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FULL RATE  
(STRAIGHT TELEGRAM)   
NIGHT LETTER

The White House  
Washington

Wire sent  
9:19 p.m.  
received 9/10

STRAIGHT WIRE - SEPTEMBER 9, 1976

Mr. John C. Feldkamp  
c/o The University of Michigan  
1500 Student Activities Building  
Ann Arbor, Michigan 48104

(313) 764-7401

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ALFRED CONNABLE OFFICE  
1201 AMERICAN NATIONAL BANK BLDG.  
KALAMAZOO, MICHIGAN  
49006

September 2, 1976

Mr. Philip W. Buchen  
Counsel to the President  
The White House  
Washington, D.C.

Dear Phil:

Thank you for your letter regarding the Michigamua 75th Anniversary Reunion to be held next week in Ann Arbor, Friday and Saturday September 10 and 11.

With the tight schedule both you and the President are under between now and the election, it is most understandable why neither you nor Jerry will be able to attend, as much as we will miss you both.

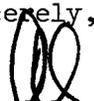
I am told that over 250 Old Braves from all parts of the Country, many with Squaws, will participate. Will you, Phil, be kind enough to ask the President to send a message of greetings to the Reunion that could be read at an appropriate time? It should be sent to:

Mr. John C. Feldkamp, Chairman  
Old Braves Council of Michigamua  
1500 Student Activities Building  
Ann Arbor, Michigan 48104

As you know, any words of wisdom that the President might send will be enthusiastically received. His friends throughout the long history of the Tribe are legion.

With kindest personal regards to you and President Jerry.

Sincerely,

  
Alfred B. Connable

ABC:lh



THE WHITE HOUSE

WASHINGTON

July 1, 1976

*Pres. Messages  
(backup)  
C. Files*

*(Michigamua)*

MEMORANDUM FOR:

ELISKA HASEK

FROM:

PHILIP BUCHEN *P.*

SUBJECT:

75th Anniversary Celebration  
of the Michigamua, September 10-11,  
1976

Please advise the Scheduling Office to assure this group that a message will come from the President if he cannot attend the celebration.

Michigamua is a senior honor society of Michigan undergraduates. Selections for memberships are made among male students at the University of Michigan at the end of their junior year from those who have had outstanding records on athletic teams, student publications, and student organizations. The active organization of undergraduates invites alumni participation in their events and get together with alumni at regular reunions. The President was selected for membership during his senior year -- 1934-35 -- for his record as a football player. Each member is given an Indian name when he is initiated, and the Indian name which was given the President was "Flipum Back". Newsletters of the active organization to the alumni are invariably written in pseudo-Indianese so if you want to delight the members who will be attending the 75th Anniversary reunion, you should follow suit in the message you draft for the President. I will be glad to help in this regard.



THE WHITE HOUSE  
WASHINGTON

June 15, 1976

MEMORANDUM FOR MR. BUCHEN

SUBJECT: 75th Anniversary Celebration  
of the founding of Michigamua,  
September 10-11, 1976

I'm sure you'll want me to advise Scheduling Office to promise a message for this event which the President cannot attend.

Am I correct in assuming this organization would be alumni of University of Michigan who were involved in sports programs? And, if you do want a message promised, may I get back in touch with you closer to the event for suggestions on the text?

Thank you.



Eliska Hasek

Atts.

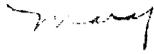


6/14/76

Eliska -

In regretting this,  
could we say that  
the P wants to send  
a message?

Thank you.



MRawlins

6/10/76

NOTE FOR MARY WIDNER

Mary -

F. Y. I. - in view of Mr. Buchen's letter of last  
Sept. on this to a Mr. Connable, I propose we  
regret this but check first with Eliska about  
their request for a message.



MR

THE WHITE HOUSE  
WASHINGTON

June 3, 1976

NOTE FOR MILDRED LEONARD

Mildred -

I stamped this in before I noticed  
it had your initials on it - I believe  
this got mixed up with our mail,  
or did you send along to Bill?

Thanks.

  
MRawlins

Yes, I did  
MR

June 8, 1976

NOTE FOR BILL TRESEK

Bill -

Anything in Files on the 75th Anniversary of  
Michigamua in Sept. of this year? Thank.s

MRawlins



Col. John G. Healey  
4321 Lookout Road  
Virginia Beach, Virginia 23455

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PERSONAL

ACTION
T/D 1976
MAY 27 1976
SCHEDULE BD.
DATE RECEIVED
JUN 3 1976
MESSAGE
SPEAKERS BUREAU
OTHER
APPOINTMENT OFFICE

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

My dear Mr. President:

It has been 41 years since you and I and the other members of the 1935 Tribe of Michigamua were together in Ann Arbor. During this period there has been only one general reunion of Michigamua, on the occasion of the 50th anniversary in 1951.

In September of this year, however, the 75th anniversary of the founding of Michigamua will be celebrated in Ann Arbor, and all those who have been members during those 75 years are being urged to return for the event. I, as Sachem of the Tribe of 1935, am writing this special invitation to you and I also am writing individually to our classmates. I am certain that you have already received from the reunion committee an announcement pertaining to the anniversary and the events scheduled. I will be pleased to provide any additional data you may desire.

You may be interested to know that 16 members of our Tribe survive, plus Charles Hoyt, the track coach who was our honorary initiate. I inclose, as a matter of possible interest, a list of those of us who are still on the rolls.

