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Unidentified Senator
In with envelopes from
Scott to Haig

Nelson A. Rockefeller

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The President

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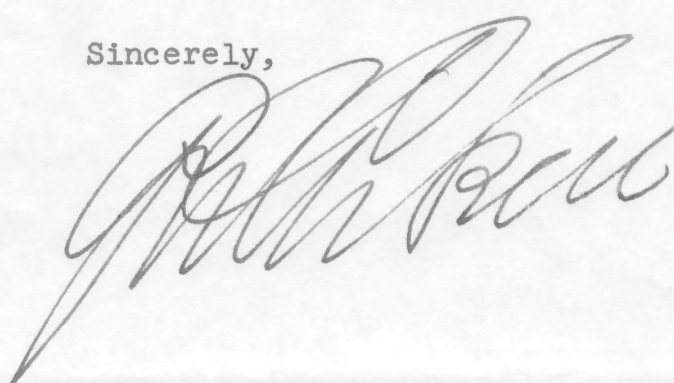
August 12, 1974

Dear Mr. President:

My recommendation for Vice President would be Linwood Holton, Ex-Governor of Virginia and now Liaison Man for the State Department.

By all means, don't nominate for this position Senators or others who cannot conceal their ambition to be President. They would spend time and energy trying to prove to the public and to the Congress how much better fit they are for the job than you are.

Sincerely,



The President
The White House
Washington, D. C.



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The President
The White House
Washington, D. C.

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~~HOWARD~~ H. BAKER, JR.
TENNESSEE

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August 12, 1974

The President
The White House
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Dear Mr. President:

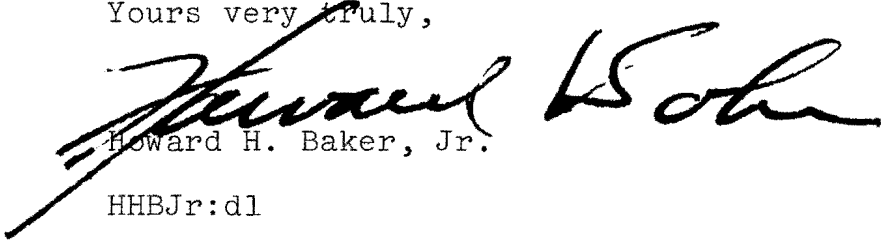
At Senator Scott's suggestion I am pleased
to recommend for your consideration as Vice
Presidential nominees:

Senator Bill Brock

Chairman George Bush

Governor Winfield Dunn

Yours very truly,


Howard H. Baker, Jr.

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Recommendations for
Vice President

The President
The White House
Washington, D. C.

United States Senate

WASHINGTON, D.C. 20510

August 12, 1974

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

Dear Mr. President:

Pursuant to your request received through the Minority Leader, I am happy to offer herewith my suggestions for Vice President.

1. Nelson Rockefeller -- For the reasons publicly given that he is a man known for his integrity, with wide experience in government - although known as a liberal, probably today is more accurately described as a moderate conservative, particularly because of the fiscal policies he espoused as Governor of New York.

2. William Scranton -- Again a man of unquestioned integrity with a good background of government experience in both the Congress and as Governor of Pennsylvania. Perhaps because he is younger, he would be a better selection and would be able to complement your activities.

3. George Bush -- While I feel that you should get someone who has held other offices than that of Congressman, I feel that George Bush's background as Ambassador to the United Nations and Chairman of our Party provides him with both the experience and constituency that would be an asset.

I appreciate the opportunity to submit these recommendations and extend every good wish for your success.

With kindest personal regards, I am

Sincerely yours,

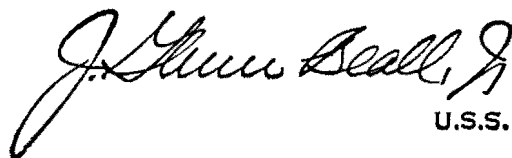

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WASHINGTON, D.C. 20510

August 12, 1974

The Honorable Gerald R. Ford
President of the United States
The White House
Washington, D. C. 20500

Dear Mr. President:

In keeping with your expressed desire for suggestions to be considered for the Vice Presidential appointment, we are pleased to join in the following recommendations.

In making these recommendations we believe that the appointment should go to an individual whose experiences and abilities complement your own and who conceivably could be our party's nominee in 1980. Also, we did not nominate members of Congress since we feel that it is important for the President to retain as much strength as possible on the Republican side of the aisle.

