeman and husband -(Sam Haldeman's daughter)
- ✓Button, Mr. and Mrs. E. Ronald - National Committeeman
- ✓DeWitt, Allen F. - played football for Tank Corps at Camp Meade
- ✓Eisenhower, Mr. and Mrs. Lowell (cousins)
- ✓Fischel, Mr. and Mrs. Victor A. (friends of Ellis Slater)
- ✓Haldeman, Mr. Jesse (mother was Katie Eisenhower, sister of David Eisenhower)
- ✓Haldeman, Mr. Abner (son of Mr. Jesse Haldeman)
- ✓Householder, Col. E.R. (instructor when President at West Point)
- ✓Kaiser, Charlotte Haldeman and husband - first cousin once removed
- ✓Hollander, Mr. and Mrs. Al
  - ✓and Mrs. Adele Jacobs - Mrs. Hollander's mother
- ✓Zanuck, Mr. and Mrs. Darryl
- ✓Kaufmann, Mr. and Mrs. Edgar
- ✓Goldwyn, Mr. and Mrs. Samuel
- ✓Kaye, Sylvia
- ✓Mattingly, Barak
- ✓Fitzgerald, Roy E. - one of owners of El Mirador
- ✓~~Pedersen~~  
~~Peterson~~, Miss Viola )  
Secretaries of Paul Hoffman
- ✓Zold, Mrs. )
- ✓Farrell, Mr. and Mrs. Charles
- ✓Terf, Mr. and Mrs. Bennett
- ✓Gosden, Mr. and Mrs. Freeman
- ✓Firestone, Mr. Leonard



- ✓ Hope, Mrs. Bob and daughter Linda Hope
- ✓ Hillson, Mrs. Mildred
- ✓ Flink, Mrs. (Mrs. Hillson's daughter)
- ✓ Swinden, Mrs. John Irvin (Irvine)  
owner of Irvine Ranch where Boy Scout Jamboree last year  
was held; presented President with gold medal commemorating  
event.



Invited from outside by Mrs. Helms

- ✓ Mr. and Mrs. Frank Bennett and 3 guests
- ✓ Dr. and Mrs. Henry Dollard
- ✓ Mr. and Mrs. Frank C. Dougherty and sister Mrs. Weyland
- ✓ Mrs. William Dougherty with mother and sister
- ✓ Mrs. Noble Banks
- ✓ Guests Mrs. Cairns and Mrs. Agar
- ✓ Mrs. Innis Ball
- ✓ Mr. and Mrs. Hathaway Kenyser *or Kemper*
- ✓ Mr. Horace Head and sister Kathleen
- ✓ Miss Jeno Baillard
- ✓ Mr. and Mrs. Earl Hall
- ✓ Mr. and Mrs. Nate Milnor
- ✓ Mr. and Mrs. Earl Coffman
- ✓ Mr. and Mrs. George Roberson
- ✓ Dr. and Mrs. John Sharpe
- ✓ Dr. and Mrs. Frank Purcell
- ✓ Mr. and Mrs. Donald Gilmore -- will present the President  
Mrs. Eisenhower and Mrs. Doud with a little token
- ✓ Mr. Slocan - will give President and Mrs. Eisenhower tie emblems.

*Reception, Ranch House - Smoke Tree Ranch  
Sunday, Feb. 21, 1954 at 8:30 p.m.*

A, RAYMOND L.

ADAIR, GERRY

ADLOM, FRANCES C.

ALBERT, MRS. FLORENCE - Mr. and Mrs. Robert Barry and the French Consul of Los Angeles -  
Mr. Bertrand

ALBERT, MISS IRENE

ALEXANDER, RUTH C.

AMANN, HATTIE M.

ARMSTRONG, MRS. H. W.

BABIC, KAY

~~BAILEY~~, Miss Jeno  
Baillard

BAILEY, A. E. - (Bailey family consisting of M/M A. E. Bailey, Miss Beatrice Bailey,  
Miss Bunny Bailey, W. Boner Bailey, Neva Rogers, Arthur E. Bailey, Jr.  
Mr. and Mrs. Lyle C. Newcomer, Miss Tora Newcomer, Miss Elena Bosworth,  
Mr. Steve Mandal, Mr. Jack Critchlow, Mr. George Ripley, Mr. and Mrs.  
Frank Ripley, Jr.)

