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*Levi, Dr
Edward*

Thursday 1/2/75

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Note:

Phil A:

Could you follow up on this, please.

/s/ Phil



THE WHITE HOUSE
WASHINGTON

Levi, Ed

12/31/74

Re: Ed Levi

Phil A:

Had call from Bob Bork
who reported:

1) He had lunch with
Sen. Hruska and believes
he made some progress
in behalf of Ed. Levi.

2) He would be glad to
call Prof. Myers McDougal
of the Yale Law School
(a former classmate of
Sen. Eastland) to request
contact with Eastland
in behalf of Ed.

I advised I would respond
as soon as we had planned
our strategy.

P.



*Levi,
Dr Edward*

Tuesday 12/17/74

7:20 Brenda is calling; said Mr. Rumsfeld wanted to talk with someone to get a "fix" on Dr. Levi's luncheon with Sen. Eastland.

She is holding on 6611.



*Levi, Dr
Edward*

Monday 12/16/74

MEETING
12/16/74
3 p. m.

12:55 Mr. Areeda has scheduled a meeting for
Mel Laird this afternoon (Monday 12/16) at 3 p. m.
to meet Dr. Edward Levi -- in our offices.



*Levi
W. Edward*

THE WHITE HOUSE
WASHINGTON

1.9.75

TO: *Philip Buchen*

For Your Information: ✓

For Appropriate Handling: _____

Original sent to Bill Walker

RDL
Robert D. Linder





THE UNIVERSITY OF TEXAS AT AUSTIN
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2500 Red River
AUSTIN, TEXAS 78705

January 6, 1975

BW
RW

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

Dear Mr. President:

I hope very much that you will persist in your apparent intention to name Edward H. Levi as Attorney General. I think that this would be a splendid appointment that would reflect great credit on you Administration.

I should say by way of disclaimer that for the last six years President Levi and I have been colleagues on the Council of the American Law Institute. However my support of him for Attorney General is not based at all on personal friendship. Indeed he is the only member of the Council, except for a few of the very elderly, with whom I am not on a first name basis. This association with him has given me an opportunity to observe him closely.

At a time when one recent Attorney General has been convicted of a felony and another has pleaded guilty to a misdemeanor it seems to me that it is of the utmost importance that you act decisively to renew the confidence of the American people in the integrity of the Department of Justice. I believe that the appointment of President Levi would do that. He is wise, humane, thoughtful, and absolutely incorruptible.

I have publicly opposed proposals to make the Department of Justice independent of the Executive Branch. I think that this would be a serious mistake. At the same time it must be clear that the Department is operating only within the bounds of the law and that it is not being used for partisan purposes. I can think of no better way to dramatize that than by the appointment of Edward H. Levi.

Sincerely,

Charles Alan Wright



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Levi, Edward

January 3, 1975

Dear Mr. DeLoane:

Your letter to the President indicates that you seem to have misinterpreted the circumstances of Attorney General Saxbe's nomination to be Ambassador to India. My understanding is that the Attorney General welcomed this change in assignments, and I believe he will continue to earn the respect of the Ohio voters with a consequent benefit to this Administration.

I can assure you that Edward Levi is a highly qualified choice to succeed William Saxbe, and he should contribute much to the quality of the Cabinet.

Sincerely yours,

Philip W. Buchen
Counsel to the President

Mr. James F. DeLoane
Topper, Alloway, Goodman,
DeLoane & Duffey
Suite 515 Huntington Bank Building
17 South High Street
Columbus, Ohio 43215



DATE: 12/19/74

TO: Philip Buchen

FROM: GWEN ANDERSON

INFORMATION: _____

ACTION: _____

APPROPRIATE HANDLING: X

OTHER: _____

COMMENTS: _____



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December 12, 1974

PM
Hon. Gerald R. Ford
President of the United States
White House
1600 Pennsylvania Avenue
Washington, D.C.

Dear Mr. President:

As a life-long Republican, I was troubled this morning when I picked up my newspaper and read that informed White House sources indicated that you were removing William B. Saxbe as Attorney General of the United States, effective January 1, and that his replacement would be one Edward Hirsch Levi, President of the University of Chicago. The story also indicated that Attorney General Saxbe would be appointed as Ambassador to India, with offices in New Delhi.

