

March 30, 1976

Dear Bo:

When I received your letter of yesterday submitting your resignation as Chairman of my campaign committee, I was deeply saddened. I understand your reasons and appreciate the thoughtfulness both for me and for the committee which led to your decision. I accept your resignation effective April 2nd with the greatest reluctance because I am confident that the allegations raised recently will be proven groundless and because the campaign will sorely miss your tireless efforts.

Under any circumstances the job of directing a Presidential campaign is an enormous task. But this year the job is far more difficult than it has been in the past. The Federal Election law imposed a tough new set of obligations and responsibilities on those who seek the Presidency. There were few guidelines and no precedents to mark the proper path. In choosing a campaign chairman I knew that I would have to find a person who possessed not only the skills and energy necessary to shape a winning team but also a profound commitment to the new election law and a sincere desire to adhere to it both in letter and in spirit. In the nine months you have directed the committee, you have amply demonstrated that you possessed the qualities which I sought.

Today the campaign is in good shape. It is well planned and well organized. It has developed the momentum which will carry us through to nomination in August and election in November. It has above all been the open and honest campaign which I wanted and which the Nation deserves. You can be justly proud of these accomplishments. They are the mark of a man who has served his country, his Presidency and his Party well for many years. As you step down, I want you to know that you have my deepest thanks and my best wishes for the future.

With warmest personal regards,

JERRY FORD

President Ford Committee

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March 29, 1976

Dear Mr. President:

I am submitting to you my resignation as Campaign Chairman for the President Ford Committee, effective whenever you deem appropriate.

The job you asked me to do last June is complete. Your nomination is virtually assured. The campaign is well organized with dedicated and capable people and is financially sound. We have complied both in detail and in spirit with all requirements of the new federal election law. We have conducted an open and honest campaign. I am proud of our accomplishments and am proud to have served you in this capacity.

I would have enjoyed working with you through the election in November. It is unfortunate that I will not be able to do so. However, in view of recent publicity, I do not feel it is in your best interest, nor in the interest of the campaign committee, for me to continue.

The opportunity to work closely with you during the last nine months has been one of the true rewards of my life.

With warm personal regards.

Sincerely,



The President
The White House