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January 3, 1974

MEMORANDUM FOR:

ROLAND ELLIOTT

FROM:

RON NESSEN

The President has asked that a Presidential letter be sent to the widow of Ken Loeffler. Apparently the President shared an apartment with Mr. Loeffler for several months while they were at Yale.

Attached is a clipping regarding his death.

Attachment



THE WHITE HOUSE
WASHINGTON

Jan. 22, 1975

TO: ROLAND ELLIOTT

FROM: RON NESSEN

I thought you should see the
attached.





.....
The Detroit News

Owners and Operators of WWJ-AM and FM and WWJ-TV

THE HOME NEWSPAPER
DETROIT, MICHIGAN 48231
.....

WASHINGTON BUREAU
511 NATIONAL PRESS BUILDING
WASHINGTON, D.C. 20045
AREA 202 NATIONAL 8-4566

20 January 1975

Mr. Ron Nessen,
Press Secretary,
The White House,
Washington, D.C.

Dear Ron:

Herewith the Mrs. Thomas piece I mentioned
to you last night on the Orient Express, together
with a xerox of the President's compassionate
letter -- addressed to the wrong Mrs. Thomas.

Sincerely,

R.D. HEINI, Jr.

DETROIT NEWS 19 Jan 75

'Dear Mrs. Thomas: ... with the deepest regret'

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By R.D. HEINL JR.
News Washington Bureau

checking his files after his retirement in 1967, the State Department adamantly refused to reopen the case, declined his requests for a hearing and left him to shift

matters and corrective changes in promotion procedures to avert such future tragedies.

THE WHITE HOUSE

WASHINGTON

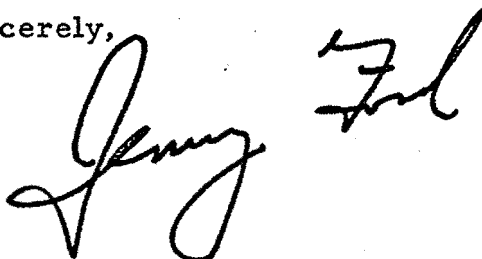
January 2, 1975

Dear Mrs. Thomas:

There are no words that can ease the burden you have carried over these years. The circumstances surrounding your husband's death are a source of deepest regret to the government he served so loyally and well, and I only hope that the measures which came about as a result of this tragedy will prevent reoccurrences of this kind in the future. I also hope that the enclosed legislation will bring some comfort to you and your family.

Mrs. Ford joins me in sending you our warmest wishes and prayers at this holiday season and for the years ahead.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in cursive script, appearing to read "Jimmy Ford". The signature is written in dark ink and is positioned to the right of the word "Sincerely,".

Mrs. Charles William Thomas
5432 Wolf River Lane
Columbia, Maryland 21043

February 20, 1975

MEMORANDUM FOR:

ROLAND ELLIOTT *-file*

FROM:

RON WISSEN

SUBJECT:

Congratulatory Letter to
William A. Stotch, Publisher of the
Courier-Post from the President.

Attached is a request and some back-up material from the Gannett News Service for the President to send a congratulatory letter to the Camden, New Jersey Courier-Post on the occasion of their 100th anniversary.

Thank you.

*Connie
FYI.
+ ret to
me.*

RM/PP



May 26, 1975

MEMORANDUM FOR: ROLAND ELLIOT
FROM: RON NESSEN

Would you please have a condolence letter prepared from the President to the family of Mr. Maxwell?

From the information we were able to get today, Mr. Maxwell is survived by his wife and one son.

The letter should be addressed to:

**Mrs. William D. Maxwell (Marjorie)
1427 Hudson Avenue
Evanston, Illinois 60201**

RN/CG-PC/pc



THE WHITE HOUSE
WASHINGTON

May 23, 1975

ADMINISTRATIVELY CONFIDENTIAL

MEMORANDUM FOR: RON NESSEN
FROM: JERRY H. JONES

The attached was returned in the President's outbox with the following notation to you:

-- Should I write to widow? I
knew him a bit.

Please follow-up with the appropriate action.

Thank you.

cc: Don Rumsfeld



UP-122

(CHICAGO TRIBUNE)

CHICAGO (UPI) -- W. DONALD MAXWELL, FORMER EDITOR OF THE CHICAGO TRIBUNE, COLLAPSED TODAY AND DIED OF AN APPARENT HEART ATTACK WHILE EN ROUTE TO A MEETING AT THE TRIBUNE TOWER. HE WAS 74.

MAXWELL WAS EDITOR OF THE TRIBUNE FROM 1953 UNTIL 1962 AND WAS EDITORIAL CHAIRMAN OF THE TRIBUNE COMPANY AT THE TIME OF HIS DEATH.

UPI 05-22 04:09 PED *Did you know him?*

*Chicago Tribune
78.5 - 9430*



*Home address:
Mrs William D. Maxwell
1427 JASON AVENUE
EVANSTON, ILL.*

60201

July 5, 1975

MEMORANDUM FOR: **ROLAND ELLIOTT**
FROM: **RON NESSEN**

Could you arrange for Presidential letters to be sent to the outgoing and incoming presidents of the Washington chapter of Sigma Delta Chi, the professional journalistic society?

The letter to Alan Emory (the outgoing President) should commend him for his fine job as President for the past year. The letter to Bonner Day (the incoming President) should congratulate him on the honor and wish him well in his new duties.

