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13 August 1974

Mr. Robert T. Hartmann,
Counselor to the President
The White House
1600 Pennsylvania Ave., N.W.
Washington, D.C. 20050

Dear Mr. Hartmann,

President Ford has our prayers and good wishes, and we welcome the candor, openness and honesty he will bring to the Office. We hope these much needed qualities will not be tarnished by bringing William Cramer into the Administration in any capacity. Perhaps you will find time to read the enclosed.

Regarding a new V.P., we would like Richardson, but feel that he does not have the wide-base support needed so much now. So we support Rockefeller for the position.

It was a magnificent speech the President gave last evening. However he seems to be agreeable to cutting spending in every field except the one where we could most easily do it, for our "superb military establishment". Of course we should have a "strong country" but the overkill we have is obscene. And "civilian control of the military"? What a myth. Doesn't anyone in any administration really know what goes on over in that Puzzle P place on the Potomac?

I close with all good wishes and high hopes.

Sincerely yours,
Elaine P. Higgins
(Mrs. E. M. Higgins)

Cramer star glows again with Ford in White House

By **TIMOTHY M. PHELPS**
St. Petersburg Times Staff Writer

As U.S. Senator Edward Cramer rides the political escalator down toward a crimi-

the near future, if at all," he said.

BUT LAST November, when Ford was testifying before the House Judiciary Committee

ed to Congress as the first GOP Congressman from Florida since Reconstruction. While he was in Washington his aid. Jack Insko, was

W. E. "Eddie" Taylor, was defeated for re-election in 1972 after The St. Petersburg Times' disclosure of Taylor's business dealings with Peter

tal in Miami despite a Federal Housing Administration recommendation against such loans, The Miami Herald has reported.

with a Gurney man, G. Harold Carswell, was one of the reasons for the loss.

He was mentioned as a possible Nixon cabinet choice in

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August 13, 1974.

Mr. Robert T. Hartman, Counsellor to the President
The White House
1600 Pennsylvania Avenue
Washington, D. C.

Dear Mr. Hartman:

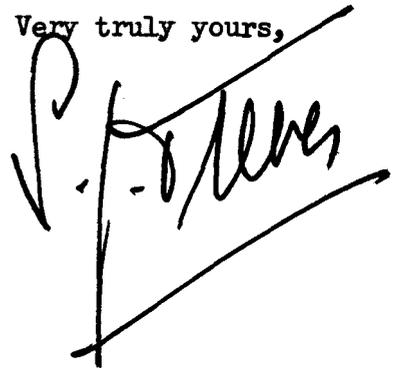
As a retired businessman who lived through the difficult 30s I have certain ideas as to various small steps which may be taken to try and turn our economy around, while we negotiate international cooperation in fighting international inflation. A list of some of these measures is attached hereto.

I would like to express also a thought concerning the selection of a Vice-President, and it is this: is it not time to turn to men whose thinking has been shaped entirely or almost entirely during the great new age of discoveries of the last 25 years?

I feel confident that if any of my thoughts deserves it, you will pass them on to the President.

Thanking you,

Very truly yours,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'S. J. Treves', written over a diagonal line that spans across the signature and extends downwards to the right.

SUGGESTED MEASURES TO TURN THE ECONOMY AROUND

I. Through legislation:

1. Abolish the 30% withholding tax on the investment earnings of foreign residents. This will improve the general prospects for equity financing and will relieve the pressure on interest rates, while also improving the balance of payments.
2. Reduce the income tax on all net taxable incomes up to \$15,000.00 and make up the loss of revenue by very gradual increases in the income tax on net taxable incomes over \$15,000.00. The tax reduction will primarily benefit most of organized labor and, thereby, reduce the pressure for wage increases.
3. Allow the President to reduce expenditures in Fiscal 1975 up to 5% of total appropriations, with a minimum of 2% and a maximum of 6% in any one category. This, more than anything else, will undercut the continuing inflationary expectations.
4. Legislate a ban on foreign sales at higher than domestic prices of any product that has not been declared in surplus by the Department of Commerce or the Department of Agriculture. This will discourage, but not prohibit, foreign sales of items in short supply at home, thereby contributing to the fight against inflation.
5. Freeze at a given date the total amount of Certificates of Deposit outstanding and provide that after such date banks may only replace matured Certificates, without increasing the total amount. At the same time, provide for a compulsory monthly reduction of up to 5% to begin 60 days later. This may help channel investors' money back into bonds and stocks.
6. Bring all energy-producing activities under Federal regulation and put an excess profit tax on all incomes of energy-producing companies exceeding the highest of the last 3 years (1971-72-73), unless all of this excess income is invested in the search for or the production of energy in excess of prior investments.
7. Provide Federal guarantees for bond issues by Utilities, subject to certification by the Federal Energy Commission that such bond issues are necessary and will be put to good use.

