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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:

I suggest the following three names be considered
for appointment to the Office of Vice President of the
United States:

1. George Bush
2. Senator Barry M. Goldwater
3. Governor Nelson Rockefeller

Sincerely,


WILLIAM G. BRAY, M.C.

U.S. HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

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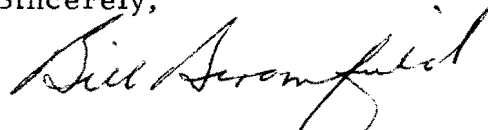
Dear Mr. President:

Over the past week-end, I gave considerable thought to who you might consider as your choice for Vice President.

It seems to me after careful reflection that Governor Nelson Rockefeller, with his broad background in domestic as well as foreign affairs, would bring great credit to your Administration during the next two-and-one-half years.

Kind personal regards.

Sincerely,



William S. Broomfield
Member of Congress

WSB/nc

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M. C.

The President of the United States



HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES
WASHINGTON, D. C.

DONALD G. BROTZMAN
COLORADO

Dear Mr. President:

I appreciate your invitation to submit recommendations for your choice of a Vice President. I do this realizing that you know all of the individuals exceedingly well.

We in Colorado have been flattered to have the name of our senior Senator, Pete Dominick, mentioned, and I am sure he merits consideration.

The person who I believe would be of greatest assistance to you in your laudatory goal of unifying this nation and moving ahead would be George Bush. He is able, dedicated, and personally attractive. I hope you will also consider a large group of highly qualified men and women which include people such as Barry Goldwater, Nelson Rockefeller, and Melvin Laird.

We, your former colleagues in the House of Representatives, are proud of the way you have handled yourself during this critical period.

Sincerely yours,

A handwritten signature in cursive script, reading "Don Brotzman".

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

August 13, 1974

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The President
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The President
The White House
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Dear Mr. President:

As I have previously written you, I feel your Vice Presidential selection should be a man whose abilities and background will complement your own rather than be a mirror image of them. For that reason, someone from outside the Midwest with a strong administrative and international background and not from the House of Representatives -- or even currently in elective office -- would be logical.

In view of the desirability of having your choice confirmed as quickly as possible in a Democratic Congress which is likely to be highly partisan during the upcoming Congressional election campaign, someone who would be a viable candidate in 1980 might have considerable difficulty. If you name someone who could fill the seat for the balance of this term and then gracefully move on (possibly to another assignment in your Administration) so that you could then name your own Vice President when you are re-nominated in 1976, the Democrats would not be faced with the 1976 argument that your repeat Vice Presidential nominee had been previously "endorsed" by the Democratic Congress.

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Either Governor Rockefeller or Chairman Bush could be a prospective replacement for Secretary of State Henry Kissinger. The selection of Caspar Weinberger would open up the Department of Health, Education and Welfare now for the possibility of either Melvin Laird or Edith Green filling that post in your Administration.

I have every confidence that your selection, whether or not it includes any of these people, will be an excellent one.

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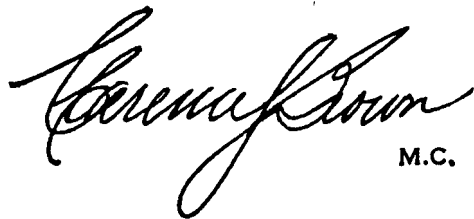
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Seventh Ohio District

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Washington, D. C.

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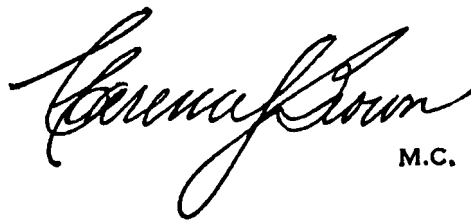
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The President
The White House
Washington, D. C.

Dear Mr. President:

Pursuant to your invitation transmitted by Minority Leader Rhodes to make recommendations concerning the Office of the Vice Presidency, I am writing to recommend Governor Nelson Rockefeller.

