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Mr. Adam Weinstein, Mother Jones 1319 F St. NW, Suite 810 Washington, DC 20004

Dear Mr. Weinstein,

The enclosed information is being provided to you in response to your Freedom of Information Act request (as noted below) received in my office via e-mail on Friday 5 October. I was on vacation 5-7 October and was unable to review your request until Monday morning 8 October. Redacted portions of some e-mails are names of cadets, which have been blacked out in accordance with FERPA.

Please let me know if you have any questions regarding this information.

Sincerely,

Michael M. Strickler

Mike Stubler

Freedom of Information Act Officer

Executive Assistant to the Superintendent

From: Adam Weinstein [mailto:aweinstein@motherjones.com]

Sent: Friday, October 05, 2012 11:05 AM

To: Strickler, Michael M.

Cc: foiacouncil@dls.virginia.gov; Parrent, Lori R.

Subject: FOIA Request, 5 Oct 2012

From: Adam Weinstein, National Security Reporter, Mother Jones To: Col. Mike Strickler, Executive Assistant to the Superintendent

Subj: FOIA REQUEST

Sir:

- 1) I respectfully request access to public records pertaining to the planned visit of former Massachusetts Gov. W. "Mitt" Romney to the VMI post on Monday, 8 October 2012.
- 2) Specifically, we are interested in: any recorded electronic or hard-copy communications and transmissions between representatives of Romney and personnel of the Virginia Military Institute; any



deliberations between VMI personnel relating to the event; communications given to instructors, the cadet corps, alumni, or other employees relating to Romney's visit; any documentation of the costs and preparations associated with the visit, and who bore them; and the purpose of the visit.

- 3) In terms of questions we seek answers to, they include but are not limited to: the cost of the event; its purpose and political nature; rules on attendance for cadets and employees; and prescribed uniform of the day for the event, if any.
- 4) I am reporter affiliated with the non-profit journalistic organization Mother Jones. The purpose of this request, in accordance with commonwealth law and Virginia Freedom of Information Advisory Council guidelines, is to promote an increased awareness by all persons of governmental activities. Our preference is for an electronic version of the records requested, such as .pdf, .doc, or .xls. Please do not hesitate to contact me via the info below if you have any questions about this request.

Very Respectfully, AW

Adam Weinstein National Security Reporter Engagement Editor Mother Jones

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Subject: RE: VMI Logo

Date: Saturday, October 6, 2012 11:29:49 AM ET

From: Jon Palmer < jpalmer@mittromney.com>

To: MacInnis, Stewart D. <MacinnisSD@vmi.edu>

CC: Curtis, Jeffrey H., "Jeff" <curtisjh@vmi.edu>

Understood. Thank you, Colonel.

J. Palmer

From: MacInnis, Stewart D. [mailto:MacInnisSD@vmi.edu]

Sent: Saturday, October 06, 2012 11:08 AM

To: Jon Palmer

Cc: Curtis, Jeffrey H., "Jeff" Subject: Re: VMI Logo

Jon,

I'm afraid not. I realize this is a policy speech that you are trying to separate from partisan politics. The fact is, though, at this point in the election process everything is partisan. I can't allow the use of our logo. It would be too easy for some people to see that as an endorsement.

Thanks for your understanding.

Stewart MacInnis Colonel, Virginia Militia Director

Sent from my iPhone

On Oct 6, 2012, at 11:01 AM, "Jon Palmer" < ipalmer@mittromnev.com > wrote:

Hello Col. MacInnis,

Nice speaking with you earlier this week. In anticipation of Governor Romney's visit to VMI this Monday, we were wondering if you have a high-resolution copy of VMI's logo that we can use?

Thank you— Jon Palmer

Jon Palmer Senior Trip Coordinator Romney for President

jpalmer@mittromney.com

Strickler, Michael M.

From: Curtis, Jeffrey H., "Jeff"

Sent: Monday, October 08, 2012 8:43 AM

To: Adminstaff; Faculty Subject: Gov Romney Address

VMI Staff:

In response to some queries, here is some additional information:

Uniform: If you wear a military uniform, Class B is appropriate. You do not need to wear Class As. ACUs are not appropriate for this setting.

Simulcast: We are trying to work a video feed to another location outside of the CLE. For security reasons we cannot use Gillis for a video feed. If this can be worked it will be announced later this morning.

Length: We have been advised that Governor Romney will speak for approximately 30 minutes.

Thanks Col Curtis

JEFFREY H. CURTIS, Colonel, USAF (Ret.) Chief of Staff wp: (540) 464-7104

Strickler, Michael M.

From:

Strickler, Michael M.

Sent:

Thursday, October 04, 2012 2:06 PM

To:

'Allen, John'; 'Belue, Jake '; 'Camp, Lee'; 'Clark, Barbara'; 'Collins, George'; 'Dedekind, Jackie'; 'Ellis, Burna'; 'Foster, Wes'; 'Fraim, Paul'; 'Galanti, Paul'; 'Galanti, Paul'; 'Gottwald, Bruce, Jr.'; 'Gray, Ellen'; Hayslett, Amy L.; 'Hickerson, Pat'; 'Igou, Janice'; 'Jumper, John'; 'Jumper, John'; 'Latsha, Kimber'; 'Long, Chip'; 'Mundy, Marshall'; Parrent, Lori R.; 'Ramsey, Pete'; 'Robertson, Greg'; 'Rogers, Doris'; 'Sampson, Ernesto'; 'Sullivan, Harlow'; 'White, George'; 'Wong, Donna'

Subject:

Governor Romney to speak at VMI

BOV Members:

We received a request approximately 48 hours ago that Governor Romney would like to speak at VMI. The event has now been finalized, and he will speak at 11:20 a.m. on Monday 8 October with the Gillis Theater in the Center for Leadership & Ethics as the tentative location. The majority of the audience will be upper-class cadets. This is an educational opportunity for cadets and some faculty & staff. We are ensuring that this is not a VMI endorsed campaign stop. No campaign literature will be passed out.

We have just received word that Governor McDonnell plans to attend.

Mike

Mike Strickler Executive Assistant Superintendent's Office (p) 540-464-7206 (f) 540-464-7660

From:

Curtis, Jeffrey H., "Jeff"

Sent:

Monday, October 01, 2012 4:28 PM

To: Cc: 'John Noonan'

Subject:

Bissell, Gary A. RE: Romney at VMI

John-Still sorting out some details here. I anticipate being able to call you tomorrow morning.

I've copied LTC Gary Bissell, the Assistant Chief of Staff here.

Regards

Jeff

From: John Noonan [mailto:JNoonan@mittromney.com]

Sent: Monday, October 01, 2012 11:54 AM

To: Curtis, Jeffrey H., "Jeff" Subject: Romney at VMI

Hi Colonel, great pleasure chatting today. I get nostalgic when I dial 540 area codes. To recap:

- -Governor Romney will be doing a speech on 8 October, 2012. We are flexible on time.
- -Speech will be a sober foreign policy vision for a Romney Administration. It is not a stump or a rally. It is designed as Presidential event that invokes the legacy of George Marshall.
- -We understand these addresses can cause stress to day to day ops of the Institute, and will work with you to minimize intrusion on the workday.

Think it be a great event that raises the prestige of the Institute and provides a positive, edifying experience for the corps. Hope that we can make it work!

Let me know if you have any further questions or if I can be of any other assistance.

