

The original documents are located in Box 19, folder “Vice President - House Suggestions, A-Mh (9)” of the Robert T. Hartmann Files at the Gerald R. Ford Presidential Library.

Copyright Notice

The copyright law of the United States (Title 17, United States Code) governs the making of photocopies or other reproductions of copyrighted material. Gerald Ford donated to the United States of America his copyrights in all of his unpublished writings in National Archives collections. Works prepared by U.S. Government employees as part of their official duties are in the public domain. The copyrights to materials written by other individuals or organizations are presumed to remain with them. If you think any of the information displayed in the PDF is subject to a valid copyright claim, please contact the Gerald R. Ford Presidential Library.



HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES
WASHINGTON, D. C. 20515

RICHARD W. MALLARY
VERMONT

August 13, 1974

Mr. President:

Pursuant to John Rhodes' message, I would like to indicate my choices of candidates for selection as Vice President.

I would be delighted with the designation of any one of:

Nelson A. Rockefeller
Elliot Richardson
George Bush

Each of these men would bring great experience and ability as well as unquestioned integrity to the office. I believe that any one of them would be warmly accepted by the Party organization as well as the general public in Vermont.

Your message to the Joint Assembly last night and your inaugural message on Friday were exemplary.

You have my best wishes and cooperation in the difficult business ahead.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Dick", written over the word "Sincerely,".

The President
The White House
Washington, D.C.

U.S. HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

WASHINGTON, D.C. 20515

PUBLIC DOCUMENT

OFFICIAL BUSINESS

Mallory

M.C.

H 232 - CAP. BLDG.

JOSEPH J. MARAZITI
THIRTEENTH DISTRICT, NEW JERSEY
1228 LONGWORTH BUILDING
WASHINGTON, D.C. 20515
(202) 225-5801
105 CORNELIA STREET
BOONTON, N.J. 07005
(201) 335-1344

Congress of the United States
House of Representatives
Washington, D.C. 20515
August 13, 1974

COMMITTEES:
JUDICIARY
SUBCOMMITTEE:
CRIME
VETERANS' AFFAIRS
SUBCOMMITTEES:
HOSPITALS
EDUCATION AND TRAINING
INSURANCE

Dear Mr. President:

I respectfully submit for your consideration the name of Nelson Rockefeller for Vice President.

I believe there are several reasons that are worthy of consideration.

The number one domestic problem is the economy - inflation and related matters.

Nelson Rockefeller has the background and years of experience in this area that I feel would be of benefit to the nation, and he would be in a position to assist you in this difficult task.

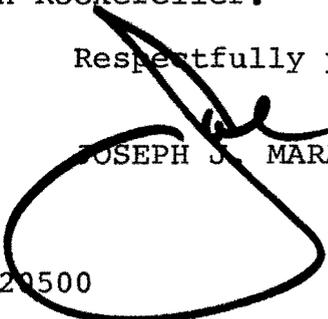
I believe that a Vice President from the Northeast (49 million people) would give great balance to the Administration.

The combined philosophies of the President and Vice President would, in effect, be broad enough to represent a substantial cross-section of the nation.

I think it is fortunate that you, as President of the United States, have had the benefit of 25 years of close ties to the Congress, and perhaps this would be balanced by close ties to the economy sector.

I realize there are many other qualified individuals, but I believe that the factors that I mention above weigh heavily in favor of Nelson Rockefeller.

Respectfully yours,


JOSEPH J. MARAZITI, M.C.

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

P.S. Eileen and I want to express our warm and sincere best wishes on your assuming the Presidency. We know you are just the man to draw the nation together. As you so warmly requested, we will pray for you and for Richard Nixon.

