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August 13, 1974

The Honorable Gerald R. Ford
President
The White House
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Dear Mr. President:

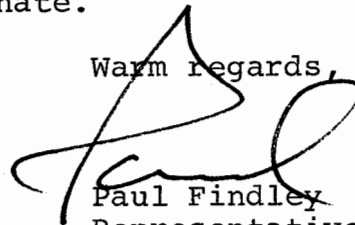
First of all, congratulations! You have already brought a great new spirit to the nation, one that I perceived from all quarters during my visit to western Illinois last weekend. I am confident your Administration will be a great success, and I am eager to help you achieve your goals. I pledge you my loyalty and my support.

For Vice President, several names come to my mind -- Nelson Rockefeller, Donald Rumsfeld, Melvin Laird. They are all highly qualified.

In addition I urge you to give consideration to Albert H. Quie. He has humility, conviction, deep religious faith, and idealism. Like your own, his personality projects sincerity and integrity. In both appearance and substance he is Mr. Clean. He is best known nationally for progressive leadership in educational policy. From personal experience, I know he has a fine grasp of foreign policy. He is capable but devoid of cunning. As Vice President he would extend and broaden the attributes of your own personality and commitment.

I venture to forecast his nomination would be swiftly approved by the House and the Senate.

Warm regards,



Paul Findley
Representative in Congress

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Attention: Hon. John J. Rhodes

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The President
The White House
Washington, D.C.

Dear Mr. President,

I appreciate your seeking suggestions for the Office of Vice President. I have given thought to the numerous considerations you must be weighing and have concluded that one man, former Governor Rockefeller, possesses the necessary qualifications.

The Vice President, above all, should be qualified like yourself, to be President of the United States. Few men in public life have had the broad experience in and out of Government equal to that of Governor Rockefeller. Second, and related to this, is that the individual must have proven ability as a leader and problem solver. Governor Rockefeller has gained this reputation, not only in one field but from participation in a broad range of national and foreign policy issues.

Much has been said of the need for healing, and certainly your choice should be made with this in mind. I would suggest that you have an opportunity to heal the Republican Party, as you heal the Nation. With you as President, I do not see the healing of the conservative element of our population as any longer a major consideration in the choice of Vice President. Your goal of cooperation and compromise, nationally, I believe, can be fostered better by your selection of Governor Rockefeller, identified as a moderate in our Party.

With every best wish and the highest optimism for you as we make a new beginning,

Sincerely,



Hamilton Fish Jr.
Member of Congress

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Dear Mr. President.

In response to your request for suggestions regarding candidates for Vice President, I am submitting three names. All three men, in my opinion, can fully qualify for that office. Important qualifications would seem to be sound judgment, experience, breadth of vision, and the ability to articulate persuasively. I feel also that any of these three would be strongly supportive of your own efforts & deeply interested in the welfare of our Party.

My three choices are:

George Bush

Nelson Rockefeller

Elliott Richardson.

With all good wishes,

Respectfully,

Peter Frelinghuysen

Congress of the United States
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BILL FRENZEL
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August 13, 1974

The Honorable Gerald R. Ford
The White House
Washington, DC

Dear Mr. President:

At the request of John Rhodes, I respectfully submit the following suggestions concerning the selection of our next Vice President:

1. I suggest that the choice not be associated with the previous Administration in a policy or other clearly identified major role.
2. I suggest that the choice not come from Capitol Hill.
3. My personal favorite for the above two reasons would be Nelson Rockefeller.
4. I really think you ought to pick whomever you want. Your friends are going to support your choice, and our first criterion is that the choice be one that you can work with best.

As we expected, your start has been auspicious. All of us here will surely try to help.

Yours very truly,

A handwritten signature in cursive script, appearing to read "Bill Frenzel".

Bill Frenzel
Member of Congress

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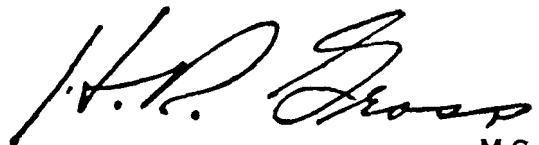
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August 13, 1974

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

Dear Jerry:

Following are my suggestions for
Vice President, in order of preference.

1. George Bush
2. Nelson Rockefeller
3. Ronald Reagan

Sincerely,



Charles S. Gubser
Member of Congress

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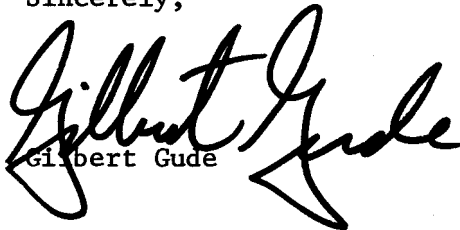
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Dear Mr. President:

The following are my recommendations for the office of
Vice President of the United States:

Nelson Rockefeller
Elliot Richardson
Anne Armstrong

Sincerely,


Gilbert Gude

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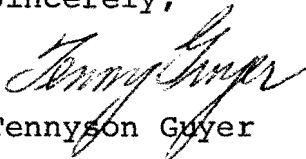
Dear Mr. President:

In accordance with your suggestion, I am pleased
to recommend the following for the office of Vice President.

Mel Laird
George Bush
Barry Goldwater

There are three reasons why I think any one of
these would make a fine Vice President (1) ably qualified
to do the work; (2) would more than pass the closest in-
spection and scrutiny as to character, integrity and trust-
worthiness; and (3) none of these men would be aspiring to
become President and could work hand in hand with The President
without using the office as a stepladder.

Sincerely,


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