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August 14, 1974

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

Dear Mr. President:

In addition to the three names Senator Bellmon and I submitted Monday for your consideration as Vice Presidential possibilities, I would like to add the name of Governor Ronald Reagan of California.

Sincerely,



Dewey F. Bartlett
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August 15, 1974

The President
The White House
Washington, D. C.

Dear Mr. President:

Please accept my compliments on your decisive and firm methodology in assuming the Presidency, and also my congratulations. The tone you have set can truly begin the healing of our country if all of us work together.

My purpose in writing is to presume to accept your broad invitation for recommendations for the Vice-Presidency. Two men immediately come to my mind who not only have the broad general governmental experience necessary but also are men committed to Jesus Christ. Their priorities are truly in order in this life and in God's kingdom. I hope you will give them serious consideration for these reasons. These men are Senator Mark Hatfield and Representative Al Quie.

Our Lord said the great commandment was to "love the Lord your God with all your heart, and with all your soul, and with all your mind." Second unto this was "to love your neighbor as yourself." Matthew 22, 34 to 40.

These men both live this as their first priority. The second priority of a committed brother is to his family. Both these men have this priority in order. The third priority is commitment to their brothers. You have experienced this in both these men and know whereof I speak.

I need not recite their governmental experience and history. You are well aware of that, as well as of their party experience and loyalty.

Mr. President
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Mr. President, the most important thing to mankind right now is for men committed to God, and who truly follow the teachings of our Lord Jesus Christ, to be in the leadership of this country.

He promised us everything else would be added if we sought first the Kingdom of God. This I believe. He will honor His promise and you, Mr. President, are his instrument.

May God be with you and surround you with His love, now and always.

With sincere respect,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Harold E. Hughes". The signature is written in dark ink and is positioned above the printed name.

HAROLD E. HUGHES

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Congress of the United States
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Washington, D.C. 20515

August 15, 1974

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

Dear Mr. President:

I am attaching herewith a copy of a press release which I issued this morning. I wanted you to be aware of this information, as I feel it is of substantial significance to the question you are now deliberating with regard to a vice-presidential selection.

There is considerable evidence, gleaned in the course of this poll, that there is much stronger support for Senator Goldwater than may appear from the written recommendations you receive, simply because many Members felt the Senator did not really want the position or, more significantly, that he would not be seriously considered.

I am certain you sought recommendations from Republican leaders because you wanted to ascertain their true desires and preferences. I am very much afraid, on the basis of the poll I have conducted, that owing to the influence of media reports and political speculation, you received in many cases the recommendations individuals felt you wanted to hear, recommendations they felt would make the task easier for you -- in short, compromise recommendations -- rather than actual preferences.

I further believe that acceptability to Southern Democrats, at least some of whom have in the past seriously toyed with the idea of changing parties, should be a factor in your deliberations.



The Honorable Gerald R. Ford
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It is for these reasons that I take the liberty of submitting these "additional views." Please be assured that my only purpose is the hope of making your task easier, not more difficult.

With best wishes and kindest personal regards,
I am

Sincerely,



FLOYD D. SPENCE
Member of Congress

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PRESS RELEASE FROM THE OFFICE OF CONGRESSMAN FLOYD SPENCE (R-SC)
August 15, 1974

Congressman Floyd D. Spence (R-SC) announced in Washington this morning that he had conducted an informal poll of the Congressional delegation of twelve southern and border states and found Senator Barry M. Goldwater to be unanimously acceptable to all those who responded, Republicans and Democrats alike, as a nominee to fill the Vice-Presidential vacancy.

"I believe Barry Goldwater is the only figure in the party who is unanimously acceptable to the South," said Spence. "This is an extremely important factor, since the states I polled played a major part in the conservative mandate given Richard Nixon in the 1972 election," the South Carolinian continued.

"Barry Goldwater is the only name mentioned so far who is acceptable on virtually every reasonable criteria one could establish. He brings geographic balance, unquestioned integrity, long experience in government, proven ability, and philosophical compatibility to the new Ford Administration. He is respected by Republicans and Democrats alike and, while he is conservative, he is recognized by liberals as a man of principle and fair play," added Spence.