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

OFFICIAL BUSINESS



M.C.
POSTAGE PAID BY CONGRESS

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

duplicate

DAVE MARTIN
3d DISTRICT, NEBRASKA

2227 RAYBURN HOUSE OFFICE
BUILDING
WASHINGTON, D.C. 20515

(202) 225-6435

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

COMMITTEES:
RULES
RANKING MEMBER
SELECT COMMITTEE ON
COMMITTEES
VICE CHAIRMAN

August 12, 1974

The President
The White House

Dear Mr. President:

I understand that you would like to receive recommendations from Members of Congress in regard to a Vice Presidential candidate. My recommendations are as follows:

1. Governor Nelson Rockefeller
2. John J. Rhodes
3. Melvin R. Laird

I look forward to working with you for the remaining days of the 93rd Congress, and any time I can be of assistance, please call on me.

I know that you are going to do a great job, and I am behind you 100 percent.

With warmest regards, I am

Yours sincerely,

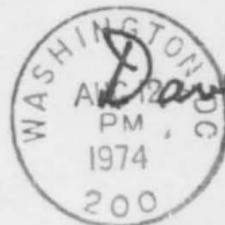
Dave

DAVE MARTIN
Member of Congress

DM/jts

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

OFFICIAL BUSINESS



BT

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

Recommendations for Vice President

2
DAVE MARTIN
3D DISTRICT, NEBRASKA

2227 RAYBURN HOUSE OFFICE
BUILDING
WASHINGTON, D.C. 20515

(202) 225-6438

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

COMMITTEES:
RULES
RANKING MEMBER
SELECT COMMITTEE ON
COMMITTEES
VICE CHAIRMAN

August 12, 1974

The President
The White House

Dear Mr. President:

I understand that you would like to receive recommendations from Members of Congress in regard to a Vice Presidential candidate. My recommendations are as follows:

1. Governor Nelson Rockefeller
2. John J. Rhodes
3. Melvin R. Laird

I look forward to working with you for the remaining days of the 93rd Congress, and any time I can be of assistance, please call on me.

I know that you are going to do a great job, and I am behind you 100 percent.

With warmest regards, I am

Yours sincerely,

DAVE MARTIN
Member of Congress

DM/jts



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

OFFICIAL BUSINESS

Dave Martin M.C.

The President
The White House

Vice Presidential Recommendations

J
JAMES G. MARTIN
9TH DISTRICT, NORTH CAROLINA

COUNTIES:
IREDELL
LINCOLN
MECKLENBURG

COMMITTEES:
INTERIOR AND INSULAR AFFAIRS
SCIENCE AND ASTRONAUTICS

WASHINGTON OFFICE:
1021 LONGWORTH BUILDING
(202) 225-3476

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

August 13, 1974

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

Dear Mr. President:

Regarding your request for suggestions and comments on the selection of a new Vice President, may I offer three names? All of these fit what I believe is the most important test: that the Vice President-designate have high national stature and add to the political grass roots base of support for the new Administration.

Only three Republicans under consideration excel on that test:

1. Senator Barry Goldwater
2. Governor Ronald Reagan
3. former Governor Nelson Rockefeller

Ideologically, I might rank them in that order, but other considerations argue otherwise. Senator Goldwater is needed in the Senate, too. The political situation in California is too latent to impose on Governor Reagan to leave at this time. Nelson Rockefeller is available.

Last October, in sounding out my District on this subject, I found some who would rebel at the mention of Rockefeller, but for the overwhelming most part he was acceptable to most Republicans, welcome to many, and the hope of quite a few Republicans and Democrats.

There are other names of able men and women under consideration, I know. With all due and high respect, we will have both a President and a Vice President neither of whom will have been elected to either office. Therefore, I believe it is essential that someone of the stature of the three mentioned be prevailed upon to accept this crucial responsibility.

Respectfully and sincerely,

Jim Martin
James G. Martin
Member of Congress

Certainly, we will support your choice whomever it may be -

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

OFFICIAL BUSINESS

James J. Martin
M.C.