After what I hope has been very objective and thoughtful consideration of the many persons who could be considered or whose names have been mentioned, I am convinced that Governor Rockefeller could make the most significant contribution to your Administration. My reasons follow:

- 1) His administration of the State of New York and his acceptance by the wide spectrum of voters in that state establish beyond a doubt, I believe, his ability as an administrator and his broad appeal to that electorate. Not intending in any way to derogate your administrative experience, it seems to me that Governor Rockefeller could provide a helping hand in this regard and has a wealth of experience to draw upon.
- 2) His recognition, as well as the recognition of the Rockefeller name in general, in international monetary and financial matters would help to fill that which I think you would acknowledge is one of the lesser strength areas of your own exposure and experience. Again, his presence in your Administration would not only provide you with a good "helper" in this area, but would lend further credibility to your Administration.
- 3) I think he is confirmable. In the past few days I have had occasion to talk with many people in my district who were strongly opposed to Governor Rockefeller some time back, but who have swung around 180 degrees and now highly recommend him for the Number Two spot in your Administration. Although he still projects a "moderate" image, his administration of the affairs of the State of New York

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has caused conservatives to more favorably appraise him.

4) His geographical origin and his support in the Northeastern part of the Country adds to the balance normally thought desirable in an Administration.

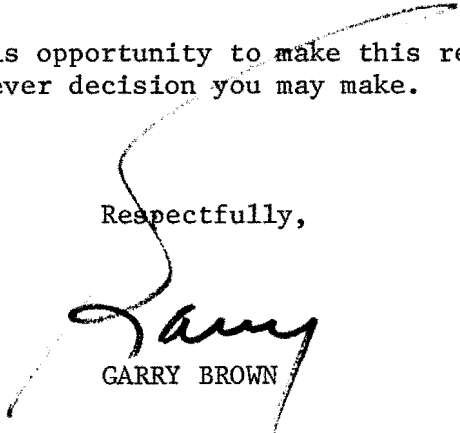
I am not unaware of both his age and the possible reservations you may have concerning the compatibility of one with his background and experience in your Administration, but I believe the benefits recited substantially outweigh these disadvantages.

I have only recommended Governor Rockefeller because on balance I believe he stands out among the others mentioned for the reasons I have stated. Others I would consider and in order of their preference would be George Bush and Elliot Richardson.

I appreciate very much having this opportunity to make this recommendation and will be glad to support whatever decision you may make.

With best regards,

Respectfully,



GARRY BROWN

Congress of the United States

House of Representatives

Washington, D.C. 20515

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The President

The White House

Washington, D. C.

JAMES T. BROYHILL
10TH DISTRICT, NORTH CAROLINA

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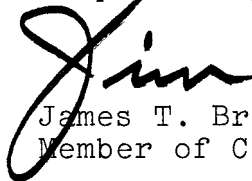
I would like to recommend for your consideration for nomination to the Vice Presidency the following names, in no order of preference: Governor Nelson Rockefeller, Senator Barry Goldwater, and George Bush.

You may have heard news reports of considerable opposition to the nomination of Governor Rockefeller in North Carolina or other Southern states. If you decide to nominate him, I pledge my strong personal support and promise to use all my influence to bring about a unanimous vote among the Southern Congressional delegation.

In my estimation, much of the apparent opposition to Governor Rockefeller is not nearly so solid or widespread as press reports from the South would indicate.

I hope these observations will be helpful to you in making this important decision.

Respectfully yours,



James T. Broyhill
Member of Congress

JTB/cs

Congress of the United States
House of Representatives
Washington, D.C. 20515

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James T. Brophy
M.C.

The President

(Vice Presidential suggestions)

THE WHITE HOUSE

WASHINGTON

August 12, 1974

MEMORANDUM FOR: BILL TIMMONS

FROM: MAX FRIEDERSDORF *m.f.*

SUBJECT: Rep. Jim Broyhill (R-N. C.)

Jim Broyhill requests we advise the President that he supports Rockefeller for Vice-President because:

- 1 - He would add to the Ticket
- 2 - He would be a stabilizing influence
- 3 - It would be applauded by the Northeastern press and;
- 4 - Give the Ford Administration breathing room.

Broyhill believes any supposed depth of conservative opposition to Rockefeller in the South is untrue and would evaporate if Rocky is named.

