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Ford Fund Appeal Nets \$1 Million

By Don Oberdorfer

Washington Post Staff Writer

Within the past seven weeks more than 1 million Americans have received personalized computer-print letter from President Ford soliciting campaign money for Republican House members. According to its sponsors, this direct-mail appeal is the first ever by a sitting President and is "far and away the most successful single fund-raising letter in political fund-raising history."

As of the latest count a week ago, about \$1.2 million in campaign funds for GOP congressional candidates had been received in direct-mail envelopes addressed to the "personal" attention of the President.

With the production and mailing costs ranging from 16.7 to 20 cents per letter—depending on the rental cost of direct-mail lists being used—the net receipts to date are close to \$1 million.

The letterhead for the two-page missive reads "Gerald R. Ford, Washington" and the return address on the outside envelope is "Gerald R. Ford, The White House, Box 2837, Washington, D.C. 20013." This is not the address of the White House, which has the special zip code of 20500, but of the postal box collection station at Washington's central post office near Union Station.

A "lock box collection staff" of Riggs National Bank, hired for this purpose, opens the "presidential" mail and deposits the checks to the account of the National Republican Congressional Committee, sponsor of the funds appeal.

The names of money givers are put in a computer at Culpeper, Va., rented by the GOP committee, and the "Dear Mr. President" response forms forwarded to the committee's office on Capitol Hill. No mail is routinely sent to the White House.

Rep. Guy Vander Jagt (Mich.), chairman of the fund-raising committee for House Republicans, said the results to date prove that Mr. Ford as

President has "unbelievably magnetic" fund-raising appeal. Vander Jagt said that while the novelty of a seemingly personalized letter from the President is surely one reason for its success, the appeal of "Jerry Ford" is also a substantial asset.

Vander Jagt said he cannot understand why Mr. Ford is reported to be having difficulty raising money for his own campaign via direct mail and other methods. In the case of the Ford campaign, fund appeals so far have gone out over the signature of finance chairmen rather than the candidate.

As House Republican leader, Mr. Ford was among the driving forces behind the campaign committee for GOP members of Congress. As GOP leader and as Vice President, he signed similar though less extensively circulated fund appeals.

Vander Jagt obtained Mr. Ford's support in principle for a presidential letter in a White House conversation last summer. When the proposal ran into resistance from the White House staff, which reported that no other

President had signed such a mass mailing—the executive committee of the GOP House unit passed a resolution Sept. 11 formally asking Mr. Ford for help. The White House approved the plan Oct. 8 in a letter from presidential counsel Philip W. Buchen.

Due to the sensibilities of the White House—and perhaps for legal reasons—presidential stationery was not used in the Ford direct-mail appeal. A U.S. law forbids commercial display of the U.S. seal to convey "a false impression of sponsorship or approval by the government of the United States." It is not clear how a court would judge use of the presidential emblem for mass

fund raising if undertaken with the President's consent.

The GOP committee, at White House insistence, made efforts to avoid political solicitation of federal employees. Nevertheless, some of the letters in the mass mailing did reach federal employees. A line on the response letter said, "If you are a federal employee or if you have a matter pending before a federal regulatory commission or a federal agency, please disregard this appeal."

Tailormade for a Republican audience, the fund-raising letter lambastes the Democrats and urges the election of Republicans to

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Envelope used in Republican appeal for campaign funds. More than 1 million Americans have received the appeal.

Congress as the best way to cut down wasteful spending, needless federal controls and reform the welfare system.

Some of the mailing went to existing lists of Republican activists and contributors, but many letters have reached Democrats and independents through the GOP committee rental of outside mailing lists of magazine subscribers, contributors to private colleges and the like.

Vander Jagt and aides at the GOP committee said they detected no reaction against receiving the direct-mail fund solicitation signed by the President.



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WASHINGTON

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
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*Vander Jagt,
Cong. Guy*

Monday 9/22/75

Meeting
9/22/75
4 p.m.

11:50 Mr. Cheney's office said Congressman Vander Jagt wants to personally deliver some letters this afternoon and Mr. Cheney has asked that you be available.

Kathie will suggest 4 o'clock this afternoon.



Tuesday 9/23/75

2:10 Congressman Vander Jagt delivered the attached to Mr. Cheney's office; he will be available to discuss this with you if you'd care to.



September 24, 1975

MEMORANDUM FOR: RICHARD CHENEY

FROM: PHILIP BUCHER *P.W.B.*

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GERALD R. FORD

WASHINGTON

December 4, 1975

Mr. Wayne Strait
Rt 4 Box 25
Corning, Iowa 50841

Dear Mr. Strait,

I am writing you today to personally ask for your help in a matter that is of great concern to me.

Since becoming President, I have tried to achieve many things. Among them are holding the line of government spending to reduce inflation, a strong national defense, less government regulation, and a national energy program to prevent us from being at the mercy of foreign energy suppliers.

As you know, many of these efforts and other positive steps have been thwarted by a Congress heavily controlled by the Democrats. In some instances, the Congress has turned a deaf ear; in others it has written its own extravagant legislation.

I have had to employ the veto over 30 times to stem this tide of irresponsible legislation.

However, Mr. Strait, you and I know that this is only a temporary solution.

~~What America needs is a Republican Congress working for~~
Republican goals. Unless more Republicans are elected in 1976, inflation and excessive deficit spending will continue.

That is why I have visited many regions of the country for the Republican Party and Republican candidates. Though I would prefer to contact you on one of these party-building trips, time dictates a written message.

Democrats seem to believe that America is great because of what government does for people and generally vote for more government programs, more federal spending and taxing, Republicans believe America is great because of what free people do for themselves and generally vote for less government involvement. Democrats have controlled the Congress



Mr. Wayne Strait

for 40 of the last 45 years and have contributed to the many problems we face today.

The best way to begin overcoming such problems is to elect more Republicans to Congress in 1976. That is the best way to reduce wasteful government spending, cut back needless federal controls which are strangling our private enterprise system, and reform a welfare system that saps individual initiative and costs you and other taxpayers billions of dollars each year.

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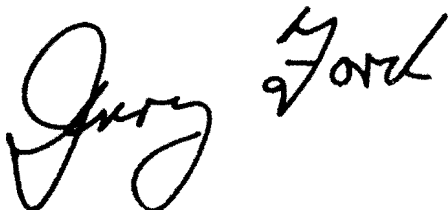
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I look forward to Chairman Vander Jagt's report to me on the results of this appeal, Mr. Strait.

Thank you in advance for your assistance.

Sincerely,

 Guy Vander Jagt

I agree...



