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Dear Mrs. Smith,

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Enclosed is a copy of the
minutes of the November 11, 1963
meeting of the Primary Committee.

I would appreciate it if you
would bring this to
Mr. Bush's attention.

Dear Grafton

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November 26, 1963

Dear Dean,

Thank you so much for sending me a copy of the minutes of the November 11th Primary Committee Meeting. I think the excellent. I certainly agree with the suggestions contained in it. Keep up the good work.

Best regards,

George Bush

Mr. Dean Grafton
1315 Neeley
Houston, Texas

MINUTES OF PRIMARY COMMITTEE MEETING
November 11, 1963

The initial meeting of the 1964 Primary Committee was held Monday evening, November 11, 1963, at 1315 Neeley Street, Houston, with the following members present:

Dean Grafton, Chairman	(Prct. 116)
Jim Eysell	(Prct. 41)
Don Lambert	(Prct. 287)
Madeline Norris	(Prct. 228)
Cecil Rives	(Prct. 8)
Jane Yount	(Prct. 140)

(Hart Mankin also attended as Legislative Counsel.)

Leland Baker, the 7th member of the Committee, was not present. George Bush, who as Chairman of the Harris County Republican Party, is an ex officio member of the Primary Committee, could not be present.

The Chairman opened the meeting by passing to each member a copy of the 1964 Calendar of Important Dates, extracted from the Texas Election Code. He stated that it is a requirement under the newly adopted rules of the Executive Committee that every member of the Primary Committee be a member of the Executive Committee. He also emphasized the necessity for treating the Committee's discussions as confidential.

In general, the duties of the Committee are to make provisions for holding the Republican Primary election, and include such things as securing voting machines (or paper ballots), procuring polling places, getting the necessary supplies, securing election judges and clerks and recommending whether or not they be compensated, making up applications for names to be placed on the ballot, recommending filing fees, holding a school for judges and clerks, compiling a budget estimate, and making up the ballot.

The Chairman mentioned his rough estimate of the cost of the primary, as follows:

Voting machines	\$ 7,357
Rental space	8,370
Judges' fees	2,790
Supplies	<u>4,000</u>
	\$22,517

For practical planning, this total figure should be doubled, in anticipation of a second primary. In 1962, the cost of the primary was \$11,246, representing 22,443 voters in 214 precincts.

First item for discussion: Voting machines vs. paper ballots. Chairman recommended that because of the confusion, as well as the additional clerical work, involved in the use of paper ballots, they not be considered. After some discussion, bearing in mind that the cost of each voting machine is \$22.50, motion was unanimously adopted that we use voting machines for the Republican primaries.

Second item: Number of voting machines required. Chairman stated that the Commissioners' Court, in the exercise of their authority to determine the boundaries of the voting precincts, have made changes in a number of Harris County precincts, splitting some into two and abolishing others. The net result will be 279 voting precincts in 1964.

Chairman passed out for discussion a statement captioned "Precincts in Excess of 200 Primary Votes in 1962," showing number of ballots cast in 1962, estimated number in 1964 based on a 10% growth factor, and suggested number of machines needed in 1964.

This statement reflected that the 41 larger precincts would need a minimum of 72 machines, with the 238 other precincts requiring one machine each, and 17 machines needed for absentee voting, making a total of 327.

The Chairman cited the following figures:

Total number of machines	
owned by Harris County	1,143
Taken by Democrats	<u>750</u>
Remaining	393

The growth potential in primary voting in 1964 was discussed: (1) We can assume there will be a presidential preferential ballot in our primary and this will greatly enhance the numbers we can attract. (2) Our precincts are better organized than they were in 1962.

It is estimated that between 225 and 250 voters can be accommodated by one machine. Using this figure as a general guideline, the Committee agreed that 340 machines should be adequate. Motion was made by Eysell, seconded by Rives, and unanimously adopted that we request 340 voting machines. Total cost of 340 machines is \$7,650.