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

WILEY MAYNE
6TH DISTRICT, IOWA

COMMITTEE ON AGRICULTURE
SUBCOMMITTEES:
LIVESTOCK AND GRAINS
CONSERVATION AND CREDIT
DEPARTMENT OPERATIONS

COMMITTEE ON THE JUDICIARY

Congress of the United States
House of Representatives

Washington, D.C. 20515

August 13, 1974

CANNON HOUSE OFFICE BUILDING
PHONE: (202) 225-5476

DISTRICT OFFICES:
SIOUX CITY, IOWA 51102
P.O. Box 566
318 FEDERAL BUILDING
PHONE: (712) 252-4161

FORT DODGE, IOWA 50501
404 FEDERAL BUILDING
PHONE: (515) 573-8101

The Honorable Gerald R. Ford
The White House
Washington, D. C.

Re: Vice Presidential Nomination

Dear Mr. President:

On last Friday I sent you a telegram strongly recommending George Bush of Texas for nomination as Vice President. George and I were elected to the Congress for the first time as members of the 90th Club and he impressed me as one of the most effective and respected members of the House during his service there. Thereafter he performed a truly outstanding service to our country as Ambassador to the United Nations, an experience which would be invaluable for any Vice President. For the past year he has been piloting the Republican Party through one of the most difficult periods in its history. I know you are fully familiar with George's many achievements but I have listed some of them above in support of my belief that he would make an outstanding Vice President.

I am informed consideration is also being given to selecting the nominee from the ranks of the nation's Governors. If so, I would heartily recommend the Honorable Robert D. Ray of Iowa who is now completing his third term as governor and is a candidate for reelection. Bob Ray is a political moderate who formerly served as a highly successful Iowa Republican State Chairman. He is a former chairman of the Midwest Conference of Governors and presently serves on the executive committee of the National Governors Conference. He is an effective campaigner who has attracted wide political support enabling him to win state elections handsomely and to move his programs through the legislature effectively. Most important of all, he has a flawless reputation for integrity in both his public and personal life and not the

Mr. President

- 2 -

August 13, 1974

slightest taint of scandal has ever marred his Administration. He also has the advantage of youth as he is only 45. After observing him personally at close range for many years I can recommend him for the Vice Presidency most enthusiastically.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Wiley Wayne". The signature is written in dark ink and is positioned above the typed name.

Member of Congress

WM/dd

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

OFFICIAL BUSINESS

Wiley Wayne
M.C.

POSTAGE PAID BY CONGRESS

The Honorable Gerald R. Ford

The White House

✓
ROBERT McCLORY
13TH DISTRICT, ILLINOIS

ROOM 2432
RAYBURN HOUSE OFFICE BUILDING
(202) 225-5221

JUDICIARY COMMITTEE

U.S. INTERPARLIAMENTARY
UNION DELEGATION

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

August 12, 1974

DISTRICT OFFICES
KANE COUNTY
MUNICIPAL BUILDING
150 DEXTER COURT
ELGIN, ILLINOIS 60120
(312) 697-5005

LAKE COUNTY
POST OFFICE BUILDING
326 NORTH GENESEE STREET
WAUKEGAN, ILLINOIS 60085
(312) 336-4554

McHENRY COUNTY
McHENRY COUNTY COURTHOUSE
2200 SEMINARY ROAD
WOODSTOCK, ILLINOIS 60098
(815) 338-2040

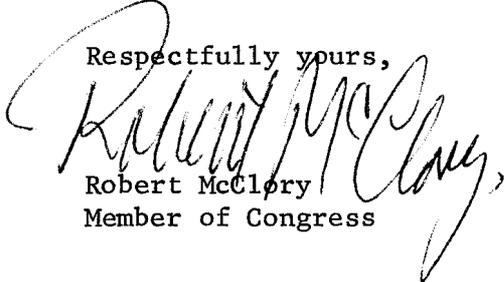
The Honorable Gerald R. Ford
President of the United States
Washington, D. C. 20500

My dear Mr. President:

My recommendations for your nomination to the office of Vice President of the United States, under the 25th Amendment to the Constitution, are in order of preference as follows:

1. Nelson A. Rockefeller
2. George Bush
3. Barry Goldwater

Respectfully yours,


Robert McClory
Member of Congress

RMcC/jm

P.S. This supplements my earlier recommendation addressed to you in my letter of August 8th.