Cheers,

John Noonan
Defense Policy Advisor
Romney for President, Inc

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jnoonan@mittromney.com



From:

Curtis, Jeffrey H., "Jeff"

Sent:

Tuesday, October 02, 2012 10:38 AM

To:

Schneiter, R W.; Green, Robert L., "Bob"; Trumps, Thomas H.; White, Donald T.; Rabern,

Susan J

Cc:

Bissell, Gary A.; MacInnis, Stewart D.; Thompson, Teresa M.

Subject:

RE: Romney at VMI

All—

Here is where this is: we have offered Gillis at 1630 on Monday. Attendees TBD, but likely first class (minus athletes) and part of another. We'll work with the Commandant on that. It will not be open to the public or staff.

This was offered to them a few minutes ago. The POC seemed receptive and is going to the other campaign staff to brief them. We'll get more later today when they call back.

According to their POC, Romney has been promising a foreign policy speech after the first debate, so their POC felt that while things are fluid this would be a "go."

This is the least painful option. Deleting Cameron solves a lot of security, public, logistics, athletic, corps size, etc. hurdles. The time and #s also have less impacts. The event from the Corps participation side should last one hour.

More to follow, but this is where we are right now.

R Jeff

From: Curtis, Jeffrey H., "Jeff"

Sent: Monday, October 01, 2012 12:07 PM

To: Schneiter, R W.; Green, Robert L., "Bob"; Trumps, Thomas H.; White, Donald T.

Cc: Bissell, Gary A.

Subject: FW: Romney at VMI

Gents-

See below. I took a call late this morning from the Romney campaign. They want to have him make a speech here on Monday. Venue would likely be Cameron, or possibly JM Hall. Obviously, they would like the Corps present. Options for that would limit it to DTT or PTT.

Right now we need to know are there any showstoppers you are aware of that would make it difficult or impossible for us to support??

We owe them a yes or no in the near future. I need to pulse you guys first.

Plz reply if you are aware of any pitfalls out there.

Thx Jeff

From: John Noonan [mailto:]Noonan@mittromnev.com]

Sent: Monday, October 01, 2012 11:54 AM

From:

John Noonan < JNoonan@mittromney.com>

Sent:

Tuesday, October 02, 2012 2:53 PM

To:

Bissell, Gary A.; CMSmith88@aol.com

Cc:

Will Ritter; Curtis, Jeffrey H., "Jeff"; MacInnis, Stewart D.; Derek Gianino; Craig Handzlik

Subject:

Flag Officer Attendance @ VMI

Col Bissell – I'm connecting you with Carl Smith, who is handling flag officer attendance for Monday. He estimates no more than 20 officers in attendance. Most will be 4-stars. The list is still fluid as of this afternoon. They will be formally endorsing the Governor on Monday morning. If possible, we'd like to set up a side conference room where they can meet with the Governor for 20-30 minutes.

Carl, Col Bissell works in the Superintendent's office at VMI. He's your best protocol POC for the event. I've also cc'd relevant advance and HQ staff.

John Noonan
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jnoonan@mittromney.com



From:

Rabern, Susan J.

Sent: To: Tuesday, October 02, 2012 2:57 PM Curtis, Jeffrey H., "Jeff"; Bissell, Gary A.

Subject:

RE: Romney

I haven't heard about this one...a new event?

From: Curtis, Jeffrey H., "Jeff"

Sent: Tuesday, October 02, 2012 2:56 PM

To: Bissell, Gary A. **Cc:** Rabern, Susan J. **Subject:** FW: Romney

Gary-

It might be best if we can steer the Romney meeting with the retired flag officers out of the CLE? If they do it beforehand, that would work. Having him hang around afterwards in the CLE might impede exhibitor set up. If afterwards, maybe Moody or Pogue??

J

From: Rabern, Susan J.

Sent: Tuesday, October 02, 2012 2:53 PM

To: Curtis, Jeffrey H., "Jeff"

Cc: Bissell, Gary A. **Subject:** RE: Romney

Yes. Let me know if it's firm that the Romney people will be totally gone by then. If so, we will provide guidance to our exhibitors asap (without reference to the Romney event, obviously).

From: Curtis, Jeffrey H., "Jeff"

Sent: Tuesday, October 02, 2012 2:40 PM

To: Rabern, Susan J. Cc: Bissell, Gary A. Subject: Romney

Susan-

We were thinking for purposes of your exhibitors coming in for set up, if we told them to come in after 1300 hours would that work? That would mean the Romney event would be over, parking lot would be hopefully cleared out, and the security piece would be not a problem. Is that do-able?

Jeff

JEFFREY H. CURTIS, Colonel, USAF (Ret.)

Chief of Staff

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From:

CMSmith88@aol.com

Sent:

Tuesday, October 02, 2012 3:59 PM

To:

JNoonan@mittromney.com; Bissell, Gary A.

Cc:

will@mittromney.com; Curtis, Jeffrey H., "Jeff"; MacInnis, Stewart D.;

dgianino@mittromney.com; CHandzlik@mittromney.com

Subject:

Re: Flag Officer Attendance @ VMI

Col Bissell:

I am pleased to make your acquaintance.

First, a slight correction. We are expecting 5-7 retired four-stars. So far we have confirmed the following:

Gen PX Kelly, (USMC-ret), former Commandant USMC Adm Leighton "Snuffy" Smith, (USN-ret), former CINCSOUTH and IFOR Gen Lance Smith (USAF-ret), former CDR Joint Forces Command Gen Robert Magnus, (USMC-ret) former Asst Commandant USMC

Others have been invited, but have not yet confirmed. In addition to the four-stars, there are about 10-12 one/two/three-stars who plan to attend. I will provide all the names to you by Thursday COB. Altogether, I believe we will have no more than 20.

Please let me know what additional information your require.

Very best regards, Carl Smith

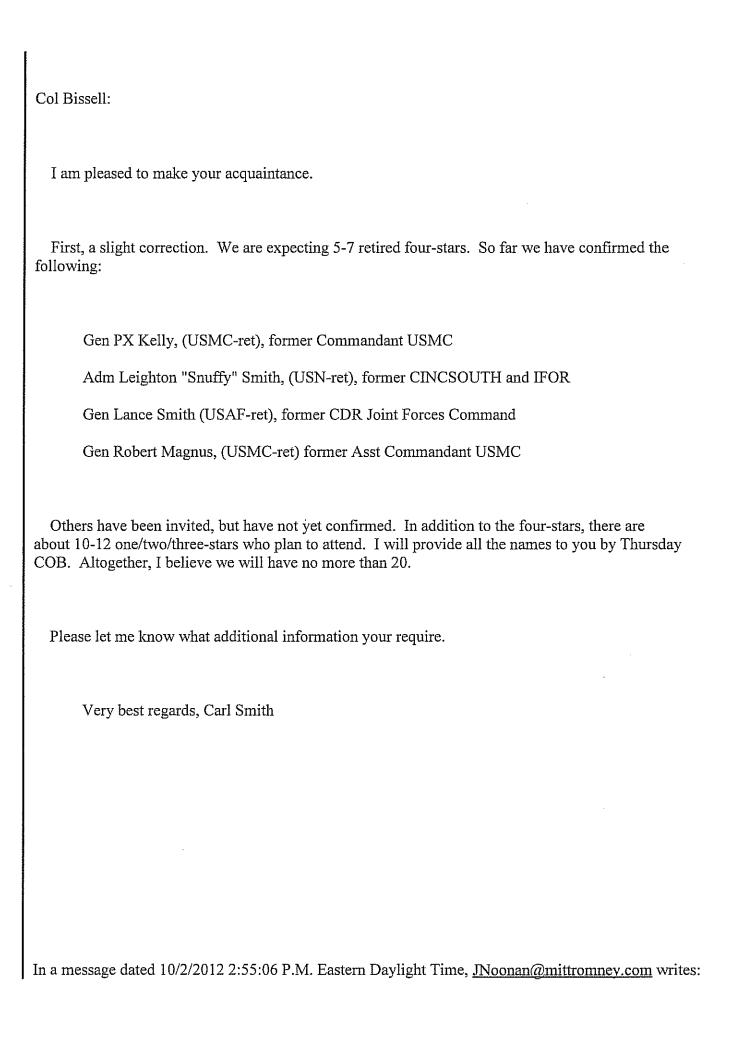
In a message dated 10/2/2012 2:55:06 P.M. Eastern Daylight Time, JNoonan@mittromney.com writes:

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Carl, Col Bissell works in the Superintendent's office at VMI. He's your best protocol POC for the event. I've also cc'd relevant advance and HQ staff.