Dear Mr. President...

To: President Gerald R. Ford, c/o GOP VICTORY FUND
P.O. Box 2837, Washington, D.C. 20013

Dear Mr. President:

I agree. We must stop waste in government, cut bureaucratic rules and regulations, fight inflation and recession and keep a strong U.S. Military Defense.

I know you need 100% participation to reach your goal and I will do my share to help. Enclosed is my contribution to the 1976 GOP VICTORY FUND in the amount of:

\$ _____ \$100 \$75 \$50
 \$25 \$15 \$10

CHECK ATTACHED BILL ME \$ _____ QUARTERLY OTHER: _____

I am sorry. I cannot contribute now. But please keep me informed of your 1976 GOP Victory Fund Campaign plans for next year.

FROM:

Mr.
Mrs.
Miss
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PLEASE PRINT YOUR NAME HERE

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PLEASE PRINT YOUR CITY OR POST OFFICE HERE STATE ZIP CODE

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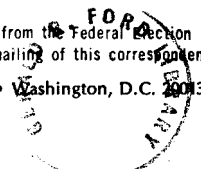
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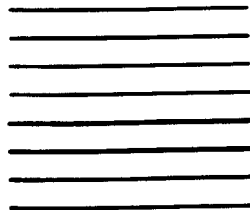
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THE WHITE HOUSE

WASHINGTON

October 2, 1975

MEMORANDUM FOR: DICK CHENEY

FROM: PHILIP BUCHEN *P.W.B.*

SUBJECT: Letter for Congressional
Campaign Committee

The tone of the attached letter is a little too heavy. The President must remain the head of the country as well as the party. In addition, we need not emphasize the financial aspects quite so much. I have marked the portions I recommend be deleted.

Attachment



THE WHITE HOUSE
WASHINGTON
September 30, 1975

MEMORANDUM TO: DICK CHENEY

FROM: JACK CALKINS *JK*

Attached is our draft incorporating revisions suggested by Phil Buchen for the proposed direct mail fundraising letter for the Republican Congressional Committee.

I hope you will be able to complete staffing on this in short order as I know the Committee is anxious to get moving on it.

If my help is needed in any other way, please let me know. Thanks.

Phil Buchen

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Republican Congressional Committee Draft 9/29

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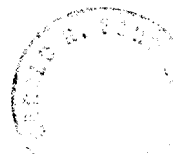
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/s/ Gerald R. Ford



On envelope: This letter is not intended for Federal employees.

THE WHITE HOUSE

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I have recently visited with the National Republican Senatorial Committee. The Chairman of that Committee, Senator Ted Stevens, has pointed out that in 1976 there will be 33 United States Senate positions up for election -- 11 Republicans and 22 Democrats now hold those positions. It is possible for Republicans to elect a majority to the Senate -- and at the very least 1976 offers a great opportunity to restore the balance of the two-party system in the Senate.

The Republican Senatorial Committee wants to start now to assist Republican Senators who will seek re-election. And the Committee must also help identify and encourage candidates to challenge incumbent Democrats. To do this, consistent with the new campaign financing laws, the Republican Senatorial Committee needs your help.

Under the new laws, a person may contribute up to \$25,000 to the Senatorial Committee and any amount of financial help now will enable the Committee to get off to an early start on its campaign to elect strong Republican Senators in 1976. The Committee would be happy to answer any questions you may have about procedures under the new law.

I know there will be many organizations seeking your financial support in the 1976 elections. My experience with the U. S. Senate has impressed me with this body's importance as a source of responsibility and continuity in our government. Senators serve six years, and one-third of the Senate is elected every two years. The people we elect in 1976 will be in office until 1982 -- in office during years of crises and great challenges to our democracy.

There are now 38 Republicans in the Senate -- with the contest in New Hampshire still pending. (Incidentally, Louis Wyman, the Republican who was certified as the winner of that very close New Hampshire race, has not yet been seated formally. If a special election in New Hampshire is required to settle that contest once and for all, the National Republican Senatorial Committee will need funds immediately to assist Mr. Wyman's campaign for this seat.)

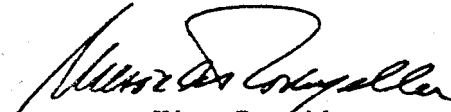


It is my sincere hope that you will generously support the Committee because it is imperative that the Committee receive funds now if it is to meet the commitments for radio, television and other campaign advertising necessary for Senate campaigns. With your help, we can elect more Republican Senators.

I have asked the Committee to separate answers to this letter from regular mail so that I may have a complete report of the response to this personal request.

It is my firm hope that 1976 will be a good year for you, for our country and for our future. Please believe me when I say that your decision to help this Committee elect Republican Senators will mean that 1976 will be a year when we recommit our Nation to those principles and ideals we all hold dear.

Gratefully,



Vice President

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September 22, 1975

Honorable Philip W. Buchen
Counsel to the President
and
Mr. Richard B. Cheney
Deputy Assistant to the President
The White House
Washington, D. C.

Dear Phil and Dick,

Enclosed is a draft I promised yesterday afternoon which removes any hint of President Ford's candidacy as Phil quite properly suggested.

As you ponder the alternatives I beseech you to bear in mind the following facts:

1) There is absolutely no comparison between the value of a letter signed by the President on behalf of the Republican Congressional Committee and any substitute. The difference between the letter as the President promised it to us and any variation is qualitative not just quantitative. The difference means hundreds of thousands of dollars and, even more importantly, the vitality of the mailing lists which are the life blood of the RCC.

2) There is no conceivable legal problem with the FEC posed by the President merely signing a fund raising letter on behalf of Republican Congressional candidates where the President does not receive any of the contributed funds. The Chairman of the FEC tells me he cannot imagine any legal question that could be raised with the Commission by the signing of such a letter. The General Counsel of the FEC tells me the same thing.

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3) We asked the President to sign such a letter in April. In July the President promised to sign the letter but asked if we could wait until September. Even though time was a critical factor, we let two precious months slip by because we relied upon the President's promise to sign the letter in September.

4) This letter helps not hurts the President. Any possible PR embarrassment of a letter winding up in the wrong hands can be protected against by an appropriate disclaimer and is more than offset by the PR value to the President of appealing to good, solid Republicans across the country as a leader of the Republican team. Whatever PR problem could arise would also be blunted by Dick Cheney's excellent suggestion of releasing the information in the midst of a routine Ron Nessen press briefing.

The proceeds raised by the letter go directly to Republican candidates and Congressmen. As the President knows, nothing interests a Congressman more than that. That's why the RCC, including John Rhodes, so unanimously and so urgently urges the President to sign the letter and will be so appreciative of his help.

