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August 29, 1974

Mr. Tony Salinas, Chairman
Jim Hogg County Republican Party
PO Box 325
Hebbronville, Texas 78361

Dear Tony:

Thanks so much for your good letter of August 25. It is heartening to know that you and so many others in South Texas were in my corner on the Vice Presidential thing. It didn't work out but I was flattered to have been in the running.

I don't know what the future will bring, but I will always be grateful for your support and for all the good work you do down there.

Warm regards,

George Bush

GB/hc/hc

THE REPUBLICAN PARTY CAN DO MORE FOR AMERICA



JIM HOGG COUNTY REPUBLICAN PARTY

Tony Salinas, Chairman

P. O. BOX 325
HEBBRONVILLE, TEXAS - 78361

AUG 29 1974

Aug. 25, 1974

Dear Mr. Chairman -

I was very disappointed at President Ford for not having nominated you as Vice-President. We tried our very best here in South Texas. Over 200 telegrams were sent to the President, endorsing you for Vice-President, by Republicans as well as Democrats.

There is no question in my mind that ~~Richard~~ the new Vice-President is a nice man, but he is too old - we need a young man like yourself - not someone who is old enough to retire.

I wish you knew how disappointed South Texas was at you not getting the Vice-Presidency. But you are still young and you still have your future ahead of you - no doubt about that.

I am still supporting you for 1976!

You supporter for 1976, President or Vice-President -

Tony Salinas

P.S. South Texas is behind you
Mr. Chairman - Both Republican
and Democrats.

SUPPORTING GEORGE BUSH & THE PRESIDENT TO MAINTAIN A GENERATION OF PEACE

THE REPUBLICAN PARTY CAN DO MORE FOR AMERICA



JIM HOGG COUNTY REPUBLICAN PARTY

Tony Salinas, Chairman

P. O. BOX 325

HEBBRONVILLE, TEXAS - 78361

August 10, 1974

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Honorable Gerald Ford
United States President
White House
Washington, D.C..

Dear President Ford:

Here is wishing you the best of luck for the next 2½ years as President of the United States. There is no question in my mind that the nation will rally behind you.

Mr. President, I urge you to consider George Bush as your Vice-President. I have a feeling that he will be bi-past again. The reason I feel this way is because he is such an honest and compassionate man that no politician will look at him. Can you imagine a Ford-Bush ticket in 1976? I can see the hand writing on the wall, honest, sincerity and compassionate. You all will be unbeatable! There is no one on this land that can say something bad about you and Bush.

I can very well understand that you have some other people to consider, and that the decision is not easy but, you know that there is no way this country can go wrong with a man of Bush's integrity.

Yours for a strong Republican Party,

Tony Salinas
Tony Salinas

Mr. Chairman:

We, in South Texas, are pouring in the telegram urging President Ford to nominate you as Vice-President. I'm going for broke.

*Your friend,
Tony Salinas*

Jim Hogg County Republican Party

Tony Salinas, Chairman

P. O. BOX 325

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THE REPUBLICAN PARTY



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CAN DO MORE FOR AMERICA

Honorable George Bush
Republican National Chairman
310 First St. S.E.
Washington, D.C. 20003

SUPPORTING GEORGE BUSH & THE PRESIDENT TO MAINTAIN A GENERATION OF PEACE



REMEMBERING OUR
POW-MIA
FOR FREEDOM

Robert
Gould

September 3, 1974

Mr. Peter W. Stroh
President

Stroh Brewery
194 Provençal Road

Grosse Pointe Farms, Michigan 48236

Dear Mr. Stroh:

Tom Devine told me of your efforts on my behalf regarding the Vice Presidential slot and I just wanted you to know that it was deeply appreciated.

I was honored to be considered for the post and now that President Ford has made his selection, I hope all Americans will unite behind the new Administration. Nelson Rockefeller will be an excellent Vice President.

Thanks again for your vote of confidence. It meant a great deal.

Sincerely,

George Bush

August 16, 1974

Mrs. Charles E. Sharp
5910 Fairlane Drive
Austin, Texas 78731

Dear Mrs. Sharp:

Thank you for your heartfelt letter of August 12. There should be no more cover-up. Indeed, there won't be. I think the people want justice, but I also think there is a mood for healing abroad and a mood indeed for some compassion. Time will tell.

Thanks for writing.

Yours very truly,

George Bush

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THE SHARPS
5910 FAIRLANE DR.
AUSTIN, TEXAS 78731

Monday, Aug 12, 1974

Mr. George Bush,
Republican National Committee,
Washington, D.C.

AUG 15 1974

Dear Mr. Bush,

I hear that you are being considered for the new vice-president, and I think you would do a marvellous job. However, whether you become vice-president or remain as chairman of the Republican National Committee, please do not consider sincerely or pardon for Richard Nixon.

I do not think his resignation should be considered a heroic act, and that he should be forgiven everything because of that. The Supreme Court ruled unanimously that no man is above the law, and that is true now as it was then. There is going to be enormous cynicism in this country if he is pardoned.

What really concerns me is: (1) His statement that he intends to remain in public life; (2) Eisenhower's statement that he never expects Mr. Nixon to be content with retirement; (3) the report that Mr. Nixon was reading a biography of Napoleon his last week in office. Maybe I'm getting paranoid, but let's not have another return from Elba.

If consideration is being given to some way out of prosecution, I think it should be specified that Mr. Nixon can never again run for public office. I don't know enough of the law to know whether or not this would encroach on his constitutional rights (which neither I or anyone else would want), but if prosecution is the only way to settle it, I think it should be done. In spite of the polls and Senator Scott, I think most people in this country want to see justice done to everyone alike.

THE SHARPS
5910 FAIRLANE DR.
AUSTIN, TEXAS 78731

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It is good to see Gerald Ford as
president, and I'm sure everyone
is wishing him well. It's refreshing
and heartwarming to see the beginnings
of an open Administration after this
awful nightmare - but please, let's
not have any more cover-ups.

Most sincerely,

Mrs. Charles E. Sharp

August 14, 1974

Mr. Jack Steel
Apartment 4
5010 Westbriar
Houston, Texas 77027

Dear Jack:

Just a quick note to thank you for that very thoughtful telegram. I can't tell you how much your kind words meant to me.

These have not been easy days for any of us, but now we are moving into a bright new day and I have a great feeling that the country is on the move again.

Thanks again for your thoughtfulness.

Yours very truly,

George Bush

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PMS GEORGE BUSH, REPUBLICAN NATIONAL CHAIRMAN, DLR
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August 20, 1974

Dear Earlyne:

Thank you so much for your lovely note of the 18th -- I'm very flattered.

Now that the President has settled the matter in his excellent selection of former governor Rockefeller, I hope all Americans can unite behind this new Administration. These are very important times for our party and our nation.

You are extremely generous in your remarks, Earlyne, and I am deeply appreciative.

Warmest regards,

George Bush

Earlyne Tarrant
13726 Appletree Road
Houston, Texas 77024

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Dear George -

What can I say but how very proud
I am of you for having stuck to your
guns through the recent crisis. I feel
now what is sure left to say but that
I'm pulling for you all the way for
the Vice Presidency.

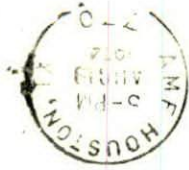
To have a phrase written by you
as a picture taken at the Capital in 1968,
"... from Zapata to D.C. ... I'm
with you."

Best -

Earlyne.

August 18, 1974.

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Air Mail

August 16, 1974

Dear Mr. Todt:

This is to acknowledge yours of August 9.

I read your letter to the President and it flattered me to no end. It won't happen, though.

Best regards.

Yours very truly,

George Bush

Mr. George Todt
5233 Highland View Ave.
Los Angeles, CA 90041

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George Todt - Public Affairs Consultant

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August 9, 1974

5233 HIGHLAND VIEW AVENUE
LOS ANGELES, CALIFORNIA 90041

Telephone: (213) 257-6838

Chairman George Bush
Republican National Committee
Dwight D. Eisenhower Center
310 First Street, S.E.
Washington, D.C. 20003

Dear Brother Bush:

Not long ago my old and dear friend, William Henderson, the National Secretary of Delta Kappa Epsilon Fraternity wrote me here in the Hospital and mentioned you were a Phi Deke.

I confess I have admired you very much before receiving this information because of your outstanding record as our Republican National Chairman. But this was the frosting on the cake for me. I have always been a loyal Deke and figure my association with the brothers was the best thing I got out of college days.

This will probably amuse you, but I conveyed my ideas about you and several other good Republicans re the Vice Presidency to another good Deke Brother in the White House. A copy is enclosed to you.

Both he and you were exemplary in your loyalty to the President before the present one and you did all you could have been expected to do under these trying circumstances. I am glad this was so. Loyalty is a big thing with me and I appreciate this quality in other friends.

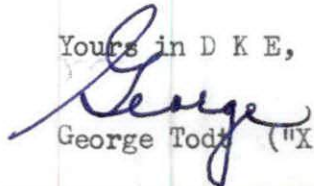
I stayed with President Nixon until the last shot had been fired because I thought he deserved it. His great work for world peace considerably outweighed the Watergate fiasco engineered by a man I consider a double-agent: G. Gordon Liddy. Somehow a molehill of triviality was allowed to become a veritable mountain of evidence against the President and his enemies were able to finish him off. He deserved better. But such is Life sometimes!

The important thing for us now is to keep the two-party system healthy and the best way to do it is to make the pendulum swing back now. We must point to winning the White House again in 1976 -- and with President Ford an incumbunt capable of doing an outstanding job in office, this is not impossible.

The thing which worried me most was a Republican President and Vice President being lost by resignation in a single year of office. I feared the young people might throw up their hands on the GOP. But the forthright honesty and integrity of Brother Ford might be the glue that can hold the whole ball of wax in place for the Republican Party. Let's hope so!!

Best fraternal regards.

Yours in D K E,


George Todt ("X" - '38)

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August 9, 1974

Honorable Gerald R. Ford
President of the United States
The White House
Washington, D.C.

Dear Mr. President:

The 16-minute address you made today after being sworn in by the Chief Justice was one of the most perfect ones I have ever heard. I only wish former President Lyndon B. Johnson had been alive so he might have heard it, too. He would have felt ashamed of himself for ever having made that crack about your football helmet when you played for the Wolverines at Michigan!

I have the very strong feeling that, just by being yourself, you are going to become one of the most popular American Presidents in history.

It intrigued me that you have become our 38th President. That number has caused me to think about it a great deal. It has certainly come up for me a great deal in the past. You may notice my telephone number above ends in 38; I was a member of the 38th Regiment for 3 years during World War II; my plane in pilot training was Number 38; I was in the 38th Regiment 38 months; coming home from the Army of Occupation I keep running into "38" conspicuously but never bet on it. I was initiated into Delta Kappa Epsilon in '38, too.

Thanks for your recent letter while you were still Vice President. It was good for my morale here in the Hospital, where I am still located. My amputation and attendant troubles have been a sad case, but I won't bother you. Someday, I hope to get a prothesis and get out of here and hit the ball again!

Right now, I am highly intrigued about whom you pick for the job you just vacated. I know your choice will be the best one, whoever it turns out to be. You are fortunate in being blessed with a number of outstanding men to pick from and this is the only factor which may cause you some difficulty. The main thing you must do is choose the man or woman who can best add to your chances to win the election in 1976. The GOP has to bounce back from Watergate so that our two-party system does not go down the drain through default! You are our hope!

So how does one pick between such marvelous Republicans as Nelson Rockefeller, Barry Goldwater, Mel Laird, Ronald Reagan, George Bush or perhaps Anne Armstrong? Each has much to recommend him or her and you could not go wrong with any one of these persons in my humble opinion. And there are others, too.

Looking at it academically: Nelson Rockefeller has become acceptable to the moderately conservative section of the party in my view, and is the most down-to-earth of all the rich politicians I have met; he is a truly "regular" guy. And he ought to be the best fund raiser for you in the party. Barry Goldwater has become the conscience, or elder statesman of the party; and he is becoming almost revered in the press with my liberal colleagues. Ronald Reagan is the best orator in the party and really thinks on his feet; while you are engaged in the affairs of state, he could perform most capably before the audiences needed.

AUGUST 9, 1974

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Mel Laird is a proven quality and I always admired his strenght of character; he made an outstanding Secretary of Defense, and he is loyal to you. I found Anne Armstrong a fine, intelligent woman when I covered an address she made here before the Republican Women several years ago. If you decide on a woman for Vice President, she would be a marvelous appointment. Hard to find a better one. George Bush did a fine job as Ambassador to the United Nations, but an even greater one as Chairman of the Republican National Committee. He has youth and good looks in his favor, too. He could be the sleeper of the whole lot!

Any one of this half dozen outstanding GOPers could serve the nation and you very well indeed as your Vice President in the years ahead of us.

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I consider all of these people superior, but confess to a little sentimental bias in favor of one of them; Brother George Bush, a Phi Deke. You know me -- the loyal Deke! Well, our National Secretary, Bill Henderson, informed me in his last letter to me that he was a member of the tong. In case it gets down to anything resembling a photo finish, hope you may give that consideration.

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It has given us much satisfaction that you have joined the former Presidents Teddy and Franklin D. Roosevelt to become our third Deke President. With George Bush in there as your Vice President, we might well look towards a fourth one in the future. And imagine -- a Deke President and a Deke Vice President operating together in the same term of office!!

Oh, well -- I can dream, can't I?

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I am just a little, beaten-up American but my prayers for your success will continue as long as I am alive.

Continuing Regards!

Sincerely,

George
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GEORGE TODT discusses . . .

"AMERICA AT THE CROSSROADS TODAY"

Fearless but responsible and up-to-date Americanism keynotes the thinking of this forthright writer, lecturer and commentator. A question-and-answer session will be provided with the lecture, if desired.

George Todt has covered the news as an articulate newspaper columnist in California since 1951, when his editorial column was published for the first time in the metropolitan Los Angeles Times. Since then, he has appeared in many other papers. Including an eight-year assignment as a daily columnist for the now defunct Hearst Los Angeles Herald-Express and its follow-on newspaper, Los Angeles Herald-Examiner, whose daily circulation at that time was a whopping 760,000.

The George Todt editorial column has been honored seven times by Freedoms Foundation at Valley Forge. One of these awards was the prized and very special Freedom Leadership Award for 1962 — the highest honor Freedoms Foundation has given a member of the working press in newspaper, television or radio fields since it was founded 20 years ago.

In addition, the highly-regarded column has been placed in its entirety in the United States Congressional Record in Washington, D.C. more than 350 times since 1956 by 50 different Congressmen and Senators on both sides of the aisle. It has been honored also on a multitude of occasions by numerous civic and patriotic organizations.

George Todt looks at the news from a moderately conservative but not a far-out viewpoint. He includes many moderate liberals among his friends and avoids extremism from any direction. His intelligent and penetrating analysis of the news accentuates truth, logic and reason. He decries emotion, hysteria and sensationalism. He is a constructive and positive thinker, not an iconoclast. He is fair in his estimates.

Graduating from high school in Mesa, Arizona at the age of 14, George Todt studied thereafter at Brigham Young University, University of Arizona, University of Mississippi and Washington & Lee University in the United States. He pursued studies abroad at Balliol College, Oxford University, England; The Royal Academy of Dramatic Art in London and the French Sorbonne in Paris. He graduated from the Broadcasters Network Studios in Hollywood

and spent some time later as a television commentator over the National Broadcasting Company station there.

In his undergraduate days, George Todt was a member of Delta Kappa Epsilon Fraternity and served seven years as President of the Deke Alumni Association in Southern California. He was President of the Inter-Fraternity Alumni Association of Southern California. He is a Fellow of the American Institute of Fine Arts, a traditional art organization, and has served as AIFA President as well as receiving its highest award called "Footprints on the Sands of Time". He is a member of the Honorable Order of Kentucky Colonels, Greater Los Angeles Press Club and Hollywood Post 43 of the American Legion. He has served simultaneously as chairman of the Americanism Committee of his Legion post, district and the Los Angeles County Council. He was a combat infantry officer who landed at Omaha Beach in World War II, fought at St. Lo and eventually served in the Headquarters Command of General of the Armies Dwight D. Eisenhower. He spent three years in German and Austrian occupation duty. Won the Bronze Star for Valor.

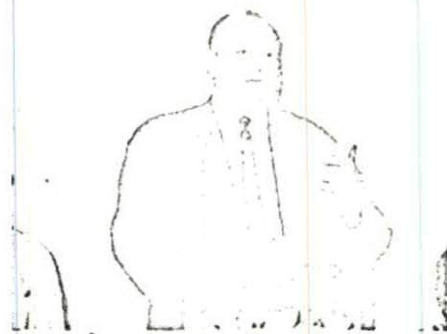
George Todt served an unprecedented four terms as President of the California Society of the National Society of the Sons of the American Revolution and was national Vice President-General for two years. The NSSAR was founded in 1889, a year before its more publicized female counterpart, the NSDAR, with whom it maintains the most friendly relations, and has had nine Presidents of the United States on its rolls since then. Plus more than 1000 Senators, Congressmen, Vice Presidents, Governors, and citizens of note.