John Noonan

Defense Policy Advisor



From:

Curtis, Jeffrey H., "Jeff"

Sent:

Tuesday, October 02, 2012 4:48 PM Rabern, Susan J.; Bissell, Gary A.

To: Subject:

RE: Romney

Not yet.

From: Rabern, Susan J.

Sent: Tuesday, October 02, 2012 4:46 PM **To:** Curtis, Jeffrey H., "Jeff"; Bissell, Gary A.

Subject: RE: Romney

Any word on the "advance team" arrival time tomorrow?

From: Curtis, Jeffrey H., "Jeff"

Sent: Tuesday, October 02, 2012 3:02 PM

To: Rabern, Susan J. **Subject:** RE: Romney

New twist is there are a number of retired 3-4 stars endorsing Romney on Monday who may be the only non-cadet attendees. I've heard 15-20. He wants to thank them for their support. This isn't something where we're going to roll out a red carpet for them though. We'll need to work the when and where and how many. Pogue, Moody, or Marshall Library reading room may be options. Not sure the CLE board room is conducive with the numbers. More to follow. That's what this is about.

J

From: Rabern, Susan J.

Sent: Tuesday, October 02, 2012 2:57 PM **To:** Curtis, Jeffrey H., "Jeff"; Bissell, Gary A.

Subject: RE: Romney

I haven't heard about this one...a new event?

From: Curtis, Jeffrey H., "Jeff"

Sent: Tuesday, October 02, 2012 2:56 PM

To: Bissell, Gary A.
Cc: Rabern, Susan J.
Subject: FW: Romney

Gary-

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J

From: Rabern, Susan J.

Sent: Tuesday, October 02, 2012 2:53 PM

From:

Curtis, Jeffrey H., "Jeff"

Sent:

Wednesday, October 03, 2012 10:34 AM

To:

'John Noonan'; Bissell, Gary A.; MacInnis, Stewart D.

Subject:

RE: Is it possible

John-no on this one. We have to steer clear of an "endorsement."

Jeff

From: John Noonan [mailto: JNoonan@mittromney.com]

Sent: Tuesday, October 02, 2012 5:10 PM To: Bissell, Gary A.; MacInnis, Stewart D.

Cc: Curtis, Jeffrey H., "Jeff" Subject: Is it possible

To select a few cadet veterans and give them a place of honor behind the Governor?

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jnoonan@mittromney.com



From:

Rick Drake <edrake@marshallfoundation.org>

Sent:

Wednesday, October 03, 2012 4:16 PM

To: Cc: Bissell, Gary A. Shaw, Brian

Subject:

Romney

Gary-

We can host the Romney visit on Monday, if the Romney team agrees to the following conditions that allow us to remain non-partisan, non-political:

- 1. This will be a private meeting in the Marshall Library and the public is not invited
- 2. There will be no news media and no photography
- 3. There will be no mention of the Marshall Foundation

In addition we'd like to know the names of the generals who will attend, if you can give us that information.

Rick

From:

Butner, Katrina-Andrea K.

Sent:

Thursday, October 04, 2012 10:51 AM

To:

Curtis, Jeffrey H., "Jeff"; Bissell, Gary A.; MacInnis, Stewart D.

Subject: FW: POLITICO: Romney visit on Monday

Gentlemen

Let the craziness begin. Please see below.

Katrina

From: M.Scott Mahaskey [mailto:smahaskey@politico.com]

Sent: Thursday, October 04, 2012 10:14 AM

To: Butner, Katrina-Andrea K.

Subject: POLITICO: Romney visit on Monday

Good morning. Should Gov. Mitt Romney visit VMI on Monday, I'd be very interested in sending one of our photographers down to cover his visit. As you learn more, could you pass along the credential requirements and details of his visit?

Thank you.

M. Scott Mahaskey Director of Photography POLITICO O: 703.341.4627 C: 571.733.0032 1100 Wilson Blvd. Arlington, VA 22209

10/4/12 9:37 AM EDT

Mitt Romney is planning a significant foreign policy speech Monday at the Virginia Military Institute, a school official confirmed to POLITICO this morning. "I'm confident it's going to happen," the official said. "Right now we're working out the details." CNN reported earlier this morning that some cadets were aware of the event planning. "Mitt Romney's big foreign policy speech in Virginia on Monday will be at VMI, a dedicated #Keydet tells me," the network's Peter Hamby wrote on Twitter.

From:

Rabern, Susan J.

Sent:

Thursday, October 04, 2012 1:54 PM

To:

Curtis, Jeffrey H., "Jeff"; Bissell, Gary A.; MacInnis, Stewart D.; Peay, J. H. B., III; Parrent, Lori

R

Cc:

Wirtanen, Kathy

Subject:

Re: Governor McDonnell at VMI

All-

As I indicated yesterday, we need a contract in place with the campaign or we will be making a campaign contribution by waiving significant rental fees.

Susan

Susan Rabern, PhD Captain, U.S. Navy (Ret.) Director Center for Leadership and Ethics Virginia Military Institute Phone: 540 464-7954

From: Curtis, Jeffrey H., "Jeff"

Cell: 703 608-1177

To: Rabern, Susan J.; Wirtanen, Kathy **Sent**: Thu Oct 04 13:21:47 2012

Subject: FW: Governor McDonnell at VMI This is just getting better and better. FYI...

From: Harris, Katherine (GOV) [mailto:Katherine.Harris@governor.virginia.gov]

Sent: Thursday, October 04, 2012 1:05 PM

To: Curtis, Jeffrey H., "Jeff"

Subject: Governor McDonnell at VMI

Hi Jeff,

I am reaching out to let you and General Peay know that Governor McDonnell now plans to join Governor Romney at VMI on Monday for his speech. Please let me know if you have any questions about this.

Thank you! Katherine

Katherine E. Harris

Scheduler to Governor Bob McDonnell katherine.harris@governor.virginia.gov

Direct: (804) 225-2903

From:

MacInnis, Stewart D.

Sent:

Thursday, October 04, 2012 3:18 PM

To:

John Noonan

Cc:

Bissell, Gary A.; Curtis, Jeffrey H., "Jeff"

Subject: Attachments:

Re: Introduction image001.jpg

John,

Thanks. We'll keep an ear open.

Stewart

Stewart D. MacInnis

Colonel

Director of Communications & Marketing

Virginia Military Institute

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From: John Noonan < Noonan@mittromney.com>

Date: Thursday, October 4, 2012 3:12 PM

To: Stewart MacInnis User < MacinnisSD@vmi.edu>

Cc: "Bissell, Gary A." < BissellGA@vmi.edu >, Jeff Curtis < curtisjh@vmi.edu >

Subject: Introduction

I spoke with someone at Gov McDonnell's office today, who was under the mistaken impression that Gov M would introduce Mitt. We still plan to be introduced by General Peay. If you hear any conflicting protocol chatter, send my way and I'll clear it up.

