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THE WHITE HOUSE  
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September 8, 1976

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MEMORANDUM TO: DICK CHENEY  
FROM: PHIL BUCHEN

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You should be aware that we have received a notice from the House Committee on Standards of Official Conduct that a member of Congresswoman Holtzman's staff has reviewed Congressman Ford's Reports on Financial Disclosure for 1968-1972. The only material reviewed was Part A, which is available for inspection by the general public. Attached are copies of these reports.

No action on our part is necessary at this time.



U.S. HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES  
COMMITTEE ON STANDARDS OF OFFICIAL CONDUCT

Official Notification

Pursuant to provisions of H. Res. 1099 (90th Congress), you are hereby notified by the Committee on Standards of Official Conduct that PART A of the Report of Financial Disclosure which you have filed with this Committee has been examined as indicated below. Permission for this examination was approved in compliance with provisions of House Rules.

*John J. Flynt, Jr.*  
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JOHN J. FLYNT, JR.  
Chairman.

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(For persons examining PART A of Reports on Financial Disclosure)

Rules of the Committee and of the House of Representatives permit only one Report (PART A) on Financial Disclosure to be examined at a time, and require examiner to sign and complete two copies of this form prior to examination.

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Date: Sept 3, 1976

Examination of Report of: Gerald Ford  
Member, Officer or Employee of House of Representatives

Examination by: ANNE J. STONE STAFF ASST Elizabeth Holtzman  
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# PART A

## U.S. HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

(White form: MEMBERS ONLY)

STATEMENT OF CERTAIN FINANCIAL INTERESTS AND ASSOCIATIONS AS OF DATE OF FILING AND CERTAIN OTHER FINANCIAL DATA COVERING CALENDAR YEAR 1971

FILING REQUIRED BY APRIL 30, 1972

Committee on Standards of Official Conduct

Gerald R. Ford

(Member's name)

5th

(District)

Michigan

(State)

PART A: (See instructions and text of House Rule XLIV on reverse side).

The interest of a spouse or any other party, *if constructively controlled* by the person reporting, shall be considered to be the same as the interest of the person reporting.

1. List the name, instrument of ownership, and any position of management held in any business entity doing a substantial business with the Federal Government or subject to Federal regulatory agencies in which the ownership is *in excess of \$5,000 fair market value as of the date of filing*, or from which income of \$1,000 or more was derived during the preceding calendar year. Do not list any time or demand deposit in a financial institution or any debt instrument having a fixed yield unless it is convertible to an equity instrument.

Business Entity	Instrument of Ownership	Position of Management
ROSPATCH Corporation		Director

(If additional space needed please attach supplemental listing, unsealed.)

2. List the name, address and type of practice of any *professional* organization in which the person reporting, or his spouse, is an officer, director, or partner, or serves in any advisory capacity, from which income of \$1,000 or more was derived during the preceding calendar year.

Name	Address	Type of Practice

3. List the *source* of each of the following items received during the preceding calendar year:

(a) Any income from a *single* source for services rendered (other than from the U.S. Government) exceeding \$5,000 and not reported in section 2 above.

(b) Any capital gain from a single source exceeding \$5,000, other than from the sale of a residence occupied by the person reporting. (As reportable to IRS.)

(c) Reimbursement for expenditures (other than from the U.S. Government) exceeding \$1,000 in each instance.

(d) Sources of honoraria aggregating \$300 or more from a single source. (Name the original source, not a speakers' bureau.)

See attached

4. List each creditor to whom the person reporting was indebted for a period of 90 consecutive days or more in the preceding calendar year in an aggregate amount in excess of \$10,000 *excluding* any indebtedness specifically secured by the pledge of assets of the person reporting of appropriate value.