Their addresses are:

Mr. Alan Emory
Watertown Daily Times
1273 National Press Building
Washington, D.C. 20045

Mr. Bonner Day
U.S. News and World Report
2300 N Street, N.W.
Washington, D.C.

I would appreciate seeing copies of the letters.

Thank you.

RN/CG/cg





Sigma Delta Chi
Professional Journalistic Society

WASHINGTON PROFESSIONAL CHAPTER
1273 National Press Bldg.
Washington, D.C. 20045

Hon. Ronald E. Nessen
Press Secretary to the President
The White House
Washington, D.C. 20500

July 3, 1975

Dear Ron,

As you know, the order at the Washington Chapter of Sigma Delta Chi is changing. We were sorry the President could neither attend our annual dinner nor drop by--it was a complete sell-out, one of the largest crowds ever, and a huge success.

I was disappointed that the President did not send a message to the dinner, and I would greatly appreciate it, if he could write a short note, observing the fact that I am bowing out as president and Bonner Day of U.S. News & World Report is taking over. In the year just ended our programs had as speakers, among others, Bob Hartmann, yourself and Bob Orben, all of the Ford White House staff, and finished with the Vice President. Other administration speakers included Chairman Dick Wiley of the Federal Communications Commission and Deputy Director Vernon Walters of the Central Intelligence Agency.

I think it was a greatly successful year, and the comments from chapter members have been gratifying.

With all best wishes,

Sincerely,

ALAN S. EMORY



July 21, 1975

MEMORANDUM FOR ROLAND ELLIOT

FROM: Cennie Gerrard

Could you prepare very general answers to these questions from the Kentucky Post?

I realize they involve a sensitive area, particularly the subject of authentic signatures. But if you will prepare general information for Ron Nessen's approval, we would appreciate it.

Thank you!

**Attachment: Letter from Vance Trimble
Kentucky Post**



The Kentucky Post



421 MADISON AVENUE
COVINGTON, KENTUCKY 41011
606 431-1700

VANCE H. TRIMBLE
EDITOR

July 10, 1975

Mr. Ron Nessen
Presidential Press Secretary
The White House
1600 Pennsylvania Avenue
Washington, D. C.

Dear Ron:

I hope you can give me some information on how mail is handled by the White House staff that will enable me to make a comparison with the way the response is made by offices on The Hill.

It may be that you have in your files some major piece, either magazine or newspaper, that you could send me a xerox of giving me a general view of the work.

But specifically I need to know about the volume of mail, how many people you have handling it, how many people directing it, how fast it is done, whether or not you have surrogate-signers for the President's signature, whether you use auto-signing-equipment, and what all of this costs.

My interviews with a number of Senators indicate they personally sign 10-30 letters each a day. How many does President Ford personally sign?

Most sincerely,

Vance Trimble

VHT/nt



July 22, 1975

MEMORANDUM FOR ROLAND ELLIOT

FROM: RON NESSEN

**Would you prepare a nice letter from the President
to Arthur Taylor, President of CBS?**

**Taylor's incoming letter is attached, which the
President has seen.**

RN/CG/cg



THE WHITE HOUSE
WASHINGTON

July 18, 1975

ADMINISTRATIVELY CONFIDENTIAL

MEMORANDUM FOR:

RON NESSEN

FROM:

JIM CONNOR 

The attached letter was received in the President's outbox with the following notation:

"Should I thank?"

Please follow-up with appropriate action.

cc: Don Rumsfeld

Attachment: Letter from Arthur R. Taylor, President of CBS
re The Cabinet



CBS

CBS Inc., 51 West 52 Street
New York, New York 10019
(212) 765-4321

Arthur R. Taylor, President

THE PRESIDENT HAS SEEN.....

July 9, 1975

Dear Mr. President:

I have been privileged recently to have several conversations with a number of your cabinet members, giving me the opportunity to pass on to them the thought that under your leadership, the Nation has left a dark past and is moving rapidly toward a brighter future. My appreciation as a citizen goes to you for the honest and skillful handling of the many problems which you have faced.

This carries, as always, warm personal wishes to you and Mrs. Ford.

Sincerely,



The Honorable Gerald R. Ford
President of the United States
The White House
1600 Pennsylvania Avenue, N.W.
Washington, D.C. 20500

RJA
outbox with

resident of CBS

DATE: 9/12/75

TO: Ron Nessen

Roland L. Elliott

September 12, 1975

MEMORANDUM TO: THE PRESIDENT
THROUGH: THE STAFF SECRETARY
FROM: ROLAND L. ELLIOTT
SUBJECT: Incoming Presidential Mail for the
Week of September 8 - 12, 1975.

Incoming Presidential mail for the week totalled 16,000 pieces. Issues drawing the largest volume of mail were the Sacramento incident, the Sinai agreement, and school busing.

You have received 770 letters and telegrams expressing relief and thanks that the assassination attempt failed. Horror over the incident itself and a deep sense of gratitude for your safety were the most common sentiments expressed. Many writers also emphasized their commitment to peaceful disagreement and debate within the American system and many commended your willingness to move freely among the American people, despite the possible danger this entails.

In connection with the incident, you have also received 29 messages urging that Federal gun control regulations be enacted. Also, there were 31 messages in support of your speech to the California State Assembly. Writers argued that violent offenders must be "locked up" and that the criminal justice system must be revamped to protect the victims as well as the accused. Proposals for aid to the victims of crime were particularly supported.