Presently a public relations consultant in Los Angeles, where he has resided over the past 20 years. George Todt has looked at life and painted its picture with well-rounded experience and a capable brush. He provides perspective on his canvas which is filled with understanding and meaning. His message is worthwhile and always timely — up to the minute with the latest news.

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LET'S BE POSITIVE And Give RICHARD NIXON The Loyalty He Deserves



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By George Todt

"America is great because she is good, and if America ever ceases to be good, America will cease to be great."

Baron Alexis de Tocqueville

I heard Gen. Dwight D. Eisenhower repeat the words of Baron de Tocqueville, cited above, when he made an outstanding address at the Los Angeles Memorial Coliseum in 1952 during a Presidential campaign tour which touched base here.

Simple but direct, it is one of the finest maxims ever created by which to judge the continued greatness of our nation and is just as much on target in the 20th as the 19th century. We shall do well to heed its correct advice.

There are other things to be considered now, however.

In the first place, there is little chance for greatness today when our powerful mass communications media is busy playing mean little games with the President of the United States. Like calling on him to resign or face impeachment proceedings in the United States Senate. And by what and whose authority?

In my opinion, there is a sorry wave of disloyalty, venom and spleen aimed at the President presently spreading across the land which has never been witnessed before throughout American history. It is being caused, in the main, by leftwing-liberal elements of the media, which may number up to 80 or 90 per cent of the total bodies in opinion-forming areas. It has become cumulative in its distressing effect and must be halted before becoming disastrous to us all.

This vicious action is unquestionably undeserved but constant harping on the miniscule subject of Watergate—repeated over and over again throughout the past year ad nauseum—has tuned a minor attempted burglary, where nothing of value was obtained, into a stunning liberal propaganda coup.

The Watergate "Tower of Babel" has grown like Topsy in this time and has become a monument of confusion for everybody, including the portions of the media which might be likened to a stacked deck against the President.

One of the most confusing factors concerning Watergate lies in the possibility that it was a setup (or frameup!) from the very start, the handiwork of at least one double agent. Before any of our liberal detractors might pooh-pooh such an idea, let me refer such a person to a story which appeared in the Los Angeles Times a short while ago.

This was about Sen. Lowell Weicker, (R-Conn.) a member of the Ervin Committee, and told that he was independent-minded, all of which prompted him to investigate Watergate on his own. He did something important that seems to have been missed in other quarters: he caused to be questioned the four Cubans in jail, the forgotten men of this little exercise.

Guess what they were saying to the Weicker investigators?

They fingered G. Gordon Liddy as a possible double-agent and stated that he had twice disappeared for several minutes before they were caught. It was indicated by the Cubans that he had ample time to alert the police. What they seemed to think about him now is unprintable. This bears looking into further.

Many of us have heard stories that Watergate was simply a "mean trick" of scurrilous insiders designed to get the President. I cannot vouch for the veracity of such accounts because I possess no crystal ball. But if a double agent indeed foisted Watergate upon this nation, we most certainly ought to ask who was behind him?

In the meantime, we all ought to get behind the President—certainly the most misjudged by the media since George Washington and we ought to let them know it. The real trouble with us, to go to the heart of the problem, is that Republicans, by and large, have inflicted a kind of Watergate guilt complex upon themselves. And their fancied, self-deprecating martyrdom is showing only too well today.

What the GOP ought to have done from the beginning was to renounce any guilt stemming from the Watergate incident in loud and clear terms pointing out correctly that this unfortunate incident stemmed from the activities of only a few misguided individuals from the Committee to Reelect the President—and not the Republican Party. Incidentally, some of the burglars were not Republicans!

Equally important, the GOP ought to have taken a page from the liberals in times past when they have been on the spot for whatever the reason. We should have repeated over and over the old truism that America is not the kind of nation which believes in "guilt by association." Not even for Republicans or a Republican President! Had this happened to the political opposition, they might have been shouting their heads off by now. And justifiably so. Why not the GOP?

Now is the time for Republicans everywhere to demonstrate their loyalty to the President, the titular head of our Party. If he goes down to defeat, so do we in sum total effect. And there is no valid reason for it.

As a Nixon-watcher for nearly a quarter of a century, it is my considered opinion that he has been an exemplary leader and deserving of our trust in all respects. He is guiltless until proven guilty by facts — of which there are none at this time—not speculation, innuendos or idle gossip.

The President deserves vast credit for standing up to his media detractors with courage and stamina in the face of a protracted onslaught by overwhelmingly imbalanced forces over a long period of

time. A lesser human, such as you or me, would likely have caved in long since. But not Richard Nixon!

And this is the very reason why the GOP owes much to the President: can you imagine where the Party would be today if both the Vice-President and the President had been forced to resign? Could we have stood such a blow? Or the nation? It might have put us out of business forever. Thankfully, it did not happen.

These are the most trying times ever faced by our youthful Republic of the United States. Our great alliance with the North Atlantic Treaty Organization (NATO) has been brought virtually to its knees by the threat of an Arab secret weapon: a projected oil boycott against nations in disfavor. Our relations with Japan smack of the same.

And to put it bluntly, not only are the economies of our allies threatened outrageously by such blackmail and extortion attempts—but ours may be increasingly so in the future. The President is our architect of foreign policy and chief playmaker on the global level. His great talents in diplomacy where never more needed than now. And we have allowed him to be hurt through Watergate!

This is a sad case of being penny-wise and pound-foolish, according to an old adage. If we are to make sense on the world stage, we must back up our President here at home if we are to expect him to make touchdowns abroad.

Let's be positive and give Richard Nixon the loyalty he deserves now.

Political Victory Is Exhilarating!

By George Todt

"I have always believed we should run as a ticket whether it is at the national or state level." — GOVERNOR RONALD REAGAN, 1974

The silly and incredibly stupid "Watergate Scandals" go on, and on, and on—mainly because they are nationally televised and reported by fanatical left-wing liberalissimos in the mass media who simply will not quit in their horrendous efforts to demolish the Presidency. Why don't they take time off to disappear?

Their ceaseless efforts to crucify President Nixon continue ad nauseum and still there has been no real proof that he did anything wrong himself. But they continue to build cumulatively innuendo upon innuendo, suspicion upon suspicion and unfairness upon unfairness. It amounts to a form of vicious propaganda attack.

Won't these liberals ever give up their shameful vendetta?



Todt

One of the best defenses for the President came from Sen. Barry Goldwater (R-Ariz.) on the National Broadcasting Company's "Meet the Press" Sunday, Jan. 13, and he told it like it was. I might be termed a bit prejudiced as a longtime Goldwater admirer, but I thought he was simply superb. He spoke out like the conscience of the GOP and senior statesman, which he is. It was a great performance.

For those who did not see it, let me suggest you write to: "Merkle Press, P.O. Box 2111, Washington, D.C. 20013" and request a copy of the telecast. Be sure to enclose a dime with your request. Then study the material later and use it.

While you are at it, enclose two dimes and ask simultaneously for a copy of Governor Ronald Reagan on "Meet the Press" Sunday, Jan. 20.

These men are two of the most dynamic conservative leaders possessed by the Republican Party.

And both of them stand strongly behind the President, as does Vice President Gerald Ford. This important trio is speaking out frankly and prove themselves to be his best friends in the political world. They are standing fast. How about us?

What I admired most about the Goldwater showing recently on MTP was his keen ability to recognize and respond correctly to loaded questions from the left. He was quite able to say a carefully considered "No"—which is something a lot of so-called experts don't know

how to do. Many just go along for the ride.

With the sole exception of conservative editor Stan Evans of the Indianapolis Star-News, the balance of the Inquisition were undisguised liberals.

Although Evans alone asked intelligent and meaningful questions concerning such items as the energy crisis and national defense, not so the rest of the hungry pack, or panel: they could only make queries about the tiresome Watergate thing. After awhile, this endless repetition gets on your nerves.

In response to "loaded question No. 1,387,933" over the past year from the liberal masters of the press, Senator Goldwater replied that it was quite untrue that the President was no longer leading the nation, that he was indeed leading it—and why don't you guys get off his back? Furthermore, he said he wouldn't be caught dead going up to the President to ask him to resign.

Senator Goldwater emphasized there was no real substantive evidence upon which the President could be impeached successfully up to the present time.

I was so impressed with these particular MTP programs that I took the liberty to telephone the NBC Program Department in Burbank, California, (213-845-7000) and register my approval.

Go, thou, and do likewise!

One of the important things I came away from with this MTP session was the fact that Senator Goldwater proved again, as he has many times in the past, that the U.S. lost a great President—that might have been in 1964. Not only was Barry right at that time, but so were those of us who voted for him then.

CREEP

What impresses me most as a longtime Republican observer, when we consider the ramifications and implications of Watergate, is that it would have been much better all around if there had never been a "Committee to Re-Elect the President," or CREEP.

In the first place, what did CREEP accomplish that the Republican National Committee could not have done vastly better, except to give us all a bad time?

It wasted most of the \$60 million it collected on a stupendous overkill victory at the polls—which really was not necessary.

I mean it was necessary to re-elect President Nixon, but by a plurality of 18 million votes yet? Would not a million-vote victory have looked decisive enough, even for reasons of prestige? Frankly, did CREEP embark on something of an ego trip?

What is really a sad fact for us to contemplate now is the excess of monies CREEP collected which might have been better spent in aiding Republican candidates everywhere across the nation instead of a useless overkill for the President.

It was a case of being penny-wise and pound-foolish again.

Beefing up the Republican representation in the various state legislatures, the halls of Congress and the various contested Governors' seats could have strengthened the eventual position of the President far more than an overwhelming personal triumph as the head of the GOP ticket. It was a deceptive pyrrhic victory.

More GOP men and women in the legislatures and governorships would

have added considerable needed strength to President Nixon. But his whopping 18-million-plurality vote did not even destroy the extremist philosophy of McGovernism, which seemed like a good measure at the time.

Actually, McGovernism is back in style more than ever today, if you care to give enough credit to the ever-present McGovern shock troops—meaning the 80 to 90 percent of warm bodies found among the anti-Nixon liberal elements of the mass communications media today.

Their propaganda shock value is intense, immense and indispensable to such activist McGovernites as the American Civil Liberties Union (ACLU), the Americans for Democratic Action (ADA) and AFL-CIO Committee on Political Education (COPE), to mention only a few.

These ferocious antagonists are presently engaged with uncommendable zeal and myopic foresight in their little would-be lynching bee against the President. All of which could result, if they were successful, in destruction of our two-party system.

Incidentally, are not these zealot organizations supposed to be tax-exempt on the grounds that they are demonstrably non-political? Well, isn't their fully-orchestrated attempt to lynch the President at least somewhat political—or hasn't anybody talked with the Internal Revenue Service lately? Good thought!

President Nixon has said that he did not take charge of his own campaign in 1972, because of his vast commitments on the world stage. So he left it to CREEP. One of the by-products was Watergate and now he probably wishes he had kept control himself.

Better yet, seen from 20-20 hindsight, he most likely wishes the campaign had been left in the hands of the Republican National Committee. What mistakes might have been avoided or salvaged must be left to the imagination. Will we ever know?

POLITICAL PYRAMID

An effective Republican campaign ought to be built from the base of the political pyramid and work upwards into the higher echelons. The real basic building blocks of a political party are the seats at stake on the assembly level. All the way across the nation, too. We have our work cut out for us.

If a good job is done at the assembly level in the general election, the results will trickle upwards automatically as a matter of course, electing those in higher offices in the floodtide of success. State Senators, Congressmen, Senators and the President will be visibly affected by the surge upwards from the base of the political pyramid. Let the political waters run uphill in this instance.

An important ingredient in successful operations is to support the entire ticket, as Governor Reagan advises us. We must pull our oars together.

Republicans in Southern California recently lost a special election for State Senator in San Bernardino County. It may have been defeat instead of expected victory because the otherwise commendable and personable young candidate in effect repudiated the President and the Governor. And he could not make it on his own.

If we are to win in future important elections—and we can!—we Republicans must learn to scrap it out with fairness and vigor in our primaries.

Then we must learn also to consolidate our total undiminished strength thereafter around the winner of the primary election, doing so unstintingly without compromise of any kind, and regardless of whether we may be GOP liberals or conservative.

We must recall that we lost our collective Republican shirt, and that of Barry Goldwater, too, in 1964 after the national convention in the San Francisco Cow Palace. Not long thereafter, the liberal wing of the GOP decamped and departed over some fancied slights—and jumped in bed with President Lyndon B. Johnson.

It was not understood sufficiently at the time, but the subtraction of their 9,000,000 votes from the Goldwater column gave Johnson an 18-million plurality.

This example demonstrates how the GOP can ill-afford unnecessary divisiveness and rocking the boat. Let's learn the benefits of complete unity after our battle-scarred primaries, after we have declared war on each other—and go on to victory against the main target which happened to be the opposing political party.

Political victory may not be the only desirable thing in life, but at least it certainly is exhilarating when it occurs. Let's give it a try. Why not?

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more money to "send them this message." Next come the votes.

THE WATERGATE AFFAIR

Mr. THURMOND. Mr. President, an article written by my good friend, George Todt, was recently called to my attention. It has to do with the Watergate affair and Mr. Todt makes some rather poignant observations.

I would like to share this article with my colleagues.

Accordingly Mr. President, I ask unanimous consent that the article entitled "Watergate Who," which appeared in the September/October issue of *Trunkline*, be printed in the *RECORD* at the conclusion of my remarks.

There being no objection, the article was ordered to be printed in the *RECORD*, as follows:

WATERGATE WHO?

(By George Todt)

Hanson W. Baldwin—*Reader's Digest*, November, 1971: "What Josef Goebbels, Hitler's propaganda minister, enshrined as 'The Big Lie' has become part of our daily fare in the United States."

Watergate, who indeed!

In his eloquent article contained in Nov. 1971 *Reader's Digest* and called "Vietnam—The Facts and the Falsehoods," from which we have just quoted, the eminent military analyst (formerly of the *New York Times*) writes further:

"The Nazis operated on the psychological principle, long familiar to the Communists, that if a statement, no matter how outrageous, is repeated often enough, it will be believed by a tremendous number of people."

The hydra-headed Watergate monster has come a long way today from that point in time when a dozen minor GOP election officials—give or take a few—found themselves curious about what was going on in the Democratic Party national headquarters.

This is par for the course in the case of all political parties.

Practically the only thing of note which was shockingly different in this particular case of the Watergate break-in was the bungling ineptitude and bad judgment of the incredibly third rate burglars. One is sorely tempted to think there might have been a double-agent among them. But hardly a James Bond type.

While the public has been heavily propagandized in recent months to believe this is a matter of fabulous, even fantastic, wrongdoing on the part of selfish win-at-any-cost politicians—specifically the President, his White House staff and indirectly the whole Republican party—such is not actually the case.

No! really. For, as a matter of fact, the Watergate bumbler came up with absolutely nothing in the way of documents or any other kind of informational data which harmed the candidacy of Sen. George McGovern even one scintilla. Not at all.

Not daring to make such a ridiculous false charge because it is untrue—actually Watergate was well-known at the time of the election and might perhaps have gained Sen. McGovern a few extra votes he would not have gotten otherwise—many media propagandists are seldom found loathe to make the unfounded point by innuendo.

They have conditioned some of us by now almost to believe that the 18-million plurality, the greatest in American political history, which was gained by Richard Nixon in 1972 was a fluke, all occasioned by the indignity of Watergate not having been spelled out sufficiently to the public.

All of which is not really Watergate, but simply Balderdash!

In my talks with competent double agents who operated successfully behind the political scenes over many past years, I have been informed that Watergate-type intelligence activities have been considered merely routine in the past.

Particularly have they been quite routine since the invention of high-class electronic equipment for eavesdropping operations since nearly 20 years ago.

Actually, such clandestine activities were not even illegal until recent times when statutes were designed legally to prevent them. But for many years in the United States, "intelligence operations" have been a way of life. Not only in politics, but industry—management and labor, alike—and in many other related areas.

One of the typical stories related to me by a very successful "007" type agent, who never got caught like a youthful freshman, was one which is perhaps bound to cause good Democrats some great reluctance at pointing the finger of scorn at the GOP over this controversial Watergate matter.

The tale, which I believe to check out with known facts, was that a financier of the opposite political faith bought a suite at the Mark Hopkins Hotel in San Francisco prior to the Republican National Convention in 1964, carefully bugging it in the process, and then—through some shrewd manipulations on his part—managed to have it presented to Sen. Barry Goldwater, our Republican candidate.

If this were true, as I believe it to be, we may readily see that the information received by the Goldwater opponents was perhaps more than a thousand times as important to the campaign to re-elect Lyndon B. Johnson in 1964 than any much-ado-about-nothing information received from Watergate might have been in 1972 to President Nixon.

The travesty that Watergate has become today cannot be, in all honesty, simply laid at the doors of the much-ballyhooed Ervin Committee. Sure, Bible-quoting Senator Ervin likes to ham it up and play his dominating role before the television cameras, as do most of the others who have gotten into the act. Where could they get so much free and very valuable TV time?

It is understandable that the Senators have gone along, perhaps in thinking, with the bait egged upon them by the television networks and the balance of the communications media. Most of whom are liberally inclined in the ideological direction of Sen. McGovern and diametrically opposed to President Nixon. Everyone who can do so is playing the game now. What is it?