(Date of filing)

(Signature of Declarer)

Honorable Gerald R. Ford - 1971

1. National Limestone Institute
2. Howard Payne College - Brownwood, Texas
3. United Fresh Fruits & Vegetables Assn.
4. Stanford University
5. U. S. Chamber of Commerce
6. Association of New York State Food Processors
7. Architects and Engineers Public Affairs Conference
8. West Chester State College Commencement
9. Automotive Service Industry Association
10. Steuben Society
11. West Coast Purchasing Management Association
12. Zionist Organization of America
13. United States Steel Public Affairs Conference
14. Republican Committee, Staten Island, N. Y.
15. Associated Milk Producers Association Convention
16. Zionist Organization of America
17. Republican Committee, Morristown, N. J.
18. California Savings & Loan League
19. National Association of Retail Druggists Convention
20. West County Business & Professional Association  
Land Executive Association
21. National Restaurant Association
22. Republican Committee, San Diego, Calif.
23. American College of University Women Convention



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FILING REQUIRED BY APRIL 30, 1973

Committee on Standards of Official Conduct

Gerald R. Ford

Fifth

Michigan

(Member's name)

(District)

(State)

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CAMPAIGN MONEYS ARE NOT TO BE TAKEN INTO ACCOUNT IN THIS REPORT

1. National Restaurant Association
2. Republican Dinner, Pekin, Illinois
3. Republican Fund Raising Dinner, Flint, Michigan
4. Princeton University, Princeton, New Jersey
5. American Institute of Architects Public Affairs Conference
6. Zionist Organization of America
7. Republican Fund Raising Reception, Palm Springs, California
8. Leisure World Republican Club Fund Raising Dinner, Laguna Hills, California
9. Republican Dinner, Denver, Colorado
10. Alfred University, Alfred, New York
11. Chamber of Commerce & Manufacturers Assn. Banquet, Erie, Pennsylvania
12. American Supply and Machinery Manufacturers Association
13. Republican Fund Raising Luncheon, Columbus, Ohio
14. American Trial Lawyers Association
15. Independent Wholesale Bakers Association
16. Republican Dinner, Kewanee, Illinois
17. Republican Fund Raising Dinner, Johnson City, Tennessee
18. American Meat Institute
19. American Retail Federation
20. Republican Fund Raising Dinner, Kankakee, Illinois
21. Beth Torah Congregation, Miami, Florida

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# PART A

## U.S. HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

(White form: MEMBERS ONLY)

### STATEMENT OF FINANCIAL INTERESTS AND ASSOCIATIONS AS OF DATE OF FILING AND CERTAIN INCOME FOR CALENDAR YEAR 1970

FILING REQUIRED BY APRIL 30, 1971

Committee on Standards of Official Conduct

GERALD R. FORD

(Member's name)

5<sup>th</sup>

(District)

MICHIGAN

(State)

PART A: (See instructions and text of House Rule XLIV on reverse side).

The interest of a spouse or any other party, if constructively controlled by the person reporting, shall be considered to be the same as the interest of the person reporting.

- List the name, instrument of ownership, and any position of management held in any business entity doing a substantial business with the Federal Government or subject to Federal regulatory agencies in which the ownership is in excess of \$5,000 fair market value as of the date of filing, or from which income of \$1,000 or more was derived during the preceding calendar year. Do not list any time or demand deposit in a financial institution or any debt instrument having a fixed yield unless it is convertible to an equity instrument.

Business Entity

Instrument of Ownership

Position of Management

Business Entity	Instrument of Ownership	Position of Management
<u>none</u>		

(If additional space needed please attach supplemental listing, unsealed.)

- List the name, address and type of practice of any professional organization in which the person reporting, or his spouse, is an officer, director, or partner, or serves in any advisory capacity, from which income of \$1,000 or more was derived during the preceding calendar year.

Name	Address	Type of Practice
<u>ROSPA CH</u> <u>(Label manufacturer)</u>	<u>Rosand Rapids, Michigan</u>	<u>Director - member of</u> <u>Branch</u>

- List the source of each of the following items received during the preceding calendar year:

(a) Any income from a single source for services rendered (other than from the U.S. Government) exceeding \$5,000 and not reported in section 2 above.

none

(b) Any capital gain from a single source exceeding \$5,000, other than from the sale of a residence occupied by the person reporting. (As reportable to IRS.)

none

(c) Reimbursement for expenditures (other than from the U.S. Government) exceeding \$1,000 in each instance.

none

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(Date of filing)

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(Signature of Declarer)



U.S. HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

(White form: MEMBERS ONLY)

STATEMENT OF FINANCIAL INTERESTS AND ASSOCIATIONS AS OF DATE OF FILING AND CERTAIN INCOME FOR CALENDAR YEAR 1969

Gerald R. Ford Fifth Michigan

(Member's name)

(District)

(State)

PART A: (See instructions and text of House Rule XLIV on reverse side).