BAILEY, DR. AND MRS. WILBUR  
BALL, Mrs. Innis

~~BAILEY~~ BANKS, Mrs. Noble (and 2 guests: Mrs. Cairns and Mrs. Agar)

BARBARICK, J. M.

BAUDER, MRS. GEORGE

~~BAUSMAN~~ MR. Capt. F. Harold J. and Mrs. (his mother was Aunt Alice)  
BELLINGHAM, Mrs. Martha Lucas a husband  
BENNETT, Mr. and Mrs. Frank (and 3 guests)  
BESSER, C. R.

BIDDIE, SPENCER

BLAZINA, Sgt. and Mrs. Tom

BOYCE, MRS. HATTIE - guest Mrs. Pinnell  
BOYD, Major and Mrs. Florian (Major of Palm Springs)  
BLAZINA, Sgt. and Mrs. Tom

Burritt, BRUCE - General William and Mrs. White, Mr. and Mrs. Louis Alabaster

BUTLER, WALTER - Mr. and Mrs. Butler, Jr., Mr. and Mrs. Reynolds Butler, M/M Jack Comly  
BUTTON, Blanche Haldeman and husband (Daren Comley, Jack, Jr. and Christine Butler, Stephen, Barbara, Michael  
BUTON (Mr. and Mrs. E. Ronald) - Sam Haldeman's daughter

CAHILL, E. J.

CELESTINE, Miss Holmes DON  
CERF, Mr. and Mrs. Bennett

CHASCIN, WALTER J.

MAN, Mr. and Mrs. Earl  
LEY, MRS. PAUL N.  
CONGDON, C. C. H.  
CORBIN, ATLEE P.  
CRANDALL, CHARLES W.  
CRANDALL, JUANITA L.  
CRAVENS, MR. AND MRS. MALCOLM- Thomas Hurley, Mr. Earle, Brenda, Carol & Joan Cravens  
(Ada Johnson- servant)  
CROMMELIN, J. B. - Fontaine Flourney  
DAUBERT, GEORGE  
DEAN, W. D.  
de LAITRE, K. - M/M Anthony Brown, M/M Harold Ward, Happy and Wardie  
DENT, HAWTHORNE  
DE WITT, ALLEN F. - played football for Tank Corps at Camp Meade  
DI SALVO, JANE M.  
DOLLARD, Dr. and Mrs. Henry  
DOUGHTERY, Mr. and Mrs. Frank C. and Sister, Mrs. Weyland  
*Doughtery, Mrs. William with mother & sister*  
DURHAM, MRS. R. E.  
EARLE, DR. AND MRS. L. M.  
EDDY, MRS. JAMES - Mr. and Mrs. H. Warjone  
EISENHOWER, Mr. and Mrs. Lowell (cousins)  
EPLER, MRS. ROBE T H.  
EVANS, M/M HOWELL - M/M R. Eldon Laird, Mr. Charles O'Neil - ~~Second Lieutenant M. J. Morgan~~  
EVERSOLE, DR. AND MRS. H. O.  
FANNINO, GRETE V.  
FARRELL, Mr. and Mrs. Charles  
FAUBION, ESTHER  
FISCHEL, Mr. and Mrs. Victor A. *friends of Ellis Slater*  
FIRESTONE, Leonard  
FLINK, Mrs. (Mrs. Hilson's daughter)  
GAMMILL, ROY E.  
GARSTON, D. V. - Edith Shankland and Ens. Noble Welch  
GATES, MRS. DELLA S. - M/M Rupert Shaw - M/M Louis Shaw- M/M Swanholm

GILL, CATHERINE F.

GILMORE, D. S. - <sup>Donald</sup> Dr. and Mrs. R. Light <sup>presented Pres. & Mrs. E. and Mrs. Band</sup>  
<sup>with a little to him</sup>

GILPIN, J. H. - M/M Richard St. John

GLENDYNE, CHARLOTT C.

GOLDWYN, Samuel

GORDON, GERTRUDE M.

