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THE PRESIDENT HAS SEEN...

WAYNE N. ASPINALL

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October 27, 1976

Mr. Charles Leppert, Jr.
Special Assistant for
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The White House
Washington, D.C.

Dear Charles:

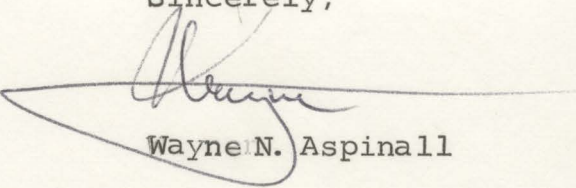
I am enclosing two copies of the statement which I made in support of President Ford. This was released to the newspaper, carried over radio and T.V. here in Western Colorado. These are for your files and to bring to the attention of the President if there is an opportunity.

To state that this release of mine upset the status quo of many Democrats is to put it mildly. I have had several complaint calls as well as some who are most appreciative. This shouldn't bother anybody because I did what I thought was best for the nation. And, if I can help a little bit here in this small community, I am only too glad to do so.

I hope that you are enjoying your experience as campaigning for a most able and worthy public servant.

With best wishes.

Sincerely,


Wayne N. Aspinall

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STATEMENT OF WAYNE N. ASPINALL IN HIS SUPPORT OF PRESIDENT FORD

When one departs from his usual course, he oft times feels it best to advise his peers of the reason for his action. Such is my situation in regard to those who seek the high office of the Presidency of the United States in the coming election.

I shall support President Ford in his quest for the Presidency of the United States on November 2nd this year.

Throughout my adult life I have consistently voted for those candidates whom I considered to be best qualified for the offices sought. It is no secret that most of the times I have supported those candidates appearing on the ticket of the Democratic Party - the Party to which I have given my personal allegiance for sixty four years.

This year I have studied the candidates for the office of the Presidency as diligently as it has been possible for me to do so. Without question they are all honorable men, and each



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Statement of Wayne N. Aspinall in his support of President Ford

possesses an outstanding personality with deep convictions in his professions.

However, as I have studied the qualifications of each of the candidates in light of what I consider to be the best interests of the nation, the regional area, and my own welfare (priorities of consideration being listed in the order I have stated herein) I am convinced that President Gerald Ford is the best qualified candidate for the leadership of the people of this nation at this time. After twenty eight years of personal association with the President, I know him; to be loyal to our country and the principles which bind us together; to be honest; to be diligent and industrious; to be fearless as he makes his decisions in what he considers to be the best interests of all of the people of the United States; and to be absolutely sincere as he labors in the interests of his countrymen and to be far more knowledgeable of the many interests, problems and values which are present throughout the various communities of the United States, than most people who have held the high office of Presidency.



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Statement of Wayne N. Aspinall in his support of President Ford

Strange as it may seem to many of our people, the President of the United States is the employee of the people. When I help choose and hire my President, I want to be sure that I helped choose the one that I think will be the most helpful to all of the people of the nation.

WNA/vp

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October 22, 1976



THE PRESIDENT HAS SEEN...

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December 7, 1976

Dear Mr. President and Mrs. Ford:

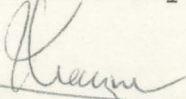
I am sending this letter to you at this time with two purposes in mind. A later message (more thoughtful and more personal) shall follow.

Essie and I are very sorry that we are unable to attend the White House Christmas Ball to which we have been requested to make our appearance this coming Thursday evening. Essie is presently unable to make such a journey.

I desire that you know Mr. President, that I appreciated your letter of November 18th very much, and I thank you most sincerely for your thoughtfulness in sending it to me. I was only too glad to be on your side this last campaign, and I have been very disappointed in the results of the election. I would only say at this time that the people of the West knew and evaluated correctly your talents and your qualifications for the great responsibilities which you have discharged so admirably and well during the last two and one half years.

Thank you most sincerely for services unselfishly and affectively given to us throughout the years of your public service.

Sincerely,



Wayne N. Aspinall

WNA/vp

Mr. President and Mrs. Ford
The White House
Washington, D.C.

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