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THE WHITE HOUSE

WASHINGTON

October 2, 1974

MEMORANDUM FOR: HOWARD KERR
FROM: DAVID C. HOOPES 
SUBJECT: Special Assistant to the President
 for Liaison with Former Presidents

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Thank you.

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EXECUTIVE OFFICE OF THE PRESIDENT
OFFICE OF MANAGEMENT AND BUDGET
WASHINGTON, D.C. 20503

August 21, 1974

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THE WHITE HOUSE
WASHINGTON

October 3, 1974

*Dick
to Jack M*

MEMORANDUM FOR:

DICK CHENEY

FROM:

JERRY JONES 

Attached is a recent memo on the Special Assistant to the President for Liaison with Former Presidents. I believe this covers the information Don requested this morning. You may want to buck it over to Jack Marsh after Don has read it.

Attachment

*J.P.
This should go to
Jack Marsh*

THE WHITE HOUSE

WASHINGTON

August 22, 1974

MEMORANDUM FOR: JERRY H. JONES

FROM: DAVID C. HOOPES 

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for Liaison with Former Presidents

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Tab C includes a memorandum from Stanley Ebner suggesting that Section 6(a), providing that the compensation and expenses of the Special Assistant for Liaison with Former Presidents be paid from "Special Projects", be revised because such an appropriation no longer exists.

Tab D is a copy of the Ronald L. Ziegler briefing on February 14, 1969, 4:20 p. m., when announcement was made of the appointing of General Schulz.

Tab E is a sheet from the personnel book indicating that General Schulz, as Special Assistant, was paid \$35,000, that he had a secretary paid GS 9/8, and that Col. Streiff was detailed from the Army as a Deputy to General Schulz.

As you know, the arrangement for General Schulz's appointment was made principally because President Eisenhower was still alive, and President Eisenhower wanted President Nixon "to take care of him", since he had done so much having kept by him. (Schulz was Ike's military aide.) President Johnson and Truman seldom, if never, used General Schulz's assistance. He occupied offices at Jackson Place, and when, after the election, there were no more former Presidents, President Johnson having died in January 1973, Mr. Haldeman "retired" General Schulz.

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Executive Order 11456**PROVIDING FOR A SPECIAL ASSISTANT TO THE PRESIDENT FOR
LIAISON WITH FORMER PRESIDENTS**

By virtue of the authority vested in me as President of the United States, it is hereby ordered as follows:

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(b) The Special Assistant shall also—

(1) Keep each former President currently informed of the major aspects of such principal international and domestic problems as the President directs;

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(3) Arrange to secure and convey to the President such views as any of the former Presidents may wish to communicate to the President on any issue of current interest or concern.

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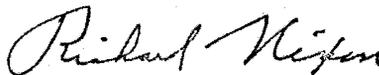
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THE WHITE HOUSE,
February 14, 1969.

[E.R. Doc. 69-2135; Filed, Feb. 17, 1969; 10:16 a.m.]

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SPECIAL ASSISTANT TO THE PRESIDENT FOR LIAISON WITH FORMER
PRESIDENTS

THE WHITE HOUSE OFFICE (EXOP)

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NUMBER: One

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THE WHITE HOUSE

WASHINGTON

June 24, 1975

MEMORANDUM TO: JACK MARSH

FROM: RUSS ROURKE 

Jack, Bill Gulley has reported to me concerning his meeting with RMN on the subject of filling the now vacant position of Liaison with Former Presidents. You will recall that we advised Bill to run Dick Burress's name by RMN.

RMN not only didn't bite at the Burress suggestion, but he further indicated that he would not be disappointed if the entire Liaison with Former Presidents Office was shut down completely. He is perfectly happy to continue to work through Bill Gulley. I am convinced that Gulley is not promoting himself for this position.

FYI, I am advised that during the last full calendar year that this office was occupied, it cost approximately \$96,000 to run. RMN, seeing no useful purpose being served by that Office, would prefer to see that many taxpayers' dollars saved. RMN also stated that the law refers only to service to former Presidents, and that the wives of former Presidents have been served by the Liaison Office in the past only as courtesy. Obviously, he is suggesting that their needs could continue to be served through direct communication with the White House.

RMN advised Gulley that he wanted to communicate his views on this subject in a letter to the President. Gulley's counter proposal, to which RMN agreed, was that he first run the idea by us conversationally prior to any direct effort on the subject by RMN.

Please advise your reaction.

May 26, 1975

MEMORANDUM TO: DON RUMSFELD

FROM: JACK MARSH

I would recommend that consideration be given to the appointment of Richard ("Dick") T. Burrese for the liaison with former Presidents' position. I have not, of course, checked with Dick to verify his availability for such an appointment, but he might be receptive to an offer.

Further, I think Dick will be acceptable to RMN and could work very nicely with Mrs. Eisenhower, Mrs. Johnson and Mrs. Truman.

JOM:RAR:cb



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THE WHITE HOUSE

WASHINGTON

May 2, 1975

MEMORANDUM TO: JACK MARSH

FROM: RUSS ROURKE *R*

Jack, FYI, Bill Gulley is the only person presently "acting" in the liaison with former Presidents billet. Rosemary Woods is on the "former President's pay roll"...this is unrelated to the specific billet of "liaison with former Presidents". Gulley tells me that "it wouldn't hurt his feelings one bit" if a specific individual was to fill this spot. You will recall that, when the names of Bob Smalley and Tom Lias were run by RMN, he was less than enthusiastic...and preferred, until a more favorable nominee came along, to continue working through Bill Gulley.

That is just about where the matter sits...in limbo.

*R- Come up w/a
name
M*

APR 23 1975

THE WHITE HOUSE
WASHINGTON

April 23, 1975

MEMORANDUM

FOR: JACK MARSH
FROM: DON RUMSFELD

What have we ever done about liaison
with former Presidents?