The interest of a spouse or any other party, if constructively controlled by the person reporting, shall be considered to be the same as the interest of the person reporting.

- 1. List the name, instrument of ownership, and any position of management held in any business entity doing a substantial business with the Federal Government or subject to Federal regulatory agencies in which the ownership is in excess of \$5,000 fair market value as of the date of filing, or from which income of \$1,000 or more was derived during the preceding calendar year. Do not list any time or demand deposit in a financial institution or any debt instrument having a fixed yield unless it is convertible to an equity instrument.

Business Entity

Instrument of Ownership

Position of Management

Table with 3 columns: Business Entity, Instrument of Ownership, Position of Management. Multiple rows of dashed lines for entry.

(If additional space needed please attach supplemental listing, unsealed.)

- 2. List the name, address and type of practice of any professional organization in which the person reporting, or his spouse, is an officer, director, or partner, or serves in any advisory capacity, from which income of \$1,000 or more was derived during the preceding calendar year.

Organization Name

Grand Rapids Michigan

Label Manufacturer

Table with 3 columns: Organization Name, Address, Type of Practice. One row of dashed lines for entry.

- 3. List the source of each of the following items received during the preceding calendar year: (a) Any income from a single source for services rendered (other than from the U.S. Government) exceeding \$5,000 and not reported in section 2 above.

none

- (b) Any capital gain from a single source exceeding \$5,000, other than from the sale of a residence occupied by the person reporting. (As reportable to IRS.)

none

- (c) Reimbursement for expenditures (other than from the U.S. Government) exceeding \$1,000 in each instance.

none

7/7/70 (Date of filing)

Gerald R. Ford (Signature of Declarer)

CAMPAIGN MONEYS ARE NOT TO BE TAKEN INTO ACCOUNT IN THIS REPORT



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STATEMENT OF FINANCIAL INTERESTS AND ASSOCIATIONS AS OF DECEMBER 31, 1968, AND CERTAIN INCOME FOR CALENDAR YEAR 1968

(Members should use white forms, officers and employees should use green forms)

Member (G-1) GERALD R FORD District of MICHIGAN
Officer (G-2) Position
Principal assistant to Member, chairman or officer (G-3) Position
Professional staff member (G-4) Committee or subcommittee (G-5)

The interest of a spouse or any other party, if constructively controlled (G-6) by the person reporting, shall be considered to be the same as the interest of the person reporting. (Text of House Rule XLIV appears on back. Also refer to instructions in enclosed pamphlet).

PART A. I. List the name (A-1), instrument of ownership (A-2), and any position of management (A-3) held in any business entity (A-4) doing a substantial business with the Federal Government (A-5) or subject to Federal Regulatory Agencies (A-6) in which the ownership is in excess of \$5,000 fair market value (A-7) as of the date of filing or from which income of \$1,000 or more (A-8) was derived during the preceding calendar year. Do not list any time or demand deposit (A-9) in a financial institution or any debt instrument having a fixed yield unless it is convertible to an equity instrument (A-10).

Table with 4 columns: Business Entity (A-4), Address, Instrument of Ownership, Position or Office Held. Contains several rows of dashed lines for data entry.

II. List the name, address, and type of practice of any professional organization (A-11) in which the person reporting, or his spouse, is an officer, director, or partner, or serves in any advisory capacity, from which income of \$1,000 or more was derived during the preceding calendar year.

Table with 4 columns: Name, Address, Office Held, Type of Business or Practice. Includes handwritten entry: Respatch, Grand Rapids, Mich, Director, Metal manufacturing.