The Committee discussed ways of reducing crowding at the polling places, such as encouraging voters to come during other than peak periods, asking telephone committees to contact voters and inform them of optimum voting times, etc. These recommendations may be passed on to the Area Chairmen. It was agreed that this Committee should take an official position of discouraging write-in candidates.

Although there are presently 82 vacancies in our precincts (out of a total of 282 voting precincts in Harris County),

it was agreed that as a matter of principle this Committee stands on the statement, "There will be a primary in every precinct."

It was discussed and generally agreed that instead of holding 40 or so machines in storage for the precincts which may still be vacant in 1964, we would use paper ballots for this purpose and utilize our machines for the larger precincts where needed.

The Chairman commented that of the precincts in which we have no Precinct Chairman, 40-odd are Negro precincts, and Tom Dixon will be encouraged to solicit the Alliance's help in getting these precincts manned.

Third item: Should the election judges be paid?

If so, how much?

Hart Mankin pointed out that recent changes in the Texas Election Code require one election judge, one associate judge, and two clerks in each primary, and the law specifies a maximum of \$1.00 per hour.

The Chairman recommended paying the judges for the reason that it will facilitate getting judges in the "wishy-washy" precincts. An amount of \$10 was suggested. The Chairman also suggested permitting the judge to exercise his discretion about using a private home, instead of renting a building, as the polling place, and applying the rental thus saved to other expenses.

Motion was made by Rives, seconded by Yount, and unanimously adopted that we pay the judges.

Hart Mankin suggested that a given sum be allocated to each precinct to cover expenses, with the judge having discretionary powers to divide it as he sees fit. Motion was made by Rives and seconded by Yount that we provide a fund of \$15 for the election officials in each precinct to be divided as the presiding judge sees fit.

Fifth item: Securing polling places. The Chairman suggested a plan whereby each member of the Primary Committee be assigned four Area Chairmen and be responsible for contacting them to make certain each gets his Precinct Chairmen to secure places to hold the primary election. Each Area Chairman should furnish information for each precinct, which would include the following: address of polling place, name of judge, associate judge, and two clerks, place of precinct convention, etc. This plan met with general agreement and the following assignments were made:

Primary Committee
Member

Rives

Yount

Norris

Responsible for
following areas:

#3 - Robt. Wells
#5 - Royce Cutler
#10 - Joe Fournace
#16 - R. C. McLain

#12 - Geo. Stucker
#13 - Marshall Pittman
#14 - W. L. Vineyard
#15 - W. G. Doner

6 - A. D. Gill
9 - Clara Kropet
#19 - Barbara Hutchinson
#29 - Berry Norris

Lambert

#11 - Jim Brelsford
#25 - Ralph Wilkens
#26 - Sam Bertron, Jr.
#28 - J. Emerson Brown

Eyssell

#1 - Bill Elliott
#7 - Duane Olney
#8 - Dean Grafton
#27 - Morris Mitchell

Baker

#18 - Doug Tromblee
#20 - Marion Coleman
#21 - Geo. Sharp, Jr.
#30 - Ray H. Rawls

This will take care of the 24 areas where Area Chairmen are assigned, and the Chairman of the Primary Committee will assume responsibility for the five areas not manned by Area Chairmen.

The Chairman of the Primary Committee will prepare letters to be sent to each Area Chairman and each Precinct Chairman advising them of this plan and giving them a deadline for securing the polling place. After this has been done, the Primary Committee members should contact their assigned Area Chairmen.

With a view to economy, it was generally agreed by the Committee that joint use of public schools by Republicans and Democrats (observing requirements for partitions, etc.) should be encouraged. The cost of the polling places was discussed, with \$20 appearing to be the most realistic figure.

Sixth item: Cost of supplies. The Chairman read a list of materials required and estimated the cost at \$4,000. The matter of ordering jointly with the Democrats, in order to get a better price, was discussed. This was agreeable to the

Committee, and the Committee was informed that this was also agreeable to Bill Kilgarlin (for the Democrats).