I am sure this letter will never reach your personal attention, but will be handled by a staffer, but I would ask you or the staffer how many ballots are cast in the United States Presidential election from New Delhi, India. I would ask further how many votes Edward Hirsch Levi can deliver into the Republican column in either Ohio or Illinois. I know how many votes Mr. Saxbe can deliver in Ohio, and I would suggest that even with Jim Rhodes being elected Governor, assuming he survives the recount, this state will go Democratic. If you are a Presidential candidate in 1976 and you cannot carry Ohio or Illinois, you cannot be elected.

No doubt there is some compelling reason which overrides the political impact of this change, but it certainly cannot be any ineptitude on the part of Mr. Saxbe in the administration of the Justice Department, since you



Hon. Gerald R. Ford

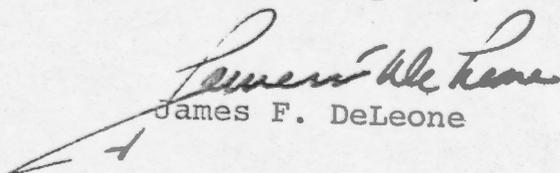
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December 12, 1974

should be more aware than perhaps any one else in the United States that Mr. Saxbe assumed the position of Attorney General of the United States at a time when morale and efficiency in the Justice Department and the FBI were at their lowest ebb. His conduct as Attorney General has restored the public's confidence in both of these Departments and he has achieved national recognition as a person who brooks no nonsense, at a time when the public is in no mood for nonsense.

I have been actively involved in Ohio politics all my life, either through ward work, contribution of money, or state service, and will continue to be. It would appear that the real basis for my complaints is that you are making my work harder in trying to elect Republicans.

Very truly yours,


James F. DeLeone

JFD/jm



THE WHITE HOUSE

WASHINGTON

January 6, 1975

MEMORANDUM FOR THE PRESIDENT

FROM: PHILLIP AREEDA *P.A.*

SUBJECT: Edward H. Levi

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In the course of discussing Levi with Hruska or Eastland, some or all of the following points might arise. They are drawn from the FBI report.

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THE WHITE HOUSE

WASHINGTON

January 7, 1975

EYES ONLY AND URGENT

MEMORANDUM FOR: Don Rumsfeld

FROM: Phil Buchen *PhB.*

With Bill Saxbe's return to Washington from vacation in Ireland within a day or two, he becomes the legally responsible Attorney General until actually being installed as Ambassador to India. In the short remaining time before he is installed, it may be awkward to have him get involved in matters on which we have been relying solely on Silberman as Acting Attorney General, such as the CIA matters.

One possibility is for the President to ask Henry to request Bill's taking an interim assignment at State preparatory to his going to India. If you concur, kindly arrange for the two of us to see the President together on the point as soon as possible.



January 7, 1975

Dear Ed:

Enclosed is our standard conflicts statement which I understand you are expecting. If you have any questions at all about it, please call. I am at your service.

Best regards.

Sincerely,

Phillip Areeda
Counsel to the President

Dr. Edward Levi
President
University of Chicago
5801 Ellis Street
Chicago, Illinois 60637



THE WHITE HOUSE
WASHINGTON

Levi, Dr.
Edward

Phil A:

Coming from a man
whom I eased from
the White House legal
staff on my arrival,
the letter to the President
is surprising, as well
as ill-advised.

However, I pass on
his letter ~~to~~ you can
note his reaction to Ed
Levi. Kindly return so
I may eventually respond.



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January 8, 1975

Hon. Philip W. Buchen
Counsellor to the President
The White House
Washington, D. C. 20500

Dear Phil,

President Ford's removal of William Saxbe as Attorney General was dismaying to me, to the lawyers and politicians in Ohio, and to the man in the street in our area of the country. Mr. Saxbe was almost unique among officeholders in Washington in that he was plain, forthright, without guile or pretension. He had guts, political intuition and common sense. He was usually right. He was not a Washington power seeker of the type that I found to be in super-abundance. He was a Cabinet member who went out into the country to speak to the people and to publicize the administration's programs. His message has been one the people understand. What a tremendous waste of a real talent to send him to India even though India and our relations may be the better for it.

