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August 12, 1974

The President
The White House

Dear Mr. President:

It seems to me that the person whom you select for Vice President ought to be one who has the most widespread support of the entire Republican Party, just as you had when you were selected by former President Nixon. Traditionally, there has been a geographical spread between the area of the country from which the President originated and that of the Vice President.

If the President has an extreme political philosophy on one side, it may be necessary to balance him by a Vice President of another extreme. This is not the case of yourself; therefore, the Vice President ought to be one who would be acceptable to both conservatives and liberals in the Republican Party.

Since the Republican Party has not fared exceptionally well in special elections and since it is so late before the November elections for anyone to run this year, it seems to me that the person should not presently hold an elective office. The only person I can think of who fits that criteria is George Bush who, therefore, would be my choice.

He is intelligent, articulate, and handsome. He has had experience in international affairs to the extent that he was Ambassador to the United Nations as well as having House service. He comes from Texas and was educated in the East and seems to be well liked by all Republicans.

He has only one handicap, and that is, he lost an election for the Senate, but other individuals who have risen to high positions have had similar reverses in their lives. I would not think it would be wise to select an older person aligned in people's minds with one segment of the Republican Party such as Goldwater, Rockefeller or Reagan.

Lastly, I want you to know that I have confidence in your judgment and know you will make a wise selection.

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With every good wish, I am

Respectfully yours,

A handwritten signature in dark ink, appearing to be 'A. H. Quie', written in a cursive style.

ALBERT H. QUIE
Member of Congress

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August 13, 1974

Dear Mr. President:

We have two outstanding Senators in Tennessee, either of whom would make a fine Vice President -- Howard H. Baker, Jr., and William E. Brock. They are both young, articulate, sincere and great Party leaders.

George Bush would also do a great job. Incidentally, his parents at one time lived in my hometown of Kingsport. He comes over well and has done a tremendous job for our Party.

There are many others I could recommend, but I have confidence in your judgment and ability, and I know you will make the right decision.

Sincerely,



James H. Quillen

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The White House
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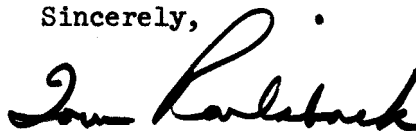
My Dear Mr. President:

I respectfully submit the name of George Bush as my recommendation for Vice President of the United States. His outstanding credentials and experience are, I am sure, well known to you, Mr. President. His background in legislative, executive and political matters would bring a broad and unique perspective to the White House.

As you know, George is a thoughtful and articulate spokesman with a deep and abiding respect for the Constitution and the principles upon which our Republic was founded. He enjoys excellent relations with the Congress, with Republican leaders throughout the country and with foreign diplomats throughout the world. There are, of course, others qualified to serve as your Vice President but, in my opinion, no other could bring as much nor serve you and the country more faithfully than George Bush.

With best regards, I am

Sincerely,



TOM RAILSBACK
Member of Congress

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

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Thomas F. Raileback
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The President of the United States

Dear Mr. President

The last time was easy. My three choices were Ford, Ford and Ford. This was a wise choice.

I trust your judgment and will support your choice this time.

Your speeches have been great. Thank you for your leadership,

Respectfully,
Ralph Regula

Office of the Minority Leader
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J. KENNETH ROBINSON
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Dear Mr. President:

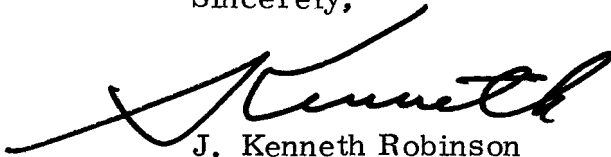
John Rhodes has asked us to provide you with our suggestions for the office of Vice President. I would personally have no difficulty supporting any of the following three:

1. George Bush
2. Barry Goldwater
3. Ronald Reagan

I think it would be difficult to "sell" any of the following in Virginia:

Nelson Rockefeller
Elliott Richardson
Chuck Percy

Sincerely,



J. Kenneth Robinson

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

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The President
c/o Honorable John J. Rhodes
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The President of the United States
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Dear Mr. President:

. . . and I am so very proud to address you for the first time with those words. You have my complete support and confidence -- along with my prayers -- as you undertake your historic responsibilities. America is blessed and fortunate, indeed, to have a man like you available in this, her moment of special need.

The selection of a Vice President is not an easy matter. I know you will choose well but, in so doing, I hope you will give careful consideration to the outstanding qualifications of Nelson Rockefeller.

My interest in Nelson Rockefeller goes well beyond parochial loyalty. Like you, Nelson is a "good" man, as well as a man whose integrity is above question. His interests and experiences are broad and varied, ranging from foreign affairs to four terms as the elected Governor of (until recently) our most-populous state. His early interest in, and outstanding lectures on, the "New Federalism" gave impetus to the concept of returning "power to the people" and to the Republican program of Federal revenue sharing.

Like you, he is a fiscal conservative. He believes in the need for balanced budgets and, therefore, for careful scrutiny of spending priorities. But, also like you, he believes in the need for America to maintain a strong defense.

His wide acquaintanceship, particularly among the Nation's Governors -- within whose ranks he is held in high esteem -- and his ability to help you attract good men and women back into positions of Federal responsibility, would, I believe, be of especial help to you as you move, now, to build your own Administration.