The Sinai agreement drew 1,268 pieces of mail (pro: 165; con: 1,066; comment: 37). Opposition was directed both to the positioning of American technicians in the Sinai and to the multi-billion dollar financial provision. Writers spoke of "another Vietnam" and of "our own (economic) needs" at home.



Busing also continued to draw heavy mail (con: 626). As in previous weeks, writers spoke of the "rights" of the majority and the safety of their children, and they expressed the conviction that "the will of the people" was being violated by court-mandated busing. Mail continued heavy from Kentucky, but it is beginning to reflect increasing geographic diversity.

You received 111 letters this week expressing general political support and/or commenting on various of your trips and speeches around the country. Cumulatively, over the past few weeks the speeches that drew the largest response were the American Legion Address (65), your remarks to the American Hardware Manufacturer's Association (50), and your address to the California State Assembly (31). Mail on the Legion address ran roughly 2 to 1 pro; on the other speeches it was virtually all supportive.

You also continued to receive mail on the country's economic and energy problems: pro: 107; con: 207; comment: 261. Oil price decontrol and the cost of living were the dominant concerns.

Other issues drawing comment were:

- 1) France's purchase of Copperweld Corporation, Oswego, N.Y.:

con: 644;

- 2) Requests for U.S. assistance in freeing missionaries imprisoned in Mozambique:

pro: 1,190;

- 3) Opinion Ballots: Food Stamp Program:

con: 741;

- 4) Common-Situs Picketing Bill:

con: 203;

- 5) Agency for Consumer Advocacy:

con: 175.

cc: Robert Hartmann/Paul Theis/Ron Nessen



THE WHITE HOUSE

WASHINGTON

October 3, 1975

MEMORANDUM TO: THE PRESIDENT
THROUGH: THE STAFF SECRETARY
FROM: ROLAND L. ELLIOTT
SUBJECT: Incoming Presidential Mail for the
Week of September 29-October 3, 1975.

During this week you received a total of 23,000 pieces of regular mail. In addition, you received approximately 56,800 form cards opposing the Common-Situs Picketing Bill.

The incident in San Francisco drew 2,891 pieces this week. All of these writers expressed their gratitude for your safety and many went on to make specific comments or suggestions. This mail may be broken down as follows:

- 1) Gratitude for your safety: 1,328;
- 2) Gratitude/Urge you to travel less, take greater precautions: 1,060;
- 3) Gratitude/Urge you to continue open exchanges with the American people: 137;
- 4) Gratitude/Urge Federal gun control laws as solution to violence problem: 169;
- 5) Gratitude/Oppose Federal gun control laws as incorrect and ineffective solution to violence problem: 135;
- 6) Gratitude/Offer various other comments, suggestions; such as, exotic security measures, mandatory prison sentences, shorter campaign periods, etc.: 62.

As in previous weeks, economic comment mail continued steady (490 pieces). Again, major areas of concern were the cost of living for those identifying themselves as "middle class" or "poor," and the "over-extension" of Government into the economy and private businesses for those of the upper middle class.

Within this economic mail you are beginning to receive mail commenting on your proposal to establish an Energy Independence Authority: pro: 11; con: 74; comment: 5. Those supporting the proposal see it as an essential step in gaining our energy independence. Those opposed argue against establishment of "yet another bureaucracy," against further "intrusion" of Government into capital markets, and against development of nuclear energy.

Other domestic issues of interest include busing (con: 5,936), the Child Nutrition Bill (pro: 399), and aid to New York City (pro: 128; con: 72).

Foreign policy issues of interest were the Sinai peace accords and the sale of grain to foreign countries.

Initially, mail had run heavily in opposition to the Sinai agreement. Last week it shifted significantly in support of the agreement, and it continued so this week: pro: 501; con: 155; comment: 2. Cumulative figures now stand at:

Pro:	<u>1,562</u> ;
Con:	<u>1,923</u> ;
Comment:	<u>54</u> .

The question of American grain sales abroad drew heavy comment: pro: 2,194; con: 1,137. Support for the sales came largely from farm groups, who argued for the sales on the basis of equity to farmers, Administration pledges of last fall, and national interest (balance of payments, U.S. prestige in honoring commitments, etc.). Opposition came from those who argued that the sales would cause higher domestic food prices or that they would aid "communist" countries.

cc: Robert Hartmann
Paul Theis
Ron Nessen

THE WHITE HOUSE

WASHINGTON

November 21, 1975

MEMORANDUM TO: THE PRESIDENT

THROUGH: THE STAFF SECRETARY

FROM: ROLAND L. ELLIOTT

SUBJECT: Incoming Mail for the Week of
November 17-21, 1975.

Incoming mail was heavy again this week, totalling approximately 38,000 pieces. 4,465 persons wrote to express opposition to the Common Situs Picketing Bill. There were also 95,000 form cards. Support for the bill was negligible (47). Opponents were especially concerned over the "economic power" they believe this bill will give to organized labor. This concern over the economic power of labor was reflected earlier in mail opposing the longshoremen's grain shipment boycott (cumulative: 500). It has been expressed more emphatically in the Common Situs mail (cumulative: letters: 23,868; forms: 482,897). Including forms, this bill has become the single largest mail subject during your Administration.