I have found only opposition to the appointment of Edward Levi as Attorney General. Lawyers are amazed the President would appoint a professor and educator to such a position. My own feelings are that a practical lawyer toughened by many years in the law practice is best qualified. I am sending directly to the President a letter today a copy of which you will find enclosed.

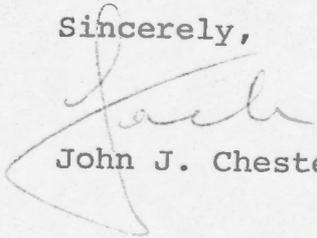


Hon. Philip W. Buchen
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William Hoiles, who has been Saxbe's administrative aid since before he left the Ohio Attorney General's office, is one of the finest and ablest younger men in government service today. His experience in the Congress and in the Justice Department has been invaluable training. I understand he is planning on going into private practice. From the public's standpoint this would be a great waste of his talent. I urge you to make every effort to keep Bill Hoiles in government service.

With kindest regards and best wishes, I am.

Sincerely,


John J. Chester

JJC/lls



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President of the United States
The White House
Washington, D. C. 20500

Dear Mr. President,

The person who serves as Attorney General is of the utmost importance to you as President, to me as a lawyer, to the people, and to the Republican party. The people whom I know and with whom I associate do not understand why you removed William Saxbe as Attorney General when he was doing such a good job.

To appoint Edward Levi to the position of Attorney General would continue and aggravate the feeling now existing. He is unquestionably a fine gentleman, of brilliant intellect, a noted professor and outstanding educator. He will have the support of the academic community, the intellectuals, the liberals including the liberal Democrats, and those who, when there is a Republican president, would like to have a coalition government. He will meet the disapproval of practicing lawyers like myself, and all those business and labor groups who believe that there are enough professors at high level positions in the government now. The conservatives and devoted Republicans will certainly disapprove.

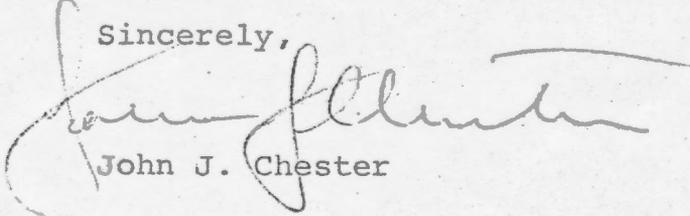
I urge you to nominate for Attorney General Philip W. Buchen. He is a man who has been tempered by the realities of practicing law and dealing with all types of people.



Hon. Gerald R. Ford
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He has now had the best of government experience as your counsel in the White House. From my personal contacts with him and from talking to those lawyers and others who know him better than I it is my opinion he would make an excellent Attorney General. Mr. Buchen, because of his long experience in the practice of law, because of your long personal confidence in him, and his more recent experience as your White House Legal Counsel would be confirmed without the major divisive battle that will face Mr. Levi. The Attorney General throughout the history of this country has been the legal counsellor to the President. He has been the President's lawyer in the all embracing concept of that term. Mr. Buchen would fill this post admirably and would have the support of the nation.

Sincerely,



John J. Chester



THE WHITE HOUSE
WASHINGTON

January 10, 1974

MEETING WITH SENATOR ROMAN HRUSKA (R-NEB)

Monday, January 13, 1975
11:00-11:10 a.m. (10 minutes)
The Oval Office

From: Max L. Friedersdorf *mlf.*

I. PURPOSE

To further discuss the nomination of Edward Levi as Attorney General of the United States.

II. BACKGROUND, PARTICIPANTS AND PRESS PLAN

A. Background:

1. The President, on December 12, met with Senator Hruska privately, and then with Hruska and Senator Eastland together on the subject of Levi's nomination as Attorney General. The President is now inclined to go forward with Levi's nomination and wants to determine whether Hruska's objection to the nomination has changed. We tried to soften his opposition during the holidays, and the President now wants to determine Hruska's present feelings on the matter. (See Tab A, Areeda memorandum)
2. Senator Hruska called Max Friedersdorf on Thursday, January 9, about meeting with the President regarding Levi. Hruska indicated he had been in touch with Chairman Eastland about Levi. Hruska now seems favorably disposed toward Levi.