John Noonan Defense Policy Advisor Romney for President, Inc

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From:

Rabern, Susan J.

Sent:

Thursday, October 04, 2012 3:42 PM

To:

Curtis, Jeffrey H., "Jeff"; Bissell, Gary A. Wirtanen, Kathy; Tomlin, Kathleen H., "Kathv"

Subject:

Fw: Governor McDonnell at VMI

Jeff and Gary,

I am very concerned about this. The Center for Leadership and ETHICS cannot engage in political "in kind" campaign contributions. Regardless of whether or not the Governor attends, this is a political event in a building that is only rented to outside entities for a fee. This is a campaign speech, arranged by a political campaign.

Our staff(s) time is being used, an expense for which our SOP, approved by the Institute, says we must charge fees.

We need the name of the person who will sign the contract for the campaign.

Susan

Susan Rabern, PhD
Captain, U.S. Navy (Ret.)
Director
Center for Leadership and Ethics
Virginia Military Institute
Phone: 540 464-7954
Cell: 703 608-1177

From: Rabern, Susan J.

To: Curtis, Jeffrey H., "Jeff"; Bissell, Gary A.; MacInnis, Stewart D.; Peay, J. H. B., III; Parrent, Lori R.

Cc: Wirtanen, Kathy

Sent: Thu Oct 04 13:53:46 2012

Subject: Re: Governor McDonnell at VMI

All-

As I indicated yesterday, we need a contract in place with the campaign or we will be making a campaign contribution by waiving significant rental fees.

Susan

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From:

Curtis, Jeffrey H., "Jeff"

Sent:

Friday, October 05, 2012 8:23 AM

To: Cc:

Bissell, Gary A. FW: Post Tour

Subject:

at this time, there is no Post tour planned due to the time constraints and Gov Romney's having to fly out to Wisconsin after the event. Thank you for your offer and interest.

Regards Col C

----Original Message-----From: Rabern, Susan J.

Sent: Friday, October 05, 2012 7:05 AM

To: Curtis, Jeffrey H., "Jeff"; Bissell, Gary A.

Subject: Fw: Post Tour



The Romney visit is being coordinated by the Office of the Chief of Staff. I am forwarding for their consideration and response.

Captain Rabern

Susan Rabern, PhD
Captain, U.S. Navy (Ret.)
Director
Center for Leadership and Ethics
Virginia Military Institute
Phone: 540 464-7954
Cell: 703 608-1177

---- Original Message ----

From:

To: Rabern, Susan J.

Sent: Thu Oct 04 20:07:11 2012

Subject: Post Tour

Ma'am.

When the Assistant Commandant of the Marine Corps came for last year's commissioning, he had some down time and wanted to see around post a little after his speech. I was selected by the NROTC department to give him a tour because they had seen me give one and were impressed by the "fluidity and charisma with which I did it" they said. It didn't hurt that I an a registered post tour guide and a Marine option cadet.

On Monday, when governor Romney comes to town, is there any way I could give him a brief, personal tour of VMI? If he is interested, I AM a registered Republican and would love the opportunity (once in a lifetime, I'd imagine). I can also give it in fluent French, which he speaks!

From:

Curtis, Jeffrey H., "Jeff"

Sent:

Friday, October 05, 2012 9:00 AM

To: Cc:

Bissell, Gary A.

Subject:

FW: Regarding Governor Romney's Visit

Attachments:

GO 79, Distinguished Visitor Invitation Policy.docx



Governor Romney's campaign staff including their foreign policy team looked at three states and decided VMI would be a good location because of the roots with George Marshall and the fact that their Citadel visit over a year ago was successful. I hate to disillusion you, but your email wasn't the catalyst for this.

We are getting a number of requests for personal meetings and visits. With the rather limited time he will be able to be here. I doubt if he will be able to accommodate any or very many of them. That will be up to his support staff.

You should also be aware that there is a general order covering invitations to such distinguished visitors. It requires coordination with the Superintendent's Office. I have attached it for your future reference.

Thanks for your offer and interest.

Col Curtis

From: Parrent, Lori R.

Sent: Friday, October 05, 2012 8:07 AM To: Curtis, Jeffrey H., "Jeff"; Bissell, Gary A. Subject: FW: Regarding Governor Romney's Visit

Amy Hayslett, on behalf of

Lori R. Parrent

Secretary to the Superintendent (General J.H. Binford Peay III) (US Army Retired)

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Virginia Military Institute Lexington, VA 24450 Office: 540-464-7311

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From:

Sent: Thursday, October 04, 2012 11:15 PM

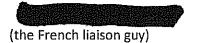
To: Parrent, Lori R.

Subject: Regarding Governor Romney's Visit

Good morning Miss Parrent,

If there is anyone else in whose ear I need to buzz, let me know at your earliest convenience and I'll get to buzzing. I won't let y'all down!

Leadership,



Envoyé de mon iPhone

From:

Curtis, Jeffrey H., "Jeff"

Sent:

Friday, October 05, 2012 11:09 AM

To:

Bissell, Gary A.; Parker, Kimberly C.; Marshall, Michael L.; Thompson, Teresa M.

Cc:

Trumps, Thomas H.; Green, Robert L., "Bob"

Subject:

FW: Governor McDonnell at VMI

From: Harris, Katherine (GOV) [mailto:Katherine.Harris@governor.virginia.gov]

Sent: Friday, October 05, 2012 10:48 AM

To: Curtis, Jeffrey H., "Jeff"

Subject: RE: Governor McDonnell at VMI

Hi Jeff,

Governor McDonnell plans to fly into Lexington via helicopter at approximately 11:00AM on Monday. I believe they talked about trying to land on the drill field. Let me know if you have any questions or concerns with this!

Many thanks, Katherine

From: Curtis, Jeffrey H., "Jeff" [mailto:curtisjh@vmi.edu]

Sent: Thursday, October 04, 2012 1:17 PM

To: Harris, Katherine (GOV)

Subject: RE: Governor McDonnell at VMI

Thanks Katherine. Please let us know his time and method of arrival when available.

Regards, Jeff

From: Harris, Katherine (GOV) [mailto:Katherine.Harris@governor.virginia.gov]

Sent: Thursday, October 04, 2012 1:05 PM

To: Curtis, Jeffrey H., "Jeff"

Subject: Governor McDonnell at VMI

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Katherine E. Harris

Scheduler to Governor Bob McDonnell katherine.harris@governor.virginia.gov

Direct: (804) 225-2903

From:

Craig Handzlik < CHandzlik@mittromney.com>

Sent:

Friday, October 05, 2012 7:13 PM

To: Subject: Bissell, Gary A. 10/8 Romney Visit

Hi Gary,

Thanks for meeting with us today and thank you for letting us use the Hall of Valor for the speech on Monday. Given the higher number of Cadets we plan to invite to the speech, do you think there is any way that we might be able to let those Cadets out of class an hour early? This will give us a much better chance of actually getting them inside the space. Secret Service has decided that everyone must go though magnetometer screening on Monday for the event. I am working with my boss to see if we can change that but it's not looking good. Anything you can do to give us more time to get Cadets into the Hall of Valor would be much appreciated. Looking forward to seeing you again tomorrow.

