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FREDERIC C. SMEDLEY
85 FOURTH AVENUE
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August 14, 1974

Hon. Hugh Scott
United States Senate
Washington, D.C. 20510

Dear Senator Scott:

As a New Yorker, I wish you would not advocate the President's nominating ex-Governor Rockefeller to be his successor as Vice President.

Early on, he went bananas over fallout shelters, and tried to require construction of elaborate and expensive ones to an extent that would have bankrupted real estate interests all over New York. His "edifice complex" has resulted in the billion-dollar-plus Albany Mall, a very costly monument to his memory, of insufficient utility to justify the many millions it will cost the State for generations. He tried to build a fourth jetport for the metropolitan area of New York City and environs, first at Calverton, L.I. and then at Stewart Air Force Base, west of Newburgh, both over 60 miles from the City line, with inadequate means of transport for freight and passengers to and from the City. At the end of his second term, in his campaign for re-election, he used TV tapes saying "even the fish are going to vote for Rockefeller because of what he is going to do to clean up the State's waters," when he hadn't done anything in that direction for the almost eight years he had already been in office. Unfortunately, the poor fish voters did re-elect him.

He failed to prevent Agnew from knifing Republican Senator Charles Goodell in the back in 1970, permitting Jim Buckley to be elected to the Senate as a "Conservative" by the most reactionary elements in the State and did not object to Buckley's being seated in the Senate as a Republican instead of as a Conservative in a seat by himself off to the right.

If Rocky hadn't had an able Republican Attorney General and Democratic Comptroller in his Administrations to curb some of his wildest aberrations, God knows what would have happened to our State in his 15 year Governorship. Millions of New Yorkers were very relieved when he resigned the Governorship, and would be most apprehensive if he were to become Vice President.

Your own State has an ex-Governor who would, in my view, make a much better Vice President or, if it came to that, President, than the ex-Governor of my State. I cannot understand why you are not urging the President to nominate William Scranton as his Veep. I am sure he would get much more support in both House and Senate than Nelson Rockefeller would.

Respectfully submitted,

/s./ Frederic C. Smedley

Dear Counselor Hartmann:

I did not cite my overriding reason for opposing Rocky as Veep,-- his going all the way with LBJ to the bitter end with RMN re Vietnam, because Scott did, too. Scranton should be the one most acceptable to all factions in both parties, and best qualified to help the President get us all moving in the right directions. Fuller letter will follow.

Frederic C. Smedley

LINCOLN M. POLAN

BOX 637

HUNTINGTON WEST VIRGINIA, 25711

August 16, 1974

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

Dear Mr. President:

I wish to bring the following to your attention for consideration in your selection of a vice president: One, if a mandate was given to President Nixon in 1972, it was taken away by the public because of their active participation in the events leading to his resignation. Two, President Nixon was chosen, primarily, by the Republican party. What he did is the responsibility of that party which owes reparations to the people and to the Nation for the trauma and damage that was the outcome of their choice. Watergate definitely damaged our national situation. Three, the American public is generally optimistic and hopeful concerning your becoming President; but there is a chance that everything may not turn out as well as desired during the next two years. Some of our national and international affairs may get worse. What occurs during the next two years could be a greater challenge to our Constitution than what has occurred during the past two years.

My recommendation is that you bring the Nation together and afford complete participation by all of the people by creating a coalition government with a Democrat as Vice President and at least some few Democrats in the Cabinet. As you have said, you have not become President by the ballots of the people. You are President because of the Constitution and that important document should receive the greatest possible protection from you. If anything should go wrong with a partisan administration, there could be more serious dissension in the Nation. The people are already disturbed and uncertain because of Watergate, inflation and the economy.

The best choice of a Democrat for Vice President would be Senator Robert C. Byrd of West Virginia. His action was the key that stopped the Watergate coverup. His strong position in the Senate would complement your association with the House. He is intelligent, capable and honest. He is not an avid contender for high office and would give his full attention to the Vice Presidency.

Hon. Gerald R. Ford
August 16, 1974

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After being Vice President, he would probably return to the Senate, which he could do in 1976.