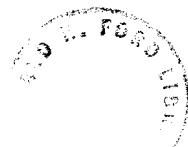
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Sincerely,



Guy Vander Jagt
Chairman

GVJ:mlt



Dear Mr.

I am writing you today to personally ask for your help and support in a matter that is of great concern to me.

Since becoming President fourteen months ago, I have tried to accomplish many things. Among them are sound financial programs to reduce inflation, a strong National defense, less government regulation and an energy program that keeps us from being held hostage by foreign energy suppliers.

As you know, many of these efforts and other positive steps have been thwarted by a Congress heavily controlled by the Democrats. In some instances the Congress has turned a deaf ear; in others it has written its own extravagant legislation.

I have had to employ the veto over 30 times to stem this tide of irresponsible legislation.

However, Mr. _____, you and I know that this is only a temporary solution.

What we need is a Republican Congress working with me--- for you --- not against both of us. Unless you can help me elect more Republicans in 1976, I cannot successfully fight inflation and recession.

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I feel confident that if you can send a generous contribution of \$_____ it will go a long way in helping us reach this goal.

Without your help we simply cannot elect more Republicans to Congress. And, if we fail to do that in 1976, you will continue to get legislation sponsored by Democrats in Congress that could be devastating to free enterprise in America and to our two-party system.

I look forward to your response, your contribution, and your support.

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/s/ Gerald R. Ford

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As a contributor to this Committee, I hope you will carefully read his letter and decide today to send the largest contribution you can to this special Victory Fund.

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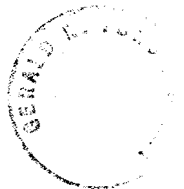
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If you want a strong national defense and sound programs to successfully fight inflation and recession, as I know you do, I strongly urge you to support the Committee's 1976 GOP Victory Fund.

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We presently have only 145 Republicans in the House. Thus, giving the Democrats a 2-1 edge. We simply cannot pass a Republican Program to fight inflation and recession without electing additional Republicans.

To do this, we must raise a minimum of \$2,100,000 in order to successfully finance our all out efforts to defeat the Democrats in 1976.

I've been in Congress since 1966. And, there is one overwhelming fact of political life that you soon realize when you come to Washington.

There isn't one penny spent by your government that hasn't been authorized by the Democrat Majority. No bureaucrat has been hired, no rule or regulation has been issued without approval by the Democrat Majority in Congress.

The Democrats have controlled Congress lock, stock, and barrel for 40 of the past 44 years.



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In this Congressional session, the Democrats have introduced bills to nationalize our oil industry, to allocate our energy supply and to sharply reduce our military defenses that, in my opinion, would jeopardize the very safety of this country.

These bill will eventually pass, unless we act now to stop these Democrats.

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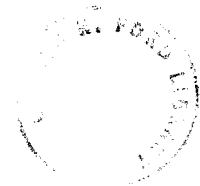
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Chairman



Dear Guy:

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As you know so well, I've had to employ the veto over 30 times to stem the tide of dangerous and irresponsible legislation sponsored by Democrats in Congress.

As far as I'm concerned, the \$2,100,000 goal we've set for the Victory Fund is the minimum amount needed to defeat incumbent Democrats in 1976.

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Guy, it is extremely important that you successfully reach the goal of raising \$2,100,000 for your Committee.

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ENC

October 6, 1975

Dear Guy:

In response to your request, the President has approved the enclosed letter for distribution by the Republican Congressional Committee.

If I can be of additional assistance in this regard, please do not hesitate to contact me.

With best wishes.

Sincerely,

**Phillip W. Buchen
Counsel to the President**

**The Honorable Guy Vander Jagt
House of Representatives
Washington, D. C. 20515**

Enclosure

**cc: Dick Cheney
Robert Calkins
Barry Roth**



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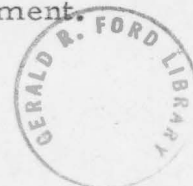
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THE WHITE HOUSE
WASHINGTON

October 4, 1975

~~KATHIE~~

Eva

Attached is a draft letter that has been approved by the President to go to the Congressional Campaign Committee.

Give it to Buchen, and then have Buchen deliver it to Vander Jagt.

It's urgent that it go fast.

DICK




THE WHITE HOUSE

WASHINGTON

October 3, 1975

MEMORANDUM TO: DICK CHENEY

FROM: JACK CALKINS 

In response to your memo of this date, attached is the final draft, in duplicate, of the Congressional Committee's letter which incorporates Phil Buchen's suggestions and eliminates his objections. I have coordinated this with Barry Roth of Phil's shop.

I have kept the draft double-spaced for ease in reading and in case the President wishes to make any changes of his own.

I share your hope that this project can be approved today so that the Committee can move quickly on their mailing. I have notified Wyatt Stewart, RCC Finance Director, of the status of the matter as of this moment.

cc: RTH

JTC:rg

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Republican Congressional Committee Fundraising Letter
For President's Approval
Final Draft, 10-3-75

GERALD R. FORD

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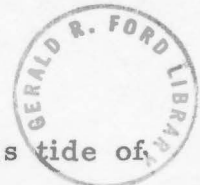
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On envelope: This letter is not intended for Federal employees.



Friday 12/19/75

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Mr. Sparling.*

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DRAFT

*Copy sent
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Dear Phil:

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We sincerely regret this programming error and have appropriately admonished our computer company. As you know, it has always been our intent to avoid the solicitation of Federal employees. (We have heard of only five alleged cases in which Federal employees received the appeal.) While the error was inexcusable and our intent very clear, we are proud of our success in making every attempt to exclude Federal employees as we are proud of the enormous success of the entire effort.

Sincerely,

Guy Vander Jagt
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Honorable Philip W. Buchen
Counsel to the President
The White House
Washington, D. C. 20500



THE WHITE HOUSE
WASHINGTON

December 30, 1975

MEMORANDUM FOR

THE HONORABLE ANTONIN SCALIA
ASSISTANT ATTORNEY GENERAL
DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE

SUBJECT: Fund Raising by the National Republican
Congressional Committee

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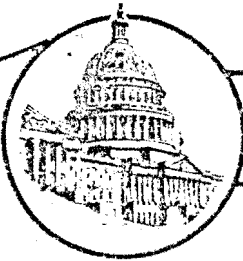
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Enclosure

cc: Barry Roth





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Sincerely,



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Chairman

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





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February 9, 1976

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

Dear Phil:

Our long effort and work on vital fund raising for the National Republican Congressional Committee are nearing completion. The special mailing by the President in behalf of Republican Members of the House, as well as all Republican Congressional candidates, this fall has proved to be the most successful in history. Approximately \$2.3 million has been contributed by over 96,000 individuals.

