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Clemency

June 25, 1975

Dear Mr. Bryan:

Thank you for your letter of June 23, 1975, regarding Executive clemency for E. Howard Hunt.

Executive clemency is only considered upon formal application by the person who has been convicted. I have been informed by the Pardon Attorney at the Department of Justice that no petition has been filed by Mr. Hunt.

You may be assured that if he files a petition for clemency it will be given consideration in accordance with existing guidelines promulgated by the Attorney General and approved by the President.

Your inquiry is appreciated.

Sincerely,

Philip W. Buchen
Counsel to the President

Mr. J. Bryan, III
Brook Hill
Richmond, Virginia 23227

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THE WHITE HOUSE
WASHINGTON

June 30, 1975

*Exec.
Clemency*

Dear Dr. Brandow:

Thank you for your letter of June 20, 1975, regarding Executive clemency for E. Howard Hunt.

Executive clemency is only considered upon formal application by the person who has been convicted. I have been informed by the Pardon Attorney at the Department of Justice that no petition has been filed by Mr. Hunt.

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Your inquiry is appreciated.

Sincerely,

Philip W. Buchen

Philip W. Buchen
Counsel to the President

Edward C. Brandow, Jr., M.D.
Professor, Otolaryngology
Albany Medical College
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EDWARD C. BRANDOW, JR., M.D.
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ALBANY, NEW YORK 12208
465-3441

Barry

June 20, 1975

The Honorable Philip Bucken
Counsel to the President
The White House
Washington
D. C.

Dear Mr. Bucken:

I am writing to you on behalf of my friend E. Howard Hunt, in hopes that perhaps you can prevail upon President Ford to reduce his sentence and allow him to be released from prison.

I am particularly concerned about his young son, David, age 11, who has no mother and three older brothers and sisters who are too concerned with their own problems to care for him. Not only do the older children who are motherless have a great need for their father, but the young boy is growing up as an orphan.

Leniency was shown to Clifford Irving and his wife so that they could care for their children. These people, I believe, committed a crime whereas Mr. Hunt is not a criminal. He was only acting on orders from his superiors. President Nixon has been pardoned. John Dean is no longer in jail and Magruder has been released from prison. These latter two men, Dean and Magruder, were responsible for Mr. Hunt getting involved in the unfortunate situation. Why should Mr. Hunt continue to be punished when he has already served his time? It is my wish that you use what influence you can to help Mr. Hunt.

Thank you for any consideration you might be able to show.

Sincerely,

Edward C. Brandow Jr.
Edward C. Brandow, Jr., M.D.
Professor, Otolaryngology
Albany Medical College
Albany, New York, 12208

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THE WHITE HOUSE

WASHINGTON

July 14, 1975

Clemency

Dear Mr. and Mrs. Ellis:

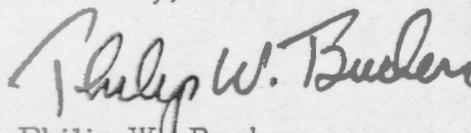
Thank you for your letter of July 2, 1975, regarding Executive clemency for E. Howard Hunt.

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Your inquiry is appreciated.

Sincerely,



Philip W. Buchen
Counsel to the President

Mr. and Mrs. William F. Ellis
1844 Horseback Trail
Vienna, Virginia 22180



THE WHITE HOUSE

WASHINGTON

July 21, 1975

Clemency

MEMORANDUM FOR

Mr. Lawrence M. Traylor
Pardon Attorney

The attached correspondence from Mrs. Ronald Jack concerning Executive clemency for Mr. E. Howard Hunt has been acknowledged and is forwarded to you for appropriate consideration.

Thank you.

Barry Roth

Barry N. Roth
Assistant Counsel



Exec Clemency

THE WHITE HOUSE

WASHINGTON

July 29, 1975

MEMORANDUM FOR:

LAWRENCE M. TRAYLOR
PARDON ATTORNEY

The attached correspondence from Mr. William Kennedy concerning Executive clemency for Mr. E. Howard Hunt has been acknowledged and is forwarded to you for appropriate handling.