The Chairman stated that the most controversial item which this Committee will deal with is the recommendation regarding filing fees for Harris County candidates. This must be given serious consideration and the figure decided upon in February.

The meeting was adjourned.

Madeline Norris
Secretary for Primary Committee

October 28, 1963

Dear Dean,

I talked to Peter O'Donnell at the convention and the latest report is that the presidential preferential will be on the ballot. An effort may be made to block it. I will keep you advised on this but for planning purposes we should figure "yes".

Best regards,

George Bush

Mr. Dean Grafton
1315 Neeley
Houston, Texas

Mrs. Willie S. Green
2515 Harbison
Houston, Texas 77034

George Bush

Very truly yours,

I am looking forward to working with you. We
be helped to you in your present work.
Director, our Organizational Director. They can
Executive Organization Committee and Karmay
You will be connected by a member of Bush Ranch's
Chairman.
Please go ahead with the work of the Executive
for satisfaction, but in the meantime will you
presented to the next Executive Committee Meeting
are willing to take it on. Your name will be
important position and I am delighted that you
of District 193. As you know, this is a most
I am pleased to appoint you District Chairman

Dear Mrs. Green,

October 17, 1963

September 30, 1963

Dear Fred,

I am glad the Marion Coleman thing worked out ok. She talked to me about it and I think everything is fine here.

Best regards,

George Bush

Mr. Fred E. Gray
1107 West Thomas
Pasadena, Texas

September 25, 1963

Mrs. Marion E. Coleman
407 S. Walters Street
Pasadena, Texas

Dear Marion:

This will acknowledge receipt of your nice letter of September 23 concerning the Goldwater Chairmanship in Area 20.

I can certainly recognize your problems, which concurrently require meeting the deadline for your Republican Fund Drive, Organizational efforts, and the Draft Goldwater movement.

While I reluctantly accept your resignation as Chairman of the Draft Goldwater Drive in Pasadena, I hope that when your fund drive is completed, you will be willing to assume at least the position of Advisory Chairman, working with Warren Riggs. I have appointed Warren as Chairman of Area 20 plus Precinct 221 on the Goldwater effort.

You will be interested that Dr. Cain and Mr. Colquette, as per your suggestion, will function as Vice Chairmen working with Warren Riggs.

Warren Riggs informs me that you have offered to make available all of your records up to this time to further the Goldwater movement, and even though you will be busy on other matters, it will be our position to maintain liaison with you, hoping to approach our efforts in a manner that will not detract from your successful fund drive for the Republican Party.

Yours very truly,

Fred
Fred E. Gray
Chairman, Region 1
Harris County Draft Goldwater Committee
1107 West Thomas
Pasadena, Texas

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cc: Mr. George H. W. Bush ✓
Mr. Ross G. Baker
Mr. Roland Sledge
Mr. W. C. Riggs
Mr. R. T. Colquette
Dr. Donald N. Cain

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Would not ok!
Fred - Glad this

1701 Houston Club Bldg.

September 5, 1963

Dear Mr. Gibbens,

I am pleased to appoint you Precinct Chairman of Precinct 81. As you know this is a most important position and I am delighted that you are willing to take it on. Your name will be presented to the next Executive Committee meeting for ratification, but in the meantime will you please go ahead with the work of the Precinct Chairman.

You will be contacted by a member of Russ Roach's Precinct Organization Committee and Kearney Reynolds, our Organizational Director. They can be helpful to you in your precinct work.

I am looking forward to working with you.

Very truly yours,

George H. W. Bush

Mr. James Gibbens
12437 Kayla Lane
Houston 15, Texas

1701 Houston Club Bldg.

September 4, 1963

Dear L.E.:

Thank you for the book.

I will be at the meeting and also I am having dinner Friday night with Mr. Leedom at his invitation. I plan to get to Dallas Friday and I will be at Bill Clements' office at Southeastern Drilling Company for lunch and right there after.

The plot is thickening here; the adrenalin is beginning to flow. See you soon.

