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BOB PACKWOOD
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United States Senate

WASHINGTON, D.C. 20510

December 15, 1976

Mr. Max Friedersdorf
Assistant to the President
The White House
Washington, DC 20500

Dear Max:

Enclosed is the letter to the President. The urgency is obvious. Max, as I told you on the telephone, I cannot afford the time to be dallied with. I don't want a run around on this. It's a relatively simple request. The letter looks to me to be relatively noncontroversial. If you can get a decision before the President leaves, I would very much appreciate it.

Thanks, Max.

Cordially,



Bob Packwood

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Enclosure

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The President
The White House
Washington, DC 20500

Dear Mr. President:

When a number of Senators and I met with you last Monday, I indicated my hopes to be elected Chairman of the Republican Senatorial Campaign Committee. At that time, I asked if you would be willing to sign a fund-raising letter for the Republican Senatorial Campaign Committee. You asked to see the letter. A draft of that letter is enclosed.

Feel free to alter the substance. What is important to the Senatorial Campaign Committee is:

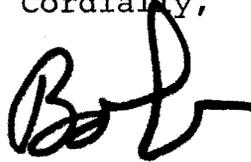
1. Your willingness to allow us to use your signature;
2. Refraining from giving your name to any other massive Republican mailing (the Congressional Campaign Committee or the Republican National Committee) until February 1st;
3. Permission to have access to the contributors to your Presidential campaign for nomination so that the same letter might be mailed to them.

Mr. President, time is of the essence. This letter will be mailed in January if you can simply leave permission for your signature to be used and further permission to have access to your contributors so that the letter may be sent to them.

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I am sure you are aware that all Republican Senators would deeply appreciate your being able to do this for us. We look forward to your continued leadership of the Republican Party.

Cordially,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Bob", with a stylized flourish extending to the right.

Bob Packwood

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