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OFFICE OF THE VICE PRESIDENT
WASHINGTON, D.C.

To: _Jack Marsh_

From: _____

Date: _____ Time _____ a.m. / p.m.

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City of Grand Rapids
Michigan

OFFICE OF THE MAYOR
LYMAN S. PARKS

August 21, 1974

The Honorable Gerald R. Ford
The White House
Washington, D.C.   20500

Dear Mr. President:

Please accept my personal congratulations on your
appointment of Nelson Rockefeller to the office of
Vice President. Mr. Rockefeller's background as a
statesman and as former Governor of New York makes
him emminently qualified for this position of respon-
sibility. I have every confidence that he will be an
excellent addition to your administration.

On behalf of the people of Grand Rapids, I would like
to express the gratitude of this city for your con-
tinued support of general Revenue Sharing legislation.
The problems of America's cities must be surmounted if
our nation is to remain strong. General Revenue Sharing
has provided badly needed assistance to our cities and
the Community Development Bill will go even farther in
helping to overcome the problems of urban America. I
am sure I speak for cities all over the nation in ex-
pressing our gratitude for your understanding and coop-
eration in working to ensure this assistance.

May I again offer my personal congratulations on your
appointment of Mr. Rockefeller and may I further offer
to you the assistance of the City of Grand Rapids in
any capacity and especially with respect to minority
group problems.

Sincerely,
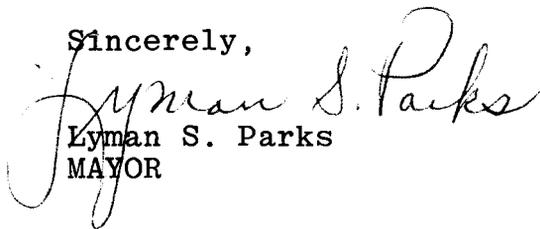
Lyman S. Parks
MAYOR

A RESOLUTION

WHEREAS President Gerald R. Ford, the first
President of the United States from the State
of Michigan deserves the honor of having his
name attached to some permanent facility within
his home state

AND WHEREAS the highway now known as Interstate
96 serves Michigan's largest city, Michigan's
capital, and President Ford's home town, as well
as traversing the entire lower peninsula,

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the Association
of Grand Rapids Area Governments petition the
Legislature of the State of Michigan to initiate
action to designate Interstate Highway 96 as the
Gerald R. Ford Interstate Highway and that appro-
priate signs be erected so to indicate.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that this proposed document
be signed by the Mayors of the AGRAG cities and
the copies be forwarded to the Mayors of all
Michigan Cities that are directly served by said
Interstate Highway.
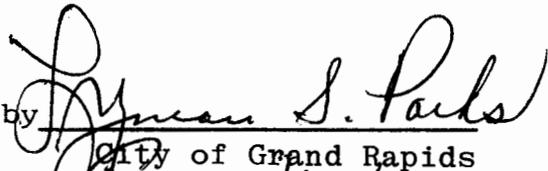
Moved by _____
City of Grand Rapids

Seconded by _____
City of Kentwood

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City of East Grand Rapids

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City of Walker

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City of Wyoming
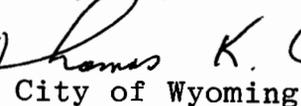
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City of Grandville

THE WHITE HOUSE

WASHINGTON

August 25, 1974

<u>ADMINISTRATIVELY CONFIDENTIAL</u>

MEMORANDUM FOR: JACK MARSH
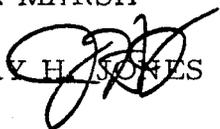
FROM: JERRY H. JONES

SUBJECT: <u>Attached letter from the</u>
                                     <u>Mayor of Grand Rapids</u>

The attached letter was returned from the President's outbox
with the following notation:

> -- We should prepare a nice thank you. Also,
> highway names project. Should we do anything.

Please follow-up with the appropriate action and send the
Presidential reply to the Office of the Staff Secretary for
signature.

Thank you.

cc: Jack Marsh