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Dear Mr. Snyder:

This is in further reference to our discussions concerning the efforts that have been made to provide appropriate quarters for the Harry S Truman Scholarship Foundation.

I am now pleased to report that the matter has been settled, and that appropriate quarters can be provided for the Foundation at 712 Jackson Place. As indicated in earlier conversations, and acknowledged in your letter of February 5 to Jack Marsh, there cannot be a permanent commitment made on the occupancy of this building to the Scholarship Foundation. The reason is that from time to time the White House Office has had to use the building for unexpected Presidential needs. While we do not anticipate any such requirement at this time, we hope you will understand that you may be required to vacate 712 Jackson Place should the need arise.

Thank you again for your patience and understanding.

With warmest regards, I remain,

Sincerely,

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James E. Connor Secretary to the Cabinet

The Honorable John W. Snyder Chairman of the Board of Trustees Harry S Truman Scholarship Foundation Suite 605 2401 Galvert Street, N. W. Washington, D. C. 20008 JEC:JOM:RAR:cb



## THE VICE PRESIDENT WASHINGTON

February 11, 1976

MEMORANDUM FOR:

THE PRESIDENT

FROM:

THE VICE PRESIDENT  $\hbar\omega$ 

Attached is the information your requested this morning regarding an alternative to the 712 Jackson Place space for the Harry S. Truman Scholarship Foundation.

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#### **MEMORANDUM**

SUBJECT: Office Space for Harry S. Truman Scholarship Foundation

The National Commission on Water Quality presently occupies the entire 8th floor of a building at 1111 18th Street (between L & M Streets), consisting of approximately 9,000 square feet of floor space furnished and divided into offices.

The space, which is rented from GSA, was renovated approximately four years ago, is centrally air-conditioned, fully carpeted and in good condition.

The Water Quality Commission has indicated that it can make approximately one-third of its space available immediately, consisting of four to six fully furnished offices, complete with telephones. The conference room and xerox facilities can be shared.

The Water Quality Commission will begin terminating its activities on March 1, and will gradually vacate offices through the end of May. The Truman Foundation can expand into the remaining space as it becomes available.

It would be of considerable benefit to the Water Quality Commission to have a new tenant begin taking over its space at the present time. An arrangement for sharing rent would free badly needed funds for other purposes, and it would relieve the Commission of the obligation to pay the \$10,000 cost of returning its rented furniture to the General Services Administration.

Because this space is under the control of GSA, details regarding its occupancy by the Truman Foundation would have to be worked out by GSA representatives and the White House.



February 5, 1976

The Honorable John O. Marsh, Jr. Counselor to the President The White House Washington, D.C.

Dear Counselor Marsh:

At the time of the organization of the Board of Trustees of the Herry S. Truman Scholarship Foundation on January 19, 1976, it was revealed that quarters might be available for the operation of the Foundation in one of the restored town houses identified as 730-731-732 Jackson Place. Following up this lead, two of our Trustees Judge Elliott Marshall and Congressman Richard Bolling agreed to get in touch with you to see if one of these properties would be available for use of the Foundation.

The Board of Trustees was unanimously agreed that one of these places would prove to be a prestigious, appropriate headquarters for a national memorial to President Harry S. Truman.

In response to a request from Mr. Russell A. Rourke, your Executive Assistant, I am writing to advise you that if we can have the occupancy of one of these facilities we would naturally comply with the established occupancy regulation and would be guided at all times by the Presidential requirements in regard to priority of occupancy.

Your personal interest in this matter is deeply appreciated by all of us on the Board.

Looking forward to an early reply, I am

Respectfully,

John W. Snyder Chairman of the Board of Trustees Harry S. Truman Scholarship Foundation

cc: The Honorable Russell A. Rourke

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February 6, 1976

MEMORANDUM FOR:

JIM CONNOR DAVE HOOPES JACK MARSH

FROM:

RUSS ROURKE

Attached is requested communication from John Snyder re "occupancy understanding" regarding Jackson Place.

FYI, Snyder has called several times since sending this letter yesterday, pleading for immediate action on allocation of quarters. I assured him that everything possible was being done to accommodate his request ASAP.

Attachment

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