It is obvious that the time available to you for events such as this is extremely limited. However, it is my hope and that of the reunion committee that you will be able to attend all or part of the program. If this is not possible, I suggest that you may wish to send a message which could be read at the banquet Saturday evening, following the football game. I will be honored to convey such a message for you, if you desire.

Please know that I am at your service.

Very respectfully,

Jack



Flip - um Back

TRIBE OF MICHIGAMUA  
75TH REUNION  
Address List--Tribe of 1935

1. Col. John C. Healey, (Sachem)  
4321 Lookout Rd.  
Virginia Beach, Va. 23455
2. Col. Taylor Drysdale  
5526 Parkdale Dr.  
Orlando, Florida 32809
3. George Young Duffy  
5000 Lakeshore Rd.  
Port Huron, Mi. 48060
4. William Geo. Ferris  
17 Highland St. W  
Massapequa, NY 11758
5. Gerald R. Ford  
1600 Pennsylvania Ave.  
Washington, DC 20500
6. Jos. Edward Horak Jr.  
7087 E. McDonald Dr.  
Scottsdale, Az. 85253
7. Charles B. Hoyt  
Woolstock, Ia. 50599
8. Allen D. McCombs  
700 Bruce Lane - 105  
Glenwood, Il. 60425
9. William J. McFate  
21 Lynch Blvd.  
Oil City, Pa. 16301
10. Russell B. Reed  
880 Osage Rd.  
Pittsburgh, Pa. 15243
11. Robert J. Renner  
43 Gypsy Lane  
Youngstown, Oh. 44504
12. John Harold Sherf  
440 Brentwood Rd.  
Dearborn, Mi. 48124
13. Philip A. Singleton  
South East St.  
Amherst, Ma. 01002
14. Harvey Homer Smith  
18 Sunset Dr.  
Berkeley, Ca. 94707
15. Laurence D. Smith  
1549 Lake Grove Ave. S.E.  
Grand Rapids, Mi. 49506
16. Robert S. Ward  
1549 Vine St.  
Belmont, Ca. 94002
17. John P. Jewell  
82 Pine Crescent  
Toronto, Ontario  
CANADA M4E1L4



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October 2, 1975

Dear Al:

After carefully considering your idea that the President be asked to serve as Honorary Chairman of the 75th<sup>x</sup> Michigamua Reunion, I reluctantly conclude that we should not push this request. I have been working very hard during the time I have been here to limit the use of the President's name in such capacities. It seems to me that he can be duly honored during the course of the reunion without asking that he lend his name in planning for the program.

I am sure that it will be easier for many of the participants in the event, who will be accompanied by their wives, if the Squaws are let in on some of the fun.

Sincerely,

Philip W. Buchen  
Counsel to the President

Mr. Alfred B. Connable<sup>x</sup>  
1201 American National Bank  
Building  
Kalamazoo, Michigan 49006



ALFRED B. CONNABLE  
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49006

September 18, 1975

Mr. Philip W. Buchen  
Counsel to The President  
The White House  
Washington, D.C. 20500

Dear Phil:

Your quick response to my September 11th letter is much appreciated and your remarks on the President's commitments and responsibilities are certainly understandable.

That the President's activities following the Republican National Convention should and must be directed exclusively to his campaign is absolutely as it should be. However, I wonder if he would consider serving as Honorary Chairman of our 75th Michigamua Reunion. Should it work out that he can be present in person for any of the planned events it would be wonderful but, assuming the probable impossibility of this, his being named Honorary Chairman of the reunion would be very significant to Michigamua.

It does seem a long way off to be planning for September 10 & 11, 1976, but as you know, Phil, the planning is the necessary key to a successful program. I am delighted to know you would anticipate being there, and as I said before your serving on the Planning Committee in a liaison capacity would certainly add to the success of the whole thing. Will you?

Do let me know your thoughts in making the Saturday night banquet a dinner dance to include the Squaws; do you have any suggestions to pass along and do let me know if the President would allow the Planning Committee to name him Honorary Chairman of the 75th Michigamua Reunion.

My warm good wishes to you and The President.

Hollow Thunder has spoken.

  
Alfred B. Connable  
Tribe of '25



September 16, 1975

*Invitation  
accepted  
9/10/76*

Dear Al:

Many thanks for your letter which describes plans for the 75th reunion of Michiganans to be held in Ann Arbor on September 10 & 11, 1976.

Unfortunately, it is impossible for the President to make any commitments so far in advance, and I would suggest that you bring the subject up again next summer. I know the President would be delighted to become involved, but as you can imagine, his activities after the Republican National Convention, away from Washington, will have to be directed exclusively to his campaign.

The plans you outline are most appealing, and I hope that at least in my case, I will be able to attend.

Very warmest regards.

Sincerely,

Philip W. Buchan  
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ALFRED B. CONNABLE  
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September 11, 1975

Mr. Philip W. Buchan  
Council to The President  
The White House  
Washington, D.C. 20500

Dear Phil:

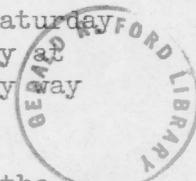
By a happy coincidence, the 75th Anniversary of the founding of Michigamua falls on our Nation's Bicentennial year -- -- 1976. Plans are now being formulated for our 75th Reunion to be held in Ann Arbor on September 10 and 11, 1976, which corresponds with the opening Home football Game next year against Wisconsin.