Thank you.

Barry Roth
Barry N. Roth
Assistant Counsel

Attachment



THE WHITE HOUSE

WASHINGTON

July 29, 1975

Dear Mr. Kennedy:

Thank you for your letter of July 27, 1975, regarding Executive clemency for E. Howard Hunt.

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Your inquiry is appreciated.

Sincerely,



Philip W. Buchen
Counsel to the President

Mr. Wm. M. Kennedy
1310 N. E. 101st Street
Miami Shores, Florida 33138



Committee To Free Howard Hunt

~~From Custodial Unusual Punishment~~



~~I'm NOT COMPETENT TO JUDGE-THE SENTENCE~~

1502 Appleoff St. Falls City, NB 68355

SUNDAY JULY 27th 75.

MR. PHILIP BUCHEN
THE WHITE HOUSE
1600 PENNSYLVANIA AVE.
WASHINGTON, D. C. 20500
DEAR MR. BUCHEN.

BY COMPARISON, MR. HOWARD HUNT'S WATER GATE SENTENCE SEEM QUITE LENGTHY.

MY I RESPECTFULLY REQUEST CONSIDERATION FOR A REDUCTION OF SENTENCE? BASED ON HIS LONG GOVERNMENT SERVICE, WITH YEARS OF GOOD CONDUCT.

HIS SENTENCE & LOSS OF WIFE IS A BURDEN DIFFICULT TO BEAR

REGARDS

ANN M. KENNEDY

1310 N.E. 151st ST.,

MIAMI SHORES, FL. 33138



August 13, 1975

Dear Mr. and Mrs. Hester:

Thank you for your letter of July 29 regarding Executive clemency for E. Howard Hunt.

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Your inquiry is appreciated.

Sincerely,

Philip W. Buchen
Counsel to the President

Mr. and Mrs. Donald T. Hester
1502 Appleoff
Falls City, Nebraska

bcc: Lawrence M. Traylor, Pardon Attorney

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Committee to Free Howard Hunt

From Cruel and Unusual Punishment



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DATE July 29, 1975

Mr. Philip Buchen
The White House
1600 Pennsylvania Ave., N. W.
Washington, D. C.

Dear Sir:

We, the undersigned, do hereby petition you for a grant of amnesty for E. Howard Hunt.

It is our conviction an 8-year prison term for the misdemeanor to which Mr. Hunt pleaded guilty, constitutes cruel and unusual punishment. It is further felt that a Court incapable of lending compassion and human consideration to Mr. Hunt's traumatic personal life caused by his Watergate involvement, is totally out of step with America's traditional attitude toward the execution of justice. We believe that justice in this instance is far better served by permitting Mr. Hunt to return to his home and his role of parent for his little son who along with the adult children, are orphans because of his incarceration. And we feel that asks too much from Mr. Hunt and his family. We also feel the 25 years of dedicated service to our country, that was performed with excellence by Mr. Hunt should be a strong part of the consideration for his release.

We believe that the release of 14 other participants, many far more guilty for Watergate than Mr. Hunt, without equal regard for Mr. Hunt, is a matter unacceptable and intolerable for America's majority of citizens.