Now, the other half of our fund raising operation, as you stressed and insisted upon when we first discussed the President's participation, will be launched shortly. This, of course, is the financial appeal in behalf of Republican Congressional candidates by former Governor Ronald Reagan. Thus, I am extremely pleased to inform you that your preconditioned approval of the President's involvement only if Governor Reagan participated now has been met.

I wanted you to know of this latest development and to also confirm that I was able to keep my end of the bargain. I am confident that our Republican Congressional Committee, functioning from its strongest financial base in years, will now be able to provide the fullest possible help to our candidates in the critical months ahead.

Thank you again, Phil, for your wonderful cooperation and interest. With warm personal regards,

Sincerely,

Guy Vander Jagt, M.C.
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THE WHITE HOUSE
WASHINGTON

*Campaign
Activities*

February 13, 1976

MEMORANDUM FOR : BO CALLOWAY
FROM : JIM CANNON

J Cannon

This letter, which is the result of a request for a campaign donation, should not have been sent to the White House.

I am, therefore, returning it therewith.

Attachment
cc: Phil Buchen ✓



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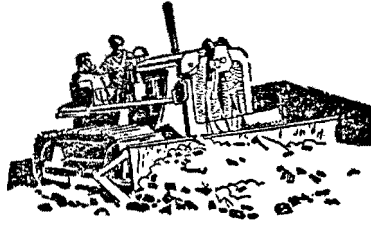
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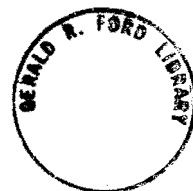
Mr. Gerald R. Ford, President
United States of America
White House
Washington, D.C. 20013

Dear Mr. President:

I am returning this request for a campaign donation without a donation at this time. I do this regretfully. I will tell you why.

I have just returned from the annual convention of the Nebraska Land Improvement Contractors Association. I am the chairman of both the State and National Legislative Committees, as well as being the President-Elect of the Land Improvement Contractors of America. At this meeting at North Platte Nebraska I had high praise for your courage and leadership in your position as President of the United States. Especially because of your veto of the Common Situs bill. I can only imagine the immense pressure you were under from both sides. I congratulate you on this action.

Now, after returning home and having time to read the papers that accumulated while I was away from home. I read where your Agriculture Secretary has again condemned the ACP cost share program. His statements are a gross distortion of fact and are in my opinion unforgiveable. How this kinds of statements and actions can be condoned by you are beyond my comprehension.. The ACP program has been, is, and hopefully will be one of the finest most necessary programs this country has ever fostered. I will not try and go into the facts and figures of this program, but suggest that you have a responsible person in your administration do so for your study. Obviously, Mr. Butz is unable or unwilling to do this for you. Other actions he has



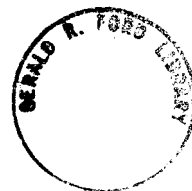
taken that are said to be of benefit to the American Farmer are highly questionable. I respectfully request that you give close consideration to the future position of Secretary Earl Butz.

If as time proceeds there are signs of a change of attitude in these regards, I will be willing to reconsider your request for a contribution.

Respectfully



William Hartmann, Vice-President
Land Improvement Contractors of Ame



To: President Gerald R. Ford, c/o GOP VICTORY FUND
P.O. Box 2837, Washington, D.C. 20013

Dear Mr. President:

I agree. We must stop waste in government, cut bureaucratic rules and regulations, fight inflation and recession and keep a strong U.S. Military Defense.

I know you need 100% participation to reach your goal and I will do my share to help. Enclosed is my contribution to the 1976 GOP VICTORY FUND in the amount of:

\$ _____ \$100 \$75 \$50
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 CHECK ATTACHED BILL ME \$ _____ QUARTERLY OTHER:

I am sorry. I cannot contribute now. But please keep me informed of your 1976 GOP Victory Fund Campaign plans for next year.

FROM:

Mr. Mr. & Mrs. William Hartmann
Mrs.
Miss
Ms.

PLEASE PRINT YOUR NAME HERE

Box 34

PLEASE PRINT YOUR ADDRESS HERE

Garland Nebr. 68360
PLEASE PRINT YOUR CITY OR POST OFFICE HERE STATE ZIP CODE

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Please make checks payable to the GOP 1976 Victory Fund. Your personal letter of acknowledgment (a valid tax-deductible receipt) will be sent by return mail. Please indicate changes of address necessary. Thank you!

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THE WHITE HOUSE
WASHINGTON

April 20, 1976

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MEMORANDUM FOR: DICK CHENEY
FROM: ED SCHMULTS
SUBJECT: Republican Congressional Committee's
Fund Raising Letter Signed by the
President

As I indicated to you yesterday, we have been advised that the Criminal Division at Justice has authorized the FBI to conduct an investigation of possible violations of federal statutes proscribing solicitation from government employees and solicitation on federal property arising out of the Congressional Committee's fund raising appeal. Apparently, two letters were received by HEW employees at their place of business who referred the matter to Justice.

Attached is a set of the solicitation material and a memorandum from Phil Buchen to Nino Scalia transmitting a letter from Congressman Vander Jagt which outlines the steps taken to avoid solicitation of federal employees. I sent a copy of the Buchen memorandum to Harold Tyler, Deputy Attorney General, yesterday.

Enclosures

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Dear Mr. President...



GERALD R. FORD

WASHINGTON

April 13, 1976

Charles J. Connor
208 K. Court
Seaside Park, New Jersey 08752

Dear Fellow American,

I am writing you today to personally ask for your help in a matter that is of great concern to me.

Since becoming President, I have tried to achieve many things. Among them are holding the line of government spending to reduce inflation, a strong national defense, less government regulation, and a national energy program to prevent us from being at the mercy of foreign energy suppliers.

As you know, many of these efforts and other positive steps have been thwarted by a Congress heavily controlled by the Democrats. In some instances, the Congress has turned a deaf ear; in others it has written its own extravagant legislation.

I have had to employ the veto over 30 times to stem this tide of irresponsible legislation.

However, you and I know that this is only a temporary solution.

What America needs is a Republican Congress working for Republican goals. Unless more Republicans are elected in 1976, inflation and excessive deficit spending will continue.

That is why I have visited many regions of the country for the Republican Party and Republican candidates. Though I would prefer to contact you on one of these party-building trips, time dictates a written message.