The Planning Committee headed by Hugh Rader of Detroit (Tribe of '38), and John Feldkamp (Tribe of '61), Director of Housing at the University and Chairman of the Old Braves Advisory Council, have planned the following events. The Reunion weekend would begin with informal activities on Thursday evening, golf on Friday morning and early afternoon, the traditional gathering and ceremony at Fred Matthaei's Radrick Farms Friday afternoon and evening. Saturday, a pre-game luncheon at Crisler Arena is planned. On Saturday night a formal banquet would conclude the activities.

At the suggestion of your Secretary, Eva Daugherty, I am putting this all down in writing so you can discuss it with the President (Flippum Back Ford, Tribe of '35), at his and your convenience!

- 1) The Committee is most hopeful that the President can be present for some portion of the Reunion. Early suggestions from him would be most helpful in shaping the Reunion activities so it would be possible for him to attend.
- 2) The Committee hopes that he would serve as Honorary Chairman of this 75th Michigamua Reunion. Also that you would serve on the Planning Committee in a liaison capacity.
- 3) The Committee would very much appreciate the President making some form of statement. For example, it could be done at the Crisler Arena luncheon before the game, at the Saturday banquet following the game, at the Friday night ceremony Radrick Farms -- -- in fact, it could be arranged in any way that would suit Jerry's desire.

The last Reunion of Michigamua was the 25th. According to the records in Ann Arbor, they had 250 to 300 people in attendance.



Mr. Philip W. Buchan  
Page Two

September 11, 1975

It was a stag affair. This time, the 75th Reunion, they anticipate an attendance of approximately 500 Old Braves.

I am wondering about including the Squaws in some of the Saturday activities and making the Saturday night banquet a dinner dance. Do you and Jerry have any thoughts on that?

At our 25th Class Reunion we had a substantial number of Old Braves present who thought the wives should be included in some of the events. (By the way, our new Honorary Brave, Fred Vogt, whose induction ceremony you and Paul Goebel thoughtfully attended in Grand Rapids, was very much with us at that Class Reunion last Spring.)

Do let me know if you and Jerry have any suggestions, Phil, and what commitments as outlined above it is possible for Jerry to make a year in advance. His presence and your good counsel and ideas would make this 75th Reunion an historical event for Michigan and Michigamua.

My warm good wishes to you and The President.

Hollow Thunder has spoken.

  
Alfred E. Connable  
Tribe of '25



9/10-11/76

Tuesday 9/9/75

10:05 I returned Alfred Connable's call.

(616) 382-5800

He said you and the President are both members of the Senior Honorary Society of the University of Michigan.

Next year (the bicentennial year) Michigama is having its 75th anniversary...and already have a planning committee working on it and have scheduled a two-day program which will fall on September 10 and 11, 1976, and will include the Michigan-Wisconsin opening football game in Ann Arbor. He wanted to outline briefly what the planning group has in mind and get your ideas as to what you and the President would like. They would like to have the President as the honorary chairman.

I suggested that, in view of the fact that this all has to be screened through the President's Scheduling Office, it would be most helpful if he would write you a letter detailing the above, and it could be considered by that Office.

He said he would do that -- and to give you his best.



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REGISTRATION:  
KENTUCKY  
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TENNESSEE  
VIRGINIA

September 1, 1976 -

Dear Old Braves - '39

Just a brief note to bring you up to date and to encourage some last minute decisions to attend the 75th anniversary of Michigamua's 1901 founding, Sept. 10 & 11, Marriott Inn, Ann Arbor - Reunion Headquarters.

Frank Morgan - Can't find. Known to have been in Washington, D.C. area.

Don Belden - Received Certified letter - In Des Palines, Ill. -

Bud Benjamin - Received C. l. - Replied, Will be out of country - (Appreciate card)

Phil Buchen - Rec. C. l., Talked with Phil in Washington, If comes will be at last min.

Bob Canning - Will be there - You received his letter

Leo Beebe - Rec. C. l. - In Villanova, Pa.

Horace Gilmore - Rec. C.l. - In Detroit - Is Judge, Circuit Court - In campaign for re-election - completely filled schedule - can't come (hope can squeeze it in someday if just for minute) (Appreciate your letter)

Bob Hartwell - Ret. Det.Ed. - Now Pres. elec. util. in Cleveland.- Many duties. card says can't come- Hope will change mind-may be last chance (Apr. card)

Ralph Heikkinen - Certified Letter returned - not at 1590 Tully Ct., Bloomfield, Mi. - Hope someone knows his whereabouts and can reach him. Was at 74 Re.

Leslie Hillberg - Certified Letter returned - not at Rt. 1, Box 177, Bark River, Mi. - Hope someone knows his whereabouts and can reach him.

Wally Hook - Rec. C.l. - In Ada, Mi.

Fred Janke - Rec. C.l. - In Jackson, Mi.

Charley Kettler - Will be there

Pete Lisagor - C. L. returned - not at 1528 North Ivanhoe, Arlington, Va. Hope someone knows where to catch him off TV and gets word to him.

John H. Mitchell - C.L. Ret. - not at 35 Sutton Rd. NYCity- Hope someone knows his whereabouts and can reach him.