B. Participants: The President
Sen. Roman Hruska
Max Friedersdorf (staff)
Phil Areeda (staff)

C. Press Plan: Press Office to announce meeting as discussion of the Attorney General vacancy. White House photographer only.

III. TALKING POINTS

1. Roman, the FBI inquiry into Ed Levi is now complete, and we are anxious to move on the nomination.
2. It would be my intention to possibly send the nomination to the Senate on Tuesday when Congress convenes.
3. However, I did want to follow up on our earlier conversations, and receive your views before anything further is undertaken in this matter.



THE WHITE HOUSE
WASHINGTON

January 6, 1975

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FROM: PHILIPP AREEDA

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Wall, Johnson*

January 6, 1935

WASHINGTON

THE WHITE HOUSE

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Copy to ^{Dr.} Keni
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NEWS

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WM. F. BALTHASER, Director of Public Relations

FOR RELEASE: SUNDAY, OCTOBER 12, 1969

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OFFICE OF THE
PRESIDENT

SIGNERS AND PUBLIC RELATIONS DIRECTORS: Please guard against premature release. Associated Press, United Press International, the three major broadcast networks, and other national media such as Time, Newsweek and the New York Times now have this text, embargoed for use in the printed media on Sunday. This means it should appear in your Sunday newspapers on October 12 and on your broadcast media during Saturday evening, October 11.

If you wish to increase the impact of this statement, may we suggest two possibilities? 1) That you copy this text (or rewrite it) and distribute it to your local weekly and campus media; and 2) that you query your local daily newspapers and broadcast media to see if they will want a Monday follow-up, perhaps based on an interview with your president.

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W. F. Balthaser



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NEWS

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WM. F. BALTHASER, Director of Public Relations

FOR RELEASE: SUNDAY, OCTOBER 12, 1969.

(PRESIDENTS)

Stating their personal convictions, the presidents of some 75 of the nation's most prestigious private colleges and universities today (SUN., OCT. 12, 1969,) appealed for a "stepped-up timetable for withdrawal from Vietnam."

The appeal came in the form of a joint statement issued by the presidents, speaking "as individuals who work with young men and women." Their statement concluded: "We urge upon the President of the United States and upon Congress a stepped-up timetable for withdrawal from Vietnam. We believe this to be in our country's highest interest, at home and abroad."

(MORE)



The statement was signed initially by presidents Robert Cross, Robert Goheen, Howard Johnson, Edward Levi and Dorothy Marshall.

On October 2, the statement with those five signatures was circulated by mail among the presidents of leading private colleges and universities in the United States.

In his letter inviting the other presidents to join in signing, Coleman wrote: "I have called a few private college and university presidents this week and found each of them responsive to the thought of issuing a statement....of our personal convictions that an early end to the Vietnam war is urgent national business.

"None of us believes that a college or university as such should take a position on the war. But each of us whose name is on the attached text believes that, from our vantage point in educational presidencies, we have special obligations to speak out as individuals in favor of withdrawal from Vietnam."

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EDITORS: The complete text of the statement follows.

A Statement on Vietnam

We speak as individuals who work with young men and women. The universities and colleges which we serve take no positions as institutions on the Vietnam war; these are pluralistic communities where men speak for themselves alone on off-campus issues.

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"More and more, we see the war deflecting energies and resources from urgent business on our own doorsteps. An end to the war will not solve our problems on or off campus. It will however permit us to work more effectively in support of more peaceful priorities. Far from being depressed about our nation's future and our institutions' future, we see bold opportunities ahead once the divisiveness of this war is in the past."

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The statement was mailed to President Nixon and Congressional leaders late yesterday (SAT., OCT. 11, 1969).

Haverford College president John R. Coleman gathered the initial support that resulted in the statement. In conversations with fellow college presidents, Coleman said he found that many felt as he did about the necessity for an early end to the Vietnam war.

He suggested the statement to a few other presidents and found them receptive.

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(PRESIDENTS--ADD THREE) 69-117-B

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We urge upon the President of the United States and upon Congress a stepped-up timetable for withdrawal from Vietnam. We believe this to be in our country's highest interest, at home and abroad.