Why, simply to bring about the destruction of Mr. Nixon by the big lie technique. The real danger is now revealed to thoughtful observers as not being Watergate itself. Instead, it is the cunning propaganda attack from the numerically overwhelmingly liberal elements of the media. Somehow they know exactly how to gravitate and consolidate their cumulative efforts most effectively each day this travesty has gone on. Like their devastating attack on Sen. Goldwater in the 1964 Presidential campaign.

Now, I do not for a moment believe that this is the result of any secret conspiracy behind the scenes where the liberals in the media got together and plotted to crush Richard Nixon if they could do so. It is more subtle than that!

The real tragedy of Watergate has been that the liberal bodies in the media—which may range up to 80 or 90 percent of the overall total—can all fall unflinchingly into place without any inordinate fanfare or planning against their natural enemy.

While the President has made some accommodations with liberals from time to time, as behooves any adept politician and statesman, the real fact is that he has always been highest on the "enemy list" of the liberals since the day when he helped Whit-

taker Chambers expose Alger Hiss. They consider him, along with Barry Goldwater, and Ronald Reagan, to be the most respected voices of moderately conservative Americans. And just observe what they unmercifully have done to them!

These strong men are still standing high in the saddle, fortunately, but no credit may be given to the media liberals who will always fire their volleys before they even see the whites of their conservative opponents' eyes. It is a heavy and telling cascade of thunder from the left.

Watergate is not the main issue now, except for the nitpickers. But it has exposed use of the big lie technique to hurt the President. It must stop now. It is our public duty to get on with the business of our American Republic.

NASA AND PROJECT INDEPENDENCE

Mr. ALLEN. Mr. President, in 1958 Congress passed legislation establishing the National Aeronautics and Space Administration to direct America's efforts in its conquest of space. Fifteen years later, the United States can boast a numerous space-oriented scientific achievements. However, the arrival of the long predicted energy crisis has now given man an earth-oriented challenge.

In his energy message last month, the President spoke of the need to bring the Nation's invaluable pool of scientists and engineers with their considerable technological expertise to bear on a "crash" program to end our dependency on uncertain foreign energy sources. The President referred to such a program as "Project Independence."

Mr. President, I believe that NASA's level of scientific expertise, which was so effective in achieving the goals of the space program, could and should now be used in support of "Project Independence." Contrary to some portrayals of technology as the villain in the deterioration of our environment, a properly applied technology could provide solutions to the energy problem. In fact, technological advancement may be our sole source for a solution. NASA, which has already demonstrated its great prowess in technical problem-solving, is the logical agency to harness and direct technology to meet our pressing need for new sources of energy.

There are often close relationships between terrestrial energy technologies and their aerospace counterparts. For example, the conversion of heat energy to mechanical and ultimately electrical energy, as needed in electric generating plants, requires the same technologies of turbomachinery, thermodynamics, fluid mechanics, and heat transfer that are fundamental to aerospace propulsion and power applications. Solar cells and fuel cells, which were developed specifically for space flight programs, provide direct conversion of radiant and chemical energy to electrical energy and have potential for terrestrial use. Power processing and cryogenic technologies, used in space flights, could have applications to the processing and transmission of electrical energy on earth.

NASA is already involved in a number of energy-related projects. One example is a technical program for designing a low-cost jet engine which will lead to improvements in powerplant turbines,

President's Message

To make good progress as a State Society we need to keep our goals constantly in mind. The objectives which I hope will become the goals of every chapter and of every compatriot are:

- Participation by every member
- Increase in membership
- New chapters (two launched with one more being organized)
- Americanism and patriotic education
- Funds contributed for patriotic activity
- Enthusiasm

To these six I wish to add the objective of Bicentennial preparation. Both the state society and chapters should play an active role in preparing patriotic Bicentennial programs. Such programs should include community parades on the 4th of July, patriotic rallies, and patriotic educational programs in the schools related to the Bicentennial.

We are fortunate to have two compatriots on the State Bicentennial Commission. They are: Col. William L. Shaw and Dr. Donald M. Dozer. We should make an effort to have compatriots on the Bicentennial Commission of as many communities as possible. Talk to your mayor about it or to your Board of Supervisors.

Still another objective is to have the state society operate on a sound business basis and to keep the total membership informed on all important matters. An informed membership is an interested membership and helps to prevent a clique from running an organization.

Let me know of your ideas. My address is 3430 Los Pinos Dr., Santa Barbara, CA 93105.

Ward B. Jenks, President
California Society, SAR

Redwood Empire Chapter now fully qualified

Word has just been received from Capt. Earl B. Stover, acting president, that the Redwood Empire Chapter is now fully qualified as a new chapter, for the required number of signatures have been secured for the charter. Approval has been given by the Board of Managers.

This new chapter will serve Santa Rosa, Sonoma, and several others in the counties north of San Francisco. Assisting Capt. Stover in organizing the new chapter were Col. William Shaw and Robert H. Fulton.

Charter members of the Redwood Empire Chapter include Dr. Robert C. Bechtol, Sherman B. Boivin, C. Franklin Daily, Vance G. Davids, Willard L. Johnson, Jr., Dr. John E. Kirkpatrick, Wilson K. Minor, Steven M. Rodgers, Capt. Earl B. Stover, Col. Frank J. Streibig, and Philip C. Usinger.

An Editorial

George Todt urges loyalty to President

By George Todt

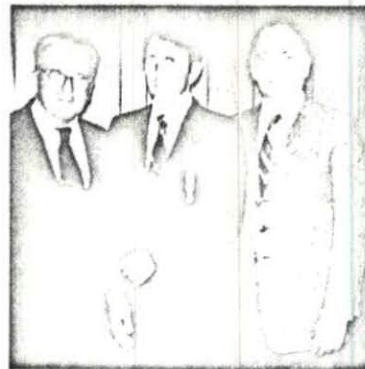
In my opinion, there is a sorry wave of disloyalty, venom and spleen against the President of the United States spreading across the land never before witnessed in America. And it is being caused in the main by liberal left wing elements of the mass communications media, which may number up to 80 or 90 percent of the total bodies. Constant harping on the miniscule subject of Watergate has turned a minor profitless burglary, committed by half a dozen duped individuals, into a stunning liberal propaganda success which is aimed directly against the President. It has grown like Topsy. But this is no valid reason for us to be disloyal to the President. His positive actions on the world stage in moving us into an era of negotiation with our Communist opponents instead of cold war is a real accomplishment. His handling of the explosive Middle East situation is another example. Let's look at this matter with our eyes open. When has any previous president been treated so unjustly by the mass media liberals as Richard Nixon?

[George Todt is co-chairman of the State SAR communications committee. His address is Veterans Hospital, Room 414, Ward 34-C, 161 H Plummer St., Sepulveda, CA 91343. He would be glad to get a letter from you.]

Palo Alto's brochure

The Palo Alto Chapter printed a pocket-size brochure at the start of the 1973-74 chapter year, listing dates and locations of meetings and programs. The brochure begins with the statement, "Let us all promote Citizenship Day and Constitution Week starting Sept. 17" and continues with the programs from last September through the April meeting and the annual State Meeting, also in April.

The brochure, printed on a three-fold letterhead, also lists the SAR pledge and the names of officers of the Palo Alto chapter, headed by President Allan H. Reid, 880 Miranda Green, Palo Alto 94306.



Shown at the charter meeting of the new Ventura-Tri-Valleys chapter are Jack A. Tice (center) and William G. Oxx, III, vice president. At left is George C. Dewey of Santa Barbara Chapter who spoke.

New Ventura-Tri-Valleys Chapter off to fine start

A new California SAR Chapter was instituted on Oct. 27 when the Ventura-Tri-Valleys Chapter was formally organized at the Los Robles Inn in Thousand Oaks.

The new chapter will serve Ventura County and a portion of Los Angeles County, taking the latter portion of its name from the San Fernando, Conejo, and other valleys.

Jack A. Tice was elected president of the new chapter; William G. Oxx III, vice president; Glenn E. Manley, secretary; and Admiral Willard M. Downes, treasurer. The installation was conducted by State President Ward Jenks.

Compatriot George C. Dewey, past president of the Santa Barbara Chapter and former professor of military science at UC Santa Barbara, was the new chapter's first speaker, giving a talk on the Battle of Yorktown.

Charter members of the new chapter in addition to the officers include Herbert A. Bateman, Jr., John S. Fisher, Elmon B. Guernsey, Glendon C. Hall (dual member of two chapters), Thomas A. Miller, George W. Peabody, Gerald M. Price, Richard P. Rutherford, Kenneth E. Sandwall, William P. Shattuck and Wallace P. Watkins.

The new chapter was organized by President Jenks with the primary assistance of Glendon Hall and Kenneth Sandwall.

The charter meeting was preceded by a pre-organizational meeting at the same excellent location on August 25. That well-attended meeting was unique in that each potential member of the new chapter came from a different community and had a different city as his post office address, indicating the broad geographic scope of the chapter. At this meeting State President Jenks told those present that the great strength of the SAR comes at the chapter level and mentioned specific accomplishments of SAR chapters. Guests from the Santa Barbara Chapter at this meeting in addition to Jenks included Winslow Walker and Charles A. Ireland.

THE LIGHTER SIDE

Although the Membership and Board of Managers meetings at Irvine were serious occasions, there was a bit of levity . . . Here are some random comments excerpted from remarks of speakers.

Historian George L. Hewitt: "We used to have a saying that many a true saying came out of false teeth." . . . Joseph Meredith, apparently commenting on Bicentennial observances: "It's kind of like motherhood. No one wants to attack it, but no one wants to be a mother." . . . Vice President Nathan Sweet of Cambria, telling about the contemplated chapter for San Luis Obispo, Santa Maria and surrounding cities: "Our meetings will probably be like a rolling crap game - a different city each time." Another speaker remarked "Without being super-patriotic I think we (the SAR) get tarred and feathered in that respect . . ."

Young members committee

What have you done for youth lately?

The California Society of SAR wants to know. President Ward B. Jenks appointed a chairman of the young members committee - Dr. Calvin E. Chunn, president of the Sacramento Chapter, who asks each chapter president to appoint a Youth Committee and report to him the various activities each chapter sponsors to interest young men under 35 in our nation and our society.

Sacramento, for example, has an active campaign to recruit sons, nephews, cousins and their friends, and to accept male members of Children of the American Revolution when they become eligible in age for SAR.

"Can you top this?" Cal Chunn asked. "Chapter presidents, ask your Youth Chairmen to report a list of their activities planned or accomplished at once to me at 7740 Palmyra Dr., Fair Oaks, CA 95628."

August 19, 1974

Mrs. R. S. (Terry) Tapp
3110 39th Street
Lubbock, Texas

Dear Mrs. Tapp:

Thank you for wiring the President on my behalf. ~~and~~ the nice things about being proposed for a new job is hearing from supporters and well-wishers. We'll know the President's choice by the time this is in your hands. I know we will be able to accept the loss if it comes or rise to the occasion if that is the President's decision. Thanks again for your support.

Very truly yours,

George Bush

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August 21, 1974

Dear Ron:

Thank you so much for your lovely note --
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It was an honor to be considered for the Vice
Presidency, and now that the President has
settled the matter, I hope all Americans can
unite behind this new Administration.

Your expression of support is deeply appreciated,
Ron.

Kindest regards.

Yours very truly,

George Bush

Mr. Ron Taylor
75 Banff Road
Toronto, Ontario
Canada

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Ron Taylor

Dear George:
I am sending you this note to
express my wishes that you receive every
consideration and are eventually chosen as
Vice President of the United States of
America.
Good luck!

Ron Taylor,
75 Banff Rd.,
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Tuesday, August 13, 1974

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Bush The Best Man

On Oct. 12, 1973, prior to the selection of Gerald R. Ford as President Nixon's vice president, we urged the naming of George Bush for the second spot.

Now, nearly 10 months later, we once again urge the selection of Bush as vice president, this time under the administration of President Ford.

Bush, we are told, is high on the list of those being considered, and rightfully so. If anyone in recent months has taken a beating it has been Bush in his capacity of chairman of the Republican National Committee.

But we're not recommending Bush because he's had it rough. We're backing Bush because we feel he is the best man and the timing is finally right for him.

George Bush is a capable and qualified man, and he has a record of accomplishments to prove it.

Bush is compatible with Ford on foreign and domestic issues. He was the U. S. ambassador to the United Nations in 1971. The background and friendships he made would certainly be helpful now.

He met the qualifications as a supporter of Republican domestic policies, having been named chairman of the party in January, 1973.

Bush is a former member of

the House, elected from the conservative Southwest district in Harris County. While in the House, as a freshman, he served on the powerful Ways and Means Committee. He was popular in the House and had to be popular in the Senate to get approval for the U.N. post.

His background is a mixture of the East and West. He is the son of the late Sen. Prescott Bush, R-Conn., and he took a fledgling oil company in West Texas and turned it into the multimillion dollar Zapata Petroleum Corp.

He is young, politically, at 50, and we feel would be instantly successful at the national level.

Bush has run for the Senate twice in Texas, defeated by Ralph Yarborough and Lloyd Bentsen. At those times, Bush was just at the wrong place at the wrong time.

Many Democrats, in the Bentsen-Bush race, had the feeling Texas could not lose in that election because Bush and Bentsen were so much alike, both in style and beliefs.

We strongly feel Bush would lend a valuable hand to President Ford. Michigan to Texas covers a wide area, and we believe the combination would be a great one.

We hope Bush is the choice. He has earned it.

Val card
Mrs. Douglas Kingsley Thompson

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August 14, 1974

The Honorable George Bush
Republican National Committee
310 First Street, S. E.
Washington, D. C. 20003

Dear Mr. Ambassador - Mr. Chairman - George, Sir:

Just like the nice lady asked me in San Francisco at KPIX, "Wow! Why don't you run him? Now, there's a CANDIDATE."

In spite of the fact that we mutually albatrossed each other last week, it was a pure pleasure to meet you and to have a chance to become slightly acquainted.

May I tell you that my recalcitrant but loyal friends in the California news business were that impressed by you? A number of them spoke about your steady presence and coolth in traversing that particular hot tin roof.

It is my sincere wish that the naming of the Vice President goes exactly as you would wish it.

If I can be of help to you, do call. If, indeed, the Call To Action show is again laid on, I would be delighted to help.

I honestly believe that the good guys will ride again, that virtue will conquer, that honesty pays, and that we will, by God, make it. It was a dark night of the soul and you acquitted yourself throughout like a gentleman of stature. Bully for you.

Affectionately,

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September 4, 1974

Mr. Mayo J. Thompson, Commissioner
Federal Trade Commission
Washington, D. C. 20580

Dear Mayo:

This is just a quick note to say how deeply touched I was by your letter of September 3. Your vote of support on the Vice Presidency meant an awful lot to me. I was flattered to be in the running, but I think President Ford's choice was an excellent one.

Thanks again for your thoughtful letter.

Yours very truly,

George Bush

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MAYO J. THOMPSON
COMMISSIONER

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FEDERAL TRADE COMMISSION
WASHINGTON, D. C. 20580

September 3, 1974

Mr. George Bush
Chairman, Republican National
Committee
310 1st Street, S. E.
Washington, D. C. 20003

Dear George:

Priscilla and I have just returned from Texas. We were there when the change of Administration took place. We were also there when Mr. Rockefeller was designated to be the Vice President. Some how or other we felt certain it would not be him but you. Our disappointment is keen. I know that our view is shared by many. You have all the qualifications for the Office, and then some.

I just wanted to get off a short note to you to let you know how much we regret that you were not the one selected.

Yours faithfully

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FROM TWX 910 420 1212

August 26, 1974

Mr. Charles/Chase Untermeyer
The Houston Chronicle
801 Texas Avenue
Houston, Texas 77002

Dear Mr. Untermeyer:

Chairman Bush is out of the city and in his absence I am writing to acknowledge your letter of August 20. I know he will appreciate hearing from you and please be assured that your letter will be brought to his attention as soon as he returns to the office.

Sincerely,

Jane A. Kenny
Secretary, Mr. Bush

JK/hc

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THE HOUSTON CHRONICLE

801 TEXAS AVENUE, HOUSTON, TEXAS 77002

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Tuesday, 20 August 1974

Dear George & Barbara:

What hurt so much was not that the President chose Nelson Rockefeller or even that he didn't choose George Bush -- but that he chose a DARTMOUTH man.

You shall overcome.

Best wishes,

Chase

Charles/Chase Untermeyer

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August 15, 1974

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Mr. Chase Untermeyer
The Houston Chronicle
801 Texas Avenue
Houston, Texas 77002

Dear Chase:

Pete showed me the note. Many, many thanks.
I'm glad to know you're hanging in there with us.

Warm regards,

George Bush

GB/hc



THE HOUSTON CHRONICLE

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Monday, 12 August 1974

Dear Pete:

It was good to talk with you last week. I had to chuckle (silently) over Dan Cobb's sudden urge to have a lot of information about George Bush when he once threw you out of the newsroom for peddling just that.

Please pass on to GB that I'm pulling for him and that, should lightning strike, I stand ready and eager to join the Bush team again.

Best wishes for the week ahead --

Chase

Chase Untermeyer

FOR VICE PRESIDENT

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Rockefeller Wins Support of Scott

WASHINGTON (AP) — Former New York Gov. Nelson A. Rockefeller, the focus of early speculation over President Ford's choice for vice president, has won the support of Senate Republican Leader Hugh Scott.