The record will show that, while I am a Democrat, I was a strong supporter of President Nixon when he assumed that office. I suggested a year ago that he should form a coalition government to stop Watergate. Had he done so, he would be President now. He did not follow my advice about a coalition because it was apparent that he was using the worst advice any president has ever used - that includes President Johnson and Vietnam.

President Nixon did use my suggestions on some very important matters. The record will show that I am the originator of the Nixon Doctrine of Peace by Cooperation and suggested the use of the policy of "evenhandedness" in bringing peace to the Mid-East. Both of these words - cooperation and evenhandedness - are most important to our international diplomacy. Coalition will be equally important and will be a safeguard to your domestic position. You would be free to have a Republican of your choice as your Vice Presidential candidate in 1976.

I think that Senator Byrd would accept your offer of the Vice Presidency because of his sense of duty in serving the Nation.

Mrs. Polan and I join in wishing you the best for your administration. We pray that God will watch over you and your family.

Sincerely,


L. M. Polan

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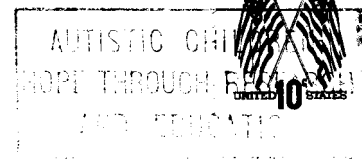
August 16, 1974

Dear Mrs. Downton:

Please forward this letter to the President.

L. M. Polan

L M POLAN
BOX 637
HUNTINGTON WV 25718



Mrs. Dorothy Downton
Office of the Secretary
The White House
Washington, D. C.

August 14, 1974

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

Dear Mr. President:

This letter comes to state our interest in the selection of the Vice-President of the United States. That individual should be an effective, reconsiliatory agent, capable of helping you bring the nation together again. The following individuals have demonstrated their sensativity to minority peoples' problems and the plight of our cities.

Therefore, we recommend that you select one of the following:

George Bush - Chairman, Nat. Republican
Committee

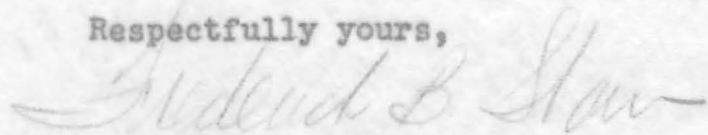
Nelson Rockefeller

Edward Brooke

Daniel Evans

Thank you.

Respectfully yours,



Frederick B. Shaw
Director, ICC

cc Hughe Scott, Senate Minority Leader
Edward Brooke, Senator - Massachuessetts
Bob Hartman, Council to the President
Arthur Flecher



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August 16, 1974

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

Dear Mr. President:

A group of 70 blacks assembled to listen to your address to the joint session of Congress were greatly pleased to see that the Party of Lincoln is still the party that is committed to the betterment of all people: to the end that The White House is open to all people and through the front door.

I have been asked to urge that you consider, in your search for a Vice-President, the following persons:

Nelson Rockefeller - former Governor of New York
Senator Edward Brooks
Ambassador George Bush

As a dedicated Republican volunteer worker, I believe the appointment of one of these gentlemen will help us sustain the moral among blacks in our two party system.

Sincerely,

Esther B. Jones

Mrs. RAYMOND C. (Esther B.) JONES

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Beechwood
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Pasadena, Ca. 91103

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Robert Hartman
The Congress
Washington, D. C.

The White House

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PMS PRESIDENT GERALD FORD, DLR

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WASHINGTON DC 20500

MANY REPUBLICANS IN MASSACHUSETTS FEEL THAT NELSON ROCKEFELLER
WOULD BE AN IDEAL CHOICE FOR VICE PRESIDENT. HE CERTAINLY HAS
THE BEST CREDENTIALS AND WOULD ADD CONSIDERABLE STRENGTH TO
THE NATIONAL TICKET IN 1976

ROBERT HILLIARD REPUBLICAN STATE COMMITTEE MAN 154 WEST ADAMS
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PRESIDENT GERALD FORD ATTN ROBERT HARTMAN
WHITE HOUSE
WASHINGTON DC 20500

DEAR MR PRESIDENT

AS THE BLACK MEMBER OF THE EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE OF THE REPUBLICAN
NATIONAL COMMITTEE I STRONGLY URGE THE APPOINTMENT OF ARTHUR FLETCHER
AS COUNSELOR TO THE PRESIDENT

HENRY LUCAS DDS MEMBER OF THE EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE NATIONAL COMMITTEE
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AUGUST 12 1974

PRESIDENT GERALD FORD
THE WHITE HOUSE
WASHINGTON D.C.