Thank you,

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| NAME <u>Verdely W. Rasmussen</u> | ADDRESS <u>2023 Barada St Falls City, Neb.</u> |
| NAME <u>James R. Shield</u> | ADDRESS <u>907 East 14th Falls City, Neb.</u> |
| NAME <u>Bubba Joe Bohro</u> | ADDRESS <u>2614 Schoenheit</u> |
| NAME <u>Sylvia Meyer</u> | ADDRESS <u>1823 Crook</u> |
| NAME <u>Gregory W. Schack</u> | ADDRESS <u>2516 Crook, Falls City, Neb.</u> |
| NAME <u>Mary Fausch</u> | ADDRESS <u>2123 Barada</u> |
| NAME <u>Edna R. Rasmussen</u> | ADDRESS <u>2524 Touche St, Falls City, Neb.</u> |
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| NAME <u>Jacqueline E. Payton</u> | ADDRESS <u>2503 Crook St. Falls City, Neb.</u> |
| NAME <u>Phil Steffel</u> | ADDRESS <u>2506 Barada Falls City, NEBR.</u> |
| NAME <u>Francis Carter</u> | ADDRESS <u>1702 Schoenheit Falls City, Neb.</u> |
| NAME <u>Margaret Hoffer</u> | ADDRESS <u>1919 Crook St Falls City, Neb.</u> |
| NAME <u>[Signature]</u> | ADDRESS <u>1919 CROOK ST. FALLS CITY, NE</u> |
| NAME <u>[Signature]</u> | ADDRESS <u>PO Box 473 Falls City, Neb.</u> |

August 13, 1975

Dear Mrs. Hoffman:

Thank you for your letter of July 25 regarding Executive clemency for E. Howard Hunt.

Executive clemency is only considered upon formal application to the Pardon Attorney at the Department of Justice by the person who was convicted. I have been informed by the Pardon Attorney that no application has been filed by Mr. Hunt.

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Your inquiry is appreciated.

Sincerely,

Philip W. Buchen
Counsel to the President

Mrs. J. William Hoffman
3702 North East Fifth Drive
Boca Raton, Florida 33432

bcc: Lawrence M. Traylor, Pardon Attorney

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5702 North East 5th. Drive,
Boca Raton, Florida 33433
July 25, 1975

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

Dear Mr. Buchen:

Since you are Counsel to our President I am taking the liberty of writing you in regard to executive clemency for Mr. E. Howard Hunt.

Since Mr. Hunt did serve his country dutifully and well for over twenty five years and is still a good citizen I believe he should receive consideration for a full pardon.

He is still very much needed by his children, especially his little eleven year old son. Would it not be better for Mr. Hunt to rear his children to be good and reliable citizens than to grow in to adulthood without a mother or a father to guide them?

I shall appreciate anything you or the President might be able to do to send this man back to his children and his country.

Sincerely,

Mrs. J. W. Hoffman
(Mrs) J. William Hoffman
Member Republican Club
Boca Raton, Florida



August 13, 1975

Dear Mr. Williams:

Thank you for your letter of July 28 regarding Executive clemency for E. Howard Hunt.

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Your inquiry is appreciated.

Sincerely,

Philip W. Buchen
Counsel to the President

Mr. Frank J. Williams, Jr.
11 North Pearl Street
Albany, New York 12207

bcc: Lawrence M. Taylor, Pardon Attorney

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July 28, 1975

W. Philip Buchen, Esq.
Counsel
The White House
Washington, D.C. 20000

Dear Mr. Buchen:

I write as a friend of E. Howard Hunt to suggest and urge that the President commute and end his present sentence. I have known Mr. Hunt for nearly 30 years as a citizen of merit and substance whose further incarceration can serve no useful purpose.

I am particularly moved as I think the President should be by the fact that Mr. Hunt has already served far longer and paid a much heavier price for the Watergate incident than either of Messrs. Dean and Magruder, two of the men who conceived the Watergate operation. It has been recently reported that other participants have had their sentences cut short. Indeed, in view of the leniency seemingly extended to so many, Mr. Hunt's sentence seems unjustifiably harsh and unsupportable as a matter of simple justice.

It should be noted that Mr. Hunt has openly cooperated with The Senate, The House, and the Government as a whole in respect of Watergate and Watergate-related inquiries and has appeared as a Government witness in at least two major trials. He is a man who has given 26 years of faithful service to his Government and his country in various capacities including military and CIA service all of which, in my opinion, entitles him to a respect which has apparently been denied him in the judicial process emanating from Watergate.