Michigamua - '39

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Robert D. Mitchell - Rec. C.1. - Card says no way can attend - Fine letter telling of many others - Is in Winnetke, Ill - not too far - hope will change mind and come on over (Appreciate letter, Bob)

Walt Peckinpaugh - Rec. C.1. - Card says may be able to attend - Is in Cleveland Heights, Ohio. (Call Bob Hartwell at Cliffs Electric Service Co and talk each other into coming)

Bob Reid - Rec. C.1. - Will be in Ann Arbor that week-end - will try to attend at least part of affair. (Appreciate card)

Phil Woodworth - Rec. C. 1. - In Bad Axe, Mi.

Hal Spoden - Will be there

You Lit students probably wonder who the Hell I am. Had to drop out of school for surgery at Christmas of Senior year then Mother died and Dad had a very rough time on the farm - so stayed home with him to Fall of 39, took some graduate work and finished in June of 40 - Was in Eng. Home was western New York State.

Really would like to see you all. Down here in the mountains of Tennessee run into Michigan graduate or two every decade. Honestly don't remember when saw last one. Flight schedule not too good in our area. Have to arv. A.A. Thursday nite to make it and leave there Sunday morning - so if anyone else also has poor schedule please do contact me. Don't know where will be put so check at Marriott Inn.

He Has



*Patriarche  
John*

Monday 9/13/76

5:05 Eliska Hasek called to say that Mike Johnson had just come in to talk with her about a letter for John Patriarche and that they don't -- as a matter of policy -- send letters to elected officials because if they did they'd have to send them to everyone. So they just don't send to anyone ----- unless he is a close friend of the President.

She had the letter on her desk to call and regret. She will do so first thing tomorrow.

Is Mr. Patriarche a close friend of the President?



Monday 9/13/76

4:45

I have called Mike Johnson who handles  
Presidential letters to political retirees.

6220

He has no record of having received a letter  
requesting a Presidential message or letter  
for John M. Patriarche who is retiring this  
Thursday after 35 years in East Lansing government.

He will call Mrs. Bernie Tucker's office (517) 355-2337  
and get all the details and get a letter out  
for him. (Mrs. Tucker's secretary: Vicky Conklin)

(There is apparently a "Jack Patriarche Day"  
and there will be a reception, at which the  
letters will be presented to him in a book.)



Monday 9/13/76

3:15 Mrs. Bernie Tucker called Mr. Buchen (517) 355-2337 to ask if there would be a letter to John M. Patriarche (c/o Gordon L. Thomas, 334 N. Hagadorn, East Lansing, Michigan 48823), who is retiring after 35 years in East Lansing government -- this Thursday.



*Presidential  
message*

THE WHITE HOUSE  
WASHINGTON

September 21, 1976

MEMORANDUM FOR: KEN LAZARUS

FROM: PHIL BUCHEN *P.*

Attached is a memorandum to me from Eliska Hasek.

I see no reason why a message could not be sent by the President and I would appreciate your giving Eliska suggested points to be covered in the text.

Attachment



MEMORANDUM

THE WHITE HOUSE  
WASHINGTON

September 20, 1976

MEMORANDUM FOR MR. BUCHEN

SUBJECT: 50th Anniversary of the U.S. Customs Court,  
New York City, OCTOBER 14.

Could I please have your advice on the attached request from Chief Judge Boe for a Presidential message for the above event.

As you will note when Judge Boe called me about this, I thought we might have to check on whether or not it was appropriate for the President, as head of the Executive Branch, to send a message on the anniversary of a Judicial Branch function.

If you feel a message is appropriate, could you give me some suggestions on points I could use for the text. This really isn't something that Justice Department feels should be sent to them -- either for advice on a message or for a suggested text. The Public Information Office at Justice always suggests that the Administrative Office of the U.S. Courts be called on requests like this, but this action would seem more appropriate from your office than mine.

Thank you very much.



Eliska Hasek  
Room 121 - OEOB  
Ext. 2185

Att.



SENIOR JUDGES

DAVID J. WILSON  
MARY D. ALGER  
SAMUEL M. ROSENSTEIN

UNITED STATES CUSTOMS COURT  
ONE FEDERAL PLAZA  
NEW YORK N. Y. 10007

JOE  
CHIEF JUDGE  
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212-264-2800

September 15, 1976

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PRESIDENTIAL  
MESSAGE OFFICE  
WHITE HOUSE

Miss Eliska A. Hasek  
Director, Office of Presidential Messages  
The White House  
1600 Pennsylvania Avenue  
Washington, D. C. 20500

Dear Miss Hasek:

I appreciate greatly your thoughtfulness in talking with me regarding the invitation to President Ford to attend the Fiftieth Anniversary ceremony of this court on October 14, 1976, a copy of which is herewith enclosed.

I can well appreciate the concern that might arise relating to the transmission of messages from the Executive branch of government to the Judicial branch. As I indicated to you in our telephone conversation, however, I can envision no impropriety in the Chief Executive in this Bicentennial year noting the role of the judiciary in the development of our country in recognizing an anniversary date of one of the many Federal courts.

We must always bear in mind that the constitutional framers believed and intended that the three branches of our federal government should be complementary to each other--a fact that seems to have oftentimes been disregarded throughout the course of our history.

With warm personal regards, I remain

Sincerely,

*Nils A. Boe*  
Nils A. Boe  
Chief Judge



Enclosure

Messages  
to  
Judges

Thursday 9/23/76

- 4:55 Eliska Hasek called with reference to our referral of Bob Hartmann's request for a message to be sent to Judge Stephens on his 15th anniversary as a judge. Eliska said it is highly inappropriate and that she and Mr. Buchen had talked this out and agreed that it would not be possible to send to all the judges who would be having anniversaries, etc. A further thing is that he is a U. S. District Judge -- a Federal job. Could be sitting on a case where the U. S. is a litigant. It would therefore be inappropriate for a message to be sent to him from the President on the 15th anniversary.
- 5:10 Advised Eliska that you would redo the memo ? and advise Mr. Hartmann.



