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Collection Code: **CTRACK**

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Correspondent: **MS. KATY BENKO**

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THE WHITE HOUSE
WASHINGTON

October 17, 2007

Ms. Katy Benko

(b)(6)

Dear Katy:

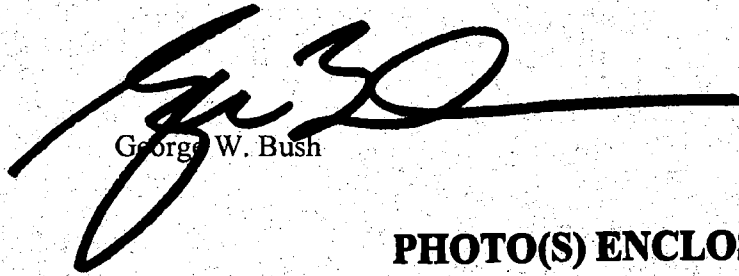
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From: Weinstein, Jared B.
Sent: Friday, September 28, 2007 7:17 AM
To: Lloyd, James R.; Sherzer, David
Cc: Hipp, Duke; Watson, Kerri S.; Krivijanski, Joseph R.; Graham, Ashley; Freeman, Skyla M.; Tomaselli, Ashley C.
Subject: RE: HS, South Lawn MSOs [Katy Benko]

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From: Lloyd, James R.
Sent: Tuesday, September 25, 2007 9:58 PM
To: Weinstein, Jared B.; Sherzer, David
Cc: Hipp, Duke; Watson, Kerri S.; Krivijanski, Joseph R.; Graham, Ashley; Freeman, Skyla M.; Tomaselli, Ashley C.; Lloyd, James R.
Subject: HS, South Lawn MSOs [Katy Benko]

9/18 – Visit with Military Support Organizations, South Lawn

KATY BENKO

Katy's husband, 1st Lieutenant Ryan Miner, is deployed to Iraq



Dear Katy:

Thank you for performing your beautiful rendition of the National Anthem at the White House. I was honored that you could join us for such an inspiring event.

Our Nation is grateful for your family's service and sacrifice to advance the cause of freedom, and I am proud to be Ryan's Commander in Chief. Laura and I send our best wishes to you and your family.

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Lloyd, James R.

From: Hensley, Keith L.
Sent: Thursday, October 11, 2007 2:25 PM
To: Lloyd, James R.
Subject: RE: Katy Benko Address

Katy Benko

(b)(6)

Thanks~

From: Lloyd, James R.
Sent: Thursday, October 11, 2007 2:23 PM
To: Hensley, Keith L.
Subject: Katy Benko Address

Howdy Keith,

Would you happen to have Katy Benko's address? As you may know, she sang the National Anthem for the MSO Event.

Thanks,
James



10/11/2007

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BIOGRAPHY

In a world where hype can often overshadow substance, **Katy Benko** is a refreshing example of talent attracting media attention. She has shared bills with Brooks & Dunn, Kenny Rogers, Brad Paisley, Alan Jackson, and Toby Keith, has twice held a massive crowd enthralled on the grounds of the Capital Mall, and has won international talent competitions. In one of the toughest and most respected proving grounds for new talent anywhere - the Washington, DC, area - Katy went in her first year as a professional singer from a debut gig at a small club to headlining the legendary Birchmere.

Katy began her performing career with a serious interest in acting at the age of 8. It wasn't long, though, before the director of the theater recognized her singing talent and urged Katy and her parents to pursue that avenue.

It is a measure of her natural prowess that at an age when many youngsters aren't aware of singers the caliber of Patsy Cline, Katy knew and loved the legend's singing and, what's more, knew why she loved it. "Patsy's voice inspired something in me," she says. "I was just a kid, but I was so amazed by what she could do with her voice, by how much control and feeling she had. I wanted to learn how to do that." At age 14, Katy told her parents she wanted to be a country singer.

She had already built a strong regional following with frequent guest appearances at venues in six states and performances of the National





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Katy and her husband [REDACTED] met in high school and dated all through college. Ryan was an ROTC student at George Mason University, and upon graduation he was commissioned as a Second Lieutenant in the United States Army. He then joined the Virginia Army National Guard. Just three months after Katy and Ryan were married Ryan was activated and sent to Fort Dix for training before being deployed to Iraq where he is currently serving.

Shortly after Ryan left, Katy wrote her best song yet. "A Soldier's Wife" describes the feelings and hardships a wife goes through while her husband is deployed. Written from the standpoint of the wife to the husband, the song describes how hard it is to be alone, but that even through the distance her love and pride continue to grow stronger everyday.

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That sincerity and Katy's ability to wrap her remarkable voice around the words have her well on the road to fulfilling the Washingtonian's prophecy. Through all she's been through, Katy is back, better than ever. And this is a woman the world will continue to watch.



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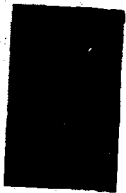
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III. PARTICIPANTS

Mrs. Laura Bush

The Vice President

VIP

~~Katy Benko (will sing National Anthem)~~

Note: Katy's husband, 1st Lieutenant Ryan Miner, USA, is deployed to Tallil Airbase, Iraq.

Administration Officials

Secretary Condoleezza Rice, Department of State

Secretary Jim Nicholson, Department of Veterans Affairs

Deputy Secretary John Negroponte, Department of State

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Don Winter, Secretary of the Navy

General James Cartwright, Vice Chairman, Joint Chiefs of Staff, and wife, Sandee

General Duncan McNabb, Vice Chief of Staff, USAF, and wife, Linda

Vice Admiral Pat Walsh, Vice Chief of Naval Operations, USN

Vets for Freedom VIPs

~~Lieutenant Pete Hegseth, USA Reserve, Executive Director, Vets for Freedom~~

~~Captain Knox Nunnally, USMC (Ret.), Member, Vets for Freedom~~

~~Sergeant Mark Seavey, USA National Guard (Ret.), Member, Vets for Freedom~~

~~Lieutenant Wade Zirkle, USMC (Ret.), Member, Vets for Freedom~~

Note: You met with these members of Vets for Freedom in the Oval Office on July 20, 2007.

American Legion VIPs

~~Marty Conatser, National Commander~~

~~John Sommer, Executive Director~~

~~Thomas Burn, National Vice Commander~~

~~Peggy Dettori, National Vice Commander~~

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NEWS

Friday, September 14th

~~Katy will be singing at a rally hosted by Presidential Candidate McCain on Monday, September 17th in Charleston, South Carolina. The event will be held at the Citadel Military Academy in the Alumni Hall, open to the general public and begins at 6:00pm.~~

~~Katy will then be flying back with Senator McCain on the evening of September 17th so she can be a personal guest at The White House on Tuesday, September 18th. Katy will be singing The National Anthem before the event on The White House grounds in addition to being a personal guest.~~

Check Katy's schedule

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Katy Benko
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ORM Tracking Sheet

Date: 10/19/07

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