DEAR MR PRESIDENT:

SUBJECT: THE VICE-PRESIDENTIAL SELECTION

1. A HASTY CHOICE IS NOT LIKELY TO BE THE BEST ONE.. IT COULD TURN OUT TO BE THE WORST ONE.
- 2 THE NOVEMBER ELECTIONS WILL BE INTERPRETED AS APPROVAL OR NOT AN APPROVAL OF YOUR TAKING OVER THE OFFICE OF PRESIDENT.
- 3 IT IS IMPORTANT TO PUT THE PARTY INTO THE PUBLIC VIEW. IT WILL BE PARTY OFFICE-HOLDERS AND CANDIDATES WHO FACE THE VOTERS.
4. IT IS ESSENTIAL FOR PARTY PEOPLE TO TALK IN PRIVATE AND IN PUBLIC ABOUT ISSUES, POLICIES AND PERSONS.
5. IF THE DIFFERENT GROUPS AND INDIVIDUALS DO NOT MEET AND HAVE DISCUSSIONS, THEY CANNOT REACH A CONSENSUS.
6. IF YOU MAKE AN EARLY DECISION, EVEN AFTER MANY CONSULTATIONS, YOU WILL FIND YOURSELF FORCED TO SPEND MUCH TIME AND EFFORT NOW AND IN THE FUTURE TO EXPLAIN AND JUSTIFY YOUR DECISION.
- 7.. IT IS VERY IMPORTANT FOR YOUR PARTY TO AT LEAST HOLD ITS SEATS IN CONGRESS IF IT CANNOT IMPROVE ITS POSITION. YOU REACH ACROSS PARTY LINES FOR HELP IN GOVERNING; YOUR BASE IS YOUR OWN PARTY MEMBERS HOLDING OFFICE.
8. IF YOUR PARTY DOES BADLY IN NOVEMBER, THE OTHER PARTY WILL TRY TO OBSTRUCT YOU AND BRING YOU DOWN. THEY WILL SO READ THE MANDATE.

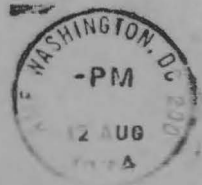
I SUGGEST:

THE REPUBLICAN NATIONAL COMMITTEE HOLD A MEETING OR POSSIBLY CONVENE A MINI-CONVENTION FOR THE PURPOSE OF CHOOSING AND RECOMMENDING ONE OR MORE CANDIDATES FOR NOMINATION AS THE VICE-PRESIDENT.

RESPECTFULLY

R. A. Henderson
R. A. HENDERSON

ROBERT ANGUS HENDERSON
APT. #202, THE BRITTANY
5432 CONNECTICUT AVENUE, N.W.
WASHINGTON, D. C. 20015 USA



PRESIDENT GERALD FORD

THE WHITE HOUSE

WASHINGTON, D.C. 20500

Robert F. Hartman



GOLDEN WEST MOBILE HOMES, INC.

August 12, 1974

Mr. Robert Hartmann
The White House
Washington, D. C.

Dear Mr. Hartmann:

Nelson Rockefeller is our best choice for Vice President, not only because his superior credentials include an already-well documented series of accomplishments as an innovative administrator, and his substantial exposure to international matters, but especially because:

1. The Republican Party needs today a Vice President whose national image is one of impeccable integrity, a critical void to fill as a supplement to President Ford's own reputation for credibility. No other candidate comes close, in this respect.
2. Today, not tomorrow, is the time to think about 1976:
 - a. Nelson Rockefeller, not some "younger" person to "build for the future" is the answer, because '76 will demand a total effort, total strength against the probable Democratic candidate, Ted Kennedy.
 - b. Nelson Rockefeller has gained new strength among conservatives in California, contrary to opinions bordering on sheer nonsense, that this has happened only beyond our State's borders. (I too was a Goldwater supporter.)