Opposition to Federal gun control legislation has also been steady over the past months: letters: 5,822; forms: 40,591 (since July 1). This week there were 1,831 letters and 2,550 forms. The source of this mail has appeared to shift over the weeks. Initially, it was clearly generated by gun lobby adherents and emphasized citizens' "Constitutional right" to bear arms. More recently, gun and crime control have been linked together, with writers arguing that the one will "in no way" lead to the other. Writers call for tighter law enforcement and particularly for "a more responsible judiciary" as the solution to the country's crime problem.

Also of continuing concern is aid to New York City: pro: 1,323; con: 1,376; comment: 137. Arguments on either side have not changed significantly over the weeks, although increasingly those supporting aid do emphasize the "vast amounts" of foreign aid provided by the U.S.

You also continue to receive large amounts of mail commenting on a nominee for the Supreme Court: 1,602 pieces this week. Slightly more than half of this mail urges appointment of a "qualified" woman. Roughly another 25% recommends individual nominees. Among those prominently mentioned are: Senator Robert Griffin; Representative Barbara Jordan; Representative Martha Griffiths; Judge Shirley Hufstедler. The remaining mail expresses a variety of views about the nominee: that it should be a man, a "pro-life" person, a conservative, etc.

Another 537 pieces of mail this week criticized changes in the Cabinet. 31 supported the changes and 14 offered comment.

U.S. response to the U.N. resolution equating Zionism with racism was very heavily applauded this week: 3,597 pieces. In addition to approving U.S. actions, and the conduct of Ambassador Moynihan particularly, writers also urged a reassessment of the U.S. position in and contributions to the U.N.

Other pieces of legislation that drew public attention this week were:

- 1) Congressional Energy Bills:
pro: 14; con: 2,255;
- 2) Child and Family Services Act:
pro: 3; con: 817;
- 3) Agency for Consumer Advocacy:
pro: 61; con: 504.

Also, over the past weeks there has been an increasing amount of mail that offers political comment or personal views on the "state of the nation." This mail expresses strong concern with the economy, with foreign policy, and with both Congressional and Executive leadership in Washington.

Over the past two weeks there have also been about 400 letters in specific response to the GOP fund-raising letters of October 20 and November 3. About one-third of these letters include checks and comment on some particular issue (such as the Common Situs Bill, deficit spending, detente, etc.). The remaining two-thirds of the letters simply offer the writers' views and/or explanations of "why" they will not contribute to the GOP fund.

THE WHITE HOUSE

WASHINGTON

November 28, 1975

MEMORANDUM TO: THE PRESIDENT
THROUGH: THE STAFF SECRETARY
FROM: ROLAND L. ELLIOTT
SUBJECT: Incoming Presidential Mail for
the Week of November 24-28, 1975.

Incoming mail for the week totalled approximately 36,000 pieces. It dealt almost exclusively with domestic issues.

Your Wednesday evening press conference drew 135 telegrams and mailgrams. Virtually all of these commented on your proposals to aid New York City: pro: 31; con: 103; comment: 1.

Prior to your announcement, mail addressing the issue of aid to New York City was heavy: pro: 1,642; con: 1,745; comment: 87.

Again this week, the Common Situs Picketing Bill drew the largest single response: pro: 712; con: letters: 3,702; forms: 101,069.

Other pieces of legislation of public interest were:

- 1) Federal Gun Controls:
con: 6,737;
- 2) Congressional Energy Bill:
pro: 37; con: 1,564
- 3) Child and Family Services Act:
con: 1,791;

4) Agency for Consumer Advocacy:

con: 823.

In the area of foreign policy, the US response to the United Nations Zionism vote was approved by 7,511 writers. Another 706 wrote specifically to endorse Ambassador Moynihan's actions and to urge that he continue in his position.

Concerning domestic politics, the question of a Supreme Court nominee attracted strong attention: 1,129 pieces. Most of this mail recommended the "type" of person to be chosen: that is, a woman (35%), a "conservative" (30%), "other" types (a "liberal," a "pro-life" advocate, etc. (10%). The remainder of this mail recommended individual persons for the Court.

In addition to mail addressed to particular issues, you also received 558 letters this week expressing general support (253), or criticism (113), or offering political comment (192). Prominent among the views expressed were concern over the directions of US foreign policy (detente) and concern that "politics" was replacing "leadership" in Washington.

Also, there were 160 letters this week in direct response to the GOP-Victory Fund mailings. About 25% were positive; the remainder explained why the writers were not contributing to the fund. About 50% of these indicated they "would contribute if" you did such-and-such (mostly, "veto common situs bill," "veto energy bill," "refuse aid to New York City").

THE WHITE HOUSE

WASHINGTON

December 12, 1975

MEMORANDUM TO: THE PRESIDENT
THROUGH: THE STAFF SECRETARY
FROM: ROLAND L. ELLIOTT
SUBJECT: Incoming Presidential Mail for
the Weeks of December 1-12, 1975.

Incoming Presidential mail for the past two weeks totalled 99,113 pieces. Domestic issues, particularly pending legislation, drew the heaviest public comment.

Opposition to the Common Situs Picketing Bill was strong: letters: 11,175; forms: 14,727. Support was minimal: letters: 78; forms: 200. Critics of the bill express concern over the power it would grant to labor unions, and over the economic impact of this power on an already ailing construction industry.