THE WHITE HOUSE  
WASHINGTON

September 24, 1976

MEMORANDUM FOR: ROBERT HARTMANN

FROM: PHIL BUCHEN *P.*

Contrary to my initial reaction to your note of September 20 regarding Judge Albert L. Stephens, I think we had better not secure a message from the President to him.

Because this Judge is not retiring, it is likely that the U. S. Government has cases pending before him. Thus, any indication from the President to honor or commend this Judge might be looked upon as an effort to influence the outcome of pending litigation.



THE WHITE HOUSE  
WASHINGTON

*Pres.  
message*

September 22, 1976

MEMORANDUM FOR: ELISKA HASEK

FROM: SHIRLEY KEY *SK*

Mr. Buchen sees no legal problem with the attached request from Robert Hartmann re Judge Stephens.

Could someone on your staff handle and provide the Counsel's Office with a copy.

Thanks.

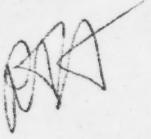
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cc: Bob Hartmann



THE WHITE HOUSE

WASHINGTON

From: Robert T. Hartmann 

To: Philip W. Buchen

Date: September 20, 1976

Time

a.m.

p.m.

Aylett Cotton is a Stanford buddy of mine and a good California Republican supporter of the President.

However, I'm not sure what our policy in matters such as the attached should be.

Thank you.



September 20, 1976

1:35 p.m.

Mr. Hartmann:

Mr. Kris Whitten, a nephew of Aylett B. Cotton of San Francisco, who is a practicing attorney in Los Angeles called. (213-627-8265)

Two years ago Mr. Whitten was the law clerk to the Chief U.S. District Judge in Los Angeles, Judge Albert Lee Stephens, Jr.

They are putting on a surprise party for Judge Stephens on October 9th, celebrating the 15th anniversary of his appointment as a U. S. District Judge for the Central District of California.

He was appointed by President Kennedy; his Commission was signed on September 18, 1961; he was sworn in on October 16, 1961. He has been Chief Judge since 1970. (The Chief Judge is the Administrative Officer of the Court.)

If the President is willing to send a letter it should be addressed to:

Judge Albert Lee Stephens, Jr.  
Chief United States District Judge  
for the Central District of California  
United States Court House  
312 North Spring Street  
Los Angeles, California 90012

and mailed flat (suitable for framing) to:

Mr. Kris Whitten  
Thelen, Marrin, Johnson & Bridges  
555 South Flower Street, Suite 4400  
Los Angeles, California 90071

Neta



9/24/76

Birthday  
Messages

go to  
Becky Bovelesky  
or  
Edith Ferrus

on 2852



*For Pres. messages*

October 13, 1976

The Fiftieth Anniversary of the U.S. Customs Court is a proud milestone in the history of American jurisprudence. It attests to the vitality and effectiveness of the Federal court structure as established under Article III of our Constitution.

The U.S. Customs Court has provided distinguished service in the best interests of the American people. It has been an important vehicle for ensuring some of the most basic central functions assigned by the Constitution to our Federal courts and indispensable to our national well-being. In the spirit of the Constitution it has protected individual liberties and freedoms, it has given definitive interpretation to Federal laws and it has helped to ensure the proper functioning of our democratic form of government.

In our Bicentennial year I find in this anniversary a most fitting opportunity to acknowledge the critical role of the judiciary in general, and of the U.S. Customs Court in particular, in the development of our country. I know that those who are going to be associated with the Customs Court in the future will continue to carry forward its splendid reputation within our judicial system.

Statement to: Phil Buchen when signed.

GRF:Hasek:rks

cc: R.Hartmann/R.Messen/J.Connor/P.Buchen/D.Downton/E.Hasek/CF

Requested by: Judge Boe

EVENT: OCTOBER 14TH



United States District Court  
Northern District of Illinois  
219 South Dearborn Street  
Chicago, Illinois 60604

Frederick J. Hertz  
Bankruptcy Judge

*Hertz, Frederick*  
*Rabbi*  
*Richard C.*  
*Hertz*  
Telephone  
(312) 435-5644

October 18, 1976

Honorable Philip W. Buchen  
Counsel to the President  
The White House  
Washington, D. C.

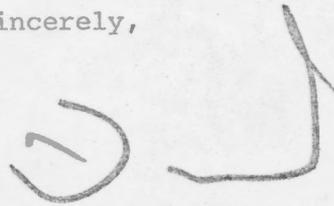
Dear Mr. Buchen:

I regret my inability to extend to you in person my appreciation for your arranging a Presidential Happy Birthday Letter to my brother, Rabbi Richard C. Hertz of Detroit. He was greatly pleased and I am most thankful to you and the President for helping to make it a great day.

I should be happy to see you the next time you are in Chicago.

All good wishes.

Most sincerely,



*Presidential  
Letter*

September 28, 1976

Dear Dr. Hertz:

Mrs. Ford and I were delighted to learn that you will be celebrating the grand occasion of your sixtieth birthday, and we want to be sure to be included among those expressing congratulations to you at this happy time.