II. Through appeal to the American people :

- a. Request a voluntary 6-months moratorium on all wage increases other than catch-up increases or to correct obvious iniquities.
- b. Request a voluntary 1% saving of incomes by the people, with all such savings being put into a Thrift Institution.
- c. Request a voluntary 6-months moratorium on dividend increases over the highest of the last 3 years.
- d. Request a voluntary 6-months moratorium on all price increases except to reflect contractual wage increases.
- e. Request a voluntary 6-months disclosure by all businesses of all totals and all changes in raw materials inventories.
- f. Request a voluntary 6-months reduction of 10% in automobile mileage and a voluntary reduction below allowable speed limits.
- g. Have the Department of Agriculture publish a weekly list of food items in surplus in particular geographic areas and request the people to favor such food items in their purchases.
- h. Ask the people to reject the purchase of shoddy items with a too obvious built-in obsolescence or limitation on durability.
- i. Ask manufacturers to improve quality and durability and to stress these points in their sales appeal.

NOTE : None of the above measures, taken singly, will do much of anything, but taken together these measures may well induce a change in direction.

12 August 1974

Honorable Robert H. Horenmann
The White House
Washington, D.C.

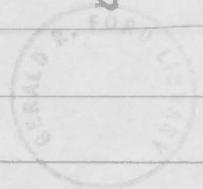
Dear Mr. Horenmann:

I pen this in my own hand and as to for one consideration
for ambiguity of will of America.

President Gerald Ford, a truly the chance and
singular honor of truly becoming a President of
Peace, a President who will bind up our internal
wounds and help to heal a sore exonerations as to
cause the eventual downfall of a beloved and truly
great nation.

Our new President, - is a respected figure
in his party and the nation. His prayerful words
and truthful wisdom were given after he was sworn
in will long echo in our history; for we need
desperately a rebirth of honesty, integrity,
forthrightness, and indeed - a turning toward our
God, the Lord of our universe.

I am acutely aware that I am not only a
private citizen and that I will probably be too
late, however I urge our new President,
Gerald Ford, through you, sir, to do the following:



We now have a strong, able, and honest leader in the White House in Gerald Ford, - not a Republican nor a Democrat, but a man of America and for America.

We need desperately, not a governor or senator and Vice-President of the United States, but an able economist, professor, or student of foreign governments or science. An individual who can be looked upon not as a "party ballwort," but an educated individual who together with President Ford, can re-structure our government and bring economic stability, trust in government, - for the government is the people; and finally, one who can assist in bringing honesty, integrity and a "spiritual" healing and rebirth for a nation well worth the effort.

In the future, whatever evolves, we continue to pray for our beloved country and its' new leader.

Respectfully yours,
Lloyd W. Hill

4585 Yukon Court #4
Wheatridge, Colorado
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THE CHARLOTTESVILLE REPUBLICAN EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE JANE WEIR

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V. P. recom.

Mr. George W. Johnston III
439 Handley Avenue
Winchester, Virginia 22601
August 10, 1974

Mr. Gerald Ford, President
United States of America
1600 Pennsylvania Avenue
Washington, D.C. 20013

Dear Mr. President:

It was my recent honor and pleasure to have made your acquaintance at the recent annual meeting of the Virginia Bar Association at Hot Springs, Virginia. Let me say that you have my most sincere best wishes and hopes for your future success on your elevation to the Presidency.

One of the more important immediate exercises of your executive discretion will come under the Twenty-fifth Amendment to the United States Constitution, the nomination of Vice President. In this connection I feel constrained, first as a citizen, but also as a Republican, to submit for your consideration, Senator Robert A. Taft, Jr. Senator Taft's record speaks for itself, and reveals a man of remarkable intelligence, courage, dilligence, and above all-- the attributes of highest moral character.

