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THE WHITE HOUSE  
WASHINGTON

January 6, 1976 [1177]

For: Dick Cheney

From: Ed Schmults



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THE WHITE HOUSE  
WASHINGTON

January 3, 1976

MEMORANDUM FOR THE PRESIDENT

FROM: MAX FRIEDERSDORF

*M.F.*

SUBJECT: Former Congressman Charles W. Sandman (R-N.J.)

Charlie Sandman personally requested that the attached letter be delivered to you unopened.



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December 20, 1976

The President  
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Dear Mr. President:

I find it necessary now to call to your attention the treatment that I have received from your staff. Over the last decade I have been among your staunchest supporters. As a Member of the House I supported you all the way, even on controversial measures that cost me votes back home.

I was one of the rare breed of your colleagues that never asked for a job or even a favor. Had I supported Ronald Reagan prior to the Convention, I could have split the New Jersey delegation in half and perhaps cost you the nomination. Out of my respect for you and all the good things you stand for, New Jersey gave you 65 of its 67 votes at the Convention. If you remember our last conversation when we were riding in your limousine from the airport to Atlantic City, I told you that I thought you would win the state by 50,000. You won the state by 57,000.

Now, for the first time, I have requested consideration for a friend. Hy Abrams was convicted of a crime he never committed on evidence that couldn't have held up in a traffic court pertaining to the admission of an alien. The entire case rested on the unsubstantiated testimony of an alien. As a result, Mr. Abrams was disbarred in the state of New York and has lost everything that he and his family had. During these last ten years, he has lived in disgrace and misery. I have never had such strong feelings about a case in my life.

This pardon has been pending for more than a year. I asked the Pardon Attorney to personally meet him, which he did, and as far back as last June this man's pardon was recommended by Mr. Traylor's office. Rather than bother you, I asked the members of the "Palace Guard" to intercede so that this pardon



The President

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could be granted prior to Christmas. I am confident that none of these messages has gotten to your attention, and I am completely crushed that I have received so little consideration from those in whom you have placed such great confidence. This parole, Mr. President, you will be proud to have had something to do with since your pardon will rectify a terrible injustice to this good man and his family.

Since you will receive this letter after the Christmas holidays, may I wish to you and yours a very happy New Year.

Very truly yours,



Charles W. Sandman, Jr.

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