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THE WHITE HOUSE  
WASHINGTON

May 1, 1975

MEMORANDUM FOR THE PRESIDENT

FROM: MAX FRIEDERSDORF *M.G.*

Senator Thurmond requested that I give you the attached exchange of correspondence he has had with Governor Thomson of New Hampshire.

As you will note, Senator Thurmond turned down Governor Thomson's request for endorsement of a Conservative Caucus.

*RF*

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## United States Senate

COMMITTEE ON ARMED SERVICES

WASHINGTON, D.C. 20510

April 28, 1975

T. EDWARD BRASWELL, JR., CHIEF COUNSEL AND STAFF DIRECTOR

Honorable Meldrim Thomson, Jr.  
Governor  
State Capitol  
Concord, New Hampshire 03301

Dear Governor Thomson:

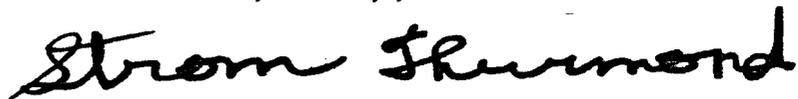
I have received your letter concerning the work you are doing in the interest of sound and traditional principles of government. It was kind of you to ask me to support your efforts with a statement and endorsement. However, while I yield to no one in my enthusiasm and concern for our Constitutional system and its continuation, I believe it would not be appropriate for me to be making endorsements or commitments at this time.

We conservatives can and must be heard in the councils of government, as well as the halls of political consideration. Yet, I would not want to preclude any options at this time for later positions which might be compromised or weakened by the kind of endorsement you seek. Therefore, I must decline your request for a statement of this type although I join with you and others in seeking to preserve and strengthen our cherished constitutional system.

Thank you for letting me know of your plans.

With kindest regards and best wishes,

Very truly,



Strom Thurmond

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STATE OF NEW HAMPSHIRE

CONCORD, N.H. 03301

MELDRIM THOMSON, JR.  
GOVERNOR

April 15, 1975

Honorable J. Strom Thurmond  
U.S. Senator  
Washington, D.C. 20510

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Dear Senator Thurmond:

I am writing to seek your help for an organizational task which I believe is of the utmost importance to America's future.

The Conservative Caucus is working to build New Majority organizations at the grass roots level in districts all over America. We have made significant progress already in recruiting outstanding State Coordinators in a number of states. Our state leadership will be in place throughout the country by this summer.

We will have caucuses, of one hundred members each, meeting in many districts by this fall.

The enclosed Member's Report will give you more information about the objectives of The Caucus and the people who are taking part in its work.

In order for the work of The Caucus to go forward, we must appeal to the general public for financial support.

May we count on you for an endorsement of our effort? A sentence or two of encouragement or a quotable short paragraph from you would help convince undecided persons to support this work.

I will deeply appreciate your prompt consideration of this request and hope to hear from you in the next few days.

With best wishes,

Sincerely,

*Meldrim Thomson, Jr.*

Meldrim Thomson, Jr.  
Governor