With our warm wishes always,

**GERALD R. FORD**

Rabbi Richard C. Hertz  
Temple Beth El  
7400 Telegraph Road  
Birmingham, Michigan 48010

cc: Phil Buchen

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P-A(2nd rev)  
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Shirley

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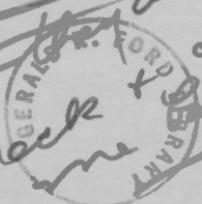
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THE WHITE HOUSE  
WASHINGTON

September 14, 1976

*Hertz  
Richard C.*

MEMORANDUM FOR: ELISKA HASEK

FROM: SHIRLEY KEY *SK*

Mr. Buchen would appreciate it if your office could handle the attached request from Mr. Frederick J. Hertz in behalf of his brother Dr. Richard C. Hertz who will be celebrating his 60th birthday on October 7.

Attachment



THE WHITE HOUSE

WASHINGTON

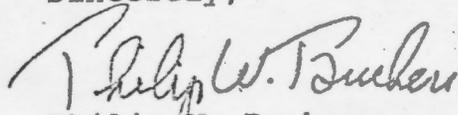
September 16, 1976

Dear Judge Hertz:

In accordance with your letter, I have requested the appropriate office in the White House to provide a message for your brother, Dr. Richard C. Hertz on his 60th birthday.

In connection with your contemplated visit to Washington, I suggest you call my office while you are here to see if we can arrange a convenient time to get together. The number is: 456-2632.

Sincerely,



Philip W. Buchen  
Counsel to the President

The Honorable Frederick J. Hertz  
Bankruptcy Judge  
United States District Court  
Northern District of Illinois  
219 South Dearborn Street  
Chicago, Illinois 60604



United States District Court

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Frederick J. Hertz  
Bankruptcy Judge

Telephone  
(312) 435-5644

September 10, 1976

The Honorable Phillip Buchen  
The White House  
1600 Pennsylvania Avenue  
Washington, D. C.

My dear Mr. Buchen:

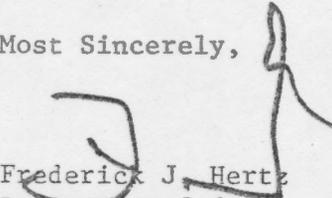
I expect to be in Washington in attendance at the Bankruptcy Judges Conference from October 5 through October 9 and would hope that your busy schedule might permit a personal visit. Meanwhile, I shall appreciate your consideration of the following personal matter.

My brother, Dr. Richard C. Hertz of Detroit, will, on October 7, 1976, achieve his 60th birthday. For the past 25 years he has been the Chief Rabbi of Temple Beth El, 7400 Telegraph Road, Birmingham, 48010, Michigan's oldest Jewish congregation. Dick has been an outstanding citizen of that city and state by reason of his many contributions to public affairs as well as religious matters. For all I know, your paths may well have crossed previously.

Without his knowing of my suggestion, I shall greatly appreciate your arranging for a Presidential Happy Birthday Letter and Congratulations.

Thank you in advance and I look forward to seeing you in Washington.

Most Sincerely,

  
Frederick J. Hertz  
Bankruptcy Judge



THE WHITE HOUSE  
WASHINGTON

October 18, 1976

*Pres  
memo*

MEMORANDUM FOR: ELISKA HASEK

FROM: PHILIP BUCHEN *P.*

We have been requested to have the President send a telegram to:

Mr. Egom F. Qittner  
Captain, American Seniors'  
International Team . . . .

on the occasion of the Eighth annual American-Japanese Seniors Gold Goodwill match to be held at the Intercontinental Hotel, Maui, Hawaii, on October 30, 1976.

The President is an honorary member of the American Seniors' Golf Association, and I believe it appropriate that he send the Team Captain good wishes for a successful tournament.

If you need further assistance, please give me a call.



*Pres - Messages*  
*Alexander, Judge*  
*For filing*

OCT 18 1976

Dear Judge Alexander:

I have received your letter of September 10 advising of your decision to return to private life, effective November 2, 1976.

In acknowledging this notification, I wish to express appreciation for the service you have rendered as Associate Judge of the Superior Court of the District of Columbia since 1966.

You have my best wishes for happiness and every success in your future endeavors.

Sincerely,

GERALD R. FORD

The Honorable Harry Toussaint Alexander  
Judge  
Superior Court of the District of Columbia  
Washington, D. C.

cc: Amelia Leukhardt  
Phil Buchen ✓

GRF:Justice:CM:AVH:aby



THE WHITE HOUSE  
WASHINGTON

10-22- 76

TO: PHIL BUCHEN

FROM: BARRY ROTH *BR*



Benton Becker has sent me the attached draft for a message to be sent to Judge Alexander on his retirement. While Alexander is controversial, the letter is not. He is one of Becker's clients. If you approve, please sign the attached memo to Eliska for this letter.

Thank you.

*Not to be sent.  
I've called  
Barry T.*

THE WHITE HOUSE

WASHINGTON

October 22, 1976

MEMORANDUM FOR: ELISKA HASEK

FROM: PHIL BUCHEN

Attached is a draft letter from the President to Judge Harry Alexander commemorating his retirement from the D.C. Superior Court. A banquet in his honor is being held on October 27.

I would appreciate if this could be sent as a letter or telegram and delivered to Benton Becker at the address listed on the draft.

Thank you for your assistance.