"It is my impression," the Congressman continued, "that Barry Goldwater would have been at the top of most lists except for the conviction on the part of many Members

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of Congress that he did not want the job and was not being seriously considered. I have talked with the Senator personally and can assure anyone who wants to know, that he is not only willing to accept the Vice-Presidency if it is offered, but would be eager to serve his country in this capacity. I also have good reason to believe that Senator Goldwater will be seriously considered by the President if party leaders, Members of Congress, Governors and the people want him seriously considered. I sincerely hope that anyone who was asked to submit his recommendations and who neglected to place Senator Goldwater at the top of his list for fear he did not want it or would not be seriously considered, will reemphasize to President Ford his strong support of a Goldwater nomination."

"It would be a shame," Spence concluded, "if the best qualified candidate for this high office were overlooked and a compromise candidate were selected when no compromise is necessary -- when in fact, Barry Goldwater would be the best possible person available to help President Ford bring the country together and carry out the mandate of the '72 election."

The states included in the Congressman's poll were Alabama, Arkansas, Florida, Georgia, Louisiana, Mississippi, North Carolina, Oklahoma, South Carolina, Tennessee, Texas, and Virginia.



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General Alexander M. Haig, Jr.

The White House

Washington, D. C.

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RICHARD M. ROSENBAUM, Chairman

August 12, 1974

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

Dear George:

I warmly welcome your invitation to submit, on behalf of the Republican Party of New York State, my recommendations to you for the vacant Office of Vice President.

With singular pride, I offer the one individual who best meets President Ford's high standards for the Office, the former Governor of the State of New York, Nelson A. Rockefeller.

Governor Rockefeller would bring to the Vice Presidency a matchless breadth of experience, profound and proven ability, and an omniverous interest in national and international affairs.

As a result of his 15 years as Governor of New York, and of his distinguished service to the Nation before and since, he has won the affection and esteem of millions of Americans.

No one could assist President Ford more in leading the Nation toward solving its many problems.

No one could assist President Ford more in re-establishing the standards of political morality and public service first planted on our soil by the founders of the republic.

Governor Rockefeller's years in public life are emphatic testimony of his humanity and courage, intelligence and integrity. Indeed, his public record is his most compelling advocate.

Though certain political considerations also might tend to favor Governor Rockefeller, the only real question before us is: "Who is best for America?"

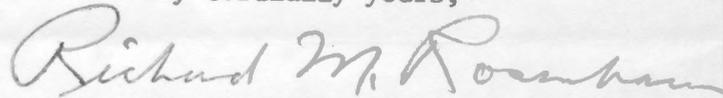
Most New Yorkers, and I feel certain most Americans, would enthusiastically endorse my answer: Nelson A. Rockefeller.

Proven leadership, proven excellence, proven character -- these are his prime and special qualities.

I earnestly hope they are put to work for the Ford Administration.

With renewed appreciation for your invitation, and with best wishes,
I am

Very cordially yours,



Richard M. Rosenbaum
Chairman

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Enclosure



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**CHRISTOPHER S. BOND
GOVERNOR**

August 12, 1974

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The President
The White House
Washington, D. C. 20500

Dear Mr. President:

According to word we have received you have asked for suggestions for Vice-President.

In the enclosed envelope, I am pleased to transmit my suggestion.

Sincerely yours,

GOVERNOR





EXECUTIVE OFFICE
STATE OF MISSOURI
JEFFERSON CITY

CHRISTOPHER S. BOND
GOVERNOR

August 12, 1974

The President
The White House
Washington, D. C. 20500

Dear Mr. President:

The most important criterion, it seems to me, in choosing a Vice-President is to find one with broad governmental experience and a reputation of unquestioned integrity. The person who best fits those qualifications is Governor Nelson Rockefeller.

Governor Rockefeller's experience as a chief executive of a large state and his experience in international affairs would be of invaluable service to you. He would have great acceptance among independents and Democrats also.

If your choice is not Governor Rockefeller I would urge you to consider carefully other governors or former governors, for their experience with dealing with internal matters. Governor Dan Evans of Washington would be an ideal selection.

Whatever your choice, I sincerely hope that you will continue the efforts for new federalism and permit those of us in state government to offer our suggestions in the framing of domestic policies. I appreciate the opportunity to transmit these suggestions to you and offer you my continuing assistance.

Sincerely yours,

A handwritten signature in dark ink, appearing to read "Chris Bond", written in a cursive style.

GOVERNOR



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The President
The White House
Washington, D. C. 20500