W. Philip Buchen, Esq.
Counsel

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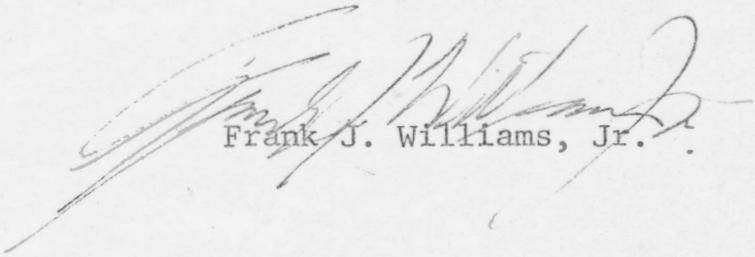
July 28, 1975

There are those who must bear a far greater responsibility for Watergate yet among them there are few, if any, who have borne greater punishment. In addition to his incarceration, he has had to face personal tragedy and assume the added burden of caring for a family rendered motherless by accidental misfortune.

Your attention to the foregoing will be appreciated not only by the writer but by many others who have known Mr. Hunt through the years as a warm and humane individual of esteem and repute whose first motivation, I am convinced, was the promotion of his country's best interest as he conceived it at the moment.

Sincerely,

FJW/ccb


Frank J. Williams, Jr.



August 13, 1975

Dear Mr. and Mrs. Hamilton:

Thank you for your petition of August 3 regarding Executive clemency for E. Howard Hunt.

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Your inquiry is appreciated.

Sincerely,

Philip W. Buchen
Counsel to the President

Mr. and Mrs. Mark Hamilton
Apartment C
113 Bass
Benton, Arkansas 72015

bcc: Lawrence M. Traylor, Pardon Attorney

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Committee to Free Howard Hunt
From Cruel and Unusual Punishment



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petition

DATE August 3, 1975

Mr. Philip Buchen
The White House
1600 Pennsylvania Ave., N. W.
Washington, D. C.

Dear Sir:

We, the undersigned, do hereby petition you for a grant of amnesty for E. Howard Hunt.

It is our conviction an 8-year prison term for the misdemeanor to which Mr. Hunt pleaded guilty, constitutes cruel and unusual punishment. It is further felt that a Court incapable of lending compassion and human consideration to Mr. Hunt's traumatic personal life caused by his Watergate involvement, is totally out of step with America's traditional attitude toward the execution of justice. We believe that justice in this instance is far better served by permitting Mr. Hunt to return to his home and his role of parent for his little son who along with the adult children, are orphans because of his incarceration. And we feel that asks too much from Mr. Hunt and his family. We also feel the 25 years of dedicated service to our country, that was performed with excellence by Mr. Hunt should be a strong part of the consideration for his release.

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Thank you,

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| NAME | <u>Pat Kuenstler</u> | ADDRESS | <u>10544 Cox Lane, Dallas, Tex</u> |
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THE WHITE HOUSE

WASHINGTON

August 13, 1975

Justice

MEMORANDUM FOR:

Lawrence M. Traylor
Pardon Attorney

The attached correspondence recommending Executive clemency for E. Howard Hunt has been acknowledged and is forwarded to you for appropriate handling.

Thank you.

Barry Roth

Barry N. Roth
Assistant Counsel



THE WHITE HOUSE

WASHINGTON

August 13, 1975

Justice

Dear Mr. Williams:

Thank you for your letter of July 28 regarding Executive clemency for E. Howard Hunt.

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Your inquiry is appreciated.

Sincerely,

Philip W. Buchen

Philip W. Buchen
Counsel to the President

Mr. Frank J. Williams, Jr.
11 North Pearl Street
Albany, New York 12207



THE WHITE HOUSE
WASHINGTON

Justice

August 13, 1975

Dear Mrs. Hoffman:

Thank you for your letter of July 25 regarding Executive clemency for E. Howard Hunt.