Best regards,

George H. W. Bush

Mr. L. E. Guillot
Fidelity Union Bldg.
Dallas 1, Texas

L. E. GUILLOT
FIDELITY UNION BUILDING
DALLAS 1, TEXAS

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August 29, 1963

Mr. George Bush
Houston Club Building
Houston, Texas

Dear George:

John Leedom told me he would write you and invite you to the Planning Committee Meeting on September 7. I am enclosing the notice that I received today in regard to the meeting.

If you do not hear from John by Monday, please let me hear from you and I will call him again.

He told me that you had been mentioned as a candidate for the U. S. Senate without my mentioning it.

If you have time you might start jotting down the names of people that we should invite to the luncheon on or about September 17. I thought that I would talk to Dick Bass and Bill Clement about helping me with the luncheon. I can see how it could run into a lot of people and a lot of money. Please let me have your ideas on the matter because I certainly do not want to do anything that you do not agree with.

Congratulations on your blast at the CIO. I heard it on the radio going home last night.

Kindest regards,

LE.

L. E. Guillot

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Enc.

1701 Houston Club Bldg.

August 30, 1963

Dear L.E.:

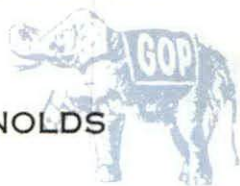
Thank you for your letter of August 29th.
I have not yet received official word about
the Planning Meeting on the 7th, although
I will certainly attend if invited.

I am going to be in Mexico on Tuesday and,
of course, Monday is Labor Day. I have,
however, asked my secretary to call you if
there is no invitation in the Tuesday mail.

Best regards,

George H. W. Bush

Mr. L. E. Guillot
Fidelity Union Building
Dallas 1, Texas



KEARNEY REYNOLDS

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GEORGE -

ANOTHER WOMEN'S CLUB HAS
ACCEPTED A PET. TO CANVASS.

PRES - WOMEN'S CLUB OF PET. 17

MRS GARY GREENE

4069 SILVERWOOD
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240 Club Dr.

Itm George H. W. Bush,
Newman Club Bldg.
Houston Texas.

Dear Mr. Bush:
This is addressed on the
to the press of today where Jack Co paid
he may run for the U.S. Senate
I have known Jack for
many years and would again support him
if he was the Republican nominee, but
the way things are shaping up nationally
I sincerely believe, that your chances of
winning are far of head of Jack's for
the primary reason a person of candidate
is not for that reason with the rank and file.
If you think you will
win share of good reason to believe that
if you were to circulate a state wide list that
share of members of many parties a day.
from which I find that the
women (mostly) are always opposed to Kennedy
than the men

August 27, 1963

1701 Houston Club Bldg.

August 28, 1963

Dear Mr. Garcia,

Thank you for your comments about the Senatorial nomination. I note that Jack Cox lately has indicated that he might be interested. I guess it is a little too early to tell exactly what will happen. If I should do something I would, of course, be interested in any constructive suggestions you might care to send my way.

Very truly yours,

George H. W. Bush

Mr. J. P. Garcia
240 Club Drive
San Antonio, Texas

1701 Houston Club Bldg.

August 26, 1963

Dear Mr. Garcia,

Miss Flynn told me of her visit with you. I would, of course, be glad to see you when you are next over this way. I am in and out of town a great deal so if you are planning a special trip I suggest that we set a date ahead of time. If you are over this way call Miss Flynn and I will be glad to see you.

Best regards,

George H. W. Bush

Mr. J. P. Garcia
240 Club Drive
San Antonio, Texas.

240 Club Dr.,
San Antonio Texas
August 22, 1963.

Hon. George H.W. Bush,
1701 Houston Club Bldg.,
Houston Texas.

Dear Mr. Bush:

This past Tuesday⁵ I called at your office in the hope of visiting with you relative to the possibility of you entering the race for the office of U.S. Senator, which race I sincerely hope that will see your way clear to make.