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

OFFICIAL BUSINESS

Robert McCloy
M.C.

The Honorable Gerald R. Ford

President of the United States

Duplicate

OFFICE OF THE VICE PRESIDENT
WASHINGTON, D.C.

TO:

Bob Hartmann

FROM: Bill Casselman



Information _____

Action:

As appropriate _____

See me _____

Prepare reply _____

Concur and return _____

August 8, 1974

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

My dear Mr. President:

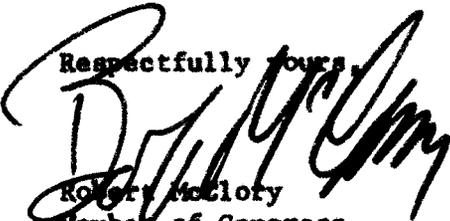
In the light of your succession as President of the United States, it now becomes your prerogative to nominate a new Vice President.

From my close personal contact as well as knowledge of the outstanding talents possessed by Nelson A. Rockefeller, I would recommend his favorable consideration as your Vice Presidential nominee.

In this period of great need, Nelson Rockefeller would provide strength of leadership and qualities of character and national reputation to your administration. His experience in both domestic and foreign affairs would be invaluable.

I'm confident that as Vice President Nelson Rockefeller would promote the kind of confidence and support which the Nation so sorely needs.

Respectfully yours,


Robert McElroy
Member of Congress

RMcC/jm

✓
HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES
WASHINGTON, D. C.

August 11, 1974

Dear Jerry,

My three nominees for
Vice President are -

1. Elliot Richardson
2. George Bush
3. Nelson Rockefeller

Our prayers are with
you.

Pete McCloskey

HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES
WASHINGTON, D. C.

The President of the United States
% The Hon. John Rhodes
H. 232, The Capitol



HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES
WASHINGTON, D. C. 20515

JOHN Y. MCCOLLISTER
NEBRASKA

August 13, 1974

Dear Mr. President →

George Bush is my suggestion for Vice President

→ because

1. - I think he has the character and ability to serve as President,
2. - I believe he could pass the Judiciary Committee's stern test,
3. - He had no policy making role in the sad days now ended
4. - He is a part of the new political generation

I was right on my previous choice for the office -
I trust I shall be once again.

John

HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES
WASHINGTON, D. C. 20515

*Honorable Gerald R. Ford
The President
The White House
Washington, D. C.*

✓
JOSEPH M. MCDADE
10TH DISTRICT, PENNSYLVANIA

WASHINGTON OFFICE:
2202 RAYBURN OFFICE BUILDING 20515
AREA CODE 202 225-3731

DISTRICT OFFICE:
NORTHEASTERN NATIONAL BANK BUILDING
SCRANTON, PENNSYLVANIA 18503
DIAMOND 6-3834

COMMITTEE:
APPROPRIATIONS

SELECT COMMITTEE ON
SMALL BUSINESS

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

August 13, 1974

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

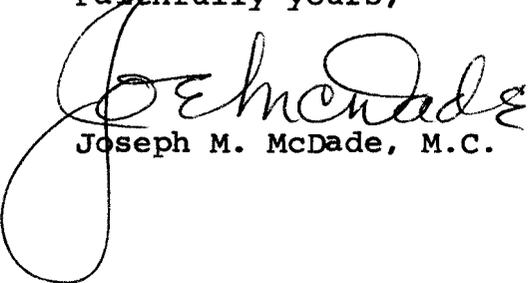
My dear Mr. President:

I am pleased to respectfully submit to you the following names for your consideration as the next Vice President of the United States:

1. William W. Scranton
2. Nelson Rockefeller
3. Elliott Richardson

You have my deepest appreciation for requesting my advice in this most important matter. I wish you God's guidance in making a selection which will enure to the benefit of our nation.