Cumulative totals on Common Situs mail are:

Pro: Letters: 251
Forms: 894

Con: Letters: 38,745
Forms: 598,693

Concern over the power of unions was also voiced by those who wrote to urge against any changes in the Hatch Act: 7,450. This mail came from all over the country, and all writers saw the proposed amendments as greatly enhancing the power of unions within the Federal bureaucracy.

The House-Senate compromise energy bill also drew heavy opposition: 4,804. Writers argued that it would in no way encourage energy independence and that it would further entrench government controls over a free market economy. Only 16 writers supported the bill.

Mail is just beginning to come in concerning the pending tax legislation. To date there have been approximately 35 letters in support of your position that tax reductions must be coupled with spending cutbacks.

Mail on the question of Federal aid to New York City continued heavy prior to your announcement of assistance: pro: 3,021; con: 3,177; comment: 169. Following your announcement, 722 wrote to comment on the NYC loan program: pro: 270; con: 410; comment: 42.

In the area of foreign policy, your Asian trip drew light comment: pro: 24; con: 67; comment: 141.

However, the ongoing U.N. situation vis-a-vis Israel - Zionism - PLO - Ambassador Moynihan continues to draw heavy public response. For the two-week period there have been 7,447 pieces of mail (3,004 forms) in support of Israel and the positions and statements of Ambassador Moynihan.

You have also received 455 letters expressing general support and 601 messages of good wishes for the holiday season. There were 249 letters expressing overall criticism, 90 offering political comment and/or suggestions, and 228 letters in direct response to the GOP Congressional Committee Victory Fund letter. These latter offered specific comment on Administration and Republican Party positions. About one-quarter included checks, with the other three-quarters writing to explain "why" they were not contributing.

cc: Bob Hartmann
Paul Theis
Ron Nessen

MEMORANDUM

THE WHITE HOUSE
WASHINGTON

December 16, 1975

MEMORANDUM FOR ROLAND ELLIOTT

FROM: CONNIE GERRARD *Connie Gerrard*

Would you arrange for a card from the President and Mrs. Ford to be sent to the following couple who are celebrating their 50th wedding anniversary? These people contacted Ron when he was in Florida?

Dr. and Mrs. George Holland
435 N.W. 124th Street
North Miami, Florida 33168

The anniversary is next Monday, so it should be without too much delay.

Thank you.

December 20, 1975

MEMORANDUM FOR ROLAND ELLIOTT

FROM: RON NESSEN

**Would you arrange to have this message prepared
for the Chicago Daily News on its 100th anniversary
January 17, 1976?**

I would like to see a copy of what goes out.

Thank you very much.

RN/cg



The White House
Washington

DATE: 1/7

TO: Ron Weiser

Please clear for
final drafts

Thanks

Becky B.  Bovelsky

~~Dear Mr. Field:~~

Warmest congratulations to you, your staff and readers
as you celebrate the one hundredth anniversary of The
Chicago Daily News.

I welcome this opportunity to pay tribute to all those who
have been a part of your successful publication and to
commend those who continue to build on its fine journalistic
traditions. I can well understand the pride you must take
in the News and in the distinguished service it has *provided to*
~~continued to provide~~ the people of Chicago throughout
the past century.

Today, as in the past, The Chicago Daily News carries
the vital information affecting the life of your community

and helps ~~to build a proud heritage for all~~ our citizens *make*
informed decisions about their city, their
country and their world.
You have my best wishes for continued success in the

years ahead.

Sincerely,

Mr. Marshall Field
Publisher
Chicago Daily News
Chicago, Illinois

SEND FLAT TO: Peter Lisagor



THE WHITE HOUSE

WASHINGTON

December 20, 1975

Back
MEMORANDUM FOR ~~ROLAND ELLIOTT~~

FROM: RON NESSEN *R 11*

Would you arrange to have this message prepared for the Chicago Daily News on its 100th anniversary January 17, 1976?

I would like to see a copy of *before it* what goes out.

Thank you very much.

5612

**CHICAGO DAILY NEWS
WASHINGTON BUREAU**

PETER LISAGOR, BUREAU CHIEF
1225 NATIONAL PRESS BUILDING
WASHINGTON 4, D.C.
PHONE No. DImit 13020

659-2660

(14)
Dec. 12, 1975

Mr. Ronald Nessen
The White House
Washington, D.C.

1901 Pennsylvania Ave
Wash. D.C. 20006

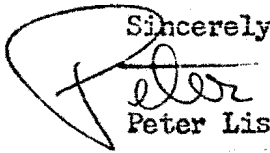
Dear Ron:

The Chicago Daily News celebrates its 100th anniversary on Jan. 17, 1976, and it will publish a centennial edition on that date.

Our editor, Daryle Feldmeir, has inquired if it would be meet and possible for the President to write a letter hailing the event, if not the paper. I told him I would ask. I know that our publisher, Marshall Field, would be appreciative.

Could you kindly inquire if the President would be willing to do this, and let me know. I would appreciate it.

Sincerely,


Peter Lisagor

January 8, 1976

MEMORANDUM FOR:

ROLAND HELSTETTER

FROM:

RON NESSEN

SUBJECT:

Presidential congratulatory
letter for Dan Thomason.

Mr. Dan Thomason is an old friend of the President from days when the President was in Congress, and I think it would be nice if we could have a congratulatory letter sent to Mr. Thomason.

