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August 12, 1974

The Honorable Gerald R. Ford President of the United States The White House Washington, D. C.

Dear Mr. President:

As North Carolina National Committeeman, I would like to suggest the names of Senator Goldwater, Governor Rockefeller, or George Bush as nominee for the Vice Presidency.

You can be assured of our complete support for whomever is selected.

Respectfully yours,

J. E. Broyhill

National Committeeman for the State of North Carolina

cc: George Bush





Mary Louise Smith Co-Chairman

August 14, 1974

The President
The White House
Washington, D. C.

Dear Mr. President:

In response to your request I am enclosing herein the suggestions regarding the selection of a Vice-President which we have received from Republican National Committee Members and Republican governors.

I shall be happy to answer any questions you may have on the details of this report.

Sincerely,

Mary Louise Smith

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Mary Louise Smith Co-Chairman

August 14, 1974

General Alexander M. Haig, Jr. The White House Washington, D. C.

Dear General Haig:

Pursuant to our instructions from President Ford, we have compiled the suggestions relative to the selection of a Vice-President from Republican National Committee members and Republican governors.

Enclosed herein is this compilation for your presentation to the President. It is complete except for those members that we are not able to contact and for a number of governors who have, I believe, submitted their suggestions directly to the White House.

If you have other questions I will be happy to discuss the report with you further.

Mary Louise Smith

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