Faithfully yours,


Joseph M. McDade, M.C.

JM:m

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

OFFICIAL BUSINESS


M.C.

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

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

OFFICIAL BUSINESS


M.C.

The Honorable John J. Rhodes
Minority Leader
H-232, The Capitol

INSIDE MAIL

FOR IMMEDIATE ATTENTION



HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES
WASHINGTON, D. C. 20515

ROBERT C. MCEWEN
30TH DISTRICT, NEW YORK

August 13, 1974

Dear Mr. President:

In the demanding task of selecting a Vice President, you are not in the enviable position of your predecessor, for there is no Jerry Ford for you to name.

Just as the former President did not make his selection from the ever-present crop of self-esteemed potential Presidential candidates of the Senate, so I hope that you do likewise.

Many expect you to look outside the Congress for your nominee. In my own conservative Republican district, one man is mentioned before all others, and the degree and breadth of support has surprised even me. That man is my former Governor, Nelson Rockefeller.

His character, experience and ability should commend him to you, and I am sure they do. Having said that, I must recognize, however, as I am sure you already have, that there are a substantial number of our Southern and/or Conservative friends, and those who so violently differ with his position and action as Governor on the abortion issue, who do not view with my enthusiasm the prospect of Nelson Rockefeller being their Vice President.

This brings me to believe that your search might well come back to the place from whence you came -- the People's House, but as I said in my very first sentence, "there is no Jerry Ford for you to name."

Able members we have, but not one that stands out, as did you, from and above all of the rest. Some I would suggest are too positively identified as Conservative or Liberal, too young or too old, or for geographic or other reasons might be better not considered.

There is one member that I believe meets every test.

First and foremost, he is a man in whom you have trust and confidence. By his intellect, unquestioned character, warm personality, age and strong physique, he is, like yourself, well endowed for whatever might be asked of him.

He is a conservative who was asked to join, and did join, the liberal Wednesday Club. His grasp and understanding of economic problems are sure and strong. He is an Easterner as much as the Ivy League college and law school from which he graduated, but he is as American as apple pie and the Marine Corps in which he served in two wars. What is most essential, he would pass the close examination to which his nomination would be subjected -- an examination which you so successfully met and passed.

If you were to nominate him, millions of our fellow citizens would ask "Barber who?", but not one voice could raise a valid criticism or objection to his qualifications. He would articulate, for articulate he is, your Administration's actions and aspirations and accomplishments. He would become known, and as America came to know him, they would share the same wonderful experience that you and I and his colleagues and the people of his own district have enjoyed. He would continue to grow in stature and in the affection of the people.

The great strength of America is its people. Like you, Barber would come not from the list of the potential candidates and the "greats" but from the people. As the boy on the elevator said this morning, "Isn't it marvelous about Mr. Ford, he was just one of the people in the House." I have every confidence that he, like you, has what would make him great when greatness is to be witnessed by more than intimate friends and associates.

If your immediate need was for popularity and acclaim, I would not suggest a relatively obscure man of Congress, but you have that immediate popularity and acclaim from your wonderful speech in accepting the Presidency and the warm reception and enthusiastic response given this past evening to you and your address.

I must conclude that you have my assurance of support and respect for your judgment in whomever you may nominate-- my former Governor, our dear friend, Barber, or whomsoever you may select.

With warmest best wishes, I remain

Cordially and respectfully yours,

A handwritten signature in dark ink, appearing to read 'R. C. McEwen', with a long, sweeping horizontal stroke extending to the left.

Robert C. McEwen

The President
The White House
Washington, D. C.

HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES
WASHINGTON, D. C. 20515

The President

The White House

Washington, D. C.