Democrats seem to believe that America is great because of what government does for people and generally vote for more government programs, more federal spending and taxing. Republicans believe America is great because of what free people do for themselves and generally vote for less government involvement. Democrats have controlled the Congress.

Charles J. Connor

for 40 of the last 45 years and have contributed to the many problems we face today.

The best way to begin overcoming such problems is to elect more Republicans to Congress in 1976. That is the best way to reduce wasteful government spending, cut back needless federal controls which are strangling our private enterprise system, and reform a welfare system that saps individual initiative and costs you and other taxpayers billions of dollars each year.

This is why I sincerely hope you will decide, today, to support the outstanding work of the National Republican Congressional Committee in its effort to elect Republicans in 1976.

This committee supports Republican candidates for the House of Representatives with direct campaign contributions and a wide variety of important campaign services.

From my own experience as a Member of Congress, I know that the Committee's support is invaluable in electing and re-electing Republicans to the House of Representatives.

Committee Chairman, Congressman Guy Vander Jagt, has told me a financial goal of \$2,100,000 has been established for the 1976 GOP Victory Fund. I feel this sum is reasonable and necessary. It must be achieved.


You can play a major role by joining me and the Committee in our joint efforts to elect a Republican Congress by sending your maximum contribution in the enclosed envelope. In order to successfully reach this goal, we need virtually 100% participation by all friends and supporters of this Committee.

Without your help we simply cannot elect more Republicans to Congress.

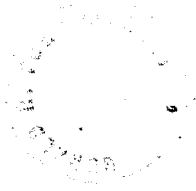
I look forward to Chairman Vander Jagt's report to me on the results of this appeal.

Thank you in advance for your assistance.

Sincerely,

 *Guy Vander Jagt*

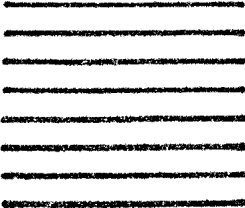




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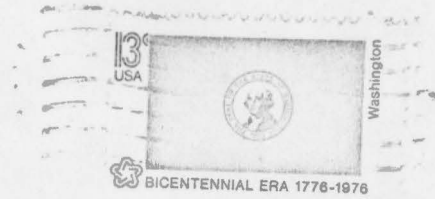
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April 19, 1976

MEMORANDUM FOR: HAROLD TYLER
FROM: ED SCHMULTS

With regard to Rudy Guliani's call to Ken Lazarus of this morning, I thought you should have a copy of Phil Buchen's memorandum to Nino Scalia dated December 30, 1975.

Enclosure



THE WHITE HOUSE
WASHINGTON

December 30, 1975

MEMORANDUM FOR

THE HONORABLE ANTONIN SCALIA
ASSISTANT ATTORNEY GENERAL
DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE

SUBJECT: Fund Raising by the National Republican
Congressional Committee

Regarding a subject which we discussed the other day, I am enclosing a duplicate of a letter sent to me by Chairman Guy Vander Jagt.

P.W.B.
Philip W. Buchen
Counsel to the President

Enclosure

cc: Barry Roth





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December 22, 1975

Dear Phil:

I was very sorry to learn from you that the Republican Congressional Committee's fund-raising appeal signed by the President had been received by four or five Federal employees. I apologize that this occurred contrary to our policy and intent that this appeal not be directed to Federal employees and contrary to your instructions. While we have always known that it is impossible to completely avoid inadvertent receipt of any large scale direct mail appeal by any category of citizens, we took two special steps with the President's letter to avoid such an occurrence.

First, each letter has a printed insert which contains the following disclaimer: "If you are a Federal employee or if you have a matter pending before a Federal regulatory commission or a Federal agency, please disregard this appeal."

Secondly, we specifically instructed our computer service company to purge from the mailing lists all addresses containing Zip Codes from the Washington, D.C. metropolitan area. This exclusion covered all of Washington, D.C., all of Maryland, and most of Virginia as far south as Richmond.

In the last week or so, we have received a few reports that some pieces were distributed in the above-mentioned areas in spite of all of our efforts to the contrary. Immediately after receiving the first such report, we



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THE WHITE HOUSE

WASHINGTON

May 24, 1976

Dear Mr. Murphy:

I have today received the enclosed memorandum from IRS Commissioner Donald Alexander, concerning a letter purporting to be from President Ford which solicits contributions for the National Republican Congressional Committee from tax exempt philanthropic organizations.

Although this letter states it is soliciting funds for the National Republican Congressional Committee, the Committee's General Counsel, Jan Baran, has advised a member of my staff that the Committee has never authorized nor used such a letter. I can assure you that neither the President nor any other person at the White House, or the President Ford Committee, has authorized or approved a mailing of this sort. In view of the clearly fraudulent nature of this letter and violations of Sections 323 and 327 of Title 2, the United States Code, I refer this letter to you for appropriate investigation and handling.

Sincerely,



Edward C. Schmults
Deputy Counsel to the President

Mr. John G. Murphy
General Counsel
Federal Election Commission
1325 K Street, N. W.
Washington, D. C. 20463

Enclosure



cc: Honorable Donald Alexander
Commissioner
Internal Revenue Service

Jan Baran, Esquire
Legal Counsel
National Republican Congressional Committee


Robert P. Visser, Esquire
General Counsel
President Ford Committee



Commissioner

MAY 22 1976

MEMORANDUM FOR: Honorable Edward Schmults
Deputy Counsel to the President

FROM: Donald C. Alexander
Commissioner of Internal Revenue 

Apparently, this letter is being sent to tax exempt private foundations.

It is, of course, a violation of the Internal Revenue Code for an exempt private foundation to contribute to the named committee or a similar political committee. In addition, this type of activity by any organization that is exempt under section 501(c)(3) of the Code -- either a private foundation or a so-called publicly supported organization -- would jeopardize that organization's tax exempt status. Accordingly, this type of letter should not be sent to section 501(c)(3) organizations.

Attachment



GERALD R. FORD

WASHINGTON

May 10, 1976

Dear Fellow American,

I am writing you today to personally ask for your help in a matter that is of great concern to me.

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What America needs is a Republican Congress working for Republican goals. Unless more Republicans are elected in 1976, inflation and excessive deficit spending will continue.

There is no better use for tax-exempt philanthropic funds than a contribution to the National Republican Congressional Committee, which stands for and embodies all of the worthy objectives set forth in § 501(c)(3) of the Internal Revenue Code.

I look forward to your participation in this important appeal. Thank you in advance for your assistance.