Please extend to the President our affection and sincere wishes for success. Two close friends I respect met Mr. Ford when he was Vice President, just before Mr. Nixon's resignation. Each was immensely impressed at that time and also send along their best wishes: Della Melin, who met Mr. Ford at a reception held in the "Irvine House" in Newport Beach, and Jerry Golden, Chairman and President of our company, who met our new chief executive in Washington, D. C. when the latter met with representatives of the Mobile Home Manufacturers Association.

Sincerely,

Paul Kaponya
Paul Kaponya

Director of Industrial and Public Relations

The White House
Washington

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THE FOLLOWING TELEGRAM WAS SENT TO PRESIDENT GERALD FORD: DEAR
MR PRESIDENT: THIS LETTER COMES TO STATE MY INTEREST IN THE
SELECTION OF THE VICE PRESIDENT OF THE UNITED STATES. THAT INDIVIDUAL
SHOULD BE AN EFFECTIVE, RECONSOLING AGENT CAPABLE OF HELPING
YOU BRING THE NATION TOGETHER AGAIN.

THE FOLLOWING INDIVIDUALS HAVE DEMOSTRATED THEIR SENSITIVITY
TO MY MINORITY PEOPLE'S PROBLEMS AND THE PLIGHT OF OUR CITIES
PERIODS THEREFORE I RECOMMEND THAT YOU SELECT ONE OF THE FOLLOWING:
MR GEORGE BUSH MR NELSON ROCKEFELLER MR EDWARD BROOKE MR DANIEL
EVANS SINCERELY YOURS,

J ARCHIE HARGRAVES PRESIDENT SHAW UNIVERSITY
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ROBERT J. SCANLAN

Office of the Minority Leader
United States House of Representatives
Washington, D.C. 20515

August 15, 1974

H-232, THE CAPITOL
WASHINGTON, D.C. 20515

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Mr. Robert Hartmann
Counsellor to the President
The White House
Washington, D. C.

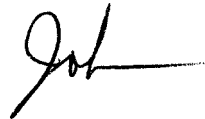
Dear Bob:

I am enclosing a copy of the letter I received yesterday from a long-time friend in Mesa -- Eve King. As you can tell, she feels strongly on the subject of who should or should not be Vice President and asked that I send her thoughts along to the President.

I will appreciate your acknowledging Eve's letter direct to her:

Mrs. E. J. King
3004 Buckhorn Post Office
Mesa, Arizona 85205

Sincerely,



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Enclosure

2/c
--Mesa, A.

August 10, 1974

Dear Congressman, Mr. Rhodes:

Worried about whom will be WHO.

So many want you pr Senator Goldwater--ans

with fear, will not beg our prexcipus new President

to appoint, thus, because we wonder

WHAT we would do without you.

How great for the State, but for the

people whom would be ~~berest~~ well, what now?

The names mentioned also send chills, plenty.

Elliot Richardson? NO NO NO. Rocky, No' he would be

fine in spot of the now-- Secy. of man in spot Secy Treasury

Fine both ways--the man there now is bloto.

AND the man BUTZ! that gluck is a GOON. everyone dislikes

him, and mostly "us GOP." wonder why in heck he ever

has been tolerated. Every time he opens his mouth, out

come snake-toads. OFF with him!

There are good men--I mentioned some to

the lovely First lady, that she may get used to

being that "good woman behind the successful man" a

and from her face on T.V. and the dear one she wrote

weeks ago, she must be much like your own Betty,

c/c enclosed. COULD you fine it feasible to tell "OUR" friend J.F.
of what one half-blind gal in YOUR district finds? Its up to you.

The worse are eyes--the more to say. The more to
add, S PART OF THIS MOST INTERESTED citizen.

I am sick apologizing for practically no vision, worse
at close range--but, HOW ELSE??? Durn.

Mention has been made of "and some radio jockyes"
That is deparvaded.