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Messages +  
letters

*Send* TO: BENTON L. BECKER  
CO-CHAIRMAN  
FRIENDS OF JUDGE HARRY T. ALEXANDER COMMITTEE  
475 L'ENFANT PLAZA, S.W.  
WASHINGTON, D.C. 20024

Dear Judge Alexander:

Please allow me to express my best wishes to you and Mrs. Alexander on the occasion of your testimonial banquet commemorating your retirement from the District of Columbia Superior Court Bench.

Your past ten years of service to the Washington, D.C. community as a judge, your prior record as a trial attorney in the Department of Justice and the United States Attorney's Office all reflect that high degree of dedication and personal unselfishness that, I am confident will continue to characterize your future.

Very sincerely yours,

GERALD R. FORD



THE WHITE HOUSE  
WASHINGTON

November 16, 1976

MEMORANDUM FOR: ELISKA HASEK

FROM: PHILIP BUCHEN *P.*

Please arrange to have a Presidential message or letter sent to Mr. David E. Dutcher for Mr. Kurt Krebs.

I am sending a copy of earlier correspondence. I do not believe it would be appropriate for the President to sign the certificate which is enclosed.

Attachments

*Pres. message*



NIEL A. WEATHERS  
ROBERT W. RICHARDSON  
DAVID E. DUTCHER  
ROGER LAW  
JOHN R. NICHOLS  
W. FRED HUNTING, JR.  
WILLIAM R. HINELINE  
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FREDERICK J. BONCHER  
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ATTORNEYS AND COUNSELORS 740 OLD KENT BUILDING

GRAND RAPIDS, MICHIGAN 49503

TELEPHONE (616) 459-1171

November 11, 1976

Mr. Philip W. Buchen  
Counsel to the President  
The White House  
Washington, D.C. 20500

Re: York Lodge Honor for Russel J. Weigle

Dear Phil:

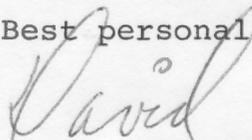
We are all confounded by the election returns in the face of the superior leadership rendered this country by President Ford. However, since the results are in, we are hopeful you will return to 740 Old Kent Building.

My long-time client, Kurt G. Krebs, whom you have met, is the Master of York Lodge, No. 410, of which President Ford is an honorary member. Russel J. Weigle is retiring at the age of 83 after 20 years as secretary of the Lodge and the Lodge hopes that his Certificate of Merit might be signed by President Ford. The event is on November 29, 1976.

Kurt's request of October 21, 1976, is enclosed - I had put off mailing it to you until now because of the press of election matters with which you were faced.

If you could do this for the members of York, I am sure they would be most appreciative.

Best personal regards,



David E. Dutcher

DED:plv  
Enclosures





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PHONE: 616-241-2431

724 CROFTON, S. E.

GRAND RAPIDS, MICH. 49507

October 21, 1976

Mr. David E. Dutcher  
Attorney at Law  
740 Old Kent Building  
Grand Rapids, Michigan 49502

Dear Dave:

This is to confirm our phone conversation of 10/21/76 in regard to a Certificate of Merit for Russel Weigle.

Russ Weigle has been secretary of York Lodge #410 for 20 successive years. He is retiring from that position at the age of 83 years, and is deserving of some special consideration. The one thing that we could think of that he would cherish more than any gift is the certificate mentioned for meritorious service to his Lodge, and then have that signed by President Gerald Ford. President Ford is a Mason and an honorary member of York Lodge #410.

On November 29th we are going to have a special gathering to honor Brother Russel Weigle and would hope that the certificate would be available at that time.

I hope and pray that when this certificate is issued, we can still refer to "President" Gerald Ford for we need him and the country needs him.

Thank you for your help, Dave.

Very truly yours,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads 'Kurt'.

Kurt G. Krebs

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YORK LODGE NO. 410 F. & A. M.

Year 1976

# Certificate of Merit

Presented to

## Brother Russell J. Weigle

In Recognition of 20 Consecutive Years Meritorious Service  
As Secretary to York Lodge



\_\_\_\_\_  
WORSHIPFUL MASTER  
York Lodge No. 410, F. & A. M.

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GERALD R. FORD  
President of the United States

Tuesday 12/7/76

Message  
for a dinner  
12/6/76  
New York

2:45 Ken Quinn (NSC) called to say he has spoken to Eliska Hasek's office and they will have the message put up in green and sent on to Gen. Carlos Romulo c/o Norman Cousins.



*Presidential  
Message*

*Monday 1/4/6/76*

3:00 Shirley in Eliska Hasek's office called 2185 or 2746  
to ask a couple of questions about the dinner  
for Carlos Romulo this evening.

What time: 7:15 cocktails; 7:45 dinner

Where? Empire Room, Waldorf Astoria

Who is sponsoring? World Federalists Association

Phone number to call. Waldorf -- (212) 355-3000

3:15 Checked with Norman Cousins' office and then gave  
Shirley the above information. Also gave her  
Cousins' phone number. He will be in his  
office until about 7 p.m. (212) 751-7900



Friday 12/3/76

3:45 Norman Cousins dictated the attached.



His Excellency Carlos P. Romulo  
Foreign Minister  
The Government of the Philippines  
c/o Norman Cousins  
488 Madison Avenue  
Tenth Floor  
New York, New York

Carlos P. Romulo has always been a valiant warrior for peace and for a world in which human beings everywhere can experience their full creative growth. I salute him as a leader in the quest for world peace under law.