Sincerely,

Gerry Ford



THE WHITE HOUSE

WASHINGTON

May 25, 1976

MEMORANDUM FOR: BILL ROBERTS

FROM: ED SCHMULTS 

Referencing our conversation and the New York Times article today on page 24, I have checked into the story that the President has signed a fundraising letter on behalf of the National Republican Congressional Committee which solicits funds specifically from private tax-exempt foundations. Neither the Republican Congressional Committee, the President Ford Committee, nor anyone at the White House, has ever authorized any letter of this kind. The signature is not that of the President.

If you receive any inquiries concerning this letter, you should indicate that the Counsel's office determined that it was not sent from either the White House or the Congressional Committee, and that it has been referred to the Federal Election Commission for further investigation.



Letter Purporting to Be From Ford Asks Foundation for Political Gift

5/25/76

By WARREN WEAVER Jr
Special to The New York Times

WASHINGTON, May 24—A mysterious fund raising letter over the purported signature of President Ford has invited at least one foundation to make a 1976 campaign contribution, a move that would automatically threaten the tax exempt status of any foundation that complied.

Both the resident Ford Committee and the National Republican Congressional Committee denied today having produced the one-page letter. The letterhead, the signature and some of the message closely resemble an appeal mailed by the Congressional group last month.

"There is no better use for tax-exempt philanthropic funds," the letter states, "than a contribution to the National Republican Congressional Committee, which stands for and embodies all of the worthy objectives set forth in S. 501 (C)(3) of the Internal Revenue Code."

The section of the law cited specifically limits tax exemp

tion to a non-profit philanthropic organization "which does not participate in . . . any political campaign on behalf of any candidate for public office."

The only copy of the letter that has been made public was received by the Stern Family fund in New York City. Philip M. Stern, president of the fund, has been strongly identified as a liberal Democrat throughout his Washington career as an author, Government aide and public affairs activist.

Hoax Possibility Noted

Informed that Republican officials had denied authorship of the letter, Mr. Stern said that it was "fairly likely" it was a hoax, produced by a political enemy of the President to make his fund-raising efforts look clumsy and ill-informed.

Mr. Stern retained some doubts, however, because his family fund had received another invitation to contribute to the Republican committee two weeks earlier, also signed by the President. This one was

an authentic communication mailed to a wide range of potential donors.

Wyatt A. Stewart 3d, finance director of the Republican Congressional Committee, acknowledged that the earlier letter had gone to some unintentional addressees because of the difficulty of culling ineligibles from mailing lists.

But Mr. Stewart said that the second appeal, ostensibly aimed directly at foundations, "is absolutely not one of ours." He said that the committee had never mailed a one page appeal, which the Stern letter was, or one without the required reference to records on file with the Federal Election Commission, which the Stern letter lacked.

Robert P. Visser, general counsel of the President Ford Committee, said that he cleared every fund raising appeal that went out over the President's name on behalf of any committee, and that he had never seen the letter the Stern Fund received.

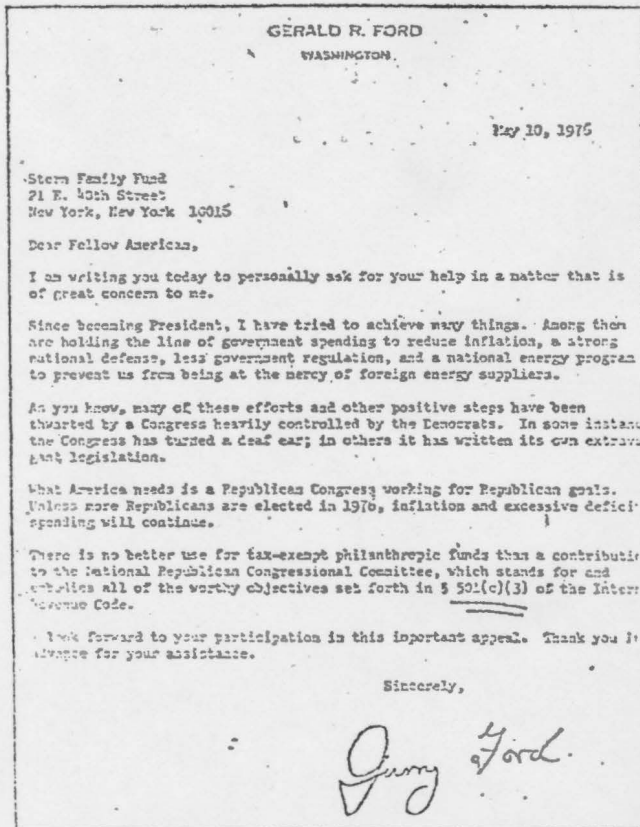
The mystery letter is typed on what appears to be a photocopy of the stationery of the earlier authentic appeal. The signature is a shaky hand version of the blue printed "Jerry Ford" on the earlier letter. Four of the six paragraphs of body copy were lifted from the earlier text.

'Startled Amazement'

David Freeman, president of the Council on Foundations in New York City, said that his reaction to the Stern letter was "startled amazement" when the fund passed it along. His organization, which has 800 foundations as members, has not another copy as yet.

Mr. Freeman said that a non-profit group other than a foundation that made a campaign contribution would lose its tax exempt status. A foundation responding to such a solicitation could lose that status and would be subject to substantial penalties as well. Soliciting a campaign contribution from a tax-exempt organization would not constitute a crime, however.

The person who wrote the Stern letter, and possibly sent copies to other foundations, could have been a Democrat or a Republican supporter of Ronald Reagan, seeking in either case to discredit the President.



The New York Times

A copy of the letter received by Stern Family Fund



THE WHITE HOUSE

WASHINGTON

August 4, 1976

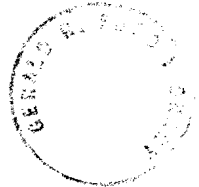
MEMORANDUM FOR: JIM CONNOR
FROM: PHIL BUCHEN P.
SUBJECT: Plan of Republican Congressional
Committee to send out another letter
over the President's signature

For the protection of the President, any communication over his signature on behalf of the Republican Congressional Committee should avoid language which could be construed as advancing the President's own campaign for election. Thus, I would like to see the fifth paragraph eliminated entirely, and to have the words "to Congress" inserted before "in 1976" on the last line of the third paragraph on page 2.

For the purposes of accuracy, someone should also check the desirability of using a particular figure in the sixth paragraph on page 1 and the last two paragraphs on page 1. An addition to objectionable features of the Democrat platform would be repeal of Hatch Act restrictions.