The names we would recommend, without order of preference, are:

Mr. George Bush, Chairman, Republican National Committee

Mr. Daniel Evans, Governor, State of Washington

Mr. Donald Rumsfeld, Ambassador to NATO

Sincerely,

Henry Bellmon

Henry Bellmon

Dewey Bartlett

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United States Senate

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Henry Bellmon
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The Honorable Gerald R. Ford
President of the United States
The White House
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FOR THE PRESIDENT'S EYES ONLY

United States Senate

WASHINGTON, D.C. 20510

August 12, 1974

The President
The White House
Washington, D. C.

Dear Mr. President:

Enclosed are my recommendations for your new Vice President, and the reasoning behind each. Let me say at the outset that all three fill certain basic criteria. They are all able, articulate, and, I believe, compatible with your own philosophy. In each instance they are totally clean, honest, and decent men.

The recommendations follow:

Senator Howard Baker

Advantages:

- (1) age - Howard's relative youth (he is 48) offers a compelling argument. I think it is absolutely crucial that we act to demonstrate the tremendous capability of the younger Republicans now serving in elective office throughout this country. They are an exciting asset, and any action we take to enhance the visibility of that asset can yield results in the future.
- (2) region - Howard's locale of a border state is, I think, acceptable to virtually all sections. More importantly, it is the border states who have led the way in terms of Republican growth in the past decade. Recognition of this fact would help to enhance our efforts in adjacent areas, particularly those of the South and Southwest.
- (3) acceptability:
 - (a) I need not elaborate upon the response which Howard received as the ranking member of the Watergate Committee. You may recall that late last fall when he was at his peak of popular identification, Gallop tested him against all Democrats. He was better received than any, including Ted Kennedy.
 - (b) He is perceived as a moderate, with particular respect accorded him for his early and effective role as the promoter of revenue sharing.
 - (c) He is extremely effective as a speaker. His activities on the speaking circuit afford him not only popular support, but excellent party credentials.
- (4) Finally, I believe the selection of Howard Baker would receive warm acceptance in Congress and further the process of unifying our Party and our Nation.

August 12, 1974

Senator Barry Goldwater

Advantages:

- (1) region - Arizona and other Southern and Southwestern States have been insufficiently recognized, but do constitute a major element of our support.
- (2) acceptability - Barry is particularly well liked by the press (now that they no longer fear him). His party credentials are absolutely unique. In this context, I think Barry would be particularly effective in restoring the enthusiasm of our conservative base.

Secretary of Interior, Rogers C.B. Morton

Advantages:

- (1) As with the other two, the region is a solid one, the South.
- (2) acceptability - Rog would be completely and universally accepted by the Congress where he is not only well liked, but thoroughly respected. I think this criteria would apply among those who know him nationally as well, both in the press and among the public at large.

Mr. President, I know this is an abbreviated process of logic, but I hope it will be helpful. Our prayers are with you in all the decisions to be made in these coming years.

Very truly yours,


BILL BROCK

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United States Senate

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The President
The White House
Washington, D. C.



UNITED STATES SENATE
WASHINGTON, D. C.

JAMES L. BUCKLEY
NEW YORK

August 15, 1974

The Honorable Gerald R. Ford
The White House
1600 Pennsylvania Avenue, N.W.
Washington, D.C. 20500

Re: Selection of
Vice President

Dear Mr. President:

Before responding to your invitation to make specific suggestions for the Vice Presidency, I would like to offer a few thoughts as to the considerations that I believe ought to influence this suggestion.

I believe it essential that the very special significance of the 1972 Presidential election be kept uppermost in mind. It was an election in which the people of the United States voted overwhelmingly for far more than a Presidential ticket. In an election in which the issues were as sharply drawn as in any within the memory of most Americans, the electorate (including tens of millions of traditional Democrats) voted an explicit mandate in both domestic and international affairs with which the Presidential and Vice Presidential candidates were known to be fully committed.

As a result of the sad events with which we are all too familiar, that ticket is no longer in office. The truly historic mandate of the 1972 election, however, still survives. Moreover, if in-depth public opinion studies are to be believed, nothing has occurred since November of 1972 to dilute



that mandate "to reverse the historical flow of power to Washington," to restore fiscal responsibility, to reinvigorate the private enterprise system, and to maintain the strength and will required to play a continuing role of responsible leadership in world affairs.

