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October 23, 1974

*President*  
*Personal*

Dear Captain Hunt

Thank you very much for your letter of October third to the President, requesting a personal recommendation from him to the University of Michigan Law School.

As a matter of long-established policy, the President does not give personal recommendations. I am sure you will understand, therefore, that it is not possible for him to comply with your request.

With best wishes,

Sincerely,

Philip W. Buchen  
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Captain John F. Hunt, USAF  
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THE WHITE HOUSE  
WASHINGTON

TO: Mr. Buchen

FROM: MILDRED LEONARD

FOR: Information \_\_\_\_\_

Appropriate Handling \_\_\_\_\_

I don't know whether or not it's appropriate for the President to make such a recommendation. If it is, please send back and I will write the letter.

I don't think the President particularly knows him except that he is from Ionia County.

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DATE: \_\_\_\_\_

Resident of 5th Congressional District of Michigan requests recommendation for admission to Univ of Michigan Law School



*request recommendation*

3 October 74

Dear Mr. President,

I am writing this letter to ask for a recommendation for admission to the University of Michigan Law School. The draft of this letter was addressed to my congressional representative for the 5th. district in Michigan; however recent developments, as you well know, have changed the salutation of this letter (twice). I would hope that you or a member of your staff would have time to review my personal data/military records and forward a recommendation from a former Wolverine for a future Wolverine.

I have been a resident of Clarksville, Michigan (Ionia County) all my life. I attended Michigan State University where I received a B.S. degree in Chemical Engineering. You offered me an appointment to the Merchant Marine Academy in 1965, however I was unable to attend due to physical disqualification. I entered the Air Force in 1970 and presently serve as a transport navigator at McGuire AFB, New Jersey.

I strongly desire to attend the University of Michigan Law School and have completed the required application procedures. Thank you.

Sincerely,



John F. Hunt  
Captain, USAF  
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*Policy*

November 18, 1974

Dear Mr. Liljenquist:

On behalf of President Ford, I want to thank you for your letter concerning your admission to Harvard University.

I am sorry this must be a disappointing reply. As a matter of long-standing policy, the President does not recommend people with whom he is not personally acquainted. Therefore, although your academic efforts are appreciated, I think you will understand the President's reluctance to depart from that tradition by granting your request.

With the President's kind regards.

Sincerely,

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to the President

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cc: Office of the Legal Counsel

