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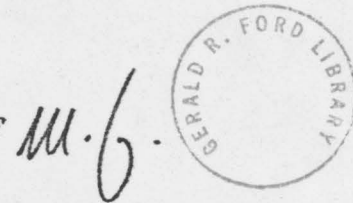
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THE WHITE HOUSE

WASHINGTON

October 9, 1976

MEMORANDUM FOR: DICK CHENEY
FROM: MAX FRIEDERSDORF
SUBJECT: Debate No. 3



The deluge of unsolicited advice continues unabated.

The following came from a caller of national prominence whom requested anonymity:

1. The President should exploit his legislative initiatives which Congress has blocked.
2. He should confer more with his old friends on the Hill, including the following:
 - A. Senator Brock on health insurance
 - B. Senator Buckley on education
 - C. Senator Helms on foreign policy; this could save the South
 - D. Representative Bob Michel on welfare
3. President should forever heal wounds of party and invite to White House for a group picture those who participated in the high drama of Kansas City: Reagan, Schweiker, Dole, Buckley.
4. Be wary of Carter in the final debate making an outrageous attempt to force the President to lose his cool.

cc: Jack Marsh
Mike Duval ✓

THE WHITE HOUSE

WASHINGTON

October 12, 1976

MEMORANDUM FOR: MIKE DUVAL
THRU: MAX FRIEDERSDORF
FROM: JOE JENCKES
SUBJECT: Debate Tickets

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2.8.9.6.

Mike, we have had three requests from Senate offices for tickets to the Williamsburg debate:

1. Senator Strom Thurmond has requested four tickets for the following personal friends of his: Mr. and Mrs. David McLeod and Mr. and Mrs. C. W. Smith. If it is not possible to obtain four tickets, the Senator would like two.
2. Dave Swoap who was a senior research associate with the Republican Senatorial Campaign Committee and is now on the staff of Senator Carl Curtis has requested 2 tickets for the Williamsburg debate.
3. Senator Charles Mathias has requested 2 tickets for the Williamsburg debate to be used by staff members.



Many thanks for your help.

Joe - only 15 total available
to the President - will be
allocated by Jerry Jones.
None of these (in your request)
appear feasible. Mike

October 21, 1976

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Dear Pete:

I know the President will appreciate having your comments regarding the energy problem, which are in your October 20 letter to him.

You may be assured I shall make certain he receives it without delay.

With kindest regards,

Sincerely,

Max L. Friedersdorf
Assistant to the President



The Honorable Pete V. Domenici
United States Senate
Washington, D.C. 20510

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bcc: w/incoming to Ann Brunsdale - FYI

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October 20, 1976



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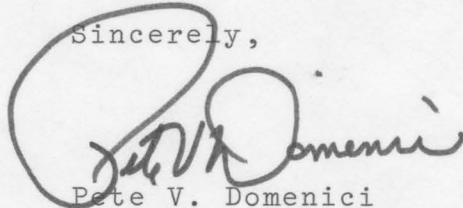
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Attention: Mr. Joe Jenks

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


October 21, 1976

Mike Duval:

Attached is an advance Xerox copy of a letter to the President, which we thought you would want to see.

Max Friedersdorf will acknowledge the original letter and a cc of that response and the original letter will be sent to you.

Virginia Olson 
Office of Legislative Affairs



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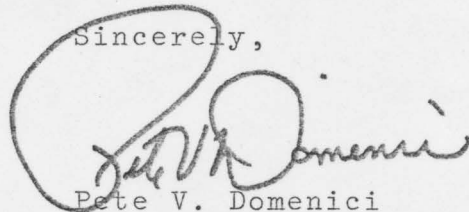
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Dear Jimmy:

Thank you for sending me a copy of the editorial which appeared in the Kingsport Times-News in support of the President.

I know the President will find this of interest, and I shall call it to his attention at the earliest opportunity.

With kindest regards,

Sincerely,

Max L. Friedersdorf
Assistant to the President

The Honorable James H. Quillen
House of Representatives
Washington, D.C. 20515

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October 14, 1976

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Dear Max:

I feel the President would like to see the attached editorial which appeared in my hometown paper, the KINGSPORT TIMES-NEWS, on Monday, October 11, 1976. It states in crystal clear language the President was right, and I haven't felt any distraction in regard to the debate from the people in my District.

Sincerely,


James H. Quillen

Mr. Max Friedersdorf
Assistant to the President for
Legislative Affairs
The White House
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Enclosure