GOSDEN, Mr. and Mrs. Freeman ("Amos")

GRANT, FREDERIC - Dr. John O. Haman, Jane Haman, Mr. and Mrs. J. Blake Field  
Freddy Fayen, Sandy Grant, Mary Grant, Margaret Radford, Christine  
Calley, Mrs. Ruth Bibb

*Green, Frank*

~~GREEN, Mr. FRANK~~ Mrs. Earl  
HALDEMAN, Mr. Abner - *(son of Jesse Halderman)*

HALDEMAN, Mr. Jesse - *(mother was Katie Eisenhauer, s/o J. Eisenhauer)*

HAMAN, DR. AND MRS. JOHN - (SEE FREDERIC GRANT)

HAMILTON, MR. AND MRS. HAROLD - M/M Arthur Wheeler, Janice & Robert,

M/M Paul Robinson

M/M Brook Townsend

M/M Reed Funsten

Mr. Paul Tercooler

Miss Betsy Dunn



HARRIS, MR. ALBERT

HARRIS, NORMAN

HAWKS, SENATOR AND MRS. - Mrs. Gretchen Sherman, Mr. and Mrs. Padelford, Mr. Pockman,  
M/M Robert Waters - --- servants, William Artis, Minnie Sandin

HAYWARD, DARLENE M.

HAYWARD, EDWARD N.

HAYWARD, JERRY  
~~HEAD~~, Mr. Horace and sister Kathleen

HEIMBERG, UNA C.

HELMS, PAUL H.

HERBERT, RAYMOND J.

*Hill* HERZ, EVELYN C.

HILSON, MRS. MILDRED and daughter Mrs. Flink

HOFFMAN, PAUL

HOLLEY, M M EART

- ELLANDER, Mr. and Mrs. Al (and mother, Mrs. Jacobs) *Adele*
- HOLMAN, HOWARD
- HOPE, Mrs. Bob - and daughter, Linda *Consolidated*
- HOUSEHOLDER, Col. E. R. - *instructor when Pres. was at West Point*
- JACOBS, LESTER
- JACOBS, Mrs. Adele
- JAMISON, NEIL G. - M/M K. G. Bell, Neil and Susan Bell
- JANSS, EDWIN - M/M Robert Mc Lain, Dagny, Peter and Larry Janss, Anne & Bob Mc Lain and nurse Yutta Kann
- JAINES, ALLAN - ~~M/M Robert Mc Lain, Dagny, Peter and Larry Janss, Anne & Bob Mc Lain and nurse Yutta Kann~~
- JOHANSON, CAPT. AND MRS. J. G.
- JUNOBLUT, ROBERT C.
- KAISER, Mr. and Mrs. (Charlotte) *first cousin once removed*
- KALBACH, RAYMOND B., Jr.
- KASKO, PETER S.
- KAUFMANN, Mr. and Mrs. Edgar
- KAYE, Sylvia
- KELLY, EDMUND J.
- KEMPER, Mr. and Mrs. Hathaway *Kemper*
- KINNEY, WENDELL H. - Sally, Sue Williamson, Ynez Violé, Mary Fitzpatrick
- KNIGHT, COMMANDER AND MRS. R. H.
- LARAVEA, DOROTHY J.
- LARSON, WALTER V.
- LEONARD, FRED N.
- LESSEE, JOHN W.
- LUCCARENI, J. F. - *Dant* Mrs. Thomas, Mrs. Isabel Horton, M/M Lockwood, Mrs. John S. Lapp, Mrs. Hanabal Gran
- LYON, DR. AND MRS. RICHARD - Mrs. H. w. Irwin, M/M Eric Hoffman, Tillie Young and Miss Cooper
- LYONS, MRS. JAMES A. - Susan and Stewart Lyons
- MAC GREGOR, WILLABEL
- IC LEOD, MRS. NORMAN L.
- CORMACK, DEVAAR G.

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MC CULLOUGH, MRS. J. B. - Nancy Mc Causlen

MC FIE, M/M Milbank - Susan and Joan Mc Fie

MC KAY, W. O. - Col/<sup>and Mrs.</sup>Stewart, S. Miller, M/M Clarence Francis and M/M Douglas Ball

MADISEN, J. E.

MAJOR, HORACE T. - M/M Frank Walsh



MARKHAM, FRED S. - Frank and Gertrude Suter - servants

MARSH, FLETCHER

MATTHEWS, DR. AND MRS. J. C.

MATTINGLY, Barak

MEGRAN, H.

MELGORD, EDNA R.

MILIARD, MRS. EVIETT L.

MILLER, MR. AND MRS. GEORGE  
MILNOR, Mr. and Mrs. Nate  
MOORE, J. A.

MORNINGSTAR, M/M

MOUNT, CHAS.

NEWBEGIN, WADE

NORIE, ROBERT

NUGENT, JAMES L.

OAKES, CAMP L.

OLIVER, PATRICIA A.