Meanwhile, two Southern senators indicated on Friday that conservative opposition to the 66-year-old Rockefeller has faded.

However, associates of Ford say serious efforts to tap a new vice president won't start until next week. The view of top Republicans throughout the country will be sought, they said.

Scott called Rockefeller "my No. 1 choice for just about everything for a long time."

Rockefeller, saying he had not spoken with Ford about the vice presidency, told newsmen it would "be totally unfair to comment on the possibility" of being selected.

However, Ford associates are believed divided on Rockefeller with no clear, public or private indication yet on whom the new President prefers.

"It's too early" for serious speculation, Sen. Robert P. Griffin, R-Mich., said.

From the conservative wing of the GOP, there was talk of blocking Rockefeller and pushing Sen. Barry Goldwater of Arizona.

California Gov. Ronald Reagan mentioned the Arizona senator, while Sen. Jesse Helms, R-N.C., circulated a fact sheet boosting the 1964 GOP presidential nominee.

Aides to Helms made clear the North Carolina senator was

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ROCKEFELLER

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trying to organize conservative efforts to block Rockefeller.

But Sens. John G. Tower, R-Tex., and Bill Brock, R-Tenn., said conservative opposition to Rockefeller has faded. Even Sen. Strom Thurmond, R-S.C., had some kind words for Rockefeller though he said he wasn't his "first choice."

Thurmond, in fact, sent the new President a letter citing Goldwater, Brock and Tower as his top three choices.

Tower told a news conference he didn't want to speculate on names but, when asked about conservative opposition to Rockefeller, said "I think that Nelson Rockefeller is not as unpopular with conservative Republicans as some might imagine."

Brock said it is "difficult to challenge" Rockefeller's credentials, adding "He'll be readily acceptable by a great majority" of the GOP.

In the House, there was talk among Republicans of the party's national chairman, George Bush, like Ford a former member of the House.

Sen. Mark O. Hatfield of Oregon, himself mentioned on some lists being prepared by Ford aides, suggested Ford broaden the party base by choosing a liberal such as Sen. Charles Percy of Illinois, Sen. Edward W. Brooke of Massachusetts or Rep. John Anderson of Illinois.

Under the 25th Amendment to the Constitution, a vice presidential vacancy is filled by nomination of the president and confirmation by majority votes of both houses of Congress.

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Bush, Rockefeller Top Ford's V-P List?



Rockefeller

WASHINGTON (AP) — President Ford accelerated his search for a new vice president Sunday, declaring, "I don't rule out anything, or anybody."

He commented in response to a newsman's question after he held a series of 11 half-hour meetings with congressional and political friends and advisers on his second full day in the presidency.

Ford said he received some "very constructive advice" from those he met with but would not indicate how many names he has under consideration.

Senators and congressmen emerging from the White House sessions said Ford has expanded his list of possibilities to include women and Democrats.

But it appeared that Republican National Chairman George Bush and former New

York Gov. Nelson S. Rockefeller were becoming frontrunners in collecting recommendations from Ford's political friends and advisers.

Bush was recommended by one influential conservative, Sen. Barry Goldwater of Arizona, and mentioned as among the top three possibilities by Sen. Hugh Scott of Pennsylvania. Scott, the Senate minority leader, said Rockefeller was his first choice, and that Goldwater was among his top three.

Goldwater himself said he wasn't seeking the job but "sure, I'd accept it."

Bush, a former Texas congressman and U.S. ambassador to the United Nations, then met with Ford on Sunday but was not available to newsmen afterwards.

House Republican Leader John Rhodes estimated that Ford has a tentative list of 10



Bush

or so names he is considering for the vice presidency. Rep. Barber Conable of New York said he thought there were about 15 names.

A Ford aide said he expected the nomination to go to Congress before the end of the week, but repeated that Ford won't disclose it when he addresses a joint session of Congress and the nation via television and radio at 9 p.m. EDT Monday.

Ford will appeal for national unity, stress the government's stability, pledge executive cooperation with Congress and ask for reciprocal cooperation from the legislators in his televised speech, aides said.

On Sunday, Ford moved through separate meetings with 11 longtime friends from congressional or political ranks.

Scott and House GOP Whip Leslie C. Arends of Illinois said the names of both

Democrats and women came up in their discussions with Ford, but neither would identify them.

Scott said possible women nominees are "in and out of Congress." Knowledgeable White House sources said selection of a Democrat was extremely unlikely.

Goldwater said he'd pressed the name of Bush for the nomination, saying "he's young ... well liked by the party ... he's Mr. Clean and that's what the country wants."

Goldwater said Ford didn't offer him the vice presidency but that the new chief executive "knows that anything I can do, I'll do."

The Arizona senator said he suggested the nomination go to a younger man, saying the



Goldwater

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Police Relax Escapee Hunt

LEWISBURG, Pa. (AP) — Police relaxed their hunt on Sunday after searching a thickly wooded area for four escapees, including a convicted skyjacker, who fled from the Lewisburg Federal Penitentiary.

Ninety police officers and two helicopters began scouring the dense woods of a mountainous retreat about 25 miles from the prison on Saturday night. All but about 10 pulled back Sunday to wait on the escapees to make a move, police said.

"We pulled most of our men out and we've taken the road-blocks down," a state policeman said. "We still think they're up in the mountains, but we're biding our time."

"Eventually they'll make a move. And when they move we'll be ready for them."

An FBI agent said the escapees "will need some money pretty soon."

"There's no way we can cov-

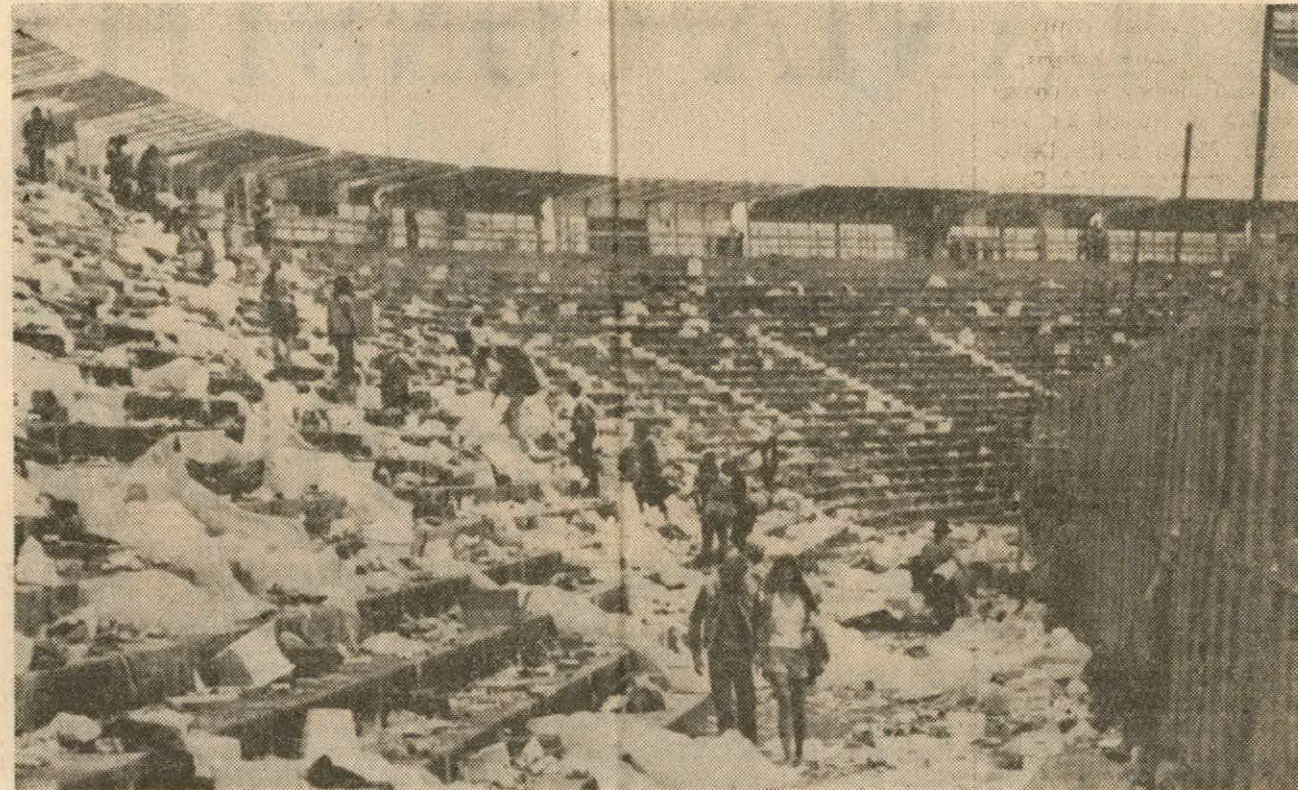
ransom, was one of the escapees.

The four men had been exercising in the prison yard when they scaled a barbed-wire fence and commandeered a garbage truck early Saturday. Under a hail of gunfire from the guard towers, they crashed the truck through two chain-link fences that led to a public road and escaped.

Police said they then drove to a rural farmhouse and stole a car.

"We haven't seen hide nor hair of them since about 11 a.m. Saturday when they drove a car away from the home where they stole it," said prison spokesman William C. Bowes.

An FBI spokesman in Williamsport said the men abandoned the garbage truck near Forest Hills, about 15 miles from the prison, and stole a car from an elderly man visiting relatives at a rural farmhouse. Authorities said Charles



Associated Press Photo

Litter Left by 200,000 Rock Fans Clutters Charlotte Speedway

Rock Fans Flock to Concert

CHARLOTTE, N.C. (UPI) — So many fans—police estimated the rock fans staggered the track were "confused about finding their cars and

Runaway Car Ride

SOLANA BEACH, Calif. (UPI) — Ronald M. Fleisher's car leaped a center divider on U.S. 101, police reported, reversed direction and recrossed the divider, hit a parked car, mowed down a tree and went through the plate glass front of a branch of the Bank of America, coming to rest in the lobby. Fleisher was hospitalized with a broken leg.

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- 7 Human hair does not grow continuously but rather by alternating periods of growth and rest.

Ford

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age handicap applied to both Rockefeller and himself.

Goldwater said the discussion with Ford ranged over a number of names including three from Tennessee — Sens. Howard Baker Jr. and William Brock and Gov. Winfield Dunn. While he personally is pushing for Bush's nomination, Goldwater said Rockefeller is "probably the best equipped of the whole bunch" but again cited his age as a problem.

He said he didn't think Ford would offer the nomination to a Democrat. "After all, this is a party matter ... and I don't think you could find a Democrat willing to take it."

As to women, Goldwater said "I have nothing against a woman just so she can cook and gets home on time."

Later, when asked to explain the remark, he said there was "no need to clear it up ... I'm all for a woman doing anything a man can do." As for a specific name of a possible woman nominee, Goldwater said, "I can't come up with one real fast."

As for the possibility of a black being nominated, Goldwater said he would have no objection but "I wouldn't pick Brooke," a reference to Sen. Edward Brooke of Massachusetts, mentioned as a possibility.

"I'd pick a person more representative of blacks," Goldwater said. "I started to say Hank Aaron, but you'd laugh."

Senate Republican Whip Robert Griffin of Michigan said after his half-hour conference with Ford that Ford "does have an open mind" about possible vice presidential nominees.

Griffin said there was "some discussion

about the possibility of women ... It is at least a possibility or a consideration."

While he said "nobody was excluded" he couldn't recall the specific mention of a Democrat.

As Ford moved through the separate meetings with 11 longtime friends from congressional or political ranks, White House press secretary Jerald F. terHorst said he expected the vice presidential nomination to be sent to the Congress "late in the week."

Earlier in day Scott, in reference to the vice-presidential nomination, said that he thinks many of the people who oppose Rockefeller have forgotten how conservative he is.

Scott also said he feels the opposition to Rockefeller is grossly exaggerated.

"I think the stream of opposition of an ideological character has forgotten how conservative Gov. Rockefeller is in the first place," Scott said.

"And usually that opposition is to advance others ... I think it's probably no more than a handful of people at the most. I think such opposition will arise against anyone whose name is publicly disclosed."

Scott also said he would like the nominee to represent some geographical balance and "some coverage of areas not usually associated with the president." And that Ford should make his choice "without going to extremes of ideology, either to the far right or far left."

Sen. Robert Griffin, R-Mich. pointed out that the Constitution prohibits the vice president from being from the same state as the President. He added that that makes him the only Republican in the Senate who definitely not under consideration.

Griffin said he thought there was some merit in suggestions that Ford include some Democrats in his administration "at a time when the country wants to be unified, when Congress and the executive branch must work together."

Ford and his aides also were working on the second draft of the address he will deliver to a joint session of Congress and to the nation via television and radio at 9 p.m. EDT Monday.

His spokesman said Ford will appeal for national unity, stress the government's stability, pledge executive cooperation with Congress and ask for reciprocal cooperation from the legislators.

Ford began his second full day as President by driving with his wife, Betty, and daughter, Susan, 17, from their suburban Alexandria, Va., home to the nearby Immanuel Church-on-the-Hill for the regular Sunday morning Episcopal service.

Kneeling in a back-row pew, Ford heard the church's assistant pastor read a special prayer from Suffragan Bishop John A. Baden.

"Give him the strength of spirit, body and mind needed for the tasks; the wisdom to see, listen and act for the good of all people," said the prayer, adding:

"Oh Lord, helpeth Gerald to know he is not alone, that he is one of us with you..."

"Bless our country with honesty, love and concern for each other. ..."

The Rev. Patricia M. Park, the assistant to the rector, also asked for comfort for Richard M. Nixon, whose resignation Friday elevated Ford to the nation's highest office. She said later it was a "prayer for the despondent" taken from an Episcopal prayer book.

FUNDS CALLED INADEQUATE

Clarke to Study Police Ruling

Constitution State News Service

ATHENS—The Clarke County commission is expected to meet Monday to consider a court ruling that it has not provided Sheriff Tommy Huff with enough funds to perform his law enforcement duties.

Clarke County Superior Court Judge James Barrow ruled Friday that the budget adopted for the fiscal year beginning July 1, 1974, does not provide adequate funds for the sheriff's department.

Law enforcement equipment, which the county commissioners ordered turned over to the new county police department, will remain in the custody of the sheriff's department, according to Judge Barrow's ruling.

The battle between the sheriff and the county commissioners has been raging for the past year since the county commissioners created a county police department to take over law enforcement duties from the sheriff.

The commission charged the sheriff's department with failing to provide adequate law enforcement for the

forcement officer of the county. The commissioners cut his request to \$150,260 for fiscal year 1975, while allocating \$409,752 for the county police.

The commissioners said the sheriff's functions would be reduced to serving warrants and civil and criminal papers and running the county jail.

Commissioner George Bulloch called the ruling "totally unjust and unreasonable."

Commission chairman Jim Holland said he had no comment until the county attorney, who was out of town, returned.

The attorney was expected to return late Sunday and Holland said the commissioners would probably meet sometime Monday to decide on a course of action after the attorney reviews the ruling.

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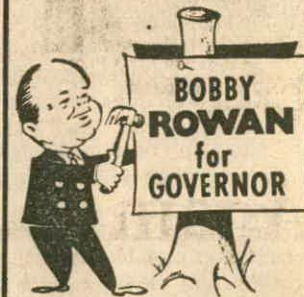
Jeb Stewart, candidate for Commissioner of Labor, in the Democratic Primary tomorrow, issued the following news release: "I am pleased to get the endorsement of Hon. Ben T. Huie, Comm. of Labor for 28 years. I worked under him as director, Bureau of Unemployment Compensation. Mr. Huie said, it appears to me from traveling over a good portion of the state that Stewart will win this race by a large majority."

The present Comm. of Labor has turned the department into a huge Political Machine designed to keep himself and his Political Cronies in office at taxpayers' expense.

I will eliminate waste, reduce taxes and return the department to serving people in need of its services. The present Commissioner has committed such waste as paying tax money to Monarch Wine Co., \$960.00; Checkered Apron Restaurant, \$18,000; King Shrimp, \$24,576; Bobbette Wig Palace, \$160; Thunder Hawk Boats, \$5,600; Macon Billiard Parlor, \$9,700; and Sonny's Cleaners, \$1,664. Have we been taken to the cleaners???

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August 26, 1974

Dear Boone:

Thank you for your thoughtful note of the 20th.

The Vice Presidential thing didn't go quite the way we wanted, but there's no denying it was an enormous honor to be considered.

I really appreciate your note.

Warmest regards,

George Bush

Mr. Boone Vastine
4045 Linkwood, Apt. 719
Houston, Texas 77025

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AUG 26 1974



August 20
9:12 am

Dear Boone -
Gerry shut casual -
used to be on
the staff

BOONE VASTINE

Dear George:

Just a very short note
to tell you how very sad
and disappointed I am
that you ~~are~~ not the new
Vice President. My prayers
and thoughts have been
with you. It is the Country's
loss not to have your
leadership. Please know
that the affection, respect
and best wishes of your friends
continue. Best regards Boone

VASTINE



Hon. George Bush Chmn.
Republican National Committee
314 FIRST ST S.E.
WASHINGTON D.C.