Best,

Craig Handzlik
Advance
Romney For President
CHandzlik@MittRomney.com

From:

Craig Handzlik < CHandzlik@mittromnev.com>

Sent:

Friday, October 05, 2012 10:47 PM

To:

Bissell, Gary A.

Cc:

Curtis, Jeffrey H., "Jeff"

Subject:

Re: 10/8 Romney Visit

Gary,

That's great to know that there's a precedent to allow cadets into past events without going through mags. I'll let my Ops Director know and we'll push back with USSS. I can totally appreciate your interest in keeping the cadets in class.

Is there a way to extend invitations to those cadets who do no not have 10am classes? That might help us get folks into the event a bit earlier.

How many Cadets are we planning on having in the Hall of Valor for the speech? 700 now?

Thanks,

Craig

---- Original Message -----

From: Bissell, Gary A. [mailto:BissellGA@vmi.edu]

Sent: Friday, October 05, 2012 10:33 PM

To: Craig Handzlik

Cc: Curtis, Jeffrey H., "Jeff" < curtisih@vmi.edu>

Subject: Re: 10/8 Romney Visit

Craig,

Great working with you all today.

We can't require cadets to miss class for the event or professors to excuse cadets/cancel their classes for the event. We can encourage cadets who do not have a 10AM class period to go to the Hall of Valor early.

As I mentioned before, we've had numerous speakers here before where Secret Service allowed us to exempt the cadets from going through the time consuming magnetometer process. These speakers included: President George W. Bush, VP Cheney, Sec of State Clinton, Sec of Defense Rumsfeld, Sec of State Gates.

The only other option we have is to move the start time of the speech to a later time, however, we don't have much leeway there either since we have to ensure they have adequate time for lunch before starting their afternoon classes. We'll see you tomorrow.

Gary

Sent from my iPad

On Oct 5, 2012, at 7:13 PM, "Craig Handzlik" < CHandzlik@mittromney.com > wrote:

> Hi Gary,

>

From:

Derek Gianino <dgianino@mittromney.com>

Sent:

Saturday, October 06, 2012 4:31 PM

To:

Bissell, Gary A.

Subject:

RE: Parking

Also, sir please find below the attendees coming to VMI for the speech and roundtable with Gov. Romney. Please let me know if I can provide any additional details.

Attendee
General Paul X. Kelley, USMC
Admiral Leighton Warren Smith, Jr., USN
General Lance Lee Smith, USAF
General Robert Magnus, USMC
LTG Marvin Covault, USA
LTG WalterS. Hogle, Jr., USAF
LTG Cliford H. Rees, Jr., USAF
MGEN Monty F. Montero, Jr., USA
RADM Thomas Forest Hall, USN
RADM Joseph John Dantone, Jr., USN
BGEN David Kimball Edmonds, USAF
RADM Donald Patrick Loren, USN
RADM Gerard A. Mauer, Jr., USN
BGEN Lawrence Alton Mitchell, USAF
Carl M. Smith
Michele M. McMorran

From: Bissell, Gary A. [mailto:BissellGA@vmi.edu]

Sent: Friday, October 05, 2012 10:23 PM

To: Derek Gianino Subject: Re: Parking

I'll have to get back with you tomorrow with the final answer.

Sent from my iPad

On Oct 5, 2012, at 8:01 PM, "Derek Gianino" < dgianino@mittromney.com > wrote:

I would say no more than 5 spaces.

From: Bissell, Gary A. [mailto:BissellGA@vmi.edu]

Sent: Friday, October 05, 2012 7:56 PM

To: Derek Gianino Subject: Re: Parking

From:

Rabern, Susan J.

Sent:

Monday, October 08, 2012 8:58 AM

To:

Bissell, Gary A.; Curtis, Jeffrey H., "Jeff"; Wirtanen, Kathy

Subject:

Re: Mitt Romney



I just came up for air after the wedding. I am forwarding your email to the Chief of Staff's office for consideration as I am out with relatives and clean-up in the wake of the wedding.

Good luck!
Captain R.
Susan Rabern, PhD
Captain, U.S. Navy (Ret.)
Director
Center for Leadership and Ethics
Virginia Military Institute
Phone: 540 464-7954

Phone: 540 464-7954 Cell: 703 608-1177

From

To: Rabern, Susan J.

Sent: Fri Oct 05 12:41:53 2012

Subject: Mitt Romney Captain Rabern,

I understand you are extremely busy with your daughter's wedding right now and I offer my congratulations to you and your family. I know this may be wishful thinking, but I was wondering if it would be possible for four members of the Leadership Focus Group to meet Romney before he gives his foreign policy speech on Monday.

I and the other three members that have expressed this desire completely understand if this is not possible due to security, timing, and other reasons beyond our control. We thought we might ask just in case it is a real possibility as we would not want to miss such an amazing opportunity if available.

Congratulations again to you and your family.

Thank you in advance.

Very Respectfully,



Virginia Military Institute

Lexington, Virginia 24450-0304

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THIS AGREEMENT entered into on _7 October, 2012_ is by and between the Virginia Military Institute, Lexington, VA hereinafter known as the PARTY OF THE FIRST PART, and "Romney for President Group", hereinafter known as the PARTY OF THE SECOND PART.

WITNESSETH that the PARTY OF THE FIRST PART and THE PARTY OF THE SECOND PART, in consideration of premises and of the mutual covenants, consideration and agreements herein contained, agree as follows:

The Party of the First Part hereby agrees to furnish the use of the Marshall Hall facility for _Foreign Policy Speech from 7-8 October, 2012_.

Use of the facility is at the following rate of \$3,000 for this event.

The check for payment for Facilities use should be made payable to the **Treasurer VMI** and deposited in the Cashiers' Office at VMI no later than five (5) working days after the completion of the event.

The Party of the First Part agrees to have the facility cleaned and opened and to secure the facility when the period of usage ends.

The Party of the First Part, whenever practical and necessary, without interrupting VMI's normal use of the facility, will provide to the Party of the Second Part time periods for practice or rehearsals at no additional charge.

The Party of the Second Part will obtain liability insurance at its own expense, naming The Virginia Military Institute as insured, in the amount of \$1 million (\$1,000,000) for each occurrence for personal injury and/or property damage to protect VMI against any liability. Provide a copy of the insurance certification with the signed copy of the Facilities Agreement.



The Party of the First Part will assume no responsibility for any bodily injury or property damage arising, either directly or indirectly, from the operations under this agreement, whether such operations by the Party of the Second Part or by any subcontractor, or by anyone, directly or indirectly, employed by either.

The Party of the Second Part will be financially responsible for repairs and/or replacements to property in and on the facility which may be damaged by actions beyond the "normal use" category.

The Party of the Second Part will furnish all personnel necessary to the operation of the event and will be responsible for paying all such employees.

The Party of the Second Part agrees to leave the facility clear of all debris.

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Lt Col. James L Williams VMI Post Engineer

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Strickler, Michael M.

From:

Bissell, Gary A.

Sent:

Wednesday, October 10, 2012 9:13 AM

To:

Strickler, Michael M.

Subject:

FW: Certificate of Insurance

Attachments:

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----Original Message----

From: Jon Palmer [mailto:jpalmer@mittromney.com]

Sent: Tuesday, October 09, 2012 7:40 PM

To: Bissell, Gary A.

Subject: Certificate of Insurance

Hello Col. Bissell,

Please find the attached certificate of insurance for your records. I am waiting for the signed facility use form. Should have it tomorrow morning.

Our treasury department has also informed me that the check will be cut tomorrow. As soon as it is, we will overnight it to you.

J. Palmer



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DATE(MM/DD/YYYY) 10/09/2012

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Strickler, Michael M.