Believing that the time has come, when men who believe in what America was founded upon must make an effort to preserve it for future generations, instead of destroying it, as it is being done by the present national administration.

Our founding fathers were very careful to set-up three branches of government each with an specific function and with checks and balances, however there seems to be an effort to weld them.

The Supreme Court has assumed the powers delegated to the Congress of passing laws, and has virtually made laws and then give interpretation to the enforcement of them, the Executive branch has now endeavored to nullify the property rights, by demanding that those who thru their efforts have accumulated property must adhere to the Executive Branch's directives as to how the property should be operated, yet has no knowledge as to what in the owner's views is in the best interest of the business. In this nation where aristocracy is measured not by birth but by achievement of the individual simply appears to be a move to destroy the American way of life.

My belief is that I strongly believe in Samuel Adams that what is going on now violates the "Natural Rights of Nature".

Having been directly connected with the conservative^R element in this State for a very long time and being acquainted in the whole of the State, I would certainly like to have a talk with you.

Tuesday, your Miss Flynn, was kind enough to grant me an audience, we talked about your race, and may I say that while she may not have had political experience, she has a very good understanding of what is needed in the field of politics and she is very sound in her views.

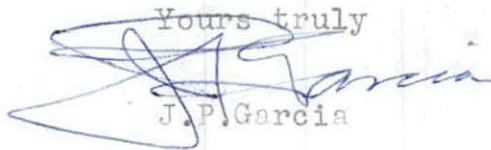
As I would liked to have talked with Jack Cox while there Miss Flynn certainly made an effort to reach him.

Mr. Bush I know more people in the State than most anyone, for I have done this kind of work for many years, yet my efforts were always directed to the goal I was seeking and not for personal publicity, I have a very large national acquaintance also.

Mr. Bush #2

I left with Miss Flynn names of Houston persons that know me whom you are free to call relative to my capabilities in the political field.

Yours truly


J.P. Garcia

23 June, 1963

Dear George,
in answer to your letter

of 15 June,
I was aware several years

ago that I could no longer give the
time necessary to properly working
a precinct; however, with last

year, no one else would do it, so I

was elected twice again. Last
year I had competition, the first

time in ten years, and I would

suggest that you appoint (name)
Chassee as precinct chairman.

Furthermore, I believe he can work

more ably with the present area

chairman (the other precinct chairman).

Frankly, I'm sick of them & the

lot of them!

Also, (name) agreed, willingly,

to serve as Finance Chairman and

this precinct. He tried to drop

block without, the same was with

file in
our
files

had worked last year in August & September, we met with disappointment. He put out a letter to all members Republican Voters (we some Conservative & some has turned in what was received). There was a time when I, and the other person, worked this precinct between us - in 1960, 34, but after last year I would never do it again. Last year, 1962, was not my very better years as the physician's income stream was just too much.

Edwin had a good year working for him last year, in the Finance. Anne in this precinct has not succeeded & it is not because he has not tried.

Sincerely,
 Rick H. Gray
 (Mrs. Rolland H.)

23 June, 1963

Chairman, Executive Committee
Harris County Republican Party
1701 Houston Club Bldg.
Houston, Texas.

Dear George,

Please accept this,
my resignation, as precinct
Chairman, Precinct 15.

I feel very strongly that
someone should serve as
precinct chairman who has the
time to give. I have not. This
is developing into a career ^{kind} I
already have one. I find that
my family requires more of my
time than before, ^{and} as a result,
the Precinct work suffers.

I believe that Calvin Clausel
will fill this vacancy. He is eager
^{and} interested.

Sincerely,
Edith H. Gray

1701 Houston Club Bldg.

June 27, 1963

Dear Dean,

Thank you for your letter about Herbert Frede. Apparently his name is to be presented to the next meeting of the Vacancy Committee and I understand from Bill Simmons that Kearney Reynolds has already chatted with him.

In any event thank you for the recommendation and we will keep on top of it.