4045 Linkwood # 719
Houston Texas 77025

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August 23, 1974

Dear Carlos:

Thanks so much for your lovely letter --
I'm very flattered.

I was honored to be considered for the
job, and doubly honored by the many
wonderful people who supported me for
the Vice Presidential slot. It's been quite
an experience.

Now that the matter is wettled, I hope all
Americans can unite behind this new
Administration.

With kindest regards, and many thanks, I am

Yours very truly,

George Bush

Honorable C. C. Villarreal
Chairman
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Washington, D. C. 20268

C. C. Villarreal
COMMISSIONER

August 21, 1974

*Henry -
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appointment*
Dear Carlos

Honorable George Bush
Chairman, Republican National Committee
310 First Street, S. E.
Washington, D. C. 20003

Dear George:

Just a note to let you know how very proud we all are that you were one of the top contenders for the Vice Presidential nomination. We were pulling for you!

We also want you to know that we think you are doing a great job as Chairman of the Republican National Committee.

When you return from Maine I plan to call your office and see if we can schedule about ten minutes together.

I'll look forward very much to seeing you.

Warmest Personal Regards,

Carlos Villarreal

C. C. Villarreal

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FROM TWX 910 420 1212

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August 20, 1974

Dear Caroline and Peter:

Your lovely note was a delight to receive --
your strong loyalty to the Bush family is
certainly heartwarming.

These are important times for our party and
our nation, and now that the President has
settled the matter, I hope all Americans can
unite behind this new Administration.

Bar joins me in warmest personal regards.

Sincerely,

George Bush

Mr. and Mrs. Peter Vanderhoef
239 Maple Valley
Houston, Texas 77027

gv



VP

Dear Barbara ~~and~~ George -

We are pulling
for you like mad - not only be-
cause we love you but for
the good of the country.

I still have your letter.
on my desk to answer - I'm pretty
bad about it - writing - but we
do think about you - all of you -
and still miss our nice neighbors.
Love to all,

Caroline & Peter V.

Aug. 14, 1974.



Mr. and Mrs. George Bush
5161 Palisade Lane N.W.
Washington, D.C. 20016.

The First Church
239 Maple Valley
New Tm 77027

August 23, 1974

Mr. Paul A. Vander Myde
1913 Belfield Road
Alexandria, Va. 22307

Dear Paul:

Thanks so much for your letter of August 21.
It was wonderful to know that Jeanne and you were
in my corner.

I was honored to be considered, and doubly
honored by the many friends across the country who
supported me for the Vice President slot.

Now that the matter is settled, I hope all
Americans will unite behind this new Administration.

Many thanks, again.

Yours very truly,

George Bush

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VP
Dear Paul

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DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE

OFFICE OF ASSISTANT SECRETARY

WASHINGTON, D.C. 20250

August 21, 1974

Dear George,

I and I had high hopes for
your selection by the President this
week. Although Gov. Rockefeller is a
fine choice, I am sure you know
you were number one on our list.
Nevertheless, I was delighted by the
wide support you received.

Like Governor Rockefeller, we are
optimistic about the future — we
think you will be President someday!

Hope to see you soon.

Sincerely,
Paul

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PAUL A. VANDER MYDE
1913 Belfield Road
Alexandria, Virginia 22307.

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August 19, 1974

Mr. Abraham S. Venable
17520 Fairway Drive
Detroit, Michigan 48221

Dear Mr. Venable:

Thank you for the copy of your mailgram to President Ford regarding the selection of a Vice President. I note my name heads your list! Needless to say, I am very flattered.

These are important times for our party and our nation. No matter whom the President picks, I hope Americans can unite behind this new Administration.

With many thanks and kindest regards, I am

Yours very truly,

George Bush

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CONGRATULATIONS ON YOUR BECOMING PRESIDENT OF THE UNITED STATES
WOULD RECOMMEND STRONG CONSIDERATION OF THE FOLLOWING PERSONS AS
CANDIDATES FOR THE POSITION OF VICE PRESIDENT OF THE UNITED STATES:
GEORGE BUSH SENATOR EDWARD W BROOKE AND GOVERNOR DANIEL EVANS AND
NELSON ROCKEFELLER

ABRAHAM S VENABLE 17530 FAIRWAY DR DETROIT MI 48221

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for news*

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August 15, 1974

Mr. Philip Van Slyck
60 East 42nd Street
New York, N. Y. 10017

Dear Phil:

I read your Japanese newsletter with interest.
Obviously your grasp of world affairs is still very
much in order.

Thanks for the kind note. These have been
troubling times, but things are looking up.

Warm regards,

George Bush

GB/hc

Dear George:

I'm keeping my fingers crossed for you. You have earned your party's respect and gratitude in a terribly difficult time.

Thought you might be interested in the attached essay, or in a series I write for a Japanese subscription newsletter.

Warm regards,

Phil

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PERSPECTIVE OF U.S. AFFAIRS #51
August 12, 1974

TRANSITION

The resignation of President Richard M. Nixon spared the country -- and him -- the ordeal of a nationally televised debate on the Constitutional and criminal excesses of his Administration, and certain impeachment, in the House of Representatives; a televised trial and virtually certain conviction in the Senate; and automatic removal from office. Voluntary resignation preserved for Mr. Nixon his pension and lifelong perquisites, just as if he had served out his full term to retire with honor. It also afforded him the opportunity, in his farewell address to the nation, to cloak his departure in the pretense of honor, minimizing as a matter of politics rather than impeachable offenses the reason for his departure, and urging the nation and world to celebrate his undisputed achievements in foreign policy -- rather than Watergate -- as his legacy to history.

Because his foreign policy accomplishments have been heroic in dimensions, Mr. Nixon's fall from power has some of the qualities of tragic drama. What is missing, in classical terms, is "recognition," the protagonist's coming to terms with the flaw which led to his undoing. By evading formal judgment under the Constitution, and by typical lack of candor in justifying his departure, he has vulgarized the drama and left political and juridical mischief in his wake.

Congressional and national opinion leadership had been prepared to be magnanimous, if only Mr. Nixon would have accepted a decent measure of culpability for the Constitutional nightmare he inflicted

on the Republic. By failing to do so, and thus depriving the country of a genuine catharsis, the deposed Chief Executive has left the door ajar to both criminal and civil proceedings against him -- especially for obstruction of justice and invasion of privacy, and possibly for tax fraud. Any prosecution of Mr. Nixon will, in turn, inevitably be politically divisive and embittering.

Motives for now prosecuting the no longer immune Mr. Nixon are various. Some lifelong liberals and other adversaries are no doubt lusting for the final, total discrediting of a politician they have mistrusted and perhaps detested for a quarter century for the ruthlessness, cynicism and unctious hypocrisy with which he infected national politics. Others, including former Nixon supporters, are anxious that the recent Constitutional crisis leave no ambiguous precedents regarding the legal limits to Presidential power, the extent of Presidential accountability under law, and the applicability of the principle of equal justice under law. In this regard, there is wide concern that defendants in Watergate trials to come -- including former Nixon aides Mitchell, Haldeman and Ehrlichman -- would be punished unfairly with prison, fines and disbarment from the practice of law if the centerpiece and leader of the conspiracy which brought them down is allowed to go scot-free out of misplaced reverence for his former eminence.

Thus, in his retirement as throughout his political career, Mr. Nixon has sowed discord while preaching unity. "Our long national nightmare is over," President Gerald R. Ford said in his informal swearing-in remarks, but the hangover lingers. The Constitutional and juridical implications of the crisis have yet to be clearly defined, the residue of Watergate and other Administration excesses have yet

to be disposed of in the courts, and reforms to minimize the likelihood of recurrences have still to be legislated.

Nonetheless, as President Ford has indicated, the Constitutional crisis is over, "Our Constitution works. Our great republic is a government of laws and not of men." Both the institutions of government and the men and women entrusted to operate them have proved equal to the greatest challenge to the American system since the Civil War. The American public has also met the challenge squarely and, by and large, has endorsed its resolution. As a result, profound and historic changes in both the style and substance of American politics are now in process.

Changeover

Much has already been made of President Ford's desire to preserve a certain "continuity" in American policies, while reopening the Executive-Congressional partnership which the Nixon palace guard had thoroughly stifled, and restoring public confidence in the integrity and candor of Executive leadership.

Continuity in foreign policy has been uppermost among the new President's priorities, and the early-heralded arrangement to keep Henry Kissinger on as Secretary of State is his earnest of that concern. The fact is, however, that the structure of international relations -- and therefore the substance of the American response -- has altered perceptibly in the last year, and that the style of conducting U.S. foreign policy will also change dramatically, not only because of Mr. Ford's different style, but also because of changes in Congressional and public perceptions of U.S. interests and priorities in foreign relations.

If Dr. Kissinger has been the versatile engineer in the remarkable reconstruction of superpower relations over the past five and a half years, Mr. Nixon was certainly the architect -- and principal salesman. The basic reconstruction, in any event, has been accomplished: the withdrawal of overt U.S. involvement in Southeast Asia, which helped make possible the opening to China, which in turn provided leverage for the current detente with the Soviet Union, which again in turn -- though perhaps fortuitously -- greatly improved the climate for effective U.S. peace-making diplomacy in the Middle East and, finally, helped refurbish strained U.S. relations with its European and Japanese allies. Collaterally, U.S. torpedoing of the Bretton Woods system formalized the relative reduction in American economic predominance, and opened the way to genuine multilateralism in world trade and monetary reform.

These were extraordinary accomplishments, for which Mr. Nixon deserves the lion's share of credit, as architect and decision-maker. But having been accomplished, these bold innovations have created a transformed landscape. President Ford and Secretary Kissinger must now tailor U.S. foreign policy to the hazards and opportunities of this greatly altered terrain. Barring possible future drafts on Dr. Kissinger's demonstrated negotiating skill in crisis diplomacy, foreign policy under the Ford Administration is unlikely to be a mere continuation of Nixon strategies.

The deteriorating situations in Southeast Asia and South Korea -- and Congressional restiveness on both problems -- will soon demand new departures in U.S. policy. The China opening, still narrowly constricted, may depend for its continued usefulness less on U.S. initiative than on internal Chinese succession politics and Sino-Soviet accommodations,

but maintaining that opening under changing circumstances continues to be a major U.S. objective.

The U.S.-Soviet detente is emerging as a more multidimensional problem. The initial 1971-72 euphoria with detente has dissipated considerably, in Congress and with the public, as well as in Western Europe and Japan. To some marginal degree the disillusion is partisan political. Liberal Democratic leadership in the country has resented Mr. Nixon's overselling of both the anticipated benefits of the rapprochement and his own personal genius in orchestrating it. Of more fundamental importance, both liberals and conservatives in the nation have been alarmed by what they consider to have been Nixon Administration ineptness in making one-sided trade, technology and credit deals with Moscow, and potentially dangerous strategic concessions, especially in the exotically complex area of missile parity. The future management of U.S. detente policy will no longer be a matter of Executive showmanship-salesmanship and two-man tour-de-force diplomacy. Congress, and especially aspiring Democratic Congressional leadership, is already demanding full partnership, and Mr. Ford's instinct will be to accommodate this demand while preserving for Dr. Kissinger enough initiative to keep him on the team. The Secretary of State, fortunately, has already demonstrated considerable skill in Congressional as well as international diplomacy, although he shared some of Mr. Nixon's petulant paranoia about the motives of academic and media critics of his conceptual constructs of world power relations.

In both the Middle East and U.S.-alliance relations, there has been an extraordinary improvement in recent months in objective factors beyond U.S. control. Moderate Arab -- and Israeli -- leaders have found it impractical or unacceptable to pursue a diplomacy which would isolate

or permanently alienate them from the United States, despite the Soviet enticements which have, at least temporarily, seduced Arab extremists. The potentially disastrous Cyprus flare-up, and the increasingly embarrassing U.S. intimacy with the Greek junta, appear en route to a combined solution which leaves the United States looking clean without having to raise more than a finger or two. The Giscard-Schneider successions in France and West Germany augur well for EEC and NATO relations, and for U.S.-European amity, with or without any reformulation of Atlantic "principles."

The Atlantic relations now requiring attention are of a piece with U.S.-Japan relations, involving primarily the further integration of the world-trading economies of the community of industrialized democracies, and the rationalizing of their common trade, investment and development-aid relations with the resource-rich as well as the resource-poor nations of the developing world. Detente, of course, is also on the common allied agenda, but it remains a subsidiary consideration as long as the U.S. deterrent remains credibly intact and political-economic relations within the alliance remain coherent and plausible. This alliance agenda, however, is a relatively fresh formulation, and it was not clearly contemplated -- especially its economic complexities -- in the Nixon-Kissinger detente-centered "new structure" for a durable world peace. New ground must be broken, and new U.S. policies -- including an effective trade bill -- must be enacted.

By the implications of his self-professed conservatism, President Ford also desires a certain continuity in domestic economic policy (which has its calculable international consequences). Since he is a

more principled conservative than Mr. Nixon ever was, this suggests he will be much less opportunistic for vote-seeking purposes in alternately firing and damping the economy through fiscal policy. Yet it is a reasonable guess that Mr. Ford -- in view of the high priority he has assigned to inflation control, and the abysmal record of his predecessor on this front -- will seek a more sophisticated counterinflationary strategy than now exists. The most likely contender for the President's attention is Dr. Arthur Burns, chairman of the autonomous Federal Reserve Board, architect (in the absence of any other plan) of the current tight-money policy, and proponent of a plausible stand-by plan for Federal job-making in order to deal simultaneously with deflation and its unemployment consequences. If this prognostication comes true, the tenure of economic advisers Ash (budget) and Rush (coordination) will surely be abbreviated. (Treasury Secretary Simon may have the flexibility for survival.)

Whatever the stresses and permutations in developing a Ford Administration economic policy -- and correlated foreign policies -- a few things are already predictable from the personal qualities and political record of the new President, and from the record of his predecessor which he knows he must transcend. Mr. Ford is instinctively (rather than rhetorically) conservative, in the sense that President Eisenhower was -- distrustful of innovation for its own sake, but capable of responding to change when it happens. President Ford would probably never have conceived the imaginative Nixon adventures in superpower and economic diplomacy, but he can be expected to comprehend his responsibility for consolidating the results and building on them. Perhaps most important, President Ford is not an insecure, love-needing and enemy-

fearful "loner." His highly successful but (until now) unspectacular political career has been steeped in stubborn but honest and amiable partisanship and recognition that the political process is based on adjustment and compromise. He relishes the adversary nature of the system, but he has never succumbed to the Nixon flaw of making enemies in order to recruit supporters.

President Ford will probably never achieve spectacular breakthroughs such as those which, in foreign policy, will secure Richard Nixon's reputation as a significant world leader and President. But neither will Gerald Ford destroy himself and imperil the delicate balance of American Constitutional government through his desperate personal needs and moral recklessness. After a sorting out period, United States policy should, as a consequence, become more comprehensible and predictable. It may appear more plodding, but it should also be correspondingly less arrogant, and more open to genuine multilateralism and the innocent initiative of coequal allies.

2508 Stammere Dr.
Houston, Texas, 77019
12 August, 1974

Dear George:

AUG 15 1974

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Having heard all the speculation concerning your being named vice-president, I just want to say: it's about time. Your loyalty to the party in this critical time has been extraordinary and you deserve commensurate recognition.

Besides, it would be nice to have Bush to vote for again!

Yours ever,

Babette Fraser Warren

Mr. George H. W. Bush
Republican National Committee
Washington, D.C.

Marshall Wright
Vice President-Government Affairs

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August 14, 1974

AUG 15 1974

Honorable George Bush
Chairman, Republican
National Committee
310 First Street, S. E.
Washington, D. C. 20003

Dear George:

Mickey and I are keeping our fingers crossed.
You and the job deserve each other.

With high hopes and warm regards,


Marshall Wright

Dear Marshall
VP form



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WASHINGTON DC

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MR PRESIDENT BEING CHAIRMAN OF THE REGIONAL EXECUTIVE BOARD
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MY OFFICIAL RESPONSIBILITY TO SO INFORM YOU OF OUR CHOICE FOR
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August 15, 1974

Mr. Damon Wells, Jr.
River Oaks Bank Building
2001 Kirby Drive, Suite 806
Houston, Texas 77019

Dear Damon:

Thanks for your good letter and thanks
for your wire to President Ford. I am sorry
to have missed you at the Price dinner. I
just wanted to whip this note off to tell you
how appreciative I am for your support. By
the time you get it the ball game will be over.

Yours very truly,

George Bush

GB/hc

Damon Wells, Jr.
River Oaks Bank Building
2001 Kirby Drive, Suite 806
Houston, Texas 77019

August 12, 1974

The Honorable George Bush
5161 Palisade Lane N.W.
Washington, D.C. 20016

Dear George:

I have sent President Ford the following telegram:

George Bush would bring to the vice presidency a record of success in business, government, and diplomacy. A man of strong character and real honesty, with deep roots in both the East and the South, he would help to unify both party and country. George Bush would make a great vice president in what already shows signs of being a great administration.

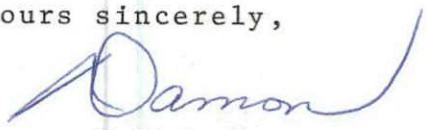
These have been trying, emotionally draining days for any concerned citizen, but now it looks like both the party and the country are beginning to move out of darkness into what Churchill once called the broad sunlit uplands.