From:

Butner, Katrina-Andrea K. on behalf of Chief of Staff

Sent:

Thursday, October 04, 2012 2:37 PM

To:

Adminstaff; Cadets; Faculty

Subject:

Governor Romney Visit -- 8 October

Cadets, Faculty, and Staff-

Earlier this week we were contacted by Governor Romney's campaign staff with a request that VMI serve as the location for an address he wished to make on foreign policy. This request has been granted and details are currently being worked out. We do know that it will occur on Monday, 8 October, at approximately 1115 hours. The location will likely be Gillis Theater and the speech will not be open to the general public. The audience will be composed mostly of cadets. VMI officials will be working tomorrow afternoon with campaign officials who will be on site to develop further details, to include the number of seats that will be available to the Corps. After that the Corps and VMI community will be notified. We also hope to have some seats available for faculty and staff if possible. Additionally, we are exploring a video-feed option to another on Post location for those who may not be able to attend in person.

This visit was just announced a couple of hours ago. As further details emerge, we will update you either via email or on the VMI website.

Regards, Col Curtis

JEFFREY H. CURTIS, Colonel, USAF (Ret.)

Chief of Staff

wp: (540) 464-7104 cell: (540) 460-0734 fax: (540) 464-7660

Media Plan for Gov. Romney Visit

1. C&M Tasks.

- a. Credential press.
- b. Escort press during event.
- c. Set up and manage press conference venue.
- d. Identify and train cadets to respond to reporters' questions.
- e. Set up and manage a press filing room.

2. Assumptions.

- a. Campaign press secretary has lead on all questions as to content of event.
- b. Campaign will coordinate with C&M on press advisory and will make initial announcement.
 - c. Ten satellite trucks and 50 reporters will cover the event.
 - d. Credentialed press only allowed to event and press conference.
- e. Credentialing will take place at rollup door (Cameron) or in tent at corner of Parade Ground (JM Hall).
- f. IR department faculty will be available for interview, but will NOT be in uniform.
- 3. Personnel Requirements.
 - a. Media escorts: 3
 - b. S-5 assistants: 3
 - c. Credentialing and filing room management: 2
 - d. C&M Documentation Team

Reporter: 1 Photographer: 1 Videographer: 1

e. Cadets trained to be interviewed: 6

4. Logistical Requirements.

- a. Event:
 - (1) One folding table and two chairs for credentialing.
 - (2) Seating for 50 reporters.
 - (3) Room for 10 television cameras.
 - (4) Mult box.

Subject: Gov. Romney Foreign Policy Speech

Date: 8 Oct. 2012

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Goal: Provide educational opportunity for cadets, faculty, and staff attending, while ensuring the visit remains a non-partisan, non-political event.

Must ensure that this does not appear as a VMI endorsed campaign. No fundraising will be permitted and no campaign literature passed out.

Tentative Timeline

Advanced Party (Friday, 5 Oct): 10-11 individuals (including press and secret service representation with approx. 5-6 vehicles. VMI will have the following representatives: Chief of Staff office (Col. Curtis, LTC Bissell), Communication and Marketing (COL MacInnis, Amy Goetz), Physical Plant (Ltc. Williams, Larry Camper), Post Police (Chief Marshall, Officer Matheny), Protocol (Teresa Thompson), Center for Leadership and Ethics (Justin Spears, Kathy Wirtanen), Commandant's Office (?), Marshall Museum (Rick Drake), Alumni Association (Adam Volant), Government Relations (LTC Parker)

- 1100: Arrival Smith Hall
- 1115: Meet in Marshall Hall Board Room
- TBD: Walk around orientation of each proposed location

Speech Day (Monday, 8 Oct):

- 1100-1115: Office Call with GEN Peay in New Market Room HoV.
- 1120-1200: Speech in Gillis
- 1200-1300: Private meeting with VIPs
- 1230-1255: Press Time
- 1300: Departure

Speech

Option #1: Hall of Valor

- Capacity: 700
- Rules: No photo ops with Retired Flag Officers while in the Center for Leadership and Ethics
- Set-up requirements:
 - No set-up prior to 1400 on Sunday
 - o Camera location prep.
 - Stage set-up
 - o Teleprompter: Set-up and provided by visiting party
 - Mult Box for audio/TV cameras: Set-up and provided by visiting party

Option #2: JM Hall

- Capacity: 1000
- Set-up-requirements:
 - No set-up prior to 1230 on Sunday
 - Camera location prep.
 - Stage set-up

Additional Due Outs:

Sales Committee

- Today Show coverage?
- Complete FUA and charges
- Secret Service "Telephone Trap" Form approval.
- E-mail to Faculty and Staff. First come, first serve. Must arrive at 1000. NLT 1100. Overflow will be sent to Crozet Hall. All must have VMI ID card with them. Uniform: Class B (No bags, No Jackets, No Phones or any electronic devices). All will go through Airport style security.
- E-mail to cadets/CMDT's office. The following cadets will attend: All 1/C (minus those with previously scheduled DDT requirements) and all cadets with Academic Stars. Uniform: White Blouse (No bags, No Jackets, No Phones or any electronic devices). Will hold a formation (1105) and all will report to the entrance at the same time.
- Review Secret Service Parking/traffic requirements.
- P2: Need BLDG open by 0500.
- VMI VIPs: Need a list of all approved VMI VIPs attending. Need full name, SSN, position/relationship to VMI.
- Who will be attending Office Call with GEN Peay?

From:

Fridley, Mitchell H.

Sent:

Monday, October 08, 2012 3:41 PM

To: Subject: Strickler, Michael M. FW: Speech tomorrow

Importance:

High

Sir, this is my email to corps. V/R, LTC Fridley

on Sunday night, instructing him of what was happening and how to notify the

From: Fridley, Mitchell H.

Sent: Sunday, October 07, 2012 9:50 PM

To: McCauley, Sean Patrick **Cc:** Trumps, Thomas H. **Subject:** Speech tomorrow

Importance: High

Sean, for the Romney speech tomorrow:

- 1. **All** first class cadets, and all seconds and thirds **with ac stars** form on the bricks at 1100 in "rat formation". I know that timeline is tight with class ending at 1050, but it is voluntary and we are not taking accountability or boning.
- 2. Any cadet that has an academic requirement during DTT must go to that academic requirement unless the professor excuses them.
- 3. The formation will right face and march to the CLE (Hall of Valor). The Superintendent wants it orderly, wants us all to arrive at about the same time, and does not want them walking across the parade field.
- 4. Uniform is Class Dyke. No duty jackets or books or anything in hands.
- 5. Crozet will be available for video for those who wish to watch but aren't in the group of 500. **But we are not going to announce the Crozet availability until after the formation marches off.**

Please send an email to the corps with the above information tonight. Please ensure turnouts to this effect are made starting before 1st CP. Please call me with any questions and text or email or call that you got this and wilco.

Thanks, LTC F

From: Fridley, Mitchell H.

Monday, October 08, 2012 3:40 PM Sent:

Strickler, Michael M. To:

Subject: FW: Information for Governor Romney's Address

Sir - this is my send of the email to the corps, to the Commandant's Staff for their information, with some clarification. V/R, MHF

From: Fridley, Mitchell H.

Sent: Monday, October 08, 2012 9:24 AM

To: Hildreth, Ruth A., "Ruth Ann"; Bissell, Gary A.; Bean, Christopher S.; Bither, William F., Sr., "Bill"; Brodie, John A.; Echevarria, Carmelo; Faust, Kevin L.; Fridley, Mitchell H.; Hurlbut, L. E.; Levenson, Gary M.; Mangino, Lawrence E.; Mitchell, Burt; Neel, John L.; Park, James S., "Chap"; Perry, Christopher O., "Chris"; Trumps, Thomas H.; Wisecup, Sarah C.