- III. List the source of each of the following items received during the preceding calendar year:
(a) Any income for services rendered (A-12) (other than from the United States Government) exceeding \$5,000. NONE
(b) Any capital gain (A-13) from a single source exceeding \$5,000, other than from the sale of a residence occupied by the person reporting. NONE
(c) Reimbursement for expenditures (other than from the United States Government) (A-14) exceeding \$1,000 in each instance. NONE

(Signature of Declarer)

CAMPAIGN MONIES ARE NOT TO BE TAKEN INTO ACCOUNT IN THIS REPORT

Where space provided for answers is insufficient please attach additional sheets keyed to proper numbers

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TO DICK CHENEY

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OCTOBER 4, 1976

MEMORANDUM FOR: DICK CHENEY

FROM: JACK MARSH  
ED SCHMULTS

WE FEEL YOU SHOULD BE AWARE PRIOR TO ARRIVAL IN SAN FRANCISCO THAT AN INQUIRY LATE THIS EVENING BY LANDAUER OF THE WALL STREET JOURNAL TO JIM SHUMAN INDICATES PORTIONS OF AUDIT HAVE BEEN LEAKED BY SOMEONE TO THE PRESS. STORY WILL NOT RUN TOMORROW.

YOU SHOULD BE ALERT TO INQUIRIES TO PRESS STAFF AND OTHERS THERE. I AM ADVISING SHUMAN TO REFER ALL INQUIRIES THIS SUBJECT TO COUNSEL'S OFFICE.

ED AND I ARE WORKING IN PHIL'S OFFICE TONIGHT.  
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\*\*\*\*\*WHSR COMMENT\*\*\*\*\*

HYLAND, MATHENY

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THE WHITE HOUSE

WASHINGTON

October 4, 1976

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MEMORANDUM FOR: DICK CHENEY

FROM: JACK MARSH  
ED SCHMULIS

We feel you should be aware prior to arrival in San Francisco that an inquiry late this evening by Landauer of the Wall Street Journal to Jim Shuman indicates portions of audit have been leaked by someone to the press. Story will not run tomorrow.

You should be alert to inquiries to press staff and others there. I am advising Shuman to refer all inquiries this subject to Counsel's office.

Ed and I are working in Phil's office tonight.



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TO: DICK CHENEY -  
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Question: (No. 1)

Is it true that while Minority Leader, Mr. Ford had a secret account to which he deposited political contributions and withdrew personal expenses?

Answer:

No! Mr. Ford had a special business expense account for the Fifth District of Michigan.

Mr. Ford did not have a secret account. He had a business expense account from which he paid certain campaign costs, travel, and other expenses incident to his duties as a Congressman. Receipts and expenditures in this account were thoroughly examined and approved by the Internal Revenue Service prior to Mr. Ford's confirmation hearings.

NOTE TO SPOKESMAN

In response to all questions on this subject repeat again and again the conclusions of the 1973 investigation and findings of the IRS on this matter.

10/5/76



Question (No. 2)

How does the preceding answer (Question No. 1) jive with the answer to a question which appeared in this week's Newsweek which read as follows:

"No money was ever given first to these committees and then returned to you for public or private reasons?"

Answer:

"No . . . not one penny in cash or check or otherwise came to me personally."

Answer:

The key words here are public or private reasons. Some campaign contributions were transferred to this account, but they were used for the purpose of paying political expenses. Other deposits to the account came from previously advanced travel expenses for which Mr. Ford was reimbursed. In order to reimburse the account for previously advanced travel expense, checks to Mr. Ford covering honoraria and expenses would be deposited in the account. Amounts representing only honoraria would then be withdrawn and deposited to Mr. Ford's personal account so that they would be picked up for income tax purposes.

You should be aware that when an invitation came in to speak away from Washington -- and there were many such -- Mr. Ford would usually purchase his ticket in advance from his business account and then some time later would be reimbursed by the host organization. In turn, Mr. Ford would reimburse his business account.



October 5, 1976

Question:

When are you going to make all of the President's financial records available?

Answer:

Summary financial and tax information for President and Mrs. Ford for a ten year period has been released, together with a balance sheet. The President's financial affairs have been reviewed in detail by Congressional committees in the Vice Presidential confirmation process and audited by the IRS. No one in our political history has undergone a more vigorous examination. The President received a clean bill of health. The additional financial information to which you refer has been made available to those who have a responsibility to examine it for tax and other purposes and it has been found to be satisfactory. We see no need to make such detailed information public.