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Statement by Eight University
Presidents on a Meeting With
President Nixon
May 7, 1970

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We met with President Nixon at his invitation in his office this morning for a conference of approximately 1 hour and 30 minutes. We were grateful for the opportunity to present explicitly our assessment of the distress, frustration and anger among students and faculty across the nation -- reactions that result from the developments in Southeast Asia, hostile comments by members of the Administration about campus events and persons, and the tragic incidents that have occurred on several campuses.

We found the President an attentive listener. We spoke forcefully of the deep and widening apprehensions on campuses everywhere and the reasons for them. We want to assure the academic community that we were heard, and that we made clear the truth as we believe it to be.

We urge that university, college, and high school students and faculty everywhere work in effective ways to make constructive changes in the quality of our national life, public policies, and political institutions. We are confident they can do this best by laboring realistically together to make the political process more responsive and not by abetting those who seek to destroy.

We pledge ourselves to the full extent of our energies to save and strengthen our academic institutions as citadels of reason, sanity and civility in a deeply troubled world.

William C. Friday, President, University of North Carolina
Fred H. Harrington, President, University of Wisconsin
Alexander Heard, Chancellor, Vanderbilt University
Charles J. Hitch, President, University of California
Edward H. Levi, President, University of Chicago
Malcolm C. Moos, President, University of Minnesota
Nathan M. Pusey, President, Harvard University
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THE WHITE HOUSE
WASHINGTON

*Levi
Edward*

January 13, 1975

MEMORANDUM FOR: Ron Nessen
FROM: Phil Buchen *P.W.B.*
SUBJECT: Announcement of nomination
of Edward H. Levi to be
Attorney General

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cc: Don Rumsfeld
Phil Areeda



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Phil Areeda ✓





HERBERT E. HOFFMAN
Director
Governmental Relations Office

January 15, 1975

Dear Phil:

For your files -- the release
quoted in today's papers.

Herb.

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ABA PRESIDENT PRAISES FORD'S NOMINATION OF EDWARD LEVI TO BE U.S. ATTORNEY GENERAL

CHICAGO, Jan. 14--The president of the American Bar Association today praised as "brilliant" the nomination of Edward H. Levi, president of the University of Chicago, to be U.S. attorney general.

In a prepared statement, ABA President James D. Fellers said:

"The nomination of Edward Levi, president of the University of Chicago, to be attorney general of the United States is a brilliant appointment by the Ford Administration. Certainly in terms of the scholarship, integrity and administrative experience of the nominee, the quality of the choice is outstanding.

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LEVI NOMINATION, Add One

"In my opinion, this nomination would be excellent if it were made at any time. The fact that it is being made now, when the Justice Department has been subjected to examination and criticism, makes it all the more appropriate. Confirmation of a man of Dr. Levi's caliber, a man with wide government experience, yet without active political involvement, should go a long way to restore public confidence in the Justice Department.

"I extend my personal congratulations to Dr. Levi and to the President who has appointed him."

Fellers emphasized that he was speaking as an individual, pointing out that the ABA has not taken an official position on the nomination.

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THE WHITE HOUSE
WASHINGTON

Levi
Ed

January 17, 1975

FOR:

PHIL BUCHEN

FROM:

DONALD RUMSFELD

Ed Levi is going to be reading and thinking and preparing for the hearings. Very likely there will be some issues he will want to talk to you about in terms of the President's views. It may be that we will want to run him in there two or three days to talk to the President if there are some that are not resolved.



MEMORANDUM

THE WHITE HOUSE
WASHINGTON

Levi
Ed

January 17, 1975

FOR:

PHIL BUCHEN

FROM:

DONALD RUMSFELD
[Signature]

Please get together with Ed Levi and sort through the question of how he should respond to the issue of the Special Prosecutor. The question probably will be posed, not in the terms of what Levi thinks, but in the terms of what the President's position or commitment will be, and I think that it is important that we begin to develop the proper answer there.