Cc

Subject: FW: Information for Governor Romney's Address

Cadet McCauley's email to the corps below FYI. He's not completely accurate in that if someone is not information when it steps off will not be allowed to see the address – we'll let them catch up and see the address. And, the speech is in the hall of valor, not Gillis. Governor is supposed to start talking at 1130 for approximately 30 minutes.

Another wrinkle that we just worked out this morning is that we will take a quick headcount when we form up, and if there are not 500 cadets in formation, we will make a turn-out that states "there is a possibility of some empty seats at the Governor Romney speech... any Second Classman wanting to try to see the speech needs to form in front of Jackson statue immediately to march to the CLE."

V/R, LTC Fridley

Sent: Sunday, October 07, 2012 10:49 PM

To: Cadets

Subject: Information for Governor Romney's Address

Corps,

For Governor Romney's address tomorrow, the entire First Class as well as all Second and Third classmen with academic stars will form on the Bricks at 1100 in an Old Corps meal-formation. Any cadet with an existing academic requirement is excused from the formation if the professor does not cancel. We realize that an 1100 formation for those with a 1000 class is a tight timeline, so no one will be boned for being late; that said, if someone is not in formation when it steps off, then that person will not be allowed to see the address. The uniform will be class dyke with no duty jacket; no one will allowed to carry anything (notebooks, cell phones, books, etc.) in his or her hands. All those in the formation will then march to the CLE and fall out into the Gillis Theatre for the address.

If there are any questions, please feel free to contact me.

Very Respectfully,



From:

Fridley, Mitchell H.

Sent:

Monday, October 08, 2012 3:44 PM

To: Subject: Strickler, Michael M. FW: Speech tomorrow

----Original Message-----From: Trumps, Thomas H.

Sent: Sunday, October 07, 2012 1:46 PM

To: Fridley, Mitchell H.

Cc: Levenson, Gary M.; Hurlbut, L. E.

Subject: Re: Speech tomorrow

My numbers were a little off...looking for 500, 350 and 150 approx

---- Original Message -----

From: Trumps, Thomas H.

Sent: Sunday, October 07, 2012 01:27 PM

To: Fridley, Mitchell H.

Cc: Levenson, Gary M.; Hurlbut, L. E.

Subject: Speech tomorrow

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From: Fridley, Mitchell H.

Sent: Monday, October 08, 2012 3:45 PM

To: Strickler, Michael M.

Subject: FW: Week 7 Training Matrix

Attachments: Week 7 08 - 14 OCT 2012 FINAL (S).xlsx

From McCauley, Sean Patrick i mailto incoatleyspontalitymi.edu

Sent: Sunday, October 07, 2012 3:53 PM

To: Cadets

Subject: Week 7 Training Matrix

Corps,

I hope everyone didn't cut too loose for Homecoming and have made it back to Barracks in one piece. Attached is the training schedule for the upcoming week. Of particular note this week is that the DTT speaker on Monday will be Governor Mitt Romney in the Gillis Theatre. Also this week will be Fall FTX for all commissioning cadets; for all commissioning non-Army cadets, be aware that, although ROTC Control ends on the matrix at 1200, all ROTCs have control of their cadets until 1800 on Sunday. Below are additional things of note:

Monday:

0700 - Uniform Inspection

1105 - Governor Romney address in Gillis for 1/C and 2/C

Tuesday:

1605 - Club Sports / Rat Challenge

Wednesday:

1105 - 3/C CCC Briefing in Mallory Hall / Band Practice

Thursday:

1605 - ROTC Control

Friday:

1605 - ROTC Control / Army FTX

Saturday:

0800 - ROTC Control

I hope everyone has a pleasant week and, as always, feel free to ask me or any member of the S3 Staff if there are any questions.

Very Respectfully,



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From:

Fridley, Mitchell H.

Sent:

Monday, October 08, 2012 3:46 PM

To: Subject: Strickler, Michael M. FW: Gov Romney Speech

From: Curtis, Jeffrey H., "Jeff"

Sent: Monday, October 08, 2012 10:42 AM

To: Fridley, Mitchell H.

Subject: RE: Gov Romney Speech

You guys will be permitted entry. Body cavity search for you though.

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From: Fridley, Mitchell H.

Sent: Monday, October 08, 2012 10:39 AM

To: Curtis, Jeffrey H., "Jeff"

Subject: RE: Gov Romney Speech

Sir, please remember there are probably four or five of us from the Commandant's office who will arrive with the corps at 1110 or so. Thanks, V/R, LTC Fridley

From: Curtis, Jeffrey H., "Jeff"

Sent: Monday, October 08, 2012 10:36 AM

To: Adminstaff; Faculty

Subject: Gov Romney Speech

Folks-

There are still spaces available for those who wish to attend. Please arrive by 1100 hours.

Regards Col Curtis

JEFFREY H. CURTIS, Colonel, USAF (Ret.)

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wp: (540) 464-7104 cell: (540) 460-0734 fax: (540) 464-7660 See below. I took a call late this morning from the Romney campaign. They want to have him make a speech here on Monday. Venue would likely be Cameron, or possibly JM Hall. Obviously, they would like the Corps present. Options for that would limit it to DTT or PTT.

Right now we need to know are there any showstoppers you are aware of that would make it difficult or impossible for us to support??

We owe them a yes or no in the near future. I need to pulse you guys first.

Plz reply if you are aware of any pitfalls out there.

Thx Jeff

From: John Noonan [mailto: JNoonan@mittromnev.com]

Sent: Monday, October 01, 2012 11:54 AM

To: Curtis, Jeffrey H., "Jeff" Subject: Romney at VMI

Hi Colonel, great pleasure chatting today. I get nostalgic when I dial 540 area codes. To recap:

- -Governor Romney will be doing a speech on 8 October, 2012. We are flexible on time.
- -Speech will be a sober foreign policy vision for a Romney Administration. It is not a stump or a rally. It is designed as Presidential event that invokes the legacy of George Marshall.
- -We understand these addresses can cause stress to day to day ops of the Institute, and will work with you to minimize intrusion on the workday.

Think it be a great event that raises the prestige of the Institute and provides a positive, edifying experience for the corps. Hope that we can make it work!

Let me know if you have any further questions or if I can be of any other assistance.

Cheers,

John Noonan Defense Policy Advisor Romney for President, Inc (O) 857-288-3807 (C) inoonan@mittromney.com



From:

Curtis, Jeffrey H., "Jeff"

Sent:

Tuesday, October 02, 2012 2:40 PM Rabern, Susan J.

To: Cc:

Bissell, Gary A.

Subject:

Romney

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Please let me know what additional information your require.

Very best regards, Carl Smith

In a message dated 10/2/2012 2:55:06 P.M. Eastern Daylight Time, <u>JNoonan@mittromney.com</u> writes:

Col Bissell – I'm connecting you with Carl Smith, who is handling flag officer attendance for Monday. He estimates no more than 20 officers in attendance. Most will be 4-stars. The list is still fluid as of this afternoon. They will be formally endorsing the Governor on Monday morning. If possible, we'd like to set up a side conference room where they can meet with the Governor for 20-30 minutes.

Carl, Col Bissell works in the Superintendent's office at VMI. He's your best protocol POC for the event. I've also cc'd relevant advance and HQ staff.