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Your inquiry is appreciated.

Sincerely,

Philip W. Buchen
Counsel to the President

Mrs. J. William Hoffman
3702 North East Fifth Drive
Boca Raton, Florida 33432



THE WHITE HOUSE

WASHINGTON

August 13, 1975

Justice

Dear Mr. and Mrs. Hester:

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Your inquiry is appreciated.

Sincerely,

Philip W. Buchen
Counsel to the President

Mr. and Mrs. Donald T. Hester
1502 Appleoff
Falls City, Nebraska



THE WHITE HOUSE

WASHINGTON

August 13, 1975

Dear Mr. and Mrs. Hester:

Thank you for your letter and petition of July 21 regarding Executive clemency for E. Howard Hunt.

Executive clemency is only considered upon formal application to the Pardon Attorney at the Department of Justice by the person who was convicted. I have been informed by the Pardon Attorney that no application has been filed by Mr. Hunt.

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Your inquiry is appreciated.

Sincerely,

Philip W. Buchen
Counsel to the President

Mr. and Mrs. D. M. Hester
158 Woodland Avenue
Braunfels, Texas 78130



Justice

THE WHITE HOUSE
WASHINGTON

August 13, 1975

Dear Mr. and Mrs. Hamilton:

Thank you for your petition of August 3 regarding Executive clemency for E. Howard Hunt.

Executive clemency is only considered upon formal application to the Pardon Attorney at the Department of Justice by the person who was convicted. I have been informed by the Pardon Attorney that no application has been filed by Mr. Hunt.

You may be assured that if he files a petition for clemency, it will be given consideration in accordance with existing guidelines promulgated by the Attorney General and approved by the President. I have taken the liberty of forwarding your letter to the Pardon Attorney in order that it may be placed with Mr. Hunt's file in the event an application is received.

Your inquiry is appreciated.

Sincerely,

Philip W. Buchen
Counsel to the President

Mr. and Mrs. Mark Hamilton
Apartment C
113 Bass
Benton, Arkansas 72015



August 14, 1975

Dear Mr. Caldon:

Thank you for your petition of August 6 regarding Executive clemency for E. Howard Hunt.

Executive clemency is only considered upon formal application to the Pardon Attorney at the Department of Justice by the person who was convicted. I have been informed by the Pardon Attorney that no application has been filed by Mr. Hunt.

You may be assured that if he files a petition for clemency, it will be given consideration in accordance with existing guidelines promulgated by the Attorney General and approved by the President. I have taken the liberty of forwarding your letter to the Pardon Attorney in order that it may be placed with Mr. Hunt's file in the event an application is received.

Your inquiry is appreciated.

Sincerely,

Philip W. Buchen
Counsel to the President

Mr. Roy F. Caldon

Bristol, New Hampshire

bcc: Lawrence M. Traylor, Pardon Attorney

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DATE: 6 August 1975A

Mr. Philip Buchen
The White House
1600 Pennsylvania Avenue, N. W.
Washington, D. C.

Dear Sir:

We, the undersigned, do respectfully petition you for a grant of amnesty for E. Howard Hunt, currently imprisoned for his participation in the Watergate affair of 1972.

It is our conviction the 8-year sentence imposed on Mr. Hunt for that misdemeanor constitutes cruel and unusual punishment. It is felt, further, the Court proved itself calloused, biased and indifferent toward Mr. Hunt's rights as a human being, when it withheld its compassion from him and his family in view of the tragedies they experienced as a direct result from Watergate.

Further, the undersigned believes the consideration demonstrated by the Court which released 14 of the 16 Watergate defendants -- many of whom the Public holds as more highly responsible for the illicit breaking and entering at the Democratic National Committee Headquarters -- was commendable. However, we believe that Mr. Hunt should have had the benefit of the same sense of compassion. We feel the 25 years of dedication Mr. Hunt devoted to his country during his professional life should have strong bearing on his case. Surely justice would be better served if Mr. Hunt were released to resume his role as parent to his four children, especially in lieu of the fact the youngest child is 11 years old.

