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*President
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THE WHITE HOUSE
WASHINGTON

June 10

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P.S. The Open Lobby was just in and asked me about this. Tell him I know nothing about it. Bill Dalby was interested. I of course was concerned because we have been working with his staff on something.

Watch out for the one in address that 20 votes is really working behind the scenes to have a point on Ford Building a point on their campus because they want good Atlanta + No County

THE WHITE HOUSE

WASHINGTON

*Ford,
Tom*

June 18, 1975

Dear Tom:

The President has passed on to me several of your recent notes to him.

On the subject of House Concurrent Resolution No. 187 which proposes Grand Rapids as the site for the Ford Library, I have given some thoughts to this problem because of the numerous comments we have had concerning the subject. Dr. Warner, who heads the Bentley Library at the University of Michigan and who is in charge of the Ford materials already transmitted there, makes a strong case for having the University be the site of the total collection of documents.

The experience with other Presidential libraries indicates that any library of this type which is away from large university centers gets relatively little use. He contrasts the Eisenhower Library in Abilene and the Truman Library in Independence with the Johnson Library in Texas. Scholars do like to congregate where there are other scholars and they like to work with a specialized collection in a location where ample general materials are available. Therefore, I am trying to encourage people in the Grand Rapids area to think in terms of having only a museum of the Ford Presidential memorabilia. Such a museum would be of greater general interest to people of the Grand Rapids area and to visitors traveling into the community.

At present the Federal legislation does not allow for operation at Federal expense of a museum separate from a library of Presidential materials. However, it may be possible to get the legislation changed, or if that is not possible, Grand Rapids may be willing to operate the museum for the Ford memorabilia as part of the Grand Rapids museum. If you agree with these ideas, you may be able to influence public and legislative opinion accordingly, as I have tried to do.

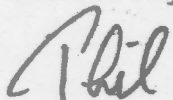


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It is always a delight for me to see Janet when she is here, and I hope I will have a chance to see you also in the near future.

Warmest personal regards.

Sincerely,



Philip W. Buchen
Counsel to the President

Mr. Thomas G. Ford
Senate Fiscal Agency
The Capitol
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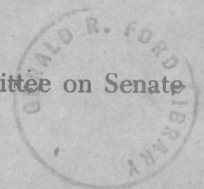
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Public Hearing

Committee: Joint Legislative Study Committee

Co-Chairman: Senator Carl Pursell

Subject: Amateur Youth Sports Program

Date: Wednesday, June 4, 1975

Time: 8:00 p.m.

Location: University of Michigan Theater, Mott Memorial Bldg.
U of M Flint Campus, Flint, Michigan

Senator DeGrow moved that the Senate adjourn.
The motion prevailed, the time being 10:10 p.m.

Accordingly, the President declared the Senate adjourned until tomorrow, Tuesday, June 3, 1975, at 2:00 p.m.

BERYL I. KENYON
Secretary of the Senate.

THE WHITE HOUSE

WASHINGTON

June 3, 1975

MEMORANDUM FOR: PHIL BUCHEN

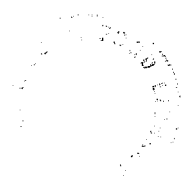
FROM: DICK CHENEY

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Phil, the attached came in from the outbox.

Don asked me to buck it to you for whatever treatment you deem appropriate.

Attachment



THE WHITE HOUSE
WASHINGTON

Date 5/23/75

TO: DICK CHENEY

FROM: JERRY H. JONES

Don requested that the attached
be sent to you for handling.

Buckley

THE WHITE HOUSE
WASHINGTON

Der R

A couple of
clips from my brother,
Tom.

Roll-front page
Detroit Free Press

Dick
handle



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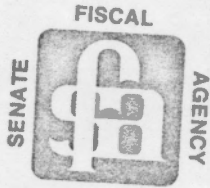


THE QUESTION

A United States merchant ship has been fired upon and seized by the Cambodian Navy in international waters. Do you think President Ford should use any means necessary to recover the ship?

HOW YOU VOTED

YES, 81.3 percent. COMMENTS: "If I were president there wouldn't even be a Cambodia" . . . "I think that constituents an act of war by them" . . . "If he doesn't no American ship or plane will be safe" . . . "We have the power and the means and it's time we showed the world this" . . . "We should use another Pueblo incident"



TO: Jimmy
FROM: Tom Ford
Date: 5/1/75

The reaction on all
radio, T.V. + newspapers
has been Top notch.

Even amongst the
dems there was solid
support. One even said,
"I'm not so happy about
running next year in a
presidential election year."



Montgomery Battles IRS

By JERRY MOSKAL
Capitol Bureau

House Taxation Chairman George Montgomery says he's ready to battle federal tax men in the U.S. Supreme

the Tax Court ruling that Lansing is his principal place of business and as a result owes \$1,100 in back taxes and interest for 1971.