PALLISER, W. B.

PAIM, MAE L.

PARKER, MRS. J. S.

PARSONS, MRS.

PELTON, GEORGE S. - Diane. Betty Cassidy

PFAU, M/M LOUIS - Mr. and Mrs. Pfau, Jr.

PLESTCHEEFF, T.

POLIAN, MISS VIRGINIA

POMEROY, BERTHA

POMEROY, THOMAS

POSEY, - J. V. G. - M/M Frank Belcher, Mr. and Mrs. Gamble  
PURCELL, Dr. and Mrs. Frank

REED, MOSSIE H.



REICHEL, ROWENA

REICHEL, WILLIAM

REID, DR. AND MRS. HENRY S. - Major and Mrs. Reuben Fleet, Mr. and Mrs. J. E. French

REITMANN, ROSALIE

ROBERSON, MR. AND MRS. GEORGE

RODGERS, JOHN B.

ROUNDS, RALPH M.

ROUTT, ORVILLE

ROYCE, STEVE

SANDERS, LEROY - Ruth Hamilton Sanders and M/M Leroy Sanders, Jr.

SAWYER, DR. AND MRS. FRANK - Mr. Grandin, Lena Oleski and

SCHEUFIER, WILLIAM F.

SCHILLER, MRS. W. R. Jr.

SCHMIDT, JOHN H.

SCHUCHART, M/M GEORGE - Mr. and Mrs. Arthur Soli

SCHWAB, MAX - M/M Harold Edmunds, Dick and Burt Anderson

SHAFFER, H. A.

SHARPE, DR. AND MRS. JOHN

SIEMSEN, H. H. P.

*Slocum, Mrs. - Home Disembles to Pres. & Mrs. Eisenhower - 7 -*

SLOCUM, M. S. - Miss Bessie Byrne, Mrs. Slocum Wilson, Carolyn Wilson

SMITH, M/M Walker - M/M Harry Wyeth, Priscilla Wyeth and Mrs. Dorothea Lucas

SNIDER, BEULAH F.

SODER, WILLIAM R.



SODER, CARL S.

SPINKS, M/M A. M. - Dr. and Mrs. Claude S. Simpson, Nancy, Norman, Paul, Michael and Melinda

STEELE, MRS. HARRY C. - Mrs. Busby, Susan, Jimmy and Barby and Larry Satterly

STEWART, W. H.

STIMSON, MRS. C. W. - Mr. and Mrs. John H. Ballenger, Mrs. Arthur Bee Miller

STRATTON, EUGENE

STRONG, MRS. WALTER A.

STUART, D. D. - Mr. and Mrs. David D. Stuart, Jr., Mr. James D. Stuart, Miss Joyce Newcomer, Mr. and Mrs. Alfred G. Barstow, Mr. and Mrs. Robert M. L. Baker, Sr., Mr. and Mrs. Mark Davids, Mr. Clarence White, Mr. Roy C. Morris, Mrs. Wilbur R. Smith, Miss Mary Virginia Roach

*Swindler, Mrs. John Irvine (Irvine) - et al*  
TETER, ADELAIDE

TOGNAZZINI, ROLAND

TROUSDALE, PAUL W. - Mr. Frank Miller, Mrs. Jane Cameron, M/M D. Watson, Dick Weber, Mary Anne and Marguerite Trousdale, Lewlie and Randy Smith, M/M Al Hill and M/M John Gillen

TURNER, FLOYD - M/M Stephen Royce, M/M Danny Royce, M/M Harold Newton, Clara Reitz, Mrs. Harold Cudney and Dorothy Cudney and Mrs. Margaret Morris

WALLACE, ROBERT

WALLACE, WILLIAM D.

WALSH, FRANCIS

WARREN, DR. AND MRS. J. W.

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WEINERT, A. H. - Mr. and Mrs. A. H. Weinert, Jr.

WELLS, C. - Mrs. Ball - Hannah Oquist

WHITEMAN, MRS. D. S.

WIKER, J. R.



WILLIAMSON, W. C.

WISE, MITCHELL C.

WHITER, FREDERICK M.

WYMAN, M. A.

MANUCK, Mr. and Mrs. Darryl

ZERN, JAMES W.

ZOLL, Mrs.