To think that you will be playing a major role in leading us in that direction is both thrilling and gratifying.

I may be in Washington on Wednesday for the reception for Congressman Price and hope to see you there.

With every good wish.

Yours sincerely,


Damon Wells, Jr.

DWjr:bb

August 23, 1974

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Dear John:

I have received considerable mail with reference to the Vice Presidential selection, and I must say, John, yours of the 12th is truly one of the most gratifying. I am deeply touched by your heartwarming vote of confidence in me.

It was an honor to be considered, and now that the matter is settled, I hope all Americans can unite behind this new Administration.

Your remarks concerning the transition are well taken -- it has indeed proved the great strength of our constitutional system, and I share your pride in it.

Please know, John, you have my deepest thanks and highest regard.

Sincerely,

George Bush

Mr. John White
Director of Administration
Pull for Youth
P. O. Box 8056
Houston, Texas 77004

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August 12, 1974

Chairman George Bush
Republican National Committee
310 First Street S.E.
Washington, D. C. 20003

Dear Chairman Bush,

I would like to express my pride in you as one of the most outstanding and the most promising statesmen in America today. One of my highest hopes is that you will receive the nomination and confirmation as Vice President of these United States. I feel, as I'm sure a major segment of America feels, that this would be a vital step toward regaining the confidence of the masses.

We can certainly be thankful unto God that democracy's concept was personified in the smooth manner by which the transfer of power was accomplished. In no other country could this transfer have been obtained without an upheaval. Thus, in one sense, we have much of which to be proud.

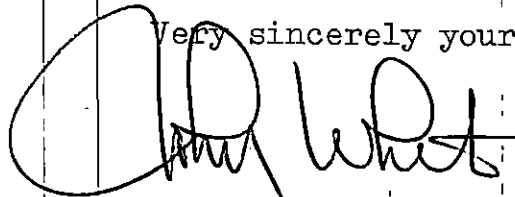
I think you are aware of my concern over the direction and destiny of our country. Be assured that I along with any associate with whom I have any influence will always be glad to go, do, or say anything toward the positive furtherance of the democratic system. We are "small" people, but that gives us the unique ability to reach the "small" community on their plane. We are more than willing to do whatever you may feel is needed

Garry

JK
Please send strong personal thank you

to enhance communication and understanding between this segment of the community and the government. So feel free to call on me, and because of all you have done in my behalf, I will be happy to reciprocate in any manner in which I am capable.

Very sincerely yours,

A handwritten signature in dark ink, appearing to read "John White". The signature is fluid and cursive, with a large loop at the beginning and a long, sweeping tail that extends to the right.

John White
Director of Administration

JW:lec

Welsh, M A

August 30, 1974

Mr. M. A. Welsh
848 Colonial Court
Birmingham, Michigan 48009

Dear Mr. Welsh:

Thank you very much for your letter of August 28 and for your support on the Vice Presidency. It didn't work out, but, in any event, I was flattered to have been considered and to know that you were in my corner.

I am glad to know of your strong support for Colonel Thorsness in South Dakota. He can be addressed at his campaign headquarters - PO Box 124, Sioux Falls, S. D., 57101.

Thank you again for writing.

Yours very truly,

George Bush

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HC
M. A. Welsh
848 Colonial Court
Birmingham, Michigan 48009

August 28, 1974

AUG 30 1974

Mr. George Bush
Dwight D. Eisenhower Center
310 First Street S. E.
Washington, D. C. 20003

Dear Mr. Bush:

Am very sorry you did not become our Vice President, we need
a man like you in that important office.

Would you please give me the address of Leo Thorsness. I have
some material taken from the Detroit Free Press I think may
help him in his fight against George McGovern. Certainly hope
he will beat McGovern.

Thank you.

Sincerely,



Col Thorsness

P.O. Box 124

Sioux Falls, S.D.
57101

336-5752

W
August 23, 1974

Mrs. Lucy Winchester
The White House
Washington, D. C.

Dear Lucy:

Tom told me of your call and I just want you to know how much I appreciated it. I was honored to be considered, and doubly honored by the many friends across the country who supported me for the Vice President slot.

The matter is now settled, and I hope that all Americans will unite behind this new Administration

Warm regards,

George Bush

GB/hc/hc



From the desk of
TOM LIAS

Thank you list
Lucy Winchester
90 White
House

Jerry Waggon (Dear Lucy)

~~Rep. Oliver Trogan
a long time ^{He} I worked with SB in House
good honest Amer
He's a great VP
Dallas Times Herald~~

W

September 3, 1974

Mr. I. David Wheat
Assistant to the Counselor to the President
Room 194
Executive Office Building
Washington, D.C. 20500

Dear David:

I certainly appreciated your note to me last week..Believe me, I will call on you if I need any assistance.

Thanks again for your kind words!

Yours very truly,

VP

G/B - Pam Standard

THE WHITE HOUSE

WASHINGTON

8-29-74

Dear George,

Just a note to offer my continued best wishes to you. As you can well imagine, we were pulling for you on the V.P. nomination.

Call on me if I can ever be of assistance.

Regards,
Dwight

P.S. A thought: You'd make a great mayor of Houston.

D

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August 23, 1974

Sarah M. Whitson
Box 12555, Capitol Station
Austin, Texas 78711

Dear Sarah:

Thanks so very much for your note of the 19th--
I'm very flattered.

It was a real honor to be considered for the
post. Now that President Ford has made his
decision, I'm hoping everyone will unite behind
the new Administration.

Thanks again for your support.

Yours very truly,

George Bush

GB:kr

Harry
Dear Sarah

Sarah M. Whitson
Box 12555, Capitol Station
Austin, Texas 78711

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August 19

Dear Mr. Bush

I have been interested by
following your career since I
covered (and sometimes confused)
your race with Lloyd Bentsen.

at this writing I do not know
the outcome of the Vice Presidential
job hunt, but I wish you the
best, whatever happens. I trust
you will be chosen for your
ability as well as for Texas.

Let me know if you ever need
anything from Austin.

Sincerely,

Sarah Whitson

August 13, 1974

Honorable J. I. Whalley
1203 Graham Avenue
Windber, Penna. 15963

Dear Irv:

Just a short note to acknowledge your warm
letter of August 9. You're right about Jerry - oops -
President Ford. Also, I'm flattered at your kind
words in my behalf.

Best personal regards.

Yours very truly,

George Bush

GB/dr

1203 Graham Avenue
Windber, Penna. 15963
August 9, 1974

Mr. George Bush, Chairman
National Committee
Dwight D. Eisenhower Center
310 First Street, SouthEast
Washington, D. C. 20003

Dear George:

I am enclosing an article from today's Pittsburgh Press.

I am pleased that your name is among the five listed to assist Jerry Ford. This is a great honor.

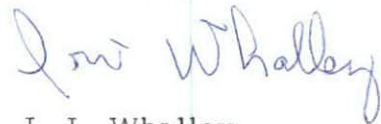
It has been my pleasure and privilege to have served 7 terms in Congress with you and Jerry Ford.

Jerry Ford, in my opinion, has everything it takes to be a good President.

You have had tremendous experience in Congress, the U.N. and as National Chairman to be a great assistance in the new Administration.

Best Wishes and Kindest Regards.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads "J. I. Whalley". The signature is written in a cursive, flowing style.

J. I. Whalley

JIW/skb

Enc.

Ford Administration To Depend On Republican House Colleagues

By WILLIAM MCGAFFIN

WASHINGTON — President Ford is expected to rely heavily in his administration on some of the Republican colleagues he worked closely with in the House.

Some of them have been close to him ever since 1965 when they helped him depose Charles Halleck of Indiana as House Republican leader.

Five names, in particular, figure in the speculation on who will be invited to join the Ford cabinet which, it is believed, will exercise a major role in the government as it did during the Eisenhower presidency.

The five are Melvin Laird, Charles Goodell, Donald Rumsfeld, George Bush and William Cramer.

Rumsfeld, a 42-year-old Chicagoan, is now serving as U. S. ambassador to NATO and is living in Brussels, Belgium. Young, handsome and personable, he has been mentioned as a man with a bright future in his party.

After serving eight years in the House, he left to become director of the Office of Economic Opportunity in 1969. Well regarded by Mr. Nixon, he was appointed to be a presidential counsellor with cabinet rank in 1970 and later went on to his NATO post.

17 Years In Congress

Laird, 52-year-old Wisconsin veteran of the political wars, is employed as an executive of the Readers' Digest. He was first elected to Congress from Wis-

consin in 1952 and served continuously until 1969. In that year, he left to become President Nixon's Defense Secretary.

He played a major part in this post of helping disengage American troops from the Vietnam war and is credited with coining the term "Vietnamization." This was the word he used to describe the policy of training and arming the South Vietnamese so they could gradually replace Americans in the war.

He came into the White House in the summer of 1973 to help fill the executive ranks after the departure of Mr. Nixon's standbys, H. R. Haldeman and John Ehrlichman. He left less than a year later to accept the Readers' Digest offer.

He and Ford served for years together on the House Appropriations Committee and, in addition, have been instrumental figures in the party's presidential nominating conventions.

Two Washington Lawyers

William Cramer and Charles Goodell are both practicing law in Washington now after suffering defeat at the polls in Senate races.

Cramer, 52, first won election to the House from St. Petersburg, Fla. in 1954. He lost a race for the Senate in 1970 to Democrat Lawton Chiles.

Mr. Ford called him into service as an adviser during the period that he was going through confirmation hearings in the House and Senate after his appoint-

ment to succeed Spiro Agnew as vice president.

Goodell, 48-year-old upstate New Yorker, was first elected to the House in 1959. He went on from the House to become a liberal Republican member of the Senate — so liberal, in fact, that he became a target of President Nixon in the 1970 elections.

He was attacked by then Vice President Agnew as one of the "Radicallib" who had given Mr. Nixon a difficult time on the Vietnam war and other issues. The White House campaign paid off with Goodell's defeat by James L. Buckley, a millionaire New York lawyer running on the Conservative Party ticket.

George Bush, a Texan presently serving as chairman of the Republican National Committee, is another former congressman who became a cropper in a race for the Senate. He was regarded as one of the most photogenic candidates in the country and there was talk that, if elected, he might replace Agnew on the ticket in 1970.

He was defeated, however, by Sen. Lloyd Bentsen, a Texas millionaire land owner and businessman.

In addition to these men, it is expected that Henry Kissinger will continue as Secretary of State in the new administration. Mr. Ford indicated months ago that he would ask Kissinger to stay, if the occasion should arise, and Kissinger is expected to accept.

Chicago Daily News Service

August 22, 1974

Mr. Louie Welch
Houston Chamber of Commerce
914 Main
Houston, Texas

Dear Louie:

Rose told me of your great call. I really appreciate your support and interest.

The campaign financing stuff was simply a flurry and I'm convinced that it had no bad effect at all. Indeed, I am told the White House was assured by the various committees that I was clean on this stuff.

I'm dictating this during a quick hop into Washington from vacation in Maine, but I just wanted you to know how much I appreciate your help.

Yours very truly,

George Bush

GB/hc



Republican National Committee.

August 19, 1974

George Bush, Chairman

GB:

Louie Welch called -- wanted you to know that the FBI was in Houston Friday -- touched base with him.

Said he sent his telegram re VP to President August 10 -- is there anything else he could be doing?

Mentioned that Channel 13 carried the story about the \$40,000. Said that NEWSWEEK'S story was a deliberate attempt to knock you off, etc.

All for you -- what can he do to help?

RZ

- (2) Brenda Ebeling called to wish you well -- also if it becomes a reality and you are thinking of putting staff together, she is available.

September 11, 1974

Wood, J. Carroll
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To Pres. Ford

Mr. J. Carroll Wood
PO Box 8155
Waco, Texas

Dear Mr. Wood:

Thank you very much for your thoughtfulness in sending me a copy of your telegram to President Ford on August 14 concerning the Vice Presidency. Strangely, we just received this yesterday. I do want you to know how appreciative I am for your support and even though it didn't work out I am delighted with my new assignment to Peking. It will be a very exciting challenge.

Thank you again for your telegram.

Yours very truly,

George Bush

GB/hc/hc

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To Geo Bush

001 WACO, TEXAS AUG 14, 1974
PMS GERALD R. FORD
PRESIDENT OF THE U.S.A.
WHITEHOUSE
1600 PENNSLYVANIA AVE.
WASHINGTON, D. C.

SEP 10 1974

AS A STAUNCH REPUBLICAN, I HAVE KNOWN, SUPPORTED, AND WORKED WITH GEORGE BUSH ON MANY OCCASIONS, AND I KNOW HIM TO BE A MAN OF HIGH MORALS, AND ONE WHO IS COMPLETELY CAPABLE OF FILLING THE OFFICE OF VICE-PRESIDENT OF THE UNITED STATES.

I HOPE THAT YOU WILL GIVE HIM THE OPPORTUNITY OF SERVING IN THIS CAPACITY.

YOU HAVE MY FULL SUPPORT.

MAY GOD BLESS YOU IN YOUR EFFORT TO SOLVE THE PROBLEMS OF THIS GREAT REPUBLIC.

SINCERELY YOURS
J. CARROLL WOOD
P.O. BOX 8155
WACO, TEXAS 76710
GB/hc/hc

ACCEPTED

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-PC

August 22, 1974

Mr. Mack H. Williams
Publisher, The NEWS-TRIBUNE
411 W. 7th Street
Fort Worth, Texas 76102

Dear Mack:

That "As the News Tribune Sees It" column in support of my candidacy was first-rate. I am most grateful to you for your thoughtful support. Things didn't work out the way we wanted, but I will always be grateful for the warm expressions from friends. I think the President made a good choice and I think he's doing a first-class job.

Again, my warmest thanks to you.

Yours very truly,

George Bush

GB/hc

The NEWS-TRIBUNE

P.O. Box 1116

Fort Worth, Texas 76101

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Mr. Bush — HC
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MACK H. WILLIAMS
PUBLISHER

NEIL P. ANDERSON BLDG.
411 W. 7TH ST.
FORT WORTH, TEXAS 76102

G.H.Walker, Laird
INCORPORATED

20 BROADWAY, ST. LOUIS, MO. 63102

G. H. WALKER, III

Dear George,

Like so many others around
the Country, we have been living
with you the last Ten days
and hanging on every word from
the media regarding the VP
question. Our disappointment
yesterday morning is overcome
by the realization of how fully
the Republican party respects
your talents and the tremendous

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ground swell of support
they have the country for
you trying to

that more than ever before,
there are great numbers of

people who believe in you
and your future - this is

what the media has said
that that

we are 3
your device can
that years laborers aware the

elect of 1970 have had
this result

look forward to seeing you soon

W

August 22, 1974

Mrs. Ida Amelia Winterhalter
Stuyvesant Town
283 Avenue C
New York, N. Y. 10009

Dear Mrs. Winterhalter:

Thank you for your gracious letter of the 18th. I appreciate having your views on the choice of a Vice President. I'm very flattered to be included among those you prefer.

It was an honor to be considered for the job, and now that the President has settled the matter, I hope all Americans can unite behind this new Administration.

With many thanks and kindest regards, I am

Yours very truly,

George Bush

gv

August 18th
1974

AUG 21 1974

Henry

Mr George Bush
National Republican Club
Washington, D.C.

Dear Mr Bush:-

We are happy to
hear your name has
been mentioned as the
Vice President.

We do not agree
with the selection of
former Governor Rockefeller
for Vice President. He and
Henry Kissinger and
New York's Senator Javits

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would not be accepted
by the rest of the
nation.

We also believe

Mark C. Hatfield

Robert Taft, Jr

John G. Tower

would be acceptable.

The news media are
mentioning polls again.

which do not reach
the majority of the people
and should not be taken
seriously.

Yours truly

Ida Amelia Winkhalter



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Mr George Bush
National Republican Club
Washington, D.C.

MRS. O. WINTERHALTER
STUYVESANT TOWN
283 AVE. C
NEW YORK, N. Y. 10009

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August 19, 1974

Mr. Sam Wyly
President
Wyly Corporation
1500 UCC Tower
P. O. Box 6228
Dallas, Texas 75222

Dear Mr. Wyly:

Thank you for sending the copy of your mailgram to the President. I am glad to have this statement of your views and I want to thank you for your kind words. Things seem to be on the upbeat for the Party and regardless of the outcome of this Vice President thing, I will be working to continue the trend.