BWI men I would KNOW are so WORTHY and so
brilliant, so capable, so expert, two whom
could be of Great help to our nation and
our dear Jerry are these--

Mr. Russ Coughlin. Conservative. Now president-manager
KGO T.V. (NOT radio, which is lousey). Russ is
way UP THERE, and so worthy-- and so much needed.
I am reminded of the appointment of John Scali.

The other is Hillard Rose, on KFI. The man on the
recordings-- recall. If the resident wants men
whom are NOT politicians. NOT men with axes--
without any PLAN to get THERE--then either
would be IT. I would first suggest Hillar Rose (Hilly)---
inasmuch as I listen to him each night, Monday-inc. Sat.
He has great empathy with all things, and believe it,
in California, ALL THINGS have been and need CHANGE. I
marvel how Go, Reagan ever manages.

Please--NO Richardson, no WOMAN--NO Barbara-Texas, NO
clown like HOLTSman, no Massachusettes BROOKE, PLEASE.
A Minority as V.P. Would fearfully endanger J.F. and YES

Office of the Minority Leader
United States House of Representatives
Washington, D.C. 20515

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John F. Rhodes
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Mr. Robert Hartmann
Counsellor to the President
The White House
Washington, D. C.

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August 13, 1974

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THE STATE SENATE

Roger A. Johnsen
2 District

Murray B. Dolfman
36 District

CANDIDATES FOR
THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY

Clarence Thompson
181 District

Marilyn Klein
187 District

Annie Lawrence
190 District

Mildred L. Harrod
191 District

Samuel N. Fanelli
192 District

Harold Spence
194 District

William J. Phillips
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Paul W. Evans
196 District

Gladys B. Bond
197 District

Gerald Green
198 District

John H. Hamilton Jr.
199 District

Mario Mele
200 District

W. H. Ryan
201 District

Hyman Witzer
202 District

President Gerald R. Ford
Whitehouse
1600 Pennsylvania Ave. N.W.
Washington, D.C. 20500

My Dear Mr. President:

Congratulations on your ascendancy to the Presidency of The United States of America.

I was deeply moved by your inaugural address to the people. As the Republican candidate for Congress in the second district in Philadelphia, Pennsylvania, I am looking forward to working with you and the next Congress in your efforts to unify our country and alleviate some of its more critical problems.

I can appreciate the burden of responsibility under which you will be working. Coupled with this responsibility and uppermost in the minds of everyone is the momentous decision as to whom you will choose to aid you as Vice President of The United States.

It is constant political conjecture that someday a black man or woman will be elected to the post of either President or Vice President. It is current political conjecture that there is the strong possibility of a black man or woman as Vice President in the '76 Presidential race.

As a black man running for Congress I feel that there should be serious consideration on your part of Senator Edward Brooke, of Massachusetts, as our next Vice President. He would be a sound political choice and at the same time would show your administration as the open one you have promised it would be.

Barring a decision such as that my other choices would be Senator Charles Percy of Illinois, Honorable Elliot Richardson and the Honorable Nelson Rockefeller. It has been rumored that Governor Ronald Reagan is high on your list. I feel he would be totally unacceptable to the black communities of this country.

President Gerald R. Ford

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I hope my thoughts will help you in choosing the best man for such a crucial position and high honor.

My prayers will be with you in the days ahead and I hope that after November 5th, we will be working closely together at the monumental task ahead.

My deepest regards,

A handwritten signature in cursive script, reading "Jesse W. Woods, Jr.", written in dark ink.

Jesse W. Woods, Jr.

JWWJr./jm

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August 12, 1974

The Honorable Gerald R. Ford
President of the United States
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1600 Pennsylvania Avenue
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Dear Mr. President:

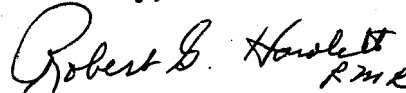
Here is my ha'penny's worth for the nomination of Vice President.

My suggestion is based on the hope and expectation that you will be the candidate for President in 1976.

My candidate is Elliott Richardson. If he is not available, my next suggestion is Nelson Rockefeller. Goldwater, Laird and Bush are desirable. They are men of character, integrity and ability. But the designate will need to be a candidate who can attract votes from the "liberal" constituency who shift between the Republican and Democratic