Though now a Virginian, my youth and most of my life was spent in Ohio. No state could be more proud of the faithful and dedicated, selfless public service the Taft family has given both Ohio and the Nation. William Howard Taft distinguished himself not only as President but left his lasting impression upon the laws of this land as Chief Justice. The integrity and intellect of "Mr. Republican," Robert A. Taft, are beyond question.

As a concerned citizen, I cannot avoid my anxiety over the "closed" nature of administrations I supported as a Republican. Perhaps my views are simply attributable to an environment of the petit bourgeois. But I do believe that the United States Government cannot be operated in the fashion of a large conglomerate or corporation, where orders and edicts flow through the chain of command, while the hallmark of a truly Republican form of government, "a government of laws, not men," becomes obscured and distorted.

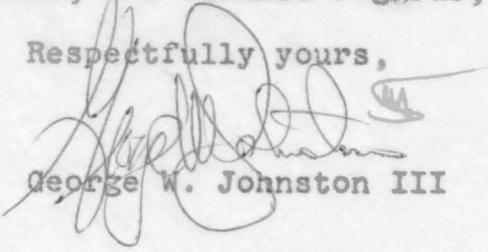
For the foregoing reasons, Senator Taft, I believe, more than any other often-mentioned candidate, is best qualified to give that kind of just, impartial, and dedicated service as Vice President, which the Founders envisioned, and the people of this Nation rightfully expect.



Mr. Gerald R. Ford, President
Page 2
August 10, 1974

With my most sincere best wishes, and warmest regards, I am

Respectfully yours,



George W. Johnston III

cc: Honorable Harry F. Byrd, Jr.
Honorable John O. Marsh

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Mr. George W. Johnston III
439 Handley Avenue
Winchester, Virginia 22601



The Honorable John O. Marsh
Assistant to the President
Executive Offices of the President
Pennsylvania Avenue
Washington, D.C. 20013

THE WHITE HOUSE
WASHINGTON

August 15, 1974

MEMORANDUM TO THE PRESIDENT

Jerry Bemiss, a prominent State leader of Richmond, called to advise of his support for Bush.


Jack Marsh

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NATIONAL CREDIT UNION ADMINISTRATION
WASHINGTON, D.C. 20456

August 12, 1974

OFFICE OF THE ADMINISTRATOR

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

Dear Mr. President,

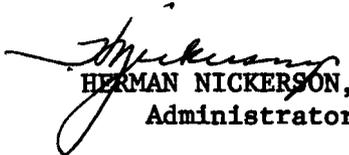
I have been reading in the newspapers about your desire to get recommendations as to who should be your Vice President. Without any prejudice intended to anyone, I am authorized to speak for three registered republicans; myself, my wife, and my mother-in-law. We think Mel Laird is your man.

I will ask the members of this Agency to communicate with the White House any of their opinions.

For what it is worth, I certainly want to let you know that your first days in office have made a most favorable impression. I was in Florida during the time of your inauguration speaking before the Florida Credit Union League at which approximately 1700 persons were in attendance. One of the questions they asked was "What can President Ford do to curtail inflation?" In short, I just told them that you were an expert in the area of balancing the budget and recognized the difference between a budget and expenditures.

Again, may I offer my congratulations and my service in whatever capacity you may need me.

Respectfully yours,


HERMAN NICKERSON, JR.
Administrator

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WASHINGTON, D.C. 20456

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The White House
Washington, D. C. 20500

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THE VICE PRESIDENT
WASHINGTON, D.C.

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To: *Gov. A. Stanton Jack Mason*

From: *Lwen*

Date: *8-12* Time _____ a.m.
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for your information.*

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12 HIS EXPERIENCE IN CONGRESS, AS AMBASSADOR TO THE UNITED NATIONS
13 AND AS REPUBLICAN NATIONAL CHAIRMAN, PLUS HIS AGE, UNIQUELY
14 QUALIFIES HIM FOR THIS OFFICE. IT WOULD BE EXTREMELY WELL
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PMS PRESIDENT GERALD FORD CARE GWEN ANDERSON

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I URGE THE SELECTION OF ELLIOTT RICHARDSON AS VICE PRESIDENT.
HIS HONESTY, INTEGRITY, AND LEGAL ABILITY WILL BE AN ASSET TO
YOUR ADMINISTRATION AND OUR PARTY

ALLEN I OLSON ATTORNEY GENERAL NORTH DAKOTA

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WELLS B. McCURDY

TO: _____ DATE: August 8, 1974

Telegrams to: Vice President Gerald Ford
White House
Washington, D.C. 20501

Strongly recommend and urge nomination
of George Bush as Vice President of the
United States. I personally know and
respect him.