THE WHITE HOUSE
WASHINGTON

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THE WHITE HOUSE

WASHINGTON

January 6, 1975

MEMORANDUM FOR THE PRESIDENT

FROM: PHILLIP AREEDA *P.A.*

SUBJECT: Edward H. Levi

Now that the FBI inquiry into Ed Levi is complete, we are ready to move on his nomination. I recommend the following steps:

- 1) That you visit with Hruska and then with Eastland to invite their views on Levi after meeting with him and to ascertain their intentions.
- 2) That, if you then wish to go forward with the appointment, Levi be informed of your desire and of our best estimate of the length and difficulty of the hearings.
- 3) That, if Levi wishes to go forward, we make the conflict of interest check with him.
- 4) That we announce the nomination, with advance notice to appropriate members of the Senate.

The remainder of this memorandum notes (I) what we now know about Hruska and Eastland views and (II) the possibly "derogatory" information in the FBI file that Eastland had already seen or will see.

(I)

A few days after Eastland and Hruska met with you, they lunched with Levi. We understand that the meeting went well. Nevertheless, Eastland has told at least one intimate of his (who told a friend of mine who told me) that Eastland will drag out the hearings.



A number of people have spoken with Hruska who is now apparently agreeable so long as he has an "open line" to Levi. Perhaps Hruska would like the opportunity to recommend certain appointments within the Justice Department. Ed Levi is entirely willing to meet and talk with Hruska at any time, and apparently has "no preconceived notions" about any such appointments. Neither Hruska nor Levi wants to initiate a conversation, but I see no reason why we cannot tell Hruska that Levi is entirely agreeable to receiving the benefit of all Hruska's thoughts about the Justice Department and that we shall certainly set up, on our initiative, a meeting between them.

Hruska also has said that he can handle Eastland.

Senator Tower has voiced objections to Levi on behalf of his conservative colleagues. He was called by George Shultz, who reports that Tower seemed reassured about Levi's qualities.

(II)

In the course of discussing Levi with Hruska or Eastland, some or all of the following points might arise. They are drawn from the FBI report.

1. Documents incident. In 1945 Mr. Levi terminated his employment as Special Assistant to the Attorney General of the United States. Sometime thereafter, he requested to have his personal files sent to him at the University of Chicago. In response to his request, several boxes containing classified reports and documents of the Economic Warfare Section of the Department were received by Mr. Levi and placed under lock and key. Mr. Levi said he never had occasion to look at or use any of the materials. In 1953, Mr. Levi voluntarily advised the FBI of his possession of the classified materials and returned them to the Department. Later in 1953 the Assistant Attorney General, Criminal Division, Department of Justice, concluded that prosecution of Mr. Levi as a result of this incident was not warranted because there was no evidence of unauthorized communication and because Levi cooperated with the FBI and acted in good faith when he volunteered information of his possession of the documents.

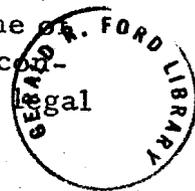


2. National Lawyers Guild. During the period 1936 to 1940, Mr. Levi was a member of the National Lawyers Guild. The Guild was formed in 1936 and continues in existence today under the reported domination of the Communist Party, advocating the violent overthrow of our government. Mr. Levi has stated that he dropped out of the organization when he first heard these charges against it. (It might be noted that the Chicago chapter of the National Lawyers Guild also included in its membership at that time the well known Republican lawyer Albert Jenner and the eminent Chicago entrepreneur Ben Heineman, President of the Chicago Northwestern Railroad.)

3. Recording of jury deliberations. In 1954, Mr. Levi directed a project out of the University of Chicago which was funded by the Ford Foundation to examine certain aspects of the jury system. The project involved a recording of the deliberations of a jury without their knowledge or approval. This is not to say, however, that there was any illegality or impropriety involved. Moreover, express permission was given by the judge involved in the case and by the senior Judge of the relevant Court of Appeals. The project was, moreover, supported by a broad spectrum of the bench and bar. After the incident became public, the matter was the subject of hearings by the Senate Internal Security Subcommittee which apparently viewed the project as a threat to our jury system. Levi now believes that the recording of jury deliberations was a mistake.

4. Associates. Perhaps a half-dozen of Mr. Levi's associates or friends, primarily at the University of Chicago, were alleged to be communist sympathizers or supporters during the late 1940's. There is no evidence that Levi knew of any such communist connection. Mr. Levi has also associated himself with public statements against the activities of the House Un-American Activities Committee, the Vietnam War, etc.