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From: CMSmith88@aol.com [mailto:CMSmith88@aol.com]

Sent: Tuesday, October 02, 2012 3:59 PM **To:** <u>JNoonan@mittromney.com</u>; Bissell, Gary A.

Cc: will@mittromney.com; Curtis, Jeffrey H., "Jeff"; MacInnis, Stewart D.; dgianino@mittromney.com;

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Subject:

Conference Call: Governor Mitt Romney's Speech at VMI

Location:

1-866-305-7432 code: 395224

Start: End:

Wed 10/3/2012 2:00 PM Wed 10/3/2012 2:30 PM

Recurrence:

(none)

Meeting Status:

Accepted

Organizer:

Jon Palmer

Hello,

We would like to hold a conference call at 2:00 pm EST to discuss planning and logistics for Governor Romney's visit to VMI this Monday, October 8th.

Please confirm that you will be able to join the call by accepting this meeting invitation.

Call Center Number: 1-866-305-7432

Code: 395224

Thanks,

Jon Palmer Romney Advance

ipalmer@mittromney.com

From: Sent:

To:

Subject:

Spears, Justin A.
Thursday, October 04, 2012 11:47 AM
Bissell, Gary A.
Accepted: Romney Visit Advanced Party Coordination

From:

Wirtanen, Kathy

Sent:

Thursday, October 04, 2012 12:51 PM

To: Subject:

Bissell, Gary A. FW: Romney

Any changes to this today?

Kathy

From: Curtis, Jeffrey H., "Jeff"

Sent: Wednesday, October 03, 2012 1:31 PM

To: Rabern, Susan J.; Wirtanen, Kathy

Subject: Romney

We're having a conference call with them at 2PM. More details to follow. I did ask this morning about the advance team getting in today and the Boston POC said he didn't think so.

Will connect later today.

R J

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Sent:

Thursday, October 04, 2012 3:29 PM

To:

MacInnis, Stewart D.

Cc:

Parker, Kimberly C.; Bissell, Gary A.

Subject:

RE: Introduction

Stewart-Somehow it got transmitted to us that the Governor was expecting to do it.

Kim-did you hear this directly in the call you (or someone on your floor) took??

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From: MacInnis, Stewart D.

Sent: Thursday, October 04, 2012 3:18 PM

To: John Noonan

Cc: Bissell, Gary A.; Curtis, Jeffrey H., "Jeff"

Subject: Re: Introduction

John,

Thanks. We'll keep an ear open.

Stewart

Stewart D. MacInnis

Colonel

Director of Communications & Marketing

Virginia Military Institute

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From: John Noonan < <u>JNoonan@mittromney.com</u>>

Date: Thursday, October 4, 2012 3:12 PM

To: Stewart MacInnis User < MacinnisSD@vmi.edu>

Cc: "Bissell, Gary A." < BissellGA@vmi.edu >, Jeff Curtis < curtisjh@vmi.edu >

Subject: Introduction

I spoke with someone at Gov McDonnell's office today, who was under the mistaken impression that Gov M would introduce Mitt. We still plan to be introduced by General Peay. If you hear any conflicting protocol chatter, send my way and I'll clear it up.

John Noonan
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From:

Curtis, Jeffrey H., "Jeff"

Sent:

Friday, October 05, 2012 4:23 PM

To:

Trumps, Thomas H.; Green, Robert L., "Bob"; Schneiter, R W.; Thompson, Teresa M.; Marshall, Michael L.; Williams, James L., Jr, "Jay"; Rabern, Susan J.; Camper, Larry L.

Fridley, Mitchell H.; Bissell, Gary A.; Butner, Katrina-Andrea K.

Cc: Subject:

Gov Romney Speech

All-

The location for the Gov Romney address will be in the CLE in the Hall of Valor (not Gillis). We still do not know at this point how many seats will be made available for the Corps, faculty/staff, but hopefully it will be more than Gillis. We hope to have additional information this weekend which I will forward as soon as I have it. More to follow.

R Jeff

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From:

Wirtanen, Kathy

Sent:

Friday, October 05, 2012 4:45 PM

To:

Bissell, Gary A.; Curtis, Jeffrey H., "Jeff"

Cc:

Spears, Justin A.

Subject:

Word?

Sir, Any decision on final location for Monday?

Katherine Wirtanen, CAP-OM, VCA Administrative, Facility and Conference Assistant Virginia Military Institute Center for Leadership and Ethics 226 Marshall Hall Lexington, VA 24450 540.464.7361 (phone) 540.464.7396 (fax)

From:

Derek Gianino <dgianino@mittromney.com>

Sent:

Friday, October 05, 2012 8:01 PM

To: Subject: Bissell, Gary A. RE: Parking

I would say no more than 5 spaces.

From: Bissell, Gary A. [mailto:BissellGA@vmi.edu]

Sent: Friday, October 05, 2012 7:56 PM

To: Derek Gianino Subject: Re: Parking

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Sent from my Verizon Wireless Phone

---- Reply message ----

From: "Derek Gianino" < dgianino@mittromney.com>

Date: Fri, Oct 5, 2012 6:44 pm

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V/R,

Derek C. Gianino

Deputy National Coalitions Director

Romney for President

(d) 857-288-3859



From:

Sent:

gretchen.m.hahn@gmail.com Saturday, October 06, 2012 2:10 PM

To:

Subject:

Bissell, Gary A.
Speech time and mags

Hi LTC

In the event that we cannot get all of the cadets into the event without mags, could we push the speech to 12:20? I understand that this might cause them to miss lunch?

Gretchen

Sent from my iPad

From:

Derek Gianino <dgianino@mittromney.com>

Sent:

Saturday, October 06, 2012 3:39 PM

To: Subject: Bissell, Gary A. RE: Parking

Sir, any update on the parking issue?

From: Bissell, Gary A. [mailto:BissellGA@vmi.edu]

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From:

Curtis, Jeffrey H., "Jeff"

Sent:

Saturday, October 06, 2012 4:27 PM Bissell, Gary A. Parking

To: Subject:

G

I just spoke to chief marshall. He thinks some of the parking restrictions are not needed. If you have not addressed any plz hold off until tomorrow

Thx Jeff

Sent from my iPhone

From:

Craig Handzlik < CHandzlik@mittromney.com>

Sent:

Saturday, October 06, 2012 8:47 PM

To:

Bissell, Gary A.

Subject:

RE: Responses to today's questions

The cadets will not have to go through magnetometers.

Craig Handzlik
Advance
Romney For President
CHandzlik@MittRomney.com

From: Bissell, Gary A. [BissellGA@vmi.edu] Sent: Saturday, October 06, 2012 8:01 PM

To: Craig Handzlik

Subject: Responses to today's questions

Full flag set has been approved.

MTG with Superintendent will be in side room of Hall of Valor as you requested. Just need to make some minor adjustments to the room arrangement.

Sent from my iPad

From:

Wirtanen, Kathy

Sent:

Sunday, October 07, 2012 7:20 AM

To:

Bissell, Gary A.; Spears, Justin A.; Williams, James L., Jr, "Jay"

Subject:

Re: Facility Use Agreement and fee for use

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From:

Butner, Katrina-Andrea K.

Sent:

Monday, October 08, 2012 9:41 AM

To:

Bissell, Gary A.

Subject:

Romney visit - line forming

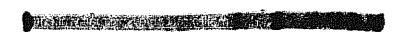
Importance:

High



It looks like there are a lot of individuals out in line that are not faculty and staff. Who will be ensuring they have ID?

Katrina Butner
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