Sincerely,

NAME	Roy F. Caldon	ADDRESS	Bristol, N.H.
NAME	George Patton	ADDRESS	E. Haver, N.H.
NAME	Clifford Bragg	ADDRESS	Bristol, N.H.
NAME	John Merrill	ADDRESS	Bristol, N.H.
NAME	J. Zoe P. Co	ADDRESS	Bristol, N.H.
NAME	Melvin Caldon	ADDRESS	Bristol, N.H.
NAME	Mr. R. Caldon	ADDRESS	32 Juniper St. Bristol
NAME	Melvin Tansley	ADDRESS	Bristol, N.H.
NAME	George O. Ober	ADDRESS	Cashland, N.H.
NAME	Harold Wilmarth	ADDRESS	20 3rd St. New Hampton N.H.
NAME	Robert Evans	ADDRESS	Bristol, N.H.
NAME	Bernard S. Koffke	ADDRESS	A. S. Koffke, N.H.
NAME	William Kubi	ADDRESS	Alphaville, N.H.
NAME	Ruth Merrill	ADDRESS	Bristol, N.H.
NAME	Robert Merrill	ADDRESS	Bristol, N.H.
NAME	Frank Ames	ADDRESS	Worcester, N.H.
NAME	John Ames	ADDRESS	Worcester, New Hampshire
NAME	Bill C. Rappert	ADDRESS	Bristol, N.H.
NAME	Donald H. Hadden	ADDRESS	Bristol, N.H.
NAME	Lip White	ADDRESS	Bristol, N.H.
NAME	Charles Hopkins	ADDRESS	Bristol, N.H.
NAME	Michael A. Walker	ADDRESS	Bristol, N.H.
NAME	Inez Jones	ADDRESS	Bristol, New Hampshire
NAME	John Jones	ADDRESS	" "
NAME	Shirley Littlefield	ADDRESS	" "



August 15, 1975

MEMORANDUM FOR:

Lawrence M. Traylor
Pardon Attorney

The attached correspondence recommending Executive clemency for E. Howard Hunt has been acknowledged and is forwarded to you for appropriate handling.

Thank you.

Barry N. Roth
Assistant Counsel

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August 14, 1975

Dear Mrs. Hoffman:

Thank you for your petition of August 9 regarding Executive clemency for E. Howard Hunt.

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You may be assured that if he files a petition for clemency, it will be given consideration in accordance with existing guidelines promulgated by the Attorney General and approved by the President. I have taken the liberty of forwarding your letter to the Pardon Attorney in order that it may be placed with Mr. Hunt's file in the event an application is received.

Your inquiry is appreciated.

Sincerely,

Philip W. Buchen
Counsel to the President

Mrs. J. William Hoffman
3702 North East 5th Drive
Boca Raton, Florida 33432

bcc: Lawrence M. Traylor, Pardon Attorney

PWB:rgv
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Mr. Philip Buchen
The White House
1600 Pennsylvania Ave., N. W.
Washington, D. C.

Dear Sir:

We, the undersigned, do hereby petition you for a grant of amnesty for E. Howard Hunt.

It is our conviction an 8-year prison term for the misdemeanor to which Mr. Hunt pleaded guilty, constitutes cruel and unusual punishment. It is further felt that a Court incapable of lending compassion and human consideration to Mr. Hunt's traumatic personal life caused by his Watergate involvement, is totally out of the step with America's traditional attitude toward the execution of justice. We believe that justice in this instance is far better served by permitting Mr. Hunt to return to his home and his role of parent for his little son who along with the adult children, are orphans because of his incarceration. And we feel that asks too much from Mr. Hunt and his family. We also feel the 25 years of dedicated service to our country, that was performed with excellence by Mr. Hunt should be a strong part of the consideration for his release.