Gerald R. Ford



MEMORANDUM

NATIONAL SECURITY COUNCIL

6405

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URGENT ACTION

December 6, 1976

MEMORANDUM FOR ELISKA HASEK

FROM: JEANNE W. DAVIS

SUBJECT: Presidential Message to Philippine Foreign Secretary  
Carlos P. Romulo

Phil Buchen requested (Tab B) that the NSC urgently prepare a Presidential telegram for transmittal through Norman Cousins to Philippine Foreign Secretary Carlos Romulo. Secretary Romulo is being honored at a dinner this evening (December 6) in New York. Milt Friedman, of Bob Orben's office, has approved the proposed Presidential message at Tab A.

You are requested to urgently dispatch this message to Mr. Cousins at 488 Madison Avenue, 10th Floor, New York, New York so that it may arrive in time for the dinner this evening.



Carlos P. Romulo is one of America's oldest friends. His involvement with the United States extends from our common efforts in World War II, through years of preserving peace and building the family of nations, until the present day, when a new relationship is evolving between our two countries. He has served as President of the General Assembly of the United Nations, Philippine Ambassador to Washington and now as Foreign Secretary. The diplomatic career of Secretary Romulo has been one of the most distinguished of the modern era. It has been a distinct honor for me to know him and work with him. I join with you tonight in saluting Secretary Romulo as a great statesman and champion of peace.



THE WHITE HOUSE  
WASHINGTON  
December 6, 1976

TO: BRENT SCOWCROFT

FROM: PHIL BUCHEN *P.*

As I told you, Norman Cousins would like a telegram to General Carlos Romulo, now Foreign Minister of the Philippines. The General is to be honored at a dinner this evening in New York. A proposed draft of message is attached. Please advise promptly as to whether this or a modified version should be sent.



*B*

His Excellency Carlos P. Romulo  
Foreign Minister  
The Government of the Philippines  
c/o Norman Cousins  
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Tenth Floor  
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Gerald R. Ford



*For filing*

THE WHITE HOUSE  
WASHINGTON

Date 12/27

TO: Eva

FROM: BARRY ROTH *BR*

ACTION:

- \_\_\_\_\_ Approval/Signature
- \_\_\_\_\_ Comments/Recommendations
- \_\_\_\_\_ For Your Information

REMARKS:

*Handled as noted.*

Barry

Thursday 12/23/76

~~Mr. Schnulds~~

9:20

Mr. Buchen talked with this man on Tuesday -- and he followed up with the attached letter.

When I talked with Mr. Buchen in Texas he said you and Barry should talk about it and see if it should be turned off -- or possibly check it with Bob Barrett.

checked w/ Barrett  
declined  
BRoth



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VICE PRESIDENT

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CABLE ADDRESS: EDGOTTLIEB

December 21, 1976

Mr. Philip W. Buchen  
Counsel to the President  
The White House  
Washington, D. C. 20500

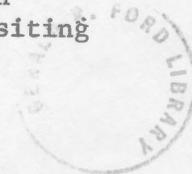
Dear Mr. Buchen:

The possibility that President Ford might consider an appropriate floral salute to the University of Michigan Wolverines on the eve of their appearance in the Rose Bowl is exciting indeed. In writing to amplify our telephone discussion, I can assure you that the more than 14,000 members of Florists' Transworld Delivery would be honored to be a part of such a salute.

We believe our basic idea is quite practical and easy to carry out. With the President's approval, we would construct the school emblem in flowers. It would be a very large Michigan block "M", in yellow, on a blue football-shaped background. We would have it ready for presentation to the team prior to the game. The time and place of the presentation would be chosen in cooperation with you or persons you may wish to designate. A week's time should be sufficient for the actual making of the floral piece since FTD already has a large design team in the Los Angeles area in connection with the Rose Parade.

You asked how FTD would benefit from this activity. First, we seek no commercial benefit whatever. FTD, as an intercity service organization of retail florists, would receive credit for designing and making the floral salute. In the broad sense, it would benefit from the participation of its president in the ceremony. The role of FTD's president, who is Ben Veldkamp of Denver, Colorado, would be determined in light of your suggestions as to others who might take part in the presentation on behalf of President Ford.

Although the President does not plan to attend the game, we believe that the inspiration he can give the team would be very well expressed in the colorful flowers designed to cheer the Wolverines on to victory. Such a presentation would also be, we think, an auspicious beginning for the President's future position as Visiting Professor at the University of Michigan.

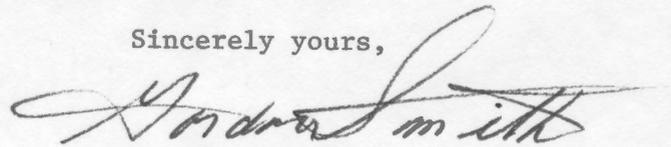


Mr. Philip W. Buchen  
December 21, 1976  
Page two

Since both Friday and Saturday this week are holidays, I will plan to call you early on Monday, December 27. If you have questions or need further information, I can be reached over the weekend, including Friday, December 24, at 261-3283, in Crofton, Maryland.

We hope that you and the President will look with favor on this proposal, and we would gladly cooperate in every way possible to make the presentation an outstanding success.

Sincerely yours,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Gordon L. Smith". The signature is written in dark ink and is positioned above the printed name.

Gordon L. Smith

GLS:jac