Zold, Mrs. - (Mr. Huffman's Secy)

Edwards

Many foreign people visited Edwards (Edwards,  
New York,  
Many entertained on flight line

- 1-2, SR-71 test flown

MACH 1, MACH 2, MACH 3

rocket & plane jet engine stationary tests

Glen Edwards Canadian born in Medicine Hat  
Alberta March 5, 1918.

killed in a YB-49 crash with four others June 5, 1948.  
(flying wing

DDE. N. L. L. L.

White House Social Office  
Box 18.

February 8, 1954

Dear Mrs. Helms,

I do want you to know how very much the President and I appreciate your kind invitation to visit at your ranch. It sounds most attractive, and the perfect spot to "hide away" for a brief vacation!

We still do not know our plans as yet, but we are certainly keeping our fingers crossed in the hope we may be able to take such a trip.

With warmest thanks for your thoughtful hospitality, and with very best regard,

Mrs. Pearl E. Helms  
Smoke Tree Ranch  
Palm Springs, California

☞ Smoke Tree Ranch, Palm Springs, California ☞

January 26<sup>th</sup> 1954

Dear Mrs. Eisenhower:-

I was very pleased to learn from my husband and Paul Hoffman, that You and the President, may visit us at Smoke Tree Ranch about Feb. 18<sup>th</sup>

Our home is small, but I am sure You would find it comfortable. We have three master bedrooms and baths, living room, dining room and enclosed Patio.

I have an English couple who have been with me for

several years.

Paul and I will stay with  
the Hoffmans who live close  
by.

If you so desire, I assure  
you that your visit to the  
desert, will be restful and  
relaxing.

I hope no unexpected  
international affairs will  
interfere with your visit.

Sincerely

Paul E. Hahn

February 25, 1954

Dear Pearl and Paul,

Perhaps by writing this note, I will somehow project myself back to the Springs; in any event, it just makes me feel so good to be thinking of you all there at the Ranch. Yesterday afternoon and evening we kept saying, "It is three hours earlier there now," and continued talking about what we might be doing had we remained on. Rose and I just visualized you moving back into your sweet little house — and I know that "Baby" is glad to be home again — with her little blades of grass.

Our flight home was smooth, but as usual little sleep for me. I looked down on the lights of Denver at 2:30 p.m., and it was all a mass of diamonds -- I could almost see home! As soon as I arrived back, I found it necessary to go out again to an Eighty-Second Congress Club luncheon. You can imagine how terribly tired I was. Then, on top of everything, I have developed a sore throat — however, it is better today. A fine way to end a wonderful vacation!

I cannot thank you enough for your many kindnesses to Ike, Mother and me — as well as to the members of our staff — during our stay in Palm Springs. Believe me when I tell you that none of us will ever forget you and Paul — and Smoke Tree Ranch. It was so nice and such fun to have had the opportunity of meeting all of the sons and daughters, in-laws and grandchildren of the Helms and Hoffmans, and I only hope the pictures turn out well. Tell my supper partner hello for me! As I think I told you, I am so pleased to have one of your "official" Bird of Paradise pins, and I shall treasure it always as an expression of your friendship, as I will the lovely silver Smoke Tree Brand pin. Incidentally, the ties made a tremendous hit! It is fun to look at them as they bring back fond memories. How we all envy the peace and quiet of your gracious home at the desert.

Thank you so much for your hospitality and for all the trouble you took in planning such a marvelous holiday for us. The President and I deeply appreciate it. Do give Lucy and John our good wishes.

Affectionately,



Mr. and Mrs. Paul Helms  
Smoke Tree Ranch  
Palm Springs, California

PAUL H. HELMS  
8800 VENICE BOULEVARD  
LOS ANGELES 34 CALIFORNIA

February 26, 1954

*Handwritten note:*  
All set  
for Mrs. Eisenhower  
Jan 27/54

Dear Mrs. McCaffree:

Will you please give the enclosed packages  
of Anela fingernail cream to Mrs. Eisenhower.

This is the article in which Mrs. Eisenhower  
expressed interest but was not available at the  
time of her visit in Palm Springs.

As I wrote to Mrs. Whitman, we all at the  
Ranch miss the President, Mrs. Eisenhower,  
Mrs. Doud and the fine Staff.

Mrs. Helms and I greatly enjoyed meeting you  
and send our best wishes.

Sincerely yours,

*Paul H. Helms*

Mrs. Mary Jane McCaffree  
The White House  
Washington, D. C.