We believe that the release of 14 other participants, many far more guilty for Watergate than Mr. Hunt, without equal regard for Mr. Hunt is a matter unacceptable and intolerable for America's majority of citizens.

Thank you,

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*Exec.
Clemency*

August 15, 1975

Dear Mr. Caldon:

Thank you for your petition of August 6 regarding Executive clemency for E. Howard Hunt.

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Your inquiry is appreciated.

Sincerely,

Roderick M. Hills

Mr. Roy F. Caldon
Briston,
New Hampshire



THE WHITE HOUSE
WASHINGTON
August 23, 1975

Pardon Atty

MEMORANDUM FOR

Lawrence M. Traylor
Pardon Attorney

The attached correspondence recommending Executive clemency for E. Howard Hunt has been acknowledged and is forwarded to you for appropriate handling.

Thank you.

Barry Roth

Barry N. Roth
Assistant Counsel



THE WHITE HOUSE

WASHINGTON

August 25, 1975

Dear Mrs. Jack:

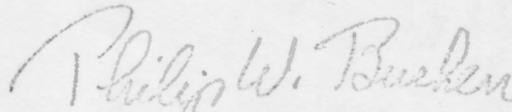
Thank you for your letter of August 7 regarding Executive clemency for E. Howard Hunt.

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Your inquiry is appreciated.

Sincerely,



Philip W. Buchen
Counsel to the President

Mrs. Ronald Jack
2602 North East Fifth Avenue
Boca Raton, Florida 33432



THE WHITE HOUSE

WASHINGTON

August 25, 1975

Dear Mr. McCaffrey:

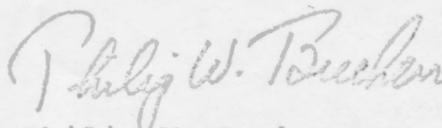
Thank you for your letter of August 15 regarding Executive clemency for E. Howard Hunt.

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Your inquiry is appreciated.

Sincerely,



Philip W. Buchen
Counsel to the President

Mr. Stanley O. McCaffrey
454 South Main Street
Freeport, New York 11520



THE WHITE HOUSE
WASHINGTON

Clemency

September 18, 1975

Dear Mr. Freeman:

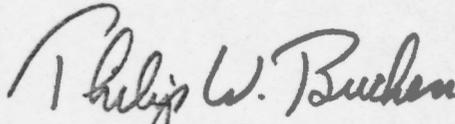
Thank you for your petition of September 8 regarding Executive clemency for E. Howard Hunt.

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Your inquiry is appreciated.

Sincerely,



Philip W. Buchen
Counsel to the President

Mr. Sam Freeman
18 Rutland Road
Freeport, New York



THE WHITE HOUSE

WASHINGTON

October 29, 1975

Justice

MEMORANDUM FOR

Lawrence M. Traylor
U.S. Pardon Attorney

The attached correspondence concerning Executive clemency has been acknowledged by this office and is referred to you for appropriate handling.

Thank you.

Barry Roth

Barry N. Roth
Assistant Counsel



THE WHITE HOUSE

WASHINGTON

October 29, 1975

Dear Mr. Hunt:

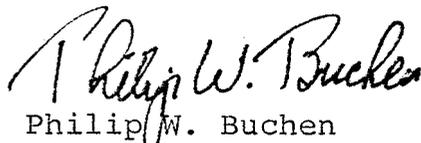
Thank you for your letter of October 21 regarding Executive clemency for E. Howard Hunt.

Executive clemency is only considered upon formal application to the Pardon Attorney at the Department of Justice by the person who was convicted. I have been informed by the Pardon Attorney that no application has been filed by Mr. Hunt.

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Sincerely,



Philip W. Buchen
Counsel to the President

Mr. Donald E. Hunt
Route 3
Wolcott, New York 14590