Yours very truly,

George Bush

GB:GJ

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SAM WYLY
1 BROOK HALLOW PLAZA
DALLAS TX 75247

Gloria

THIS MAILGRAM IS A CONFIRMATION COPY OF THE FOLLOWING MESSAGE:

2146375010 MGM TDBN DALLAS TX 360 08-13 1034P EDT
ZIP 20500
PRESIDENT GERALD FORD
WHITE HOUSE DC 20500
ATTN KEN COLE MY VICE PRESIDENTIAL RECOMMENDATION ARE 1- GEORGE
BUSCH 2- CHARLES PERCY 3- HOWARD BAKER

WHEN I WAS BORN IN LOUISIANA IN 1934 THERE WERE NO REPUBLICAN CONGRESSMA
N SOUTH OF RICHMOND VIRGINIA. WHEN I ATTENDED UNIVERSITY OF MICHIGAN
IN 1956 THERE WAS ONE TEXAS REPUBLICAN CONGRESSMAN. WHEN I VISITED
WITH YOU AT THE FORTUNE MAGAZINE DINNER 3 WEEKS AGO THERE WERE
4 REPUBLICAN TEXAS CONGRESSMAN, ONE OF WHOM WOULD LIKELY NOT HAVE
GOTTEN THERE WITHOUT MY HELP. BY THE TIME MY 12 YEAR OLD SON GETS
TO THE MICHIGAN BUSINESS SCHOOL THERE CAN BE 15 TEXAS REPUBLICAN
CONGRESSMAN AND 150 REPRESENTING THE SUN BELT STATE. PARTY GROWTH
MUST COME FROM THESE STATES AS THE NORTHEAST IN NORTHERN MIDDLE
WEST STATES SEEM DESTINE TO CONTINUE TO TREND DEMOCRATIC

YOUR SELECTION OF GEORGE BUSCH WOULD ENCOURAGE THIS GROWING REPUBLICAN
CONGRESSIONAL CONSTITUENCY MORE THAN ANY OTHER SINGLE DECISION
YOU CAN MAKE HIS LOSES IN STATE WIDE TEXAS RACES TO RALPH YARBOROUGH
IN 1964 AND TO LLOYD BENTSEN IN 1970 SHOULD NOT DISQUALIFY HIM.
NO REPUBLICAN OTHER THAN JOHN TOWER HAS WON A STATE WIDE RACE IN
TEXAS IN OVER 100 YEARS. AND GEORGE BUSCH'S HIGH LEVEL RACES MADE
THE REST OF US PROUD TO BE REPUBLICANS

HOWARD BAKER IS THE ONLY OTHER SUN BELT REPUBLICAN I CAN RECOMMEND

CHARLES PERCY ALSO HAS THE NECESSARY QUALITIES TO SERVE AND WOULD
ALSO BROADEN THE REPUBLICAN BASE NATIONALLY, BUT WOULD NOT FIT
YOUR SUN BELT GROWTH OPPORTUNITY AS WELL AS BUSCH

GEORGE BUSCH-SON OF A RESPECTED CONNECTICUT REPUBLICAN SENATOR-YALE
GRADUATE-NAVY FIGHTER PILOT-LOVELY FAMILY-SUCCESSFUL ENTRE PRENUR
IN THE WEST TEXAS TOWN OF MIDLAND-ELECTED HOUSTON'S FIRST REPUBLICAN
CONGRESSMAN-RE-ELECTED WITHOUT OPPOSITION-AMBASSADOR TO THE UNITED
NATIONS WHO WAS SCORNE BY THE NEW YORK TIMES UPON APPOINTMENT
AS NOT KNOWLEDGEABLE IN FOREIGN AFFAIRS BUT QUICKLY EARNED THE
RESPECT OF NEARLY ALL-A HARD WORKER IN THE THANKLESS NATIONAL CHAIRMANS

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JOB FOR THE PAST TWO YEARS WHO SHOULD NO MORE BE DISQUALIFIED FOR TRYING TO DEFEND NIXON THAN YOU AND I AND MILLIONS OF REPUBLICANS

SAM WYLY 1 BROOK HOLLOW PLAZA DALLAS TEXAS 75247

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Sam Wyly
President and
Chairman of the Board

CENTER SAVINGS ASSOCIATION

7311 SOUTH MAIN 666-2621
HOUSTON, TEXAS 77025

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AUG 19 1974

August 13, 1974

Dear
Bill
VP farm

Honorable Gerald R. Ford
President of the United States
White House
Washington, D.C. 20500

Dear Mr. President:

As a concerned citizen first and as an active but disturbed Republican second, I respectfully urge that you consider Republican National Chairman, George Bush for nomination to the high office of Vice-President of the United States.

George's experience as a businessman, member of Congress, Ambassador to the U.N. and Chairman of the Republican National Committee qualify him for this office to an extent found in few other men. His integrity, loyalty and ability cannot be questioned and I personally believe that the House of Representatives and the Senate would not only confirm George but would take great pleasure in doing so.

I wish to take this opportunity to tell you how much your speech to the Congress last night meant to me and to tell you that I believe it is the turning point in probably the most crucial time for our country. You have my complete confidence and whole hearted support.

Respectfully yours

William S. Wilson
President

WSW/cag

VIA AIR MAIL

GOOD LUCK GEORGE
Bill

ROBERT V. WEST, JR.
8700 TESORO DRIVE
SAN ANTONIO, TEXAS 78286

AUG 19 1974

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check cards
for think
we already
wrote*

August 14, 1974

Mr. George Bush
Chairman
Republican National Committee
310 First Street, S. E.
Washington, D. C. 20003

Dear George:

Thank you for your note dated August 4. You didn't have to take the time to write me. As always, it was a pleasure to see you when you were in San Antonio.

I hope to get to write to you at a new address before too long.

Best personal regards.

Sincerely,



Robert V. West, Jr.

RVW:msm

August 19, 1974

Mr. William Wagner
Catering Corporation of America
One East Wacker Drive
Chicago, Illinois 60601

Dear Mr. Wagner:

Thank you so much for your gracious letter of the 13th, concerning your recommendation to President Ford in his task to select a Vice President. Needless to say, I am deeply flattered by your remarks.

These are important times for our party and our nation. No matter whom the President picks, it is my sincere hope that Americans can and will united behind this new Administration.

With many thanks and kindest regards, I am

Yours very truly,

George Bush

CATERING CORPORATION OF AMERICA

ONE EAST WACKER DRIVE

CHICAGO, ILLINOIS 60601

TELEPHONE 321-0110
AREA CODE 312

Tuesday, August 13th 1974

Honorable George Bush
Washington, D.C.

Very

Dear Mr. Chairman;

I have asked President Ford
to give you seriously consideration for
the President.

To keep America strong our President
and the American people need your service
Best of all

Your friend

William Wagner

Catering Corporation of America
One East Wacker Drive

Chicago, 60601

P.S. Last time I saw you in person
was in San Antonio at the Sir Park early part in 1970.

W

August 19, 1974

Mr. Mitchell Weiss
103-12 Glenwood Road
Brooklyn, New York 11236

Dear Mr. Weiss:

Thank you for your kind words and your good wishes on the ~~Give~~ Presidential consideration. This is a very important matter and I am sure the President will deliberate carefully before making his choice. Regardless of the outcome, I am grateful for the support I have received all across the country.

Yours very truly,

George Bush

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▶ HONORABLE GEORGE BUSH
REPUBLICAN NATIONAL COMMITTEE 310 1ST ST SE
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AUG 19 1974

DEAR GEORGE I AM WRITING TO YOU TO WISH YOU MY VERY BEST WISHES
IN THE FUTURE WHETHER YOU WILL STAY ON STAFF AS NATIONAL CHAIRMAN
OR VICE PRESIDENT OF THE UNITED STATES OF AMERICA WHILE BEING NATIONAL
CHAIRMAN YOU DID A FANTASTIC JOB AND I KNOW YOU WILL CONTINUE DOING
A GREAT JOB EVEN THOUGH I WORK MORE ON STATE LEVEL SERVING AS
SPECIAL ASSISTANT TO THE COUNTY CHAIRMAN ON YOUTH AFFAIRS YOU HAVE
MY CONTINUOUS SUPPORT KEEP UP THE GOOD WORK LETS KEEP IN TOUCH
GOD BLESS YOU AND YOUR FAMILY SINCERELY YOURS

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August 21, 1974

Mr. C.W. Wellen
401 Ripple Creek
Houston, Texas 77024

Dear Mr. Wellen:

Thank you for your letter and your support of the
Republican National Committee. This is really
great!

I also appreciate your kind comments about the
vice-presidential vacancy. I'm confident Nelson
Rockefeller will be confirmed and that he will
be a tremendous vice-president. He is an
excellent man and will do many positive things
for the country and our party.

Thank you again.

Yours very truly,

George Bush

CB:kr

I think I have lost her to
Washington and politics. you
all have been so busy
nice to her. I cannot thank
you enough -

Hope this note finds

you as vice-president
but you have been a

bride made so down many
times that I refuse to be

excited. I just pray -

Thank you again for

your note and for being so
good to my daughter - Give

Barbara my love -

Affectionately
Gene

Dear George;

I want to thank you

for taking time out

from a busy schedule

to write me a note -

It gave me quite a lift. I

knew my friends loved my

reservoir - I am much better

I can drive, go upstairs, make

my little 2 miles a day, and after

my stress test that I'm going

to take on August 26th I will

be able to take up tennis.

Use her good every minute.



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I wrote in
the

Mr. Williams is arranged
1917 Street Place
Houston Texas

(over) 77019
Alb - you're right
then you
will

August 15, 1974

Dr. George Willeford
1404 Gaston Avenue
Austin, Texas 78703

Dear George:

Just a quickie to thank you for that Friday evening note. It was good talking to you in San Antonio. We miss seeing you all and your note struck just the right tone of optimism. Things are hectic here, but, mainly, Bar and I are nervous right now awaiting the fateful decision. We'll probably be disappointed. In any event, the support we've gotten in all of this has meant an awful lot.

Love to Ann.

Warm regards,

George Bush

GB/hc

GEORGE WILLEFORD, JR., M. D.
1404 GASTON AVENUE
AUSTIN, TEXAS 78703

Friday Evening

Dear George + Barbara -

Ann and I are sitting before
our television set listening and
reflecting on the past 24 hours.
What agony? What tragedy?

Our thoughts and chit chat
have turned to you and your
family often - we know it
has been so tiring for you.

Congratulations, for just surviving.
You two, have certainly been
loyal, hard working ad-
vocates for the administration.
You deserve all of our gratitude.

What's next for the party?
On the surface, we should
shake some of the difficulties
but it will be a long
time before we re-attract
many of our good Republicans

who have recently turned independent. Paraphrasing M^r Laveau's campaign cry we need a program of "Come home Republicans".

Look, Bushes, when you're down this way, let's get te-getter for a quick, long, visit - we miss you.

Our thoughts are with you - Best wishes -

Leo -

AUG 16 1974

CORINTHIAN BROADCASTING CORPORATION 280 PARK AVENUE, NEW YORK, NEW YORK 10017, OX 7-9400

C. Wrede Petersmeyer, Chairman of the Board

August 14, 1974

Mr. George Bush
Chairman
Republican National Committee
310 First Street Southeast
Washington, D. C. 20003

Dear George:

Well before I read in the press that you are being seriously considered as a candidate for the Vice Presidency, I had expressed to my friends the strong view that you would be the ideal selection. I am pleased that you are high on the list of those who carry weight with President Ford.

My two cents' worth will not mean much, but I did feel compelled to write the President today expressing my enthusiasm for you (copy attached). I was also pleased to learn at breakfast this morning that Gregg had already sent eleven letters yesterday urging your selection to persons in Washington who he thought might be helpful.

I am keeping my fingers crossed. No need to reply.

Best regards,

Dear Wrede:

Wrede

CWP:bb
Attachment

*Ans dated
Aug 16*

CORINTHIAN BROADCASTING CORPORATION 280 PARK AVENUE, NEW YORK, NEW YORK 10017, OX 7-9400

C. Wrede Petersmeyer, Chairman of the Board

August 14, 1974

The President
The White House
Washington, D. C.

Dear Mr. President:

I know that you are carefully weighing the qualifications of a number of candidates for the Vice Presidency. Among those who have been mentioned in the press is George Bush. I believe that George is ideally qualified for this position.

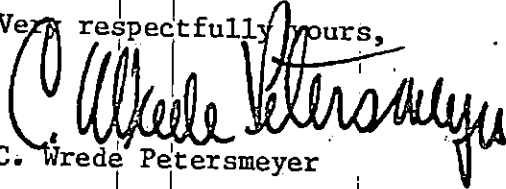
I have known George over a number of years as a result of Corinthian's involvement in Houston where it owns a television station. I saw something of George when he was in New York as Ambassador to the United Nations and have kept in contact with him since he has been Chairman of the Republican National Committee. I know his wife and have met his children, all of whom are most attractive.

I am sure that you know George better than I, but I have always had the highest regard for him in character, intelligence, and ability. Furthermore, my son, Gregg, who worked in the White House and whom you know, saw a great deal of George in Washington and shares my enthusiasm for him. He is attractive and articulate. His background in New England and in the Southwest would complement a President from the Midwest. Most importantly, however, I believe that the Republican Party needs to look to the future in selecting a Vice President. George is fifty and

young enough, with the exposure that would follow from being Vice President, to be a formidable and popular Presidential candidate in 1980. I think that the selection of George Bush would be another enormous contribution by you to the long-term future of the Republican Party, which I believe is so important.

I think the way you have conducted yourself in the past week in your new capacity has given reassurance to all Americans that there is a strong, straight-forward, common sense leader in the Oval Office. The selection of George Bush would reinforce these feelings of a strong team.

Very respectfully yours,


C. Wrede Petersmeyer

CWP:bb

August 14, 1974

Mr. Mark Edward Winter
Assistant Vice President
United States League of
Savings Associations
1709 New York Avenue, N. W.
Washington, D. C. 20006

Dear Mark:

Thank you for your supportive letter of
August 13. The matter will be decided soon,
but, in any event, I appreciate your kind words.

Yours very truly,

George Bush

GB/hc



UNITED STATES LEAGUE of SAVINGS ASSOCIATIONS WASHINGTON OFFICE

1709 NEW YORK AVENUE, N.W. / WASHINGTON, D.C. 20006 / TEL. (202) 785-9150

August 13, 1974

Honorable George H. W. Bush
Chairman
Republican National Committee
310 1st Street, S.E.
Washington, D. C.

Dear George:

If a certain feeling one of your young friends has about the selection of the next Vice President -- you are the one.

Last week was a very bittersweet experience for the Republican Party, but now we have a breath of fresh air in the White House and more to come when you are appointed Vice President.

The last premonition I had was some two years ago when I realized the Republican National Committee needed a strong and capable leader. So, you can see my premonitions are creditable.

George, I sincerely believe you would be a godsend for the nation and the Republican Party. Good luck -- and here's hoping for the best.

Sincerely,

Mark Edward Winter
Assistant Vice President

MEW:md

*We still have a tennis date at Chevy Chase Club -
it's not often you can ask the VP to play
tennis...*

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August 12, 1974

President Gerald Ford
The White House
Washington, D. C.

Dear President Ford:

I would urge you to give very favorable consideration
to selecting George Bush as your Vice President.

I have worked with George closely in Texas campaigns
and know him to be of impeccable character. He is young
enough and possesses much of the knowledge required in
foreign relations due to his valuable experience in the UN.

Sincerely,

Irene Wischer
Irene S. Wischer

ISW/esb

BC George Bush

*Dear Irene
VP form*

W

August 16, 1974

Dear Irv:

Your letter of August 12 flattered me to
no end. It won't happen, though.

Best personal regards.

Yours very truly,

George Bush

Honorable J. Irving Whalley
1203 Graham Ave.
Windber, Pa. 15963

GB/dr

J. IRVING WHALLEY
12TH DISTRICT, PENNSYLVANIA
1235 HOUSE OFFICE BUILDING

COMMITTEE:
FOREIGN AFFAIRS
TELEPHONE: 202-225-4676

FORMER MEMBER OF THE
Congress of the United States
House of Representatives
Washington, D.C. 20515

Re: 1203 Graham Avenue
Windber, Pa. 15963

August 12, 1974

Mr. George Bush, Chairman
National Committee
Dwight D. Eisenhower Center
310 First Street, Southeast
Washington, D. C. 20003

Dear George:

The news media says you are one of the top choices
for Vice President.

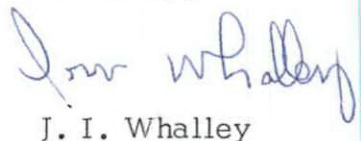
On the basis of your experience in Congress, the
United Nations, and now as National Chairman, I think you
would make an excellent selection.

You have the ability, initiative, personality, the
right age, and your State of Texas would be far enough away
from Michigan for good balance.

You have served with Jerry Ford in Congress, which
would enable you to work together as a team.

Best Wishes.

Sincerely,


J. I. Whalley

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WILLIAM W WAINRIGHT
1917 SHARP PL
HOUSTON TX 77019

NPB - thought you'd want to write a note about Phil's work here
NPB - Val has decided to stay & work in P.C.
AUG 16 1974

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PMS PRESIDENT JERALD FORD, ATTN PHIL BUCHEN

WHITE HOUSE DC

I ASK YOU TO PLEASE CONSIDER GEORGE BUSCH FOR THE VICE PRESIDENT HIS APPEAL TO THE YOUNG VOTERS IS SO STRONG AND THIS IS SO NEEDED BY THE REPUBLICAN PARTY THANK YOU FOR YOUR CONSIDERATION.