Best regards,

George H. W. Bush

Mr. Dean Grafton
1315 Neeley Drive
Houston 55, Texas

1701 Houston Club Bldg.

May 28, 1963

Dear Senator Goldwater,

Thank you very much for your telegram regarding the opening of our Harris County Headquarters. It meant a lot to us to have this and the enthusiastic crowd there was particularly glad to read this greeting.

Hope things are going well.

Best regards,

George H. W. Bush

Senator Barry Goldwater
Senate Office Building
Washington, D. C.

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MAY 21 1963

Houston, Texas
May 20, 1963

George H. W. Bush, Chairman
Republican Party of Harris County
522 Waugh Dr.
Houston, Texas

Dear George:

To fill the recently vacated chairmanship of Precinct 54, I recommend you appoint W. F. Manning, 6318 Grovewood, Houston 8, Texas (UN 4-0597).

Mr. Manning is highly regarded by the members of the community in which he lives, his efforts toward civic improvements being a matter of wide knowledge in Timber Grove Addition. Moreover, his service to the Republican Party dates back to 1960, when he worked as Area 6 Campaign Chairman. He has since served in the precinct in several other capacities and distinguished himself by leading a successful fund raising drive in the precinct last year.

Mr. Manning has indicated his desire to serve in the capacity of precinct chairman and has the endorsement of all of the currently active volunteer workers in the precinct.

Sincerely yours,


A. D. Gill

BARRY GOLDWATER
ARIZONA

COMMITTEES:
ARMED SERVICES
LABOR AND PUBLIC WELFARE
SPECIAL COMMITTEE ON AGING

United States Senate

WASHINGTON, D.C.

March 25, 1963

Mr. Leonard J. Nadasdy, Chairman
Young Republican National Federation
Republican National Committee
1625 Eye Street, N.W.
Washington, D.C.

Dear Len:

The All-American Conference being sponsored by the Young Republican National Federation has my wholehearted support. I am sorry that I will be unable to be in New York on the weekend of the 19th to take part in the conference; nevertheless, I wish to take this opportunity to express a few thoughts of my own on the theme of the conference.

It seems to me that the whole subject of ethnic and minority groups and their relationships within our society has been talked to death. Political appeals to race and religion are, of course, commonplace. The general practice of recent years has been the use of the subtle, and sometimes not so subtle approach to the so-called "minority groups" based upon a narrow emotionalism.

Cynical politicians are continually harping on the problems of minorities and offering glib solutions to them. The words they use refer to ending the divisions between our people; but, I'm convinced that the net effect of this talk is to divide the American people and to inflate, rather than solve, the very real problems of our racial and religious groups.

The Republican Party need offer no apologies concerning its record on this issue. The Party's history, tradition and conviction all clearly point in the same direction. We have made steady progress in lessening the divisions which have separated our people since the inception of the Republican Party and the leadership of Abraham Lincoln.

Our record is clear; our job is one of selling that record. Too often in the past we have seen our Party's solid record of accomplishment largely ignored by those who benefited the most from it. Politically inspired emotional gimmicks and fantastic promises are the trademarks of the Democratic Party. We Republicans cannot and should not try to compete with them on their own shallow ground.

The Republican Party must seek the minority group vote in the only sensible and honorable way open to us. We must appeal to all racial and religious groupings with well reasoned arguments that do not insult them or their intelligence. We should avoid making any sort of special appeal based upon race or creed. In short, the Republican Party should seek the vote of every American; but, let us emphasize the unity of our people, not the factors that divide us.

Sincerely,


Barry Goldwater

1701 Houston Club Bldg.

April 24, 1963

Dear Gordon,

Bill Cassin has told me how much work you did on the reapportionment matter. Thank you ever so much for your help.

In my opinion this is one of the most important things we have done and I feel that the Party is a good deal further ahead for having taken this action.

Thanks a million.