He said IRS has filed for similar def-

members of the Legislature are able to claim their districts as their tax homes if their outside income is more than their \$19,000 annual legislative salary. He is one of them.

maintain I'm working even when they don't call me."

MONTGOMERY SAYS he'll ask the Sixth U.S. Court of Appeals to review

ers don't. It depends on who audits them. Of course, they've got a red tag on me."

HIS LAWYER, Rep. Richard A. Young, D-Dearborn Heights, said some

PAST FINDINGS by that court Young said, are in direct contrast to rulings by the second and fifth U.S. Circuit Court of Appeals that held legislators' tax homes were their districts.

John - know you have other problems but it's just a matter of that the 6th circuit has to continue to beat its state legislators! Why can't we see information circulate to the country?

Wall Street
Journal
5/14/75



persuaded. Un-
tion, no one is entit-
except for public ser-
court said, Mrs. Broughton who
for her late husband's services. The
for governors' widows was taxable as just
another benefit to induce people to work for
the state.

A STATE LAWMAKER is denied deduc-
tions for living expenses at the capital.
State legislators pose another variant in
the ongoing tax debate over deductions for
expenses while "away from home" on

ard-nit...
underwriting high-visibility
programming, such as "Masterpiece
Theatre," and philanthropy to causes ranging
from the New York Public Library to a Har-
lem basketball tournament.
Defending Against "Slander"

The purpose of it all is to defend the oil
industry against "slander," as Mr. Warner
sees it, and to try to convince the public that
a huge (1974 revenue of \$20 billion) and
profitable (\$1 billion) oil company can be
open-minded, honest and human. Mobil's at-
tempt, however, has drawn the company
for speaking out—and some

2. RS is
scrapped



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LEGISLATIVE AUDIT COORDINATOR

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THOMAS G. FORD

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July 11, 1975

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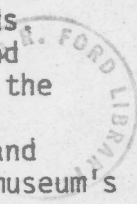
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*7/21 —
note to Ruth
raising what
the last paragraph
means*



Mr. Philip Buchen
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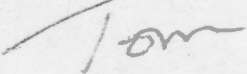
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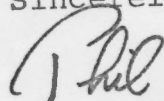
Dear Tom:

After receiving your letter of July 11, I wrote to Bob Warner at the University of Michigan and he supplied me with copies of correspondence between him and W. D. Frankforter and likewise a covering letter of explanation to me, copies of which are enclosed.

As Bob Warner points out, we are somewhat handicapped in developing a firm course of action until after Congress deals anew with the question of Presidential Papers and Historical materials. Although legislation may not have a retroactive effect, it would seem important that the Congressional and Vice Presidential Papers should be dealt with in a way that keeps them at the same location as the later Presidential Papers.

In the meantime, any assistance you can give toward keeping the citizens of Grand Rapids at peace with the University of Michigan will be much appreciated.

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Enclosures





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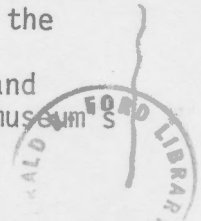
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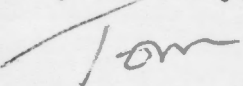
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a memo from the office of

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Legislative Audit Coordinator

Ford,
Tom

DATE August 11, 1975

TO: Mr. Philip W. Buchen
Counsel to the President
White House - West Wing
1600 Pennsylvania Ave.
Washington, D.C.

Thank you for your note of July 29, 1975.

One thing for sure, there are enough people involved that you do not need another person running around muddying the waters. Therefore, unless specially asked for comment, this is my concluding letter on this subject.

I feel badly, however, because having been involved in higher education budgets for the last ten years, it is obvious the University of Michigan has set their sights on the federal funds normally allotted to Presidential "Libraries". Education in general has become almost unbelievably efficient in finding available federal and state monies. In fact it is almost unfair to pit the amateur from other governmental units against them.

In short, it galls me that they obviously have grabbed both momentos and papers and will "loan" some momentos to the Grand Rapids group.

Jerry spent nine months out of four years and a couple of months out of two years in Ann Arbor. For the rest of his 62 years, he was living in or at least representing Grand Rapids.

I fully agree the University of Michigan should have his papers and I am almost sure that with alumni contributions for the capital investment, the state would pick up in the regular budget request the operating cost. In fact, the Legislature's Joint Capital-Outlay Committee would give serious consideration to the capital investment too.

Obviously, this would release the federal government fee to support any unit in Grand Rapids where a memorial and his momentos belong.

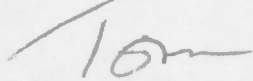


August 11, 1975
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To have his friends, family and political associates from Grand Rapids traveling to Ann Arbor, Michigan to any memorial, other than a library, appears to me to be too absurd to deserve further comment.

I am glad, "Solomon", you have the ball and not I. Substituting a couple of words "Don't let the 'education' grind you down".

Very Sincerely,



Thomas G. Ford
Legislative Audit Coordinator

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