Russell McCurdy
Olympia, WA

George Bush has my support and I recommend
his selection to be Vice President of the
United States. He is a man of integrity
and merits your favorable consideration.

Bruce McCurdy
Seattle, WA

George Bush merits your selection to be
Vice President of the United States. He
already has served his country well as
Congressman from Texas, Ambassador to the
United Nations and as Republican National
Chairman has earned respect of Republicans
in all 50 states, congressional leaders
of both parties and is a proven success in
the business world. I personally know
George Bush to be a man of integrity, proven
executive ability and you can be assured
of the great moral strength, courage and
stability he would bring to the team as
your Vice President.

My best wishes to you and may God give you
the strength, wisdom and courage to lead
our great country in the years ahead.

Wells B. McCurdy
Seattle, WA
Treasurer, Republican
Party

EXECUTIVES' SECRETARIES, INC.

OFFICE OF THE PRESIDENT

Mrs. Della Newman
Wells B. McCurdy Industrial Development Consultant
1530 Washington Building
Seattle, Washington 98101

August 8, 1974

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

Dear Mr. Vice President:

My sincere best wishes to you as you undertake the tremendous responsibilities of President. We are proud of you and reassured that our government is well in hand.

Please do give every consideration to the selection of RNC Chairman George Bush as the next Vice President. Chairman Bush's proven ability in the areas of foreign affairs, as well as his great rapport with the members of Congress, will make him an ideal assistant for you. George Bush's reputation for fairness and personal integrity is unsurpassed. He will truly be an asset to you, and to our country.

Very truly yours,



Della Newman

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To: RTH
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THE WHITE HOUSE
WASHINGTON

INFORMATION MEMORANDUM

TO: Hon. William W. Scranton
FROM: Gwen Anderson *GA*
SUBJECT: Vice Presidential choices
DATE: August 12, 1974

A young Republican/Democrat State Committee in Maine has completed a poll covering most of Maine, and have come up with three choices in the order enumerated.

The age group that was polled are ages 18-23.

The choices:

- 1) The Honorable George Bush
- 2) The Honorable Nelson Rockefeller
- 3) The Honorable Ronald Reagan

Back-up material for the above poll will arrive tomorrow afternoon.

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cc: John O. Marsh, Jr. ✓

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THE WHITE HOUSE
WASHINGTON
August 15, 1974

MEMORANDUM FOR: THE PRESIDENT
FROM: KEN COLE

Sam Wyly, whom you may know, asked that I relay his thoughts to you for the selection of a Vice President.

He prefers in priority order, George Bush, Charles Percy and Howard Baker.

Following are his comments directed to you:

"When I was born in Louisiana in 1934 there were no Republican Congressman 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 north-east in northern middle west states seem destine to continue to trend democratic.

"Your selection of George Bush 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 Bush'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 Bush.

"George Bush, son of a respected Connecticut Republican Senator, Yale Graduate, Navy Fighter Pilot, lovely family, successful entre preneur in the West Texas town of Midland, elected Houston's first Republican Congressman, re-elected without opposition, Ambassador to the United Nations, who was scorned 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 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."

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PRESIDENT GERALD FORDCARE GWEN ANDERSON
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HAVE KNOWN NELSON ROCKEFELLER SINCE OUR UNDERGRADUATE DAYS AT DARTMOUTH COLLEGE HIS FINE CHARACTER INTELLIGENCE WIDE EXPERIENCE AND INTEGRITY EMINENTLY QUALIFY HIM FOR VICE PRESIDENT
ATTORNEY HENRY J STEIN 294 WASHINGTON ST BOSTON MA 02108

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PMS MRS GWEN ANDERSON

ROOM 281 OLD EXECUTIVE OFFICE BLDG PENNSLVANIA AVE

WASHINGTON DC

THE 500000 MEMBERS OF THE NATIONAL FEDERATION OF REPUBLICIAN
WOMEN ARE AWARE OF THE MASSIVE CAMPAIGN PRESSURES BEING ENGENDERED
BY VARIOUS ASPIRANTS TO THE OFFICE OF THE VICE PRESIDENT. I
KNOW THAT I SPEAK FOR ALL OUR MEMBERS IN ASSURING PRESIDENT
FORD THAT WE AS RESPONSIBLE CAMPAIGN WORKERS SUPPORT HIM IN
HIS EFFORTS TO MAKE THIS DECISION OUTSIDE OF A LOBBYING ENVIRONMENT.