Background information is attached.

PP



THE WHITE HOUSE
WASHINGTON

January 12, 1976

MEMORANDUM FOR: ROLAND ELLIOTT

FROM: RON NESSEN

SUBJECT: Bob Broeg, Sports Editor,
St. Louis Post-Dispatch.

This is obviously an old and close friend of the President and I think the response should more appropriately be drafted by Mildred Leonard.

Attachment

January 19, 1976

MEMORANDUM FOR ROLAND ELLIOTT

FROM: RON NESSEN

Could you arrange to have a letter from the President sent to Claude L. McCue on his retirement after 34 years with the American Federation of Television and Radio Artists.

An appreciation dinner takes place February 6 in Los Angeles, and the letter should be sent in time for this occasion, to Mr. McCue, % Bill Baldwin. The address and all background information is attached.

Thank you.

RN/EG/cg





American Federation of Television and Radio Artists

NATIONAL OFFICE

1350 AVENUE OF THE AMERICAS • NEW YORK, N.Y. 10019 • 212-265-7700

BRANCH OF THE ASSOCIATED ACTORS AND ARTISTES OF AMERICA
AFL - CIO

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MORTIMER BECKER
General Counsel

CLAUDE L. McCUE
National Director,
Western Region

KENNETH GROOT
National Director,
Eastern Region

HERBERT H. NEUER
National Director,
Central Region

BURT JACOBY
Comptroller

CONSTANCE McDOWELL
National Administrator,
Agency Division

National Representatives

HAROLD KOCIN
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HUGH WILLIAMS, *Recording Secretary*

January 12, 1976

Mr. Ron Nessen
Press Secretary to the President
The White House
Washington, D.C.

Dear Ron:

Thank you so much for calling back Saturday. I know of your busy schedule, and your taking time to return my call means a great deal.

As per our conversation about a letter or scroll of recognition from President Ford to Claude L. McCue, you will find enclosed a biography, press clipping and a copy of the invitation for background purposes. Also enclosed is a copy of the last AFTRA (LA Local) Magazine dedicated to Claude.

From a personal standpoint I know from my close association with Claude these many years, that a signed letter and/or scroll from the President would mean a great deal to him. Please send all communications to me at my home, 4091 Farmdale Avenue, North Hollywood, California 91604, (213) 762-8200.

I am taking the liberty, Ron, of enclosing for your files a copy of my latest biography. Feel free to call on my at any time.

Best regards to you and yours,

Bill Baldwin
National Second Vice-President
American Federation of
Television and Radio Artists

4091 Farmdale Ave., North Hollywood, Ca. 91604 (213)762-8200

CLAUDE L. McCUE

On the Occasion of his Retirement after 34 YEARS
of SERVICE to
The American Federation of Television and Radio Artists
The Broadcast and Advertising Fraternities
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and
-- The AFL-CIO --

EXECUTIVE SECRETARY:

Los Angeles Local -
32 YEARS!!!

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2 Years.

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32 Years.

Awarded George Heller
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since its inception in
1967.

LIFETIME MEMBER -
American Federation of
Musicians.

We have planned a gala evening of DINNER, DANCING,
FUN and SURPRISES so that all of Claude's friends may
gather around and give him the kind of tribute he
will NEVER forget!!

FRIDAY, FEBRUARY 6, 1976

HOLLYWOOD PALLADIUM

with

MR. DAVE BARRY

and

LES BROWN & HIS BAND OF RENOWN

Dancing: 8:00 until
12:00 Midnight

Reception and Cocktails
(No Host).... 7:00 P.M.

\$20.00 Per Ticket

\$200.00 Per Table

R.S.V.P. Card Enclosed

DINNER..... 8:00 P.M.

DRESS Informal

Best regards,

The TRIBUTE TO CLAUDE McCUE Committee.

Bill Baldwin, Chairman

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Stu Wilson & Peter Leeds, Ex Officio

1800 No. Highland Ave., Suite 609, Hollywood, CA 90028
(213) 463-0903

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DINNER TO FETE CLAUDE McCUE

Claude L. McCue, Executive Secretary of the Los Angeles Local and National Region Director of the American Federation of Television and Radio Artists AFL-CIO, will be honored Friday, February 6, 1976 with Dinner, Dancing and Entertainment at the Hollywood Paladium on the occasion of his retirement, January 1, 1976, after 34 years of service to AFTRA, the AFL-CIO, and the Community at large.

McCue was awarded National AFTRA's highest tribute in 1973, the George Heller Memorial Gold Card. He is a lifetime member of the American Federation of Musicians, Chairman of the Hollywood Broadcast Guilds and Unions, and is Vice President of the Los Angeles County Federation of Labor.

According to Bill Baldwin, Chairman of the Tribute to Claude McCue Dinner Committee and Toastmaster for the evening "McCue earned his way through Stanford University and the Hastings College of Law playing lead alto sax with some of the finest bands on the West Coast from the Hotel Butler in Seattle to the Hotel Del Coronado in San Diego as well as the San Francisco World's Fair in 1939. It is for this reason that we have engaged one of the finest big bands in the world, Les Brown and His Band of Renown, and have asked one of the country's foremost comedians, Mr. Dave Barry, to join Claude and his lovely wife, Winifred, on the dais."