5. Qualifications. A number of people have questioned the qualifications of Mr. Levi for appointment as Attorney General based on his lack of experience in private practice. A few people have questioned his temperament for the position, suggesting he is of quick temper, highly opinionated, etc. One or two people suggested that Levi's views were "ultra liberal", especially on treatment of the poor and the blacks, but more than a hundred people contacted by the FBI -- and some of them are quite eminent -- spoke of his balanced temperament, considered judgement, familiarity with the legal profession and the legal system, and other admirable characteristics.



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1/19/75

HRUSKA BOWS TO FORD

Opposition to Levi Fades

By Orr Kelly

Star-News Staff Writer

Senate sources said today they expected Edward Hirsch Levi, president of the University of Chicago, to be confirmed as attorney general with little difficulty.

The 63-year-old legal



tional Lawyers Guild. He is also expected to be questioned about his participation during the mid-1950s in a research project in which secret tape recordings were made of jury deliberations.

One of the most outspoken critics of the project in hearings on the subject held

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Justice
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John)

January 22, 1975

Dear Jack:

Your letter to me and the copy of one to the President produced a mixed reaction. I was indeed flattered by your comments about me, but disappointed that you felt strongly opposed to Ed Levi's nomination.

You and I are both very fond of Bill Saxbe, but I assure you that he seems well pleased with his new assignment. At the same time, I believe you underestimate how qualified Ed Levi is to be Attorney General. One does not serve capably as President of a large urban University in the troubled times of student disorders and urban human and physical problems, as he has, without being remarkably tough-minded and practical.

Very best personal regards,

Sincerely yours,

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January 23, 1975

Dear Mr. Melvoin:

I enclose a copy of the corrected
statement as submitted.

Sincerely,

Phillip Areeda
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January 21, 1975

Mr. Phillip E. Areeda
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Washington, D. C. 20500

Re: Edward H. Levi

Dear Mr. Areeda:

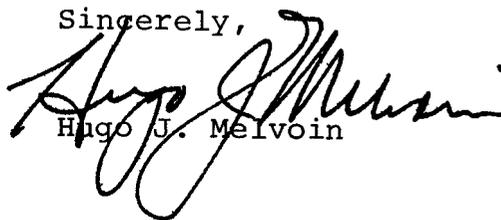
Enclosed please find the following sets of revised pages 5, 16 and 17, which now refer to the nine family trusts, of which six were created by Mrs. Levi's mother in 1961 and 1962 and three of which were created by her father in 1966:

- 1) Three sets for insertion in your file copies;
- 2) One set for insertion in Senator Eastland's copy; and
- 3) Two sets for insertion in Mr. Levi's personal copy and his copy of the Eastland document.

Not certain whether you prefer to have page one free from any date and author reference. Just in case, I am enclosing six copies of page one, showing no reference in the upper right-hand corner.

Glad to have discovered the error, but you can imagine my annoyance that it occurred. Hope it proves to be the worst irritation you and Mr. Levi experience in the next few days.

Sincerely,


Hugo J. Melvoin

HJM/pc
Enclosures



THE WHITE HOUSE
WASHINGTON

1/24/75 - 3 pm

Ken Lazarus called.

Re Levi nomination

Arthur Liederman is scheduled to appear
as a witness.

He represents U.S. Labor Party and
will testify against.

Ken Lazarus will get ^{advance} ~~the~~ copies of

Liberty Lobby
and
Chicago Homeowners

testimony to send to Levi.

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THE WHITE HOUSE

WASHINGTON

January 25, 1975

MEMORANDUM FOR: PHIL AREEDA
FROM: KEN LAZARUS *KL*
SUBJECT: Levi Nomination Hearings

Attached are copies of the statements which will be submitted during hearings on the Levi nomination by: (1) the ABA; (2) Liberty Lobby; and (3) the Chicago Property Owners Association. As you know, the U. S. Labor Party will also appear in opposition to the nomination; however, they have not yet submitted a statement to the committee. Finally, the National Congress of American Indians has also requested to be heard -- I have no idea of the nature of their interest. Also attached is a copy of the witness list.