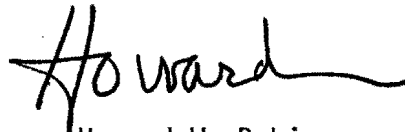
Finally, no one is more devoted to the cause of the Republican Party nor has done more for it and its candidates of late than Nelson Rockefeller.

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But, if our troubled economy is our number one concern -- and we all agree that it is -- it would be in that area that I believe your choice of Nelson Rockefeller would have the greatest impact. For, his very name projects stability and his availability to undertake certain economic chores for you, particularly in the difficult negotiations between labor and management that lie immediately ahead, would add further confidence to that already projected by you in the Ford Administration's determination and ability to bring inflation under control at last.

Thanking you for this opportunity of presenting my views and with every best wish, I am,

Sincerely yours,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Howard". The signature is written in a cursive style with a long horizontal flourish extending to the right.

Howard W. Robison
Member of Congress

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House of Representatives

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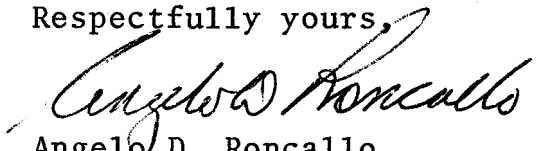
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Honorable Gerald R. Ford
President
The White House
Washington, D.C. 20500

Dear Mr. President:

Pursuant to your request for my suggestion
for candidates for the office of Vice President,
I submit the names of Nelson Rockefeller and
George Bush, in that order.

Respectfully yours,


Angelo D. Roncallo
Member of Congress

Congress of the United States

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JOHN H. ROUSSELOT
TWENTY-FOURTH DISTRICT
CALIFORNIA

August 13, 1974

Dear Mr. President:

It is my understanding that you have asked the Minority Leader, John Rhodes, to receive letters directly from several Members of the House of Representatives proposing our individual recommendation to fill the vacancy of the Vice President of the United States.

My strong recommendation for that appointment is Senator Barry M. Goldwater.

There are so many reasons why I believe that his appointment to this position is extremely compelling at this particular time in your effort to unite the Country, that I am sure I could write a substantial paper on the subject, but I will not do so.

As I did in the case where I recommended you to our former President, Mr. Nixon, I stand on this one recommendation.

Kind regards,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to be 'JR', with a long horizontal line extending to the right.

The Honorable Gerald R. Ford
President of the United States

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The Honorable Gerald R. Ford
President of the United States



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MATTHEW J. RINALDO
TWELFTH DISTRICT
NEW JERSEY

August 13, 1974

Dear Mr. President:

In response to your request for suggestions on nominees for Vice President, I have three recommendations:

Former Governor Nelson Rockefeller: He is well-known, both for his governmental experience and his international background. He would be acceptable to all wings of the Republican party. Governor Rockefeller is respected both at home and abroad for his manifold accomplishments and his abilities. He has served his nation and his state for many years, and I believe his selection would be welcomed by the majority of concerned Americans and members of the world community.

George Bush: The Chairman of the Republican National Committee has the advantage of two political bases: his native state of Connecticut and his adopted state of Texas. He, too, is acceptable to all wings of the Republican party. He has the administrative ability; he has served in the Congress, and he has the international experience gained from his service as United States Ambassador to the United Nations.

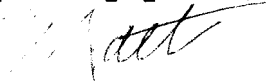
John Volpe: The former Governor of Massachusetts and the current Ambassador to Italy has the political, administrative and international experience that the position

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of Vice President requires. It would also broaden the base of our party by attracting the support of a group that has heretofore been associated with the Democratic party.

Thank you for this opportunity to add my voice to the momentous choice you have been required to make. I am confident that your final decision will be in keeping with your desires to act according to the best interests of the United States.

Very truly yours,



MATTHEW J. RINALDO
Member of Congress

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The White House
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August 13, 1974

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

Dear Mr. President:

I am writing to recommend Republican National Chairman George Bush for the office of the Vice President of the United States.

As the U.S. Representative to the United Nations, George Bush has gained proven experience in the field of international relations. As a Member of Congress and Republican National Chairman, he has also distinguished himself as a legislator and party leader.

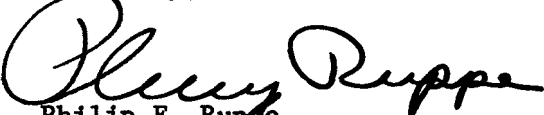
During a visit last January to Marquette, Michigan, George Bush reminded me how effective he can be. In speaking to the Winter Commencement at Northern Michigan University, he not only effectively reached out to the students at Northern, but he deeply impressed parents, administrators and faculty as well.

In sum, I believe that George has the integrity, experience, and human warmth which would make him a great United States Vice President.

Thank you for your consideration of my views on this important question.

With warmest personal regards,

Sincerely,


Philip E. Ruppe
Member of Congress

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The Honorable Gerald R. Ford
President of the United States
The White House
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EARL B. RUTH
EIGHTH DISTRICT
NORTH CAROLINA

August 12, 1974

Dear John:

Please convey my thanks to the President for allowing me to make a recommendation for the Vice Presidency.

My choices are:

1. George Bush
2. Melvin Laird

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in cursive script, appearing to read "Earl B. Ruth".

HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

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