McCue, whose career with AFTRA started in San Francisco (2 years) and continued 32 years in Los Angeles as well as traveling around the world on behalf of the Union, will be greeting old friends who will have traveled from near and far to pay tribute to this outstanding citizen.

Reception and cocktails (no host) at the world famous Hollywood Paladium will begin at 7pm. Dinner and Dancing will begin at 8pm. For further information call: 463-0903.

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February 4, 1976

MEMORANDUM FOR:

ROLAND ELLIOTT

FROM:

RON WESSEN

SUBJECT:

Condolence letter to
Mrs. Fay Wells, Storer Broadcasting

I would appreciate your sending a condolence letter to Mrs. Fay Wells, Storer Broadcasting. Her husband, Linton, died last week. I think the letter should be from both the President and Mrs. Ford.

Her address is:

Mrs. Linton Wells
2601 Woodley Place
Apartment 912
Washington, D.C. 20008

Thanks.

March 30, 1976

MEMORANDUM FOR: ROLAND ELLIOTT

FROM: CONNIE GERRARD

Could you have a greeting sent by the President and Mrs. Ford to:

**Mr. Ferdinand McClintock
2711 Spencerville Road
Lima, Ohio 45805**

It is Mr. McClintock's 90th birthday on April 27, 1976.

Thank you very much.



April 16, 1976

MEMORANDUM FOR ROLAND ELLIOT

FROM: RON NESSEN

Could you arrange for a congratulatory message to be sent to a Tennessee football team who recently won the Class A division state championship? It is the first time in history they have accomplished this.

This request has come from a member of the staff who travels with the Press Office and works terribly hard -- literally night and day for the White House on these trips. If this request could be granted, I would appreciate it.

It should be sent to:

**Coach Jack Renfro
Assistant Coach Wayne Everett
Walland High School Indians
Route 1
Walland, Tennessee**

Could you let Connie Gerrard in my office know what is done on this?

Thank you.



May 5, 1976

MEMORANDUM FOR ROLAND ELLIOT

FROM: Connie Gerrard

While we were out campaigning last week, a man approached Ron Nessen about having the President send a letter to his grandparents -- both of which will be 87 years old on May 13.

They have been life-long Republicans, and would appreciate a greeting from the President.

Vane and Gertrude Berry
215 Pine Street
Zeigler, Illinois

Could you let me know what type of message is sent? Thank you.



MAY 13, 1976 both my grandparents
will be 87 years old.

They are as proud of the fact they've been
life-long Republicans as anything else.

They'd be thrilled to get a message from
the President.

~~Attn~~

Vane + Gertrude BERRY
215 Pine St.

Zeigler, Illinois



FORT WAYNE, INDIANA 46802

office of the mayor

INTRODUCING YOUR HOST...

MAYOR ROBERT E. ARMSTRONG

FORT WAYNE, INDIANA

Bob Armstrong was elected Mayor of Indiana's second largest city in November, 1975, and took office on January 1, 1976. He defeated the incumbent mayor by 384 votes in one of Fort Wayne's most intensely competitive elections of all times.

Prior to his election, Bob was Athletic Director of Snider High School. Holding his first public office as mayor, Bob spent his entire professional career as a teacher, coach, and school administrator. The 50-year-old Armstrong decided to try for public office at the urging of many of his students who had become disillusioned with government and the political process.

Armstrong is a veteran of World War II, having been a pilot in the Navy Air Corps. Following the war, he attended Indiana University where he played on the Indiana University football and basketball teams in the late 1940's.

Bob and his wife Nila, who still teaches kindergarten in the Fort Wayne public school system, are the parents of three sons. Dan is finishing work on his doctorate in biochemistry at Texas A & M; Doug is a pre-med student at the University of Richmond; and Dave is a student at Northrop High School in Fort Wayne.

Bob Armstrong, his family, and the people of Fort Wayne are proud to have you in Fort Wayne. We all hope you'll enjoy your visit and that you will return soon!

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MEMORANDUM

THE WHITE HOUSE

WASHINGTON

May 6, 1976

MEMORANDUM FOR: ROLAND ELLIOT
FROM: Connie Gerrard

The President asked Ron Nessen to have a letter written for him to sign and send to Stephin Fetchit, the Black movie actor. He is in the hospital for a massive stroke. The details are outlined on the attached sheet.

The original request came to Jack Ford, who asked that his father do this. Would you see that Jack gets a copy of the letter which is sent out by the President?

Thanks very much.



THE WHITE HOUSE

WASHINGTON

Ron --

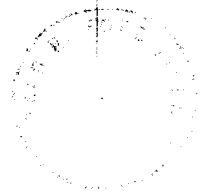
Stephin Fetchit is in the hospital for a massive stroke on the right side.

It has been 2 weeks yesterday (Wednesday) since he was taken to the hospital.

He will be in the hospital a few more weeks, and then have to go to rehabilitation.

He was one of the pioneers of the movie industry. Made 28 movies in the 20's and 30's. The last movie was "Won Ton Ton" whose premiere was last Tuesday in New York.

connie



Please Tell your
Dad to send a get
well card to Stepin
Fetchit in MICHAEL

REESE HOSPITAL

29TH AND ELLIS

CHICAGO ILLINOIS 60616

OR CALL STEP

AT 312 - 791 5003

Walter Turner
6717 S. JEFFERY -

CHICAGO
ILL



THE WHITE HOUSE
WASHINGTON

NOTE FOR: *Connie G.*

FROM : RON NESSEN

*Please have Roland
Elliot draft a
letter for the
President to sign.
And make sure
Jack Ford sees
a copy of the
letter.*

R.N.N.