You, Mr. President, epitomize the 1972 mandate; and in all sincerity, I believe you can most effectively satisfy the need for continuity and legitimacy by selecting for your Vice President a man or woman who is perceived as sharing your own strong commitment to that mandate. I believe, in a very real sense, that to do otherwise would compromise the clear will of the American people as expressed in their most recent national test of opposing views as to the direction in which this nation should be headed.

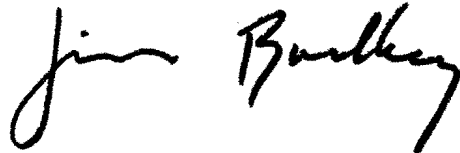
If I may now suggest some purely political considerations, they are the following:

First of all, I believe that the 1972 Presidential election demonstrated that the Republican Party can make its greatest inroads among increasingly disenchanted rank and file Democrats where it strongly affirms its own traditional values. I believe one reason we are witnessing so wide-spread a diminution of the influence of political parties is that in an effort to be all things to all people, they too often so dilute the principles for which they stand that they forfeit the allegiance of any important segments of the public -- especially among young voters -- who want to identify themselves with a positive view of the role of government in a free society. I believe that your choice of a Vice President who is clearly identified with the principles and policies embodied in the 1972 campaign will go a long way in causing the public to identify the Republican Party with a positive point of view, a positive philosophy of government that is once again shared by a majority of Americans who are increasingly skeptical of the ability of "big government" to solve their problems.

Secondly, I recommend that you avoid selecting any individual -- conservative or liberal -- who is perceived to be an active Presidential candidate in his own right. To do so would deflect from the development of a strong Ford Administration by giving rise to collateral political speculation and by encouraging partisan quarrels within Republican ranks.

Within the parameters I have suggested, there are a number of individuals who would qualify and who are as well known to you as they are to me. Whomever you choose, I believe it is of the utmost importance that it be seen as a conscious affirmation of a distinctly Republican view of government -- of principles and policies that the American people overwhelmingly endorsed just twenty-one months ago.

Respectfully yours,

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UNITED STATES SENATE
WASHINGTON, D. C. 20510

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The Honorable Gerald R. Ford
The White House
1600 Pennsylvania Avenue, N.W.
Washington, D.C. 20500

JAMES L. BUCKLEY
NEW YORK

United States Senate

WASHINGTON, D.C.

August 13, 1974

Dear Mr. President:

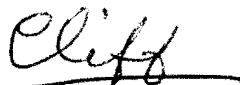
Senator Scott said that you would like to have suggestions from any of us as to possible Vice-Presidential nominees.

Without excluding any others who may have been mentioned from outside, I would like to give you my impression of four of my colleagues, any of whom I think would be an extraordinarily fine choice:

Senator Brooke
Senator Mathias
Senator Pearson
Senator Stafford

My warmest good wishes.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in cursive script, appearing to read "Cliff", written over a horizontal line.

Clifford P. Case
U.S. Senator

The President
The White House
Washington, D. C.

Senator Clifford P. Case

United States Senate

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The President
The White House
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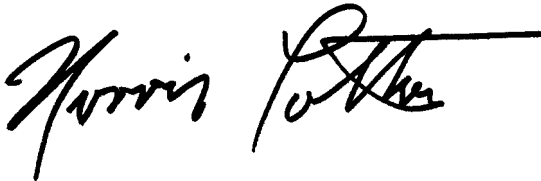
United States Senate

MEMORANDUM August 12, 1974

Respectfully submitted:

Nelson Rockefeller

Howard Baker

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United States Senate

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

United States Senate

WASHINGTON, D.C. 20510

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Dear Mr. President

I wish to nominate
for the office of Vice President
America's most admired and
beloved Senator the Honorable
Barry Goldwater, who will
be a bulwark for the defense
of America and the fight on
Inflation.

Respectfully
Carl T. Curtis



United States Senate

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Carl T. Curtis

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The President of the United States

United States Senate

WASHINGTON, D.C. 20510

August 13, 1974

The President
The White House
Washington, D. C. 20500

Dear Mr. President:

I appreciate the opportunity to submit my suggestions for the Vice Presidency. The editorial comments represent only my personal views.

(1) Franklin Murphy, Los Angeles, California. Chairman of the Board, Los Angeles Times Company. Former Chancellor, UCLA, and University of Kansas; also Dean of the Medical School at the University of Kansas. Republican, age approximately 58. Why not consider someone "outside" politics? Doctor Murphy would bring to the Vice Presidency a wealth of experience in business and education.