Peter Stockett, Chief Counsel to the Committee, tells me that Chairman Eastland has indicated a desire to schedule an executive session promptly at the conclusion of the hearings (perhaps Wednesday) in order to report the nomination for Senate confirmation.

cc: Bill Kendall



THE WHITE HOUSE
WASHINGTON

January 23, 1975

MEMORANDUM FOR: BILL KENDALL
FROM: KEN LAZARUS *KL*
SUBJECT: Levi Nomination

The following individuals have indicated to me that they will send letters of support to the Judiciary Committee on the referenced nomination:

- (1) Orison S. Marden of New York;
- (2) Whitney North Seymour, Sr. of New York;
- (3) Justice Tom C. Clark of D. C.; and
- (4) James D. Fellers of Oklahoma.

Additionally, Judge Lawrence E. ("Ed") Walsh, President-elect of the ABA, is scheduled to appear as a witness before the Committee on Monday in order to submit a resolution passed by the ABA Board of Governors in support of the nomination.

cc: Phil Areeda *✓*



LLOYD N. CUTLER
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January 24, 1975

Honorable James O. Eastland
Chairman
Senate Committee on the Judiciary
United States Senate
Washington, D. C.

Dear Mr. Chairman,

I am writing in support of the nomination of Edward H. Levi to be Attorney General of the United States.

I have known Mr. Levi since World War II, when we both worked in the Department of Justice. I also saw him frequently during his service as Dean of the University of Chicago Law School, on both professional and educational matters.

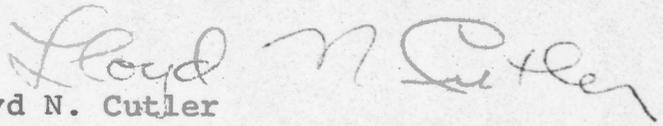
Most recently, when I served as Executive Director of the National Commission on the Causes and Prevention of Violence (The Eisenhower Commission), Mr. Levi was extremely helpful to the Commission both in advising us on the selection of scholars from various academic disciplines to prepare studies for the Commission, and also in giving us his experiences and views on the subject of campus disorders. Mr. Levi's record in dealing firmly and effectively with disorder while President of the University of Chicago made a profound impression on all members of the Commission, and had a major impact on our recommendations in this area.



Mr. Levi is a legal scholar of the first rank, an effective administrator and a man fully dedicated to the rule of law and the importance of both doing and appearing to do justice. If confirmed, I believe he will make his mark as one of the great Attorneys General of our times.

Should you so desire, this letter may be made a part of the record of the confirmation hearings.

Sincerely,


Lloyd N. Cutler

cc: Honorable Roman L. Hruska
Honorable Phillip A. Hart



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January 27, 1975

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MEMORANDUM

THE WHITE HOUSE
WASHINGTON

January 17, 1975

FOR: PHIL BUCHEN
FROM: DONALD RUMSFELD

Please get together with Ed Levi and sort through the question of how he should respond to the issue of the Special Prosecutor. The question probably will be posed, not in the terms of what Levi thinks, but in the terms of what the President's position or commitment will be, and I think that it is important that we begin to develop the proper answer there.

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DONALD RUMSFELD

Ed Levi is going to be reading and thinking and preparing for the hearings. Very likely there will be some issues he will want to talk to you about in terms of the President's views. It may be that we will want to run him in there two or three days to talk to the President if there are some that are not resolved.



Atty Gen

January 31, 1975

Dear Bill:

Many thanks for providing me with the autographed photo taken at the Department of Justice.

Also, I want you to know how much I have appreciated coming to know you since my arrival on the Washington scene.

My warmest regards and very best wishes go with you as you undertake your new assignment. I shall welcome seeing you again when you return with reports on the fascinating experiences you will surely have.

Sincerely yours,

Phillip W. Buchen
Counsel to the President

The Honorable William B. Saxbe
The Attorney General
Washington, D. C.

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Levi

Thursday 2/6/75

12:30 Mr. Casselman has had calls concerning Dr. Levi's swearing in -- the following have asked if they might attend:

James D. Fellers, President of ABA
Lawrence E. Walsh, President-elect
Herbert Hoffman, Director of Government Relations

He said he would be happy to invite them for you -- but didn't know who was setting it up, etc.

I asked Casselman when it was and he said he thought it was at 11 a.m. tomorrow (Friday 2/7).



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