Assuming we get an acceptable text of letter, permission to send it out over the President's signature should be conditioned on strict compliance with the following:

1. The proper legends and disclaimers must appear on the envelope and on each enclosure, and our office should approve the proofs of all pieces of the mailing.
2. The types of mailing lists to be used and the steps taken to avoid mailings to any of the following must be approved by us: namely, addressees which are corporations, Federal government offices, Federal government employees, diplomats, foreign establishments or unions.



THE WHITE HOUSE

ACTION MEMORANDUM

WASHINGTON

LOG NO.:

Date: August 3, 1976

Time:

FOR ACTION:

cc (for information):

Phil Buchen

Max Friedersdorf

Dave Gergen

Jim Cannon

Bob Hartmann

Mike Duval

Jack Marsh

FROM THE STAFF SECRETARY

DUE: Date: August 4, 1976

Time: 10 A.M.

SUBJECT:

THIS IS A MUST

Attached is a draft from Guy Vander Jagt of a Presidential letter urging contributions to the Republican Congressional Committee. I would appreciate your comments by the time indicated above.

ACTION REQUESTED:

For Necessary Action

For Your Recommendations

Prepare Agenda and Brief

Draft Reply

For Your Comments

Draft Remarks

REMARKS:



PLEASE ATTACH THIS COPY TO MATERIAL SUBMITTED.

If you have any questions or if you anticipate a delay in submitting the required material, please telephone the Staff Secretary immediately.

Jim Connor
For the President

GERALD R. FORD

*Jim
Conrad -
Circulate fast.
JRF*

Mr. Robert Jones
100 Main Street
Anytown, U.S.A.

Dear Mr. Jones:

I am writing you today along with Governor Reagan about a serious and urgent matter that has come to our attention.

I recently met with Congressman Guy Vander Jagt, Chairman of the National Republican Congressional Committee. His report to me on the financial status of our 1976 GOP Victory Fund drive was very disturbing.

When he told me we were still short of our goal to raise 2.1 million dollars in 1976, I decided to personally write you to ask for your help and support.

I'm doing so because the present Congress, heavily controlled by liberal Democrats, is a disaster.

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Since becoming President, I have used the veto over 48 times to stop a virtual floodtide of irresponsible and, in my opinion, dangerous legislation coming from a Congress dominated by a 2 to 1 Democratic Majority. This has saved taxpayers over 13 billion dollar

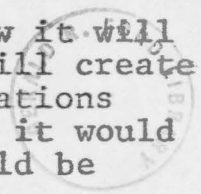
Unless you help us elect more Republicans in 1976, I'm convinced the 70 billion dollar U.S. budget deficits sponsored and voted for by the Democratic Majority will increase and grow worse. If continued, these huge budget deficits are a guaranteed prescription for higher inflation and greater unemployment.

I am particularly worried about the next session of Congress which convenes January 20 1977.

I have carefully studied the Jimmy Carter/Liberal Democratic platform. It is a platform more radical than the 1972 McGovern platform.

For example, it calls for a break-up of America's oil companies, major reductions in our national defense, repeal of Section 14(B) which is the Right to Work provision of the Taft-Hartley Act, national health insurance with universal and mandatory coverage, and passage of common-situs picketing which I vetoed last January.

If this platform is passed into law next year, I know it will seriously injure the economic recovery of America. It will create vast new and unnecessary bureaucratic agencies and regulations causing government spending to skyrocket. What's worse, it would sharply reduce our military defenses to a point that would be dangerous to the safety of this country.



The need for a responsible Republican Congress has never been greater. That's why I had hoped for better news from Guy Vander Jagt in his report to me.

If this Committee does not succeed in raising its GOP Victory Fund goal of 2.1 million dollars this year, Congressman Vander Jagt tells me that our overall Congressional campaign will be seriously jeopardized.

This is why I sincerely hope you will decide today to again support the outstanding work of the National Republican Congressional Committee in its effort to elect Republicans ^{to Congress} in 1976.

From my own experience as a Member of Congress, I know that the Committee's support is invaluable in electing and re-electing Republicans to the House of Representatives.

At a recent White House meeting, I visited with over 120 Republican candidates for Congress. These candidates are among the finest group of people I have ever met in all my years of public service.

Our candidates are definitely counting on this Committee for direct campaign contributions and other important campaign services which only this Committee can adequately and effectively provide.

You can play a major role by joining Governor Reagan, myself, and the entire Congressional committee in our joint efforts to elect a Republican Congress by sending your maximum contribution in the enclosed envelope.

I am counting on you, Mr. Jones. Without your help, I know we cannot elect more Republicans to Congress to help stop the 1976 Democratic platform from passing Congress next year.

Sincerely,

Gerald R. Ford



8/8/76

THE WHITE HOUSE
WASHINGTON

Tell Barry to
follow up on this
matter, involving
a proposed letter
to be sent over
President's signature
by the Republican
Party in Michigan

Given to
Barry
8/9/76



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Today, I leave for Kansas City and the Republican National Convention. But before I go I wanted to write to you about a matter that is of great importance to me.

With only a few weeks to go until the election, we all have much to do to score a Republican victory.

Beginning my campaign across America, I am reminded of the many times I ran for office in Michigan. I am very appreciative of the work and help which thousands of individuals like yourself gave to my effort. Now, I ask that you once again help the Republican Party in our state.

Since Michigan is my home state, I'm hoping everyone there makes a major effort this Fall. I'm asking every Republican to step forward and help, because I want and need to have Michigan in the Republican column on election day.

There are many important campaigns this Fall, including the United States Senate and House elections, as well as critical state legislative races that need to be won. There are many other local, county and state offices which are at stake this Fall.

My good friend Bill McLaughlin, the Chairman of the Michigan Republican Party has outlined to me an ambitious plan to give us victory in November. He will run a good, responsible and effective campaign this Fall -- if he has the money to do it.

Jay Van Andel, the Party's Finance Chairman, has shown me the support he has had from more than 5,000 concerned citizens like yourself -- but he is still far short of his goal for this campaign.

Bill and Jay need your help -- so that they can help the entire Republican ticket. We need advertising, printing, travel, telephones, and all the other elements of a good campaign. We can only have them if you help.

In the past you have generously helped the Republican Party in Michigan. Because of the importance of the campaigns in Michigan, I ask that you give once more -- and hopefully you'll be able to give more than usual. If you are accustomed to giving \$15, will you consider \$30? If you usually give \$25, will you give \$50?

Our chance for a great victory in Michigan, and one that would make me so pleased personally, is possible only if we double our usual efforts. We all must make the maximum effort possible, if we are to succeed.