June 11, 1976

MEMORANDUM FOR ROLAND ELLIOT

FROM: Connie Gerrard

Could a letter from the President be sent to Mrs. Gertrude Baras on her 80th birthday? She is the mother of a friend of Ron Nessen's. The attached is a suggested draft.

**Would you send me a copy of what is sent out?
Thank you, Roland.**



Mrs. Gertrude L. Burns
1301 Studer Avenue
Columbus, Ohio 43206

Dear Mrs. Burns:

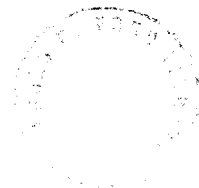
It is my understanding that you will be celebrating your 80th birthday on July 11, 1976.

As the mother of ten children who have participated in business, education, government, religious life and the defense of our country, you can be proud of your personal contribution to our nation.

Let me extend my personal congratulations and wish you much happiness as your children and grandchildren gather to celebrate this occasion with you.

Sincerely,

Gerald R. Ford



June 11, 1976

MEMORANDUM FOR ROLAND ELLIOT

FROM: Connie Gerrard

Max Friedersdorf has talked to Ron Nessen about a letter being sent by the President to Don Bolles of the Arizona Republic. You may recall he is the reporter who is doing a series of stories on the mafia in Arizona. He was severely injured by a bomb which had been planted in his car. Congressman Rhodes originally made this request to Mr. Friedersdorf.

Ron Nessen concurs that it would be nice for the President to send him a letter. The address is:

**Mr. Don Bolles
St. Joseph's Hospital
350 West Thomas Road
Phoenix, Arizona**

Could you copy us on whatever is sent out, and also send a copy to Max Friedersdorf and Congressman Rhodes.

Thank you.



MEMORANDUM

THE WHITE HOUSE

WASHINGTON

June 11, 1976

Ron --

Max Friedersdorf's office called and said that Congressman Rhodes had requested a letter from the President to: Don Bolles of the Arizona Republic, who is the reporter who was critically injured by a bomb explosion after he did some stories on the mafia in Arizona. Bolles is in St. Joseph's Hospital in Phoenix. *350 W. Thomas Road*

Should I ask Roland Elliot's office to do it?

I'll draft a letter to him

RAN

Have Roland Elliot's office do a letter to him

I don't think it's a good idea

Other: _____

c g

June 11, 1976

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Thank you, Roland.**



UNITED STATES OF AMERICA
GENERAL SERVICES ADMINISTRATION
WASHINGTON, D.C. 20405



March 16, 1976

Ms. Constance Gerrard
White House Press Office
Washington, D. C. 20500

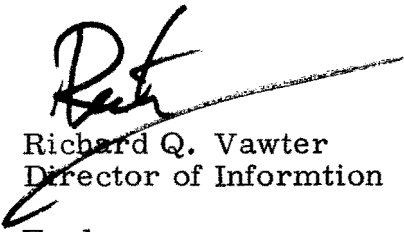
Dear Connie:

Enclosed is the draft of the letter we spoke about on the telephone today.

If you could use your considerable persuasion to bring about a letter to Mrs. Burns from the President, it would be most appreciated.

Please phone me whenever we can be of assistance to you.

Highest regards,


Richard Q. Vawter
Director of Informtion

Enclosure

Mrs. Gertrude L. Burns
1301 Studer Avenue
Columbus, Ohio 43206

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Sincerely,

Gerald R. Ford



June 16, 1976

MEMORANDUM FOR BECKY BOVELSKY

**FROM: Connie Gerrard
Press Office**

Could you arrange to have a Presidential greeting sent to:

**Mrs. G. A. O'Reilly
30 Butternut Place
Stamford, Connecticut 06903**

**on the occasion of her 90th birthday, which is June 21. She is the
mother-in-law of the National Editor of Hearst Publications, in New
York City.**

Thank you.



THE WHITE HOUSE
WASHINGTON

TO: ROLAND ELLIOT
FROM: CONNIE GERRARD

Could you have the traditional
50th wedding anniversary greeting
sent?

Thanks!

July 19, 1976

CBS MEMORANDUM

FROM: Millard Hansen/WBEM-CBS Radio, Chicago
TO: FORREST BOYD/MUTUAL NETWORK WHITE HOUSE CORRESPONDENT
DATE: June 10, 1976

Regarding our telephone conversation of last night, I would appreciate it very much if you would have President Ford please send his congratulations to my parents on the event of their 50th (Golden) Wedding Anniversary which will be Saturday, October 16, 1976.

Could you kindly have the White House staff send the greeting to me in advance so that my sister and I might present it to our mother and father on the above date?


Our father has been a Republican Captain (32nd Precinct) in the Chicago suburb of Cicero for over 25 years.

Their names are: MILLARD & ROSE HANSEN, 2724 SO. AUSTIN BLVD., CICERO, ILL.

If there are any questions, please feel free to contact me at the address below.

Thank you again.

Mr. Forrest Boyd
2422 Harmon Road
Silver Spring, MD
20902
(202) 949-6195


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1021 Washington Blvd.
Oak Park, Ill. 60302
(312) 383-2796