W. H. H.

Wm. H. H.  
Feb. 26<sup>th</sup> 1954

Dear Maurice:-

We came back to  
the same Wednesday morning  
after breakfast, we are as  
lame as a sheep Sunday -

We have never met  
such guests, especially  
guests as the President, his  
wife and daughter  
Mother -

Can you and Hesperia

For your return next year on  
Mr. President's visit, February 12<sup>th</sup> to  
the 22<sup>nd</sup>. we will keep receiving  
and our foreign crossed.

Paul was able to locate  
the mail and, although in the  
freight and was mailed 14 Bollen  
from the Congress. It could be made  
and you would have, there was,  
Mr. Coffey sends us and we will  
be two days to take care of it for  
you -

Can best leave you and Mr. Keen.  
Our prayers and best thoughts to  
Mr. President.

Sincerely  
David E. Holmes -

1000  
1000

personal  
file

March 31, 1954

Dear Mr. Helms,

The enclosed photograph is not  
an April Fool gift!

Ann Whitman passed along your  
desire for an autographed picture  
of The First Lady and of course, Mrs.  
Eisenhower was delighted to send one  
to you and Mrs. Helms. It is a  
favorite photo of mine - and is a  
reproduction of a painting by Thomas  
E. Stephens (not our Tom!).

We continue to miss Palm Springs -  
in spite of the terrific pressure of  
work here this spring! We have thousands  
of folks coming into Washington for the  
cherry blossoms, school vacation, etc. and  
of course, all want to be received at the  
Mansion!

Best wishes to you and Mrs. Helms.

Sincerely,

Mary Jane McCaffree  
Secretary to Mrs. Eisenhower

Mr. Paul Helms  
Smoke Tree Ranch  
Palm Springs, Calif.

Reply to above address or P.O. Box 1855

INTERPLANETARY DISCS SWARM OVER NATION. PENTAGON JITTERY, IS SHOWDOWN NEAR? These are blatant, but fact-rooted headlines. While the news services noddingly don dark glasses, completely ignoring one major "saucer" incident, and instead gave top billing to the McCarthy-Army hearings, the thunderhead of the coming storm . . . maybe a showdown, loomed over Washington. Perturbed Pentagon officials screwed down the lid of the Pandora's box a little tighter and then gave three wishes . . . 1) that no one on the "inside" would talk to anybody on the outside . . . 2) that the nation's newspapers would not correlate the deluge of recent sightings . . . 3) that our interplanetary visitors would go home for awhile.

Not since July 29, 1952, when General Samford was forced to make a public statement to check the rising tide of alarm and, not since the big brass bedlam over the disposition of the Tremonton film in 1953, has the Pentagon been confronted with such a climax of events. The men of decision were now before the wall of decision . . . the blind alley wall they themselves created through years of ambiguity, contradiction and silence. At this point of no return these men must now face all of us and either 1) tell us all, or 2) deny everything.

Lest we need be reminded, the continued policy of denial is not without its dangers. Most cogent is the unpredictable strategem of Russia. Here, denial serves Russia with the infamous opportunity to claim "saucers" as their own ingenious product. If such a claim were made prior to attack, the results may lead to panic across the nation and stampede from the cities, thus hindering defense and retaliation. Denial also, in effect, would be calling thousands of responsible Americans who sighted objects, schizophrenic liars.

It is this writer's belief that in these days of critical world unrest, we, as a nation, cannot afford to gamble with our national security . . . we cannot belittle the integrities of sighters, nor ignore the plea for truth by Americans everywhere.

#### THE THUNDERHEAD OF RECENT CRITICAL DEVELOPMENTS . . .

INCIDENT 1: On March 24, 1954, Secretary of the Air Force, Harold E. Talbott, his aides and crew all witnessed a large, silvery, metallic disc follow their aircraft 1000 ft. below and 1000 ft. distant. The incident occurred in daylight over Fresno, California. When the Secretary ordered his crew to challenge the disc, it maneuvered in a tight circle, then shot away, disappearing, at tremendous speed. This incident is officially denied: it has been scratched from all flight records. Frank Edwards told this writer by phone, May 14, that Don Keyhoe's announcement of the incident on his program, May 13, was not carried by the news wires. The only cryptic mention was contained in a small UP item where Sec. Talbott was quoted as saying "He has never seen a flying saucer."

Editor's Note: Call it what you like, sir, but Don Keyhoe has signed documented evidence of the occurrence . . . the points of departure and landing ( Palm Springs, Cal. ) the flight time and all other pertinent data.

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