Very truly yours,

George H. W. Bush

Mr. R. Gordon Gooch
Baker, Botts, Shepherd & Coates
Esperson Bldg.
Houston 2, Texas

The Millers

Life Insurance Company OF TEXAS

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RICHARD K. GREER

REGIONAL MANAGER

2202 Crawford Street — Room 1
Houston 2, Texas

April 12, 1963

Mr. George H. Bush
President
Zapata Off-Shore Company
1701 Houston Club Building
Houston 2, Texas

Dear George:

You have no idea how much I appreciated your participation in our three area meetings. It was that added touch of party interest that means so much to the guys and gals who have to bang on the doors.

On behalf of those who found the time to learn something about our fund raising drive, I thank you.

Best Regards,



Richard K. Greer
Area Vice Chairman
Neighbor to Neighbor
Fund Drive

RKG/bp

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May 2, 1963

Mr. George H. W. Bush
1701 Houston Club Building
Houston 2, Texas

Dear George:

Thank you for your letter of April 4.

I am sorry that I've been so slow to reply to your request.
The press of business has put me behind in my correspondence.

I have tried to make my position on the so-called "Civil Rights question" clear. In my book, The Conscience of a Conservative and elsewhere I have stated my general view that the problems of integration should be handled by the local communities and the States. I am personally opposed to segregation and I am certain that it will eventually be eliminated from the United States.

I believe that discrimination should be eliminated from all of the activities of the Federal Government and that the rights specified in the United States Constitution should be assured to each citizen of our country. These goals are a long way from being reached, despite all of the noise emanating from the Administration concerning its accomplishments in this field.

The Federal Government has the power to end discrimination within its own sphere and to permit every American to vote in Federal elections. I have consistently supported efforts to accomplish these ends. I draw the line, however, on the highly publicized attempts by the Federal Government and others to intervene in the social problems of certain sections of our country.

I have enclosed a copy of the report on the Youth Employment Act. The appendix to the Minority Views, found on page 33, contains an example of my approach to the civil rights question. You will note that my anti-discrimination amendments were rejected by the Democratic majority of the Labor Committee. Later, on the Senate floor, the same amendments were offered by Senator Tower and were adopted by a vote of 71 to 15. (Congressional Record, Wednesday, April 10, 1963, p. 5942).

I have also enclosed a copy of a letter I wrote to Young Republican

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National Chairman Nadasdy on this subject. I hope that this information will be helpful to you.

Again, thank you for your kind words.

Sincerely,


Barry Goldwater

1701 Houston Club Bldg.
Houston 2, Texas

April 4, 1963

Dear Senator Goldwater,

Just a note to thank you for appearing here in Houston. Your visit did our local Party a tremendous amount of good. Enthusiasm seems to me to be at an all time high. It was indeed kind of you to give so much of your time not only for the speech but for visiting with our people.

I am wondering if you would ask someone in your office to send me some information on any position which you may have taken on the Civil Rights question. We are commencing a program of more activity in the negro precincts where we got clobbered last year 29,000 to 1,000. It would be helpful to me to furnish our group working on this project with some statement of your views on this matter.

Thank you again for coming to Houston and if there is ever anything I can do for you here please do not hesitate to have your office call on me.

Very truly yours,

George H. W. Bush, Chairman
Harris County Republican Party

Senator Barry Goldwater
Senate Office Building
Washington, D. C.

P.S. Mother and Dad did get back from Florida the first of this week, so perhaps you will be running into him down there some time.

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March 20, 1963

Dear Fred,

Thank you for your letter of March 18th and the list.
Your prompt cooperation is certainly appreciated.
I passed your cover letter along to Bill Simmons.

Bill told me of your decision regarding the Vacancy
Committee. I will certainly abide by your choice
in this matter. However, we will look forward to
working closely with you in the selection of new
precinct chairmen. We have advised Gerry Donner,
chairman of the committee of your decision but I am
sure he will be calling you to get together to
discuss openings, etc.

If you have any suggestions please don't hesitate
to give me a ring. In the meantime thank you for
your help.

Very truly yours,

George H. W. Bush, Chairman
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