JANE O WAINRIGHT CHAIRMAN PRECINCT 227 1917 SHARP PLACE HOUSTON TEXAS 77019

10:13 EDT

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Thanked her 8-19

George, this is the 2nd mailgram we sent and we got 30 others to send one - Have our fingers crossed

Sincerely

Jane Wainright

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Jane J -

Thank you for

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☐ Telephoned ☐ Please return the call ☐ Will call again ☐ Came in ☐ See me

Message:

Chancellor Sung
Pepperding Union.
213 - 456 - 6474

Phone: _____ Date _____ Time _____ By _____

Bill B &
he are for HB
for VP

Pepperdine University

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August 12, 1974

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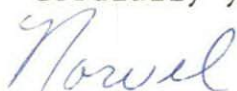
Dear George:

I just tried to call you but I understand how busy you are. Bill Banowsky and I wanted you to know that we have been working with our friends, including President Ford, in the interest of your selection as the Vice President. I just talked with Dick Scaife in Pittsburgh and will be talking to others.

Enclosed is a copy of the telegram that I sent. Bill, of course, will be in touch with you about his activities.

Best of luck.

Cordially yours,



M. Norvel Young
Chancellor

Mr. George Bush
Republican National Committee
310 First Street, SE
Washington D.C. 20003

Pepperdine
University

OFFICE OF THE CHANCELLOR

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August 13, 1974

Copy of telegram sent to President Ford:

Congratulations on your wonderful beginning as president. We join many others in California in support of George Bush for vice-president.

M. Norvel Young, Chancellor
Pepperdine University

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August 14, 1974

*Thank if
you can
Lunch*

The President of the United States
The White House
Washington, D. C.

Dear Mr. President:

As a life long Republican, and a long-time supporter of yours, I want you to know how pleased I am to see you occupy the high office of President of the United States. I think you bring to this office the very best qualities represented by the American way of life. I have no question in my mind but what you will be a very successful President and will enjoy the overwhelming support of the American people.

The choice you face in making the selection of who will serve as Vice President is one that is important to the well-being of the nation, and to achieve the political stability within the party and the government that we so desperately need at this time. I think George Bush has those qualities and the background which would uniquely qualify him to serve as Vice President at this particular point in our history. Although Mr. Bush occupies a partisan position as the chairman of the party, he has carried out his duties and responsibilities, during a period of great stress, with style and grace and I don't believe he is looked upon as a hard core partisan. He is my recommendation to you as being an excellent choice to serve as Vice President.

Whomever you choose to serve in this high position will receive my support and, I believe the support of the American people. Again, my very best wishes and congratulations.

Yours very respectfully,

Robert B. Young

RBV:ag

September 3, 1974

Dear Christopher:

Thank you very much for your recent letter.

I am so flattered that you wanted me to be Vice President. It was an honor just to even be considered for the position.

Yes! I feel that President Ford will do a great job which in turn will benefit all of the Republican Congressional candidates this fall.

Thank you again for writing. I am pleased to enclose one of my photographs. Good luck in your school work.

Yours very truly,

George Bush

Mr. Christopher Yates
40 Bramblewood
Pueblo, Colorado 81005

GB/dr

Dear Mr. Bush:

Don

AUG 29 1974

I am 10 years old and am very interested in our country and how it is run and the men who do it. I was hoping you would be the new Vice President but I suppose President Ford thought he needed you more as chairman. Do you think the new openness in Washington will help the party in the elections? I hope so cause we have an important Senate race.

I hope you will write me and if you can would you send me a signed picture? I want to have a collection of great Americans. Thank you.

Your friend,
Christopher Yates
40 Bramblewood
Pueblo, Colo. 81005

August 14, 1974

The Hon. C. W. Bill Young, M.C.
House of Representatives
Washington, D. C.

Dear Bill:

Thanks for sending me that copy of your
letter of August 13. I really do appreciate
that warm support.

Yours very truly,

George Bush

GB/bc



House of Representatives
Washington, D. C. 20515

C. W. Bill Young
6th District, Florida

August 13, 1974

Copy

Dear Mr. President:

Thank you for allowing me the opportunity to offer my suggestion as to one you might consider nominating to succeed you as Vice President of the United States.

I am pleased to voice my support of George Bush. I am confident that, with your leadership and direction, his performance as Vice President would be complementary to your Administration and pleasing to the people of our country.

With best wishes and warm, personal regards, I am

Very truly yours,

C. W. Bill Young,
Member of Congress

Honorable Gerald R. Ford
Office of the President
The White House
Washington, D.C.

George -
Good Luck!
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GEORGE BUSH, NATIONAL GOP CHAIRMAN
310 FIRST ST SOUTHEAST
WASHINGTON DC 20003

THE FOLLOWING IS A COPY OF A MAILGRAM TO PRESIDENT GERALD FORD
WHITE HOUSE WASHINGTON DC 20500. AS PRESIDENT OF THE US AND WITH
THE VERY DIFFICULT TASKS THAT LIE AHEAD YOU CERTAINLY NEED A PERSON
FOR VICE PRESIDENT, WHO LIKE YOURSELF IS NOT ONLY COMPETENT, EFFICIENT,
BUT ALSO LOYAL TO THE HIGHEST STANDARDS. I AM CONFIDENT THAT MANY
FELLOW AMERICANS, NOT ONLY IN TEXAS, JOIN ME IN RECOMMENDING GEORGE
BUSH, NATIONAL GOP CHAIRMAN, AS THE PERSON WHO WOULD DO YOU AND
OUR COUNTRY AN EXCELLENT JOB AS VICE PRESIDENT UNDER YOUR ADMINISTRATION
, THANK YOU FOR YOUR KIND CONSIDERATION

HENRY ZUNIGA REGIONAL DIRECTOR DEPT OF COMMERCE OMBE 1412 MAIN
SUITE 1702 DALLAS TX 75202

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*Dear Henry
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 V. Goren
 Aug 12-74

AUG 15 1974

Dear friend George: Noam Noam that
 I see in today's Noam Noam that
 Sec. Delecta is looking for
 information for U.P.

Good for him.

I met you previously that I did
 with District 7 and surrounding
 you. Since then I have met
 him, and have received promises
 from many friends that they
 would do likewise.

I must be so happy if

you see Fred's choice.

I hope and pray that the
 Press et al let Noam alone now.
 They have done their lot of
 destroying one who did more for
 Israel, peace than any other man
 in history.

Warm regards

add. m.
 Fred.

envelop

Fred C. Marth
4635 S. Versailles Avenue
Dallas, Texas 75209



Honorable George Bush
Chairman
Republican National Committee
310 1st ST. S.E.
Washington
D.C.

George - Yesterday we began a phone effort asking people to urge the President to ask you to serve as Vice President. Felix McKnight is contacting his son-in-law - Here is today's editorial Felix did.

Bush for vice president

ONE OF THE very important immediate decisions that Gerald Ford, as the new President, must make is that of choosing a vice president.

We suggest that he could not do better than select Texan George Bush, now chairman of the Republican National Committee, to serve with him as his vice president.

Mr. Ford is reported to have compiled a list of 14 names of Republican national political figures from which to choose his second in command. Bush's name is not on the list, and this we think is a serious oversight. His name should be added to the list and placed high on the list.

For George Bush possesses all the qualities, some of them rare, which make him a most attractive candidate for the nation's second highest office. He is young, energetic and highly personable. He is intelligent, experienced in government, and,

above all, his integrity has never been questioned.

Moreover, George Bush has achieved outstanding success in every job to which he has turned his hand. He gave up the successful oil business he had built to become a U.S. representative from Houston. He established an excellent record as a congressman.

After his defeat for the Senate, Bush took on, in succession, two very tough, and sometimes thankless, jobs in public service and in the service of his party. The first was as U.S. ambassador to the U.N. and then as Republican national chairman.

To both positions, he brought the same qualities of sincerity, steadfastness and reasoned action which have always marked his career.

We urge Mr. Ford to include George Bush on his list of vice presidential possibilities and give strong consideration to nominating him for that office.

this I hope this is not something you would not have wanted me to do

Fred Z.

VP - form

Fred Zedler
Hydrometals, Inc.
1400 Cypressway Tower
Dallas, Texas 75208

Helen Texon,
Aug 10th 1974

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Dear George:

I have today written Pres. Ford asking him to select you as his Vice Pres.

You are the man!

You have what it takes, a sincere dedicated man - Capable - and a Statesman.

My hope is that he selects you. He could make no better choice and I told him so.

In one of my letters of some years ago I predicted that George Bush would one day be President of the U.S.A.

I have not changed my mind.

I won't live to have the pleasure of seeing it because of my age 84 - but hopefully I will see it from up above - and I will rejoice.

Warm regards,

P.S.

Fred.

See today's Helen News
page 6 A - 1st section.

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GEORGE BUSH
310 First Street, S.E.
Washington, D.C. 20003

August 13, 1974

Mr. Fred Zeder
Hydrometals, Inc.
1400 Expressway Tower
Dallas, Texas 75208

Dear Mr. ~~Fred~~ Zeder:

This is just a quick note to say how deeply
touched I was by your vote of confidence in me
for the Vice Presidential slot. I will always
be grateful for your support. Many thanks.

Sincerely,

George Bush

HYDROMETALS, INC. 1400 EXPRESSWAY TOWER, DALLAS, TEXAS 75206

FRED M. ZEDER II
CHAIRMAN OF THE BOARD

August 13, 1974

Gerald R. Ford
President of the United States
The White House
Washington, D.C.

Dear Mr. President:

Thank you for your thoughtful letter about our golf outing. Thanks, too, for the great picture. It arrived as I was watching you at the swearing-in ceremony. That makes it an even more important treasure.

Your message to America and the world on that historic occasion, and the strength and moving eloquence of your remarks to Congress last night have, almost magically, swept us into the sunshine and promise of a bright new day. Suddenly, it seemed, we no longer need search the gloomy recesses of that long, dark tunnel for the light. We are there. And at its end we have found a beginning.

Over these past few unprecedented days, a spontaneous effort has sprung up here in Texas, and I understand around the country, respectfully urging you to give George Bush deep consideration for your Vice President.

I know you are doing this. I pray that in your deliberations you will find in George the political and geographic balance our party and our country need. More importantly, I know that in your mind and heart you have long recognized and carefully assessed George Bush as a man.

In your hands rests now the destiny of the world. Your greatest God-given gift is your God-given ability to evaluate and wisely assess yourself and your fellow man. May you so judge George Bush.

No matter whom you choose in this momentous decision, please know that you and he will continue to have our wholehearted support and prayers. May God bless you, Mr. President.

Respectfully,

P.S. Please don't feel obligated to answer this. Everyone knows how busy you are.

MR. PRESIDENT:

THE FOLLOWING PERSONS HAVE INDICATED TO YOU THEIR SUPPORT FOR GEORGE BUSH FOR VICE PRESIDENT:

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FRED AGNICH - Dallas

FRED M. ZEDER II - Dallas

JACK WARREN - Tyler, Texas

DWIGHT P. SMITH - Dallas

MSGR. HENRY MCGILL- Dallas

H. ROSS PEROT - Dallas

JAY JACKSON - Dallas

WELDON CASE - Hudson, Ohio

MORRIS JAFFE - Dallas

GEORGE ALLEN - Dallas

ANITA MARTINEZ - Dallas

CLINT MURCHISON - Dallas

LEON SMITH - Dallas

JON ZEDER - Miami

JOHN ZEDER - Miami

PETE GIFFORD - Dallas

PETER STEWART - Dallas

CLYDE SKEEN - Dallas

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310 FIRST ST SOUTH

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PREEMPT AN OBJECTIVE EVALUATION OF QUALITY AND MERIT. IN THE
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TOWARD THE ULTIMATE GOAL ON TO 1976. WITH ALL OUR LOVE AND
ADMIRATION

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MARTHA AND FRED ZETER

FAX

done

Loose

8/14/74

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Dear George:

Thought you might be interested
in the enclosed clipping. By the time
it reaches you Pres Ford's decision
may have been made — and oh how
we hope it will be George Bush.

Warm Regards
Fred.



Robert E. Baskin

8/14/74 *Dallas News*

Senior Political Analyst

The name of former Texas Congressman George Bush has surfaced repeatedly in the past few days as President Ford's possible nominee for vice-president.

If Bush is nominated, it will be the resurrection of a political career that has suffered serious reverses in the last several years.

BUSH, AT 50, should be at the prime of his career. He has the background, the training and the intellect for a brilliant future in politics. But he was derailed in 1970 when he lost a heart-rending race for the Senate from Texas to Lloyd M. Bentsen, with whom he had few ideological differences.

After his defeat by Bentsen, Bush was named as the United States ambassador to the United Nations, where he served with considerable distinction, but he still was anxious to be in the political realm.

Following the Republican victory in 1972, President Nixon called on Bush to become chairman of the Republican National Committee. It was a post Bush accepted with some misgivings. His predecessor, Sen. Robert Dole of Kansas, had been roughly handled by the White House crowd and the Committee to Re-elect the President in the presidential campaign just ended. Dole had been deprived of much control over campaign activities, and he was resentful of this almost unprecedented treatment of a national chairman.

Dole advised Bush not to take the post. He was all too aware of the strange behavior of some of the President's closest advisers and the potential dangers in the Watergate affair.

Bush decided, however, that he ought to help the Republican party in any way he could, and he responded to the earnest entreaties of President Nixon for him to head the national committee.

The last two years have been difficult ones for George Bush. He has tried as best he could to defend the President as charges have mounted against him, some of which have finally led to the tragedy of Nixon's resignation and flight from the national capital. Despite all of this travail, Bush has tried to keep alive Republican hopes for this fall's congressional elections.

In the August issue of First Monday, the GOP national committee's monthly publication, there was prominently printed this significant paragraph from the report of the Senate Watergate Committee:

Ethical Operations

"The committee wishes to note that it has received no evidence suggesting any complicity in wrongdoing on the part of the Republican National Committee or the Democratic National Committee or its principal officers during the presidential campaign of 1972."

In other words, the committee was stressing that traditional party organizations had functioned in their normal

ethical manner in 1972. It served as a disclaimer of any activities charged to the re-election committee or, for that matter, the White House.

Advocates of Bush's nomination may increase during the next few days as President Ford consults widely on his choice for a new vice-president.

FROM A GEOGRAPHIC standpoint Bush should have strong backing. Born in New England, the son of the late Republican Sen. Prescott Bush of Connecticut, Bush has solid ties in the East, where he attended preparatory schools and was graduated from Yale.

But he came to Texas shortly after World War II and quickly identified himself with his adopted state. He engaged in the oil business in Midland and later from Houston, from where he eventually was elected to Congress. He still maintains his Texas identity.

Most observers think Bush could stand the harsh scrutiny that a vice-presidential nominee must undergo—as Ford found out when he was nominated.

But, in addition to that, he is greatly respected in both the House and the Senate, and his confirmation by majority vote of both houses should pose no problem.

If President Ford wishes to select a vice-president who could be confirmed with a minimum of partisan strife, he probably can do no better than to nominate Bush.

2121 P St. N.W.
Wash. D.C. 20037
Aug. 22, 1974

VP
no reply done
Hon. George Bush
Republican National Committee
Washington, D.C. 20003

AUG 22 1974

Dear George:

1. All that support shows that you must be doing a lot that's right.

2. It might be that Rockefeller's Commission on 'goals' can be used as an 'institute' for beefing up the subject-matter capabilities of 1974 candidates. Another possible view is that candidates should be encouraged to become members of various subject-matter commissions throughout the country--since that would add to their qualifications and have 'contact-value' as well. Various commissions and councils on national goals, public affairs, economic affairs, etc. already exist on a non-partisan level. If necessary, it might be worth considering having the Rockefeller's Commission etc. might establish regional branches and broaden both geographically and in depth (to include state and local as well as national goals).

As a general proposition these can be ways in which candidates have more contact with the community on a non-partisan subject-matter level. Rockefeller's own experience with his own Commission could be put to work.

It is my impression that the Republican candidates in 1974 could get a substantial boost by more 'platform' subject matter than has been needed by candidates heretofore (as mentioned in previous mail some time back). So I am inclined to look at Rockefeller's Commission on etc. as an example or even a focal point. It need not directly involve the Republican National Committee, particularly if it is decided that the candidates should be on non-partisan commissions and councils. It is first and foremost a way of helping solve national and local problems--and only incidentally to improve the chances of Republican candidates. If the Rockefeller's Commission itself undertakes its own expansion, perhaps that would be the best way to accomplish the several purposes.

3. When the selection of Rockefeller was on TV I was in Cambridge, Mass. at the Arthur D. Little building. And I may do some work on one of their energy projects, since their acceptance was indicated. I have offered to do some work for the electric utility industry on inflation problems, and if that comes through I hope to contribute some new theories and methods on putting the free economy on a sounder basis and less inflationary basis. Secretary Simon has been talking of helping the utilities now, and if the electric utilities ask for the 'right' things it can provide an example for other industries as well.

4. Today's Post has an item on page A5 about a coalition opposing the FDA regulations on vitamins. President Ford could remove a lot of animosity by having the FDA withdraw those vitamin regulations.

Sincerely,

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Dear Irving:

Thank you for advising me of your letter to President Ford -- your kind expression of support is sincerely appreciated.

These are important times for our party and our nation. No matter whom the President picks, I hope Americans can unite behind this new Administration.

Thanks again.

Yours very truly,

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Honorable George Bush
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Dear George:

I have written as follows
to President Ford:

As a naive and feeble Republican
I am wondering whether it matters
that George Bush always answered
my letters, and that Nelson Rockefeller
didn't answer even once.



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