You can count on me to make the maximum effort possible, and I hope I can count on you.

Please respond directly to Jay; he will keep me up-to-date on the success of our campaign.

Many personal thanks for your continuing support and loyalty.

Sincerely,

Gerald Ford

P.S. Jay tells me that if 2,500 individuals responded with a contribution of just \$30, he believes the campaign would have the funds required for a great victory in November. Let's all pull together, and make an investment today in that victory. Let's not miss our opportunity for a lack of funds.



9/20/76

THE WHITE HOUSE
WASHINGTON

Barry: I talked
to Mr. F. Scott &
no further follow-up
is necessary.

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THE WHITE HOUSE
WASHINGTON

To: BARRY ROTH

From: Judy Berg-Hansen
Congressional Relations
107 E.W. x 2755

Barry - help!!





Personal nature

House of Representatives
Washington, D. C. 20515

Guy A. Vander Jagt

September 13, 1976

Mr. Ford
The Honorable Gerald R. Ford
President of the United States
The White House
Washington, D. C. 20500

Dear Mr. President:

I thought due to the personal nature of the attached letter from Mr. Fitzhugh Scott, you would want to see it immediately. Mr. Scott was generous enough to include in his letter four checks (including his own) totalling \$2,750.00. These donations, as well as the letter we sent to the GOP Victory Fund you have helped us with so much during the past year.

Of course, you are not in the position to accept the \$20,000 mentioned, therefore, I will take it upon myself to contact Mr. Scott, with regard to how best this situation should be handled.

Thanks once again, for the tremendous support you have given the National Republican Congressional Committee.

Warmest personal regards,

Guy A. Vander Jagt
Chairman
National Republican
Congressional Committee



FITZHUGH SCOTT
MILL CREEK CIRCLE
P. O. BOX 1773
VAIL, COLORADO 81657

August 30, 1976

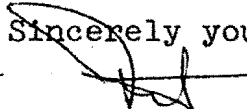
Dear Mr. President,

Enclosed are several contributions in response to your recent appeal for campaign funds. Mrs. Harry Bradley, whom you met at the Vail White House on August 22nd, and again at our home on the 24th, wants to make a substantial contribution, but prefers to find an occasion to hand you the check personally -- possibly in Washington late in October. She is a difficult person to convince that the funds are needed now but I think you can count on a \$20,000 contribution.

Sheldon Lubar, a good friend of mine from Milwaukee, who formerly held a post in HUD, told me that he would contribute marketable securities and that I could expect to hear from him next week.

Eileen and I again want to thank you for your very kind hospitality and especially for the warmth of your friendship. We hope and pray that with the help of your wonderful family you will win in November and we are confident you will.

Sincerely yours,


Fitzhugh Scott

FS:lmc

Cc: Wm. Messinger



THE WHITE HOUSE
WASHINGTON

Have Barry prepare
written comments on
this in form of memo
to the President for
me to sign.

Urgent

J.

8/1/76

Handled last Sat. w/ Fed.
Said OK if letter is
carefully written and
that we should review
the draft letter.

B/R



August 27, 1976

MEMORANDUM FOR THE PRESIDENT

FROM: MAX L. FRIEDERSDORF
SUBJECT: Congressional Campaign

The President has received the attached wire from Congressmen Bob Michel, John Anderson, Guy Vander Jagt, Barber Conable and Bob Wilson requesting a Presidential letter soliciting contributions to help the Republicans gain a majority in the House, and requesting word be given to the National Committee Chairman and Finance Chairman of the President's support for the "Clean Up Congress" campaign, and "Rhodes for Speaker" efforts.

May I please have your guidance on these requests?

APPROVE _____ DISAPPROVE _____

bcc: Jack Marsh
Dick Cheney
Phil Buchen



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THE HONORABLE GERALD R FORD

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IN ADDITION TO OFFERING OUR PERSONAL CONGRATULATIONS WE URGE YOU TO CONSIDER FULL COOPERATION WITH THE CLEAN UP CONGRESS CAMPAIGN WHICH IS SYMBOLIZED BY OUR NATIONAL EFFORT TO ELECT JOHN RHODES SPEAKER OF THE HOUSE. THIS CAMPAIGN SHOULD BE OF TREMENDOUS SUPPORT TO THE NATIONAL TICKET IN HELP-

INT TO POINT OUT THE EVILS OF TWENTY TWO YEARS OF DEMOCRAT STRANGLEHOLD ON CONGRESS. THE RHODES FOR SPEAKER CAMPAIGN WILL USE TEAMS OF YOUNGER REPUBLICAN CONGRESSMEN SPEAKING AT COLLEGE CAMPUSES AND OTHER PUBLIC FORUMS POINTING OUT THE NEED FOR DRASTIC REFORM AND CHANGE IN THE OPERATION OF THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES. TO BE SUCCESSFUL THIS CAMPAIGN NEEDS YOUR ENTHUSIASTIC SUPPORT IN TWO IMPORTANT WAYS: FIRST, IN THE FORM OF A LETTER FROM YOU URGING CONTRIBUTIONS TO HELP SUPPORT THE CLEAN UP CONGRESS CAMPAIGN WITH THE ULTIMATE

OBJECTIVE THE ELECTION OF JOHN RHODES AS SPEAKER. SUCH A LETTER WOULD BE COMPATIBLE WITH THE CONGRESSIONAL COMMITTEE EFFORT IN WHICH YOUR SUPPORT WAS SO SUCCESSFUL AND MEANINGFUL. SECONDLY, WE NEED YOUR HELP IN PASSING THE WORD OF YOUR SUPPORT TO THE NATIONAL COMMITTEE CHAIRMAN AND FINANCE CHAIRMAN THE CONGRESSIONAL SPEAKER REFORM COMMITTEE WHICH IS FUNDING THE CLEAN UP CONGRESS AND RHODES FOR SPEAKER EFFORTS IS CONDUCTED UNDER THE SPONSORSHIP OF THE NATIONAL COMMITTEE BUT

UNLESS YOU GIVE US THE GREEN LIGHT OUR EFFORT WILL BE INEFFECTIVE WE MUST HAVE SWIFT AND COMPLETE COOPERATION WITH THE NATIONAL COMMITTEE AND YOUR OWN PRESIDENT FORD COMMITTEE IN MAXIMUM BENEFIT TO YOU AND THE COUNTRY IS TO BE OBTAINED. BEST WISHES FOR AN OUTSTANDING AND SUCCESSFUL CAMPAIGN

BOB MICHEL JOHN ANDERSON GUY VANDER JAGT

BARBER CONABLE BOB WILSON

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