October 5, 1976





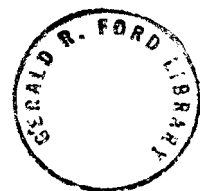
Question:

What about the State of Michigan?

Answer:

I am not aware that the State of Michigan raised any question whatsoever concerning President Ford's financial affairs.

October 5, 1976



Question:

Reference is made in the audit report to the purchase of tickets for family air travel to Vail in 1972. Is this a business expense?

Answer:

No, it was not. It was not claimed as one and the account was reimbursed in the amount of the advance by Mr. Ford 16 days after the tickets were purchased.

October 5, 1976



Question:

It is reported that the audit indicates a disallowable business deduction in excess of \$800 for clothing for Mrs. Ford, with accounts payable to Woodward & Lothrop, Lord & Taylor and Central Charge. Do you consider this a business expense?

Answer:

Let us go back to the time of that deduction. Mr. Ford had been named Chairman of the Republican National Convention in Miami. It was expected that Mrs. Ford would go with him and as the wife of the Minority Leader and Convention Chairman, would be expected to participate in a number of functions in which she otherwise would not have been required to do. For this reason, it was felt that the purchase of clothing was in the nature of a business expense. However, the IRS auditors raised a question about this item and Mr. Ford chose not to dispute the IRS disallowance. This item was the only amount questioned and it resulted in an increase in taxes paid over the six-year period audited of \$435.77 or .29% of the total taxes paid.

October 5, 1976



Question:

Isn't this one of those accounts which the Hill is famous for having -- a political slush fund like Nixon had in 1952 and many other Members have had to conceal campaign contributions?

Answer:

No it is not. Political contributions were not used for the personal support of Mr. Ford or his family nor was it a means to avoid the payment of income tax. There has been a proper accounting of all receipts and expenditures. All campaign contributions made to political committees supporting Mr. Ford were reported in accordance with legal requirements.

October 5, 1976



Question

CBS is expected to report that an audit of Mr. Ford's income tax returns prepared for the Congressional committees for his confirmation as Vice President, reveals that he had diverted political contributions for personal use, namely purchase of clothing for Mrs. Ford and airline tickets for a family vacation. What is your comments?

Answer:

This is not a new story. The current report is exhuming totally old material fully disclosed to, and exhaustively investigated by, the IRS, the FBI, the Joint Committee on Taxation and both Congressional Committees involved in the confirmation process. The result of the IRS audit was furnished at the President's request to the Committees. This story has appeared in print as early as April of 1974 when Jack Anderson quoted from the audit and concluded that the President's tax returns "reveal him as an honest man."

All of the examiners found that there had been proper accounting of the President's income for tax purposes.

In reference to the two items you mentioned, the expenses for clothing were disallowed and Mr. Ford chose not to contest the point and paid \$435.77 of additional tax. Concerning the air tickets to Vail, Mr. Ford reimbursed the business account for the temporary travel advance 16 days after the original purchase of the tickets.



October 5, 1976

Question:

Do you plan to make the audit report available to the press?

Answer:

The President has released a ten-year detailed summary of financial and tax information, together with a balance sheet. The IRS audit report is a confidential document but notwithstanding that, Mr. Ford agreed in 1973, as the Committee Report will show, to make it available to the Joint Committee on Internal Revenue Taxation of the Congress. We feel this is adequate disclosure.

October 5, 1976



Question:

Does the President feel it is right to have this kind of a hidden account that nobody knows about?

Answer:

First, it was not a hidden account as you will see by reference to the Conference Report. It was reviewed in detail by the IRS. It was in the nature of a business expense account not unlike those maintained by many professional people.

It was legal in every respect and no taxes were avoided. At all times there was a proper reporting of Mr. Ford's campaign receipts.

October 5, 1976



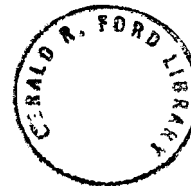
Question

Why did not all of the receipts and disbursements in the business account go into Mr. Ford's personal account?

Answer:

Mr. Ford opened the business expense account to avoid putting campaign contributions into his personal account and thus comingle personal and political expenses.

Again, I go back to the point that President Ford's financial affairs have been subjected to one of the most rigorous examinations in our political history, and he has been given a clean bill of health.



October 5, 1976