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House of Representatives
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MEMORANDUM

Dear Mr President —

I respectfully
suggest George Bush as
Vice President or

Rogers Morton —

very truly yours

J Kemp

Jack Kemp
Office of the Minority Leader
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August 13, 1974

President Gerald R. Ford
The White House
Washington, D. C.

Dear Mr. President:

You have requested that Members of Congress submit suggestions for a Vice Presidential appointment. Here are my suggestions:

1. William W. Scranton - Pennsylvania - because he is a former Governor of Pennsylvania, a very able and brilliant person, has a charming personality, and will greatly assist you in your new open door policy.
2. Nelson Rockefeller - New York - I nominate him because he is also a former Governor with an outstanding administrative record, and tremendous success, who also possesses a very charming personality and tremendous prestige throughout the world.
3. George Bush - Texas - because he is young and articulate, a former Member of Congress, successful Ambassador to the United Nations, and will give your Administration a youthful appearance.

Sincerely yours,


ALBERT W. JOHNSON

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The Honorable John J. Rhodes
Minority Leader
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Dear ~~Mr. Rhodes~~: *John*

This is in response to President Ford's request for suggestions for the office of the Vice President.

I would like to recommend three individuals who are eminently qualified to discharge the duties of Vice President. They are as follows:

1. Senator Barry Goldwater
2. Governor Ronald Reagan
3. Mr. George Bush

It is unnecessary to enumerate their many accomplishments or to elaborate on their qualifications. All three are highly respected leaders within the Republican Party, and have demonstrated that their abilities are synonymous with those required of an outstanding Vice President.

I highly recommend any one of the three to be Vice President.

I would like to take this opportunity to inform the President of two individuals whom I will vote against, should either one be nominated Vice President. They are:

1. Governor Nelson Rockefeller
2. Mr. Elliott Richardson

The Honorable John J. Rhodes
August 13, 1974
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I do not believe that either embodies the philosophy of the Republican Party, and feel that each would be a divisive member of a Republican Administration which strives for cohesion and unity among the rank and file -- not only at the National level, but at the grass roots level as well.

Thank you for bringing these recommendations and comments to President Ford's attention.

Sincerely,

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WILLIAM M. KETCHUM
Member of Congress

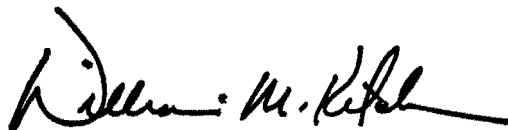
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The Honorable John Rhodes
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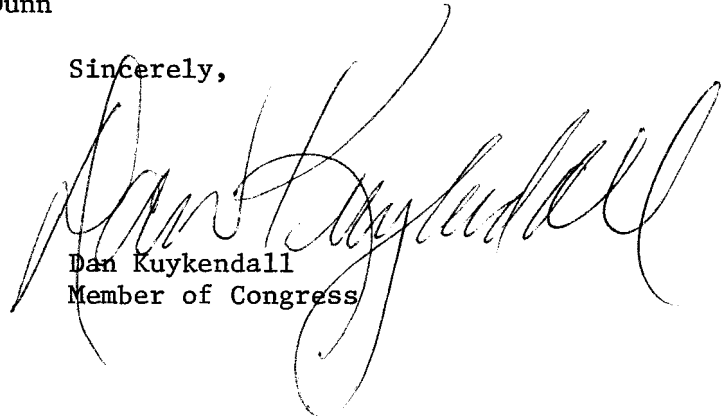
The President of the United States
The White House
Washington, D. C .

Dear Mr. President:

In accordance with your instructions, I submit the following
three names (all of equal rank) for your consideration as Vice
President of the United States:

Senator Howard Baker
Senator Bill Brock
Governor Winfield Dunn

Sincerely,



Dan Kuykendall
Member of Congress

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My choices for Vice President

- 1) Senator Howard Baker
- 2) Senator Brock
- 3) George Bush

Bob Lagomarsino

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THE PRESIDENT

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August 12, 1974

The President
The White House

Dear Mr. President:

That sounds real good! Needless to say, you can count on me.

John Rhodes has requested that we forward our thinking on Vice Presidential candidates to you through him. I am pleased to do this. My choices are as follows:

1. Nelson Rockefeller
2. George Bush
3. Melvin R. Laird

Mr. President, you may be surprised that a conservative like myself would place Nelson Rockefeller at the head of my list. The reasons are many. First, I think his selection would be the best for the country. Second, he has a Foreign Affairs background which could be very useful to you. Third, he is a conservative on fiscal matters. Fourth, he has stature, recognized ability, and has a reputation for selecting competent aides. Fifth, we need some philosophical "balance" and another conservative would be too much. Sixth, a geographical "balance" is needed, as well as a good campaigner.

With best personal regards,

Sincerely yours


DELBERT L. LATTA
Representative to Congress

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HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES
WASHINGTON, D. C. 20515

NORMAN F. LENT
FOURTH DISTRICT
NEW YORK

August 12, 1974

My dear Mr. President:

Thank you for the opportunity to submit my recommendations for a Vice Presidential nominee during this critical period. I appreciate the difficult choice that you face in this matter.

I submit, without reservation, former Governor Nelson Rockefeller for your consideration. It was my privilege to serve five terms in the New York State Senate during Governor Rockefeller's tenure. During this time, I had personal contact with him on a number of important legislative issues and was consistently impressed by his capabilities as an administrator.

His grasp of the problems we face, coupled with his ability to resolve divergent viewpoints into workable and equitable solutions, is seldom equaled in public office. It is my feeling that Governor Rockefeller would bring to the Vice Presidency a wealth of experience and a demonstrated competency in both domestic and foreign affairs. Further, I believe that Nelson Rockefeller has a tremendous capacity to attract to the Administration a wealth of talent from among the business and public sectors, as has been his ability in the past.

Respectfully yours,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Norman F. Lent". The signature is fluid and cursive, with a large initial "N" and a long, sweeping tail.

NORMAN F. LENT
Member of Congress

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The President
The White House
Washington, D. C.

Dear Mr. President:

First let me again assure you of my support in your every effort as our President.

With regard to suggestions for your consideration for the office of Vice President, I must instinctively say that for me and my area Senator Barry M. Goldwater would be the best possible choice.

On the other side of the ledger, I recall your urging me one time to be positive in making such suggestions, but I must on this occasion say that it would be very hard for my people to accept former Governor Nelson Rockefeller.

Probably the best of all worlds would be for you to try and find someone not so identified with either wing of the party that is young and clean. Perhaps George Bush fits that position.

Respectfully yours,


Trent Lott

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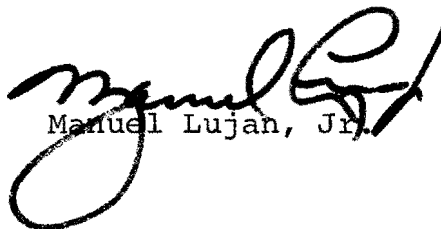
Honorable Gerald Ford
President of the United States
The White House
Washington, D. C.

Dear Mr. President:

May I add another voice as you consider deliberating
your choice of Vice President.

My preference would be George Bush, for his service
to the Party, for a balanced team geographically, and for
his international orientation as Ambassador to the United
Nations.

Respectfully,


Manuel Lujan, Jr.

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