JOEL T. BROYHILL
10TH DISTRICT, VIRGINIA
ARLINGTON, FALLS CHURCH
FAIRFAX CITY, LOUDOUN
AND PART OF FAIRFAX COUNTY

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HOMER LEE KROUT
ADMINISTRATIVE ASSISTANT

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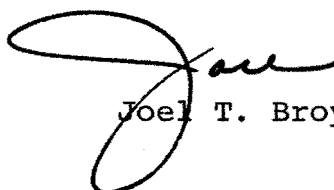
My recommendations for Vice President of the United States are as follows:

George Bush - George has experience as a Member of the U.S. Congress, as Ambassador to the United Nations, and as our National Chairman. He is a Republican, is articulate, a good speaker and makes a good impression. Having served on the Ways and Means Committee with him, I know he is an extremely capable person and one I feel would be acceptable to the American people.

Nelson Rockefeller - Nelson has political maturity and stability and would be acceptable within the Republican Party and as a whole.

With warmest regards, I am

Sincerely,



Joel T. Broyhill, M.C.

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Washington, D.C.

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6TH DISTRICT, ALABAMA

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The President
The White House
Washington, D.C.

Dear Mr. President:

I am writing to give my strong support for the nomination of George Bush as the Vice President of the United States.

His qualifications for this position are outstanding. His service in the House, particularly on the Ways and Means Committee reflect both his capabilities and his experience in areas of particular relevance as we continue our fight against inflation.

As our Ambassador to the United Nations, where he served our country with distinction, he gained a substantial understanding of foreign affairs.

George Bush is part of the hope for the future of our Party. As our national chairman, he has commanded the respect and support of all factions of the Party and would do so as Vice President, in my judgment.

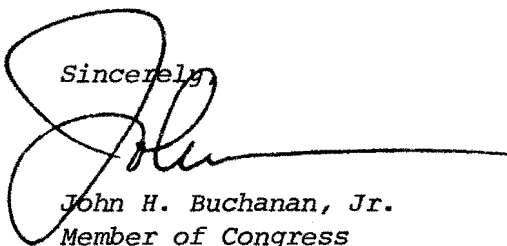
As you know, he is highly intelligent and personable and a man of very high integrity--all qualities which commend him to the people of our nation at this critical point in our history.

One final thought--I am not certain the American people are convinced there is more than one good guy serving in public office at this time, and you are he. Consequently, someone who is not a public official and who is more a part of our Party's present and future than its past would seem most desirable. Republicans and all their fellow Americans could, in my judgment, rally behind George Bush.

I hope you will give him thorough and prayerful consideration.

With kindest personal regards,

Sincerely,



John H. Buchanan, Jr.
Member of Congress

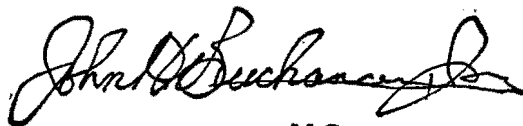
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The President
The White House
Washington, D.C.

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DEAR MR. PRESIDENT,
FOR VICE - PRESIDENT I RECOMMEND:

- ① SENATOR BILL BROCK
- ② GEORGE BUSH

WARM PERSONAL REGARDS,

Clair

P.S. I WILL SUPPORT FULLY
WHOMEVER YOU CHOOSE!
CWB

Congress of the United States

House of Representatives

Washington, D.C. 20515

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John W. Fugle
M.C.

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The President
The White House
Washington, D. C.

Dear Mr. President:

I feel it a distinct honor and pleasure for me to have the opportunity of addressing you as "Mr. President". It will be difficult, of course, not to call you by your first name, but, I am sure you know the way I feel and the way all of your colleagues in the House do about your being our President. I want to take this opportunity to express my best wishes for the success of your leadership and to pledge my support to the full extent possible. I do not know what your views will be with respect to the selection of a Vice President, but, I did have the honor of recommending you to President Nixon, and I would like to express my feelings to you with respect to your selection of a Vice President.

I recommend the following: (1) former Secretary of Defense Melvin Laird, (2) George Bush, (3) Barry Goldwater Sr., (4) John W. Byrnes, (5) former colleague Charlotte Reid, and (6) Minority Leader John Rhodes. I know that there are many others with outstanding qualifications, but I have seriously tried to give thought to those who may best serve our country. I am aware, of course, that regardless of whether you select any of those I have mentioned that you will select a capable person, but, I would appreciate serious consideration of any one of those listed in this letter.

My best wishes to you and your family in the trying days ahead.

Sincerely,



J. HERBERT BURKE
Member of Congress

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President Gerald R. Ford