(2) Senator Barry Goldwater or Governor Nelson Rockefeller. Their credentials are obvious. However, looking at 1976 and beyond, a younger Vice President might be more desirable. In the Midwest, both Goldwater and Rockefeller are considered good Republicans, and either would be wholly acceptable.

(3) Senator Howard Baker. Credentials obvious. Association with the Watergate Committee might offend some hard-line Nixon Republicans, but his overall ability outweighs this. Also, Tennessee has a Republican Governor, and if selected, his Senate seat would be filled by a Republican.

(4) Elliot Richardson. Credentials are obvious, but his role in the so-called "Saturday Night Massacre" would alienate some Republicans. His philosophy would be helpful in attracting moderates to the Republican Party.

(5) Donald Rumsfeld. Again, credentials are obvious. Don Rumsfeld, with his great potential, would be most helpful in attracting young Americans not just to the Republican Party, but to programs instituted by the Ford Administration.

(6) Anne Armstrong. Outstanding credentials. Her strength is working with people, and I can personally attest that her efforts have been most productive over the years.

(7) Senator Ed Brooke. Would have strong appeal to the American moderate to liberal philosophy.

The President

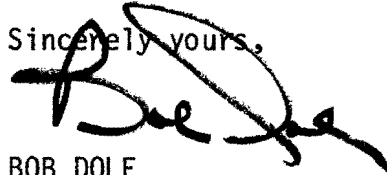
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(8) Chairman George Bush. George has wide Party appeal. His appointment would be viewed by some as totally partisan, but again, George has a great number of offsetting qualities.

There has been no effort to list these in any order of preference. There are literally hundreds of possibilities, and I am confident the person you select will be acceptable to the great majority of Americans.

Sincerely yours,

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BOB DOLE
U. S. Senate

BD:jc

United States Senate

WASHINGTON, D.C. 20510

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Bob Dole
U.S.S.

The President
The White House
Washington, D. C. 20500

United States Senate

WASHINGTON, D.C. 20510

August 13, 1974

The President
The White House
Washington, D.C.

Dear Mr. President:

In response to your request for three recommendations for Vice President, I submit the following three names, in order of preference. Any of the three would make, in my judgment, excellent choices.

Two criteria dominated this selection: first, would the nominee meet the demands of the Presidency should fate dictate that he succeed to that position; and, secondly, does this man now have the ability to assist the President on a day-to-day basis. I am highly conscious of the differing nature of these two criteria.

My first choice is present Republican National Committee Chairman George Bush, former Ambassador to the United Nations, successful businessman, and former Member of the House of Representatives. Ambassador Bush would bring a wide range of experience to the office of Vice President, especially in foreign affairs, and is young enough to run in his own right several years from now. He has the liability of being considered by some segments of the population as "partisan," but I believe this perception would diminish as the months passed.

My second choice is Senator Howard Baker of Tennessee, who possesses an outstanding intellect. To my knowledge, he, like Ambassador Bush, is a young man of absolute integrity. His ability and intelligence is widely recognized by both sides of the aisle in the Senate and his fair, prudent performance on the Water-gate Committee brought him favorable public attention.

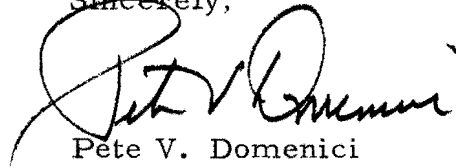
The President
August 13, 1974
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My third choice is Senator Barry Goldwater of Arizona, the most well-known of the three. Certainly the Senator's image as a man of courage and honesty would be an asset.

If the mandate of the people is to be followed, I believe that a Republican should be chosen as Vice President. However, in an effort to unify the people, I would respectfully suggest that you may wish to consider Democrats as members of your Cabinet.

Thank you for the opportunity to present my thoughts and recommendations. Kindest personal regards.

Sincerely,

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Pete V. Domenici

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United States Senate

WASHINGTON, D.C. 20510

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Pete V. Domenici

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The President
The White House
Washington, D.C.

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PETER H. DOMINICK
COLORADO



United States Senate

WASHINGTON, D. C.

August 10, 1974

The Honorable Gerald R. Ford
President of the United States
The White House



Dear Mr. President:

In response to Hugh Scott's letter for recommendations to you for the office of Vice President, I want you to know that among several others I am willing and ready to serve.

I have no further recommendations, as I know your decision from several well-qualified aspirants will be excellent and you can depend on my complete support.

Best personal regards.

Sincerely,



Peter H. Dominick
United States Senator

PHD:mh

The President
The White House

PETER H. DOMINICK
UNITED STATES SENATE
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