WE HOPE HE WILL PICK THE STRONGEST AND MOST ABLE COLLEAGUE
AVAILABLE REGARDLESS OF CLAMOR FOR ANY PARTICULAR INDIVIDUALS
AND WE PLEDGE HIM AND HIS NOMINEE OUR FULLEST COOPERATION

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14 WISH TO YOU AND YOUR ADMINISTRATION
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KENNETH R. FISHER
3235 16TH AVENUE S.W.
SEATTLE
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August 8, 1974

The Honorable Gerald Ford
The Vice-President of the United States
Washington, D.C. 20025

Dear Mr. Vice-President:

I am sure that will be the wrong title for you by the time this letter arrives in Washington, but up to now it is correct.

I am writing with regard to your appointment of a successor as Vice-President. I hope you will give consideration to George Bush. He was here in Seattle recently and made a very favorable impression on the Republican group with which he met.

As a former congressman, a former ambassador, and present chief of the Republican Party, he has the credentials, and because he has been an extremely good chairman of the Party, I think he can be the catalyst that will make the Party a cohesive force in your support during the next couple of years and during your re-election campaign. Also, George Bush is attractive, articulate, he has integrity and he has class, besides which he is in the right age bracket. He is also unblemished.

Good luck and God bless you.

Sincerely yours,



K E N F I S H E R

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AIR MAIL



Mrs. Gwen Anderson
Advisor on Public Affairs
Office of the Vice-President
Washington, D.C. 20025

KENNETH R. FISHER
3235 16TH AVENUE S.W.
SEATTLE
98134

AIR MAIL





Win With Women A Project of the National Womens Political Caucus

August 13, 1974

President Gerald R. Ford
The White House
Washington, D.C. 20006

Dear Mr. President:

The National Women's Political Caucus would like to nominate for the post of Vice President of the United States Congresswoman Margaret Heckler. Ms. Heckler (R.-Mass.) is now serving her fourth term in the U.S. House of Representatives.

As an elected official with great credibility and a constituency that extends far beyond the boundaries of her district, Ms. Heckler would bring both vitality and integrity to your administration.

The selection of a thoughtful legislator and woman of distinction such as Ms. Heckler would signal a new era of openness and communication between citizens of all backgrounds and of all interests in America and would do much towards mending the wounds and disillusionment of the past year.

Sincerely,

Sissy Farenthold

Frances Tarlton Farenthold
Chairwoman

Audrey Colom

Audrey Colom
Vice Chair

Bobbie Kilberg

Barbara Greene Kilberg
Vice Chair

Rhea Mojica-Hammer

Rhea Mojica-Hammer
Vice Chair

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August 13, 1974

Ms. Gwen Anderson
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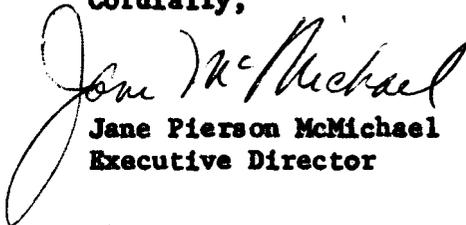
Dear Ms. Anderson,

In response to the President's call for a wide variety of input on the selection of a Vice President, the National Women's Political Caucus would like to nominate Congresswoman Margaret Heckler, (R, Mass).

Attached is the formal nomination to be forwarded to President Ford.

Many thanks for your assistance in this matter. If you have further questions or comments please don't hesitate to call me at the above number or at my home -- 546-0952.

Cordially,


Jane Pierson McMichael
Executive Director

JPM/s

encl.

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Sincerely,

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Looking forward to seeing my fellow Councillor soon.

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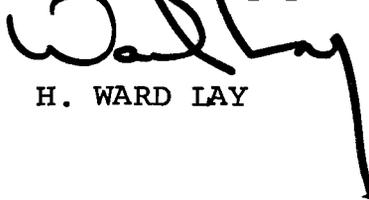
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Respectfully yours,



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