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HOLD & GIVE TO GWEN ON MONDAY, DEC. 16, 1974

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THE WHITE HOUSE

WASHINGTON

From: Robert T. Hartmann

To: Gwen Anderson

Date: December 14, 1974

Time

a.m.

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Please clean up -- take out duplications.

Thanks!

THE WHITE HOUSE  
WASHINGTON

December 11, 1974 4:00 p.m.

Mr. Hartmann:

Mr. Buchen brought this by.

It is the legal opinion that  
Gwen Anderson wanted re:  
letters to the 1974  
Campaign Travel Committee.

Mr. Buchen says that the list  
is a mess-full of duplications  
and someone needs to go through  
and decide who is on a first  
name basis with the President.

Gail

MEMORANDUM

THE WHITE HOUSE  
WASHINGTON

December 11, 1974

MEMORANDUM FOR: BOB HARTMANN

FROM: PHIL AREEDA PA

SUBJECT: PRESIDENTIAL THANK YOUS TO  
MEMBERS OF THE 1974 CAMPAIGN  
TRAVEL COMMITTEE

Obviously we must avoid any possible misuse of Government funds.

At a minimum, therefore, the Republican National Committee should reimburse the White House for expenditures connected with such thank you letters. This would include postage and an allowance for secretarial time.

It would be simpler to have the letters typed and mailed directly by the Republican National Committee. There would be no objection to the use of White House stationery. Its value would be in the de minimus category.

Attachments:  
Correspondence re  
Presidential Thanks Yous

THE WHITE HOUSE  
WASHINGTON

December 9, 1974

MEMORANDUM FOR ROBERT HARTMANN

FROM: GWEN ANDERSON *GJA*

SUBJECT: Presidential Thank Yous

The attached memo, suggested form letter and list of contributors to the 1974 campaign travel committee were forwarded to my office by Roland Elliott because my offices handles the political mail.

Since I was concerned about sending these letters from the White House, I checked with the General Counsel's office. They expressed reservations and confirmed my original thought that we should not follow through with this procedure since it raises certain Hatch Act questions. The use of Federal money, and as a matter of fact, use of a Federal building, to do something of this nature would raise additional questions.

The suggestion I would recommend is to request the RNC to prepare the thank you letters. The letters could either be signed by Gerald R. Ford without the designation of President, or a letter could be used similar to some of our form letters such as "The President has asked me to....." and signed by the Chairman or whoever she might designate. They should also pay for the postage.

THE WHITE HOUSE

WASHINGTON

December 5, 1974

MEMORANDUM FOR: ROLAND ELLIOTT  
FROM: CHUCK LICHENSTEIN *and*  
SUBJECT: Presidential "Thank Yous"

Dean asked that I ship this list to you, with suggested drafts of letters to those who contributed to the 1974 Campaign Travel Committee.

There is one personal letter to Max Fisher who headed the Committee, and another that I believe can go to everyone else, with no distinction as to big and medium and little givers.

On this list there are obviously many people whom the President would address first-name, and I hope you can check through whatever files you have to come up with the appropriate form for each.

The letters are simply suggestions: fire at will.

Attachments

P.S. There are apparently some duplications in this list and it would do well not to send two letters to the same contributor.

PRESIDENTIAL LETTER TO ALL CONTRIBUTORS:

Dear (first name where possible):

I want you to know of my deep gratitude for your generous support of the 1974 Campaign Travel Committee. This tangible contribution to the Republican cause is typical of your loyalty and dedication.

Although the results were disappointing to all of us, I felt that I could do no less than to stand side-by-side with the many fine men and women who were proud to run as Republicans in the most difficult of times. I too am proud of our party, and it is a source of real encouragement to know that I can count on you in the future.

With best personal wishes.

Sincerely,

/s/ Jerry Ford

PRESIDENTIAL LETTER TO MAX FISHER:

Dear Max:

We have been through many campaigns together, with mixed results, and I want to take a moment to reaffirm my strong belief that my role this year was required of me. I am proud of our party, and I am proud of the effort that so many fine men and women expended in behalf of the principles we all share.

As so often before, Max, this effort would not have been possible without you. I will never forget your selfless labors in organizing the 1974 Campaign Travel Committee, and your generous personal contribution. You have my heartfelt thanks.

With warmest wishes.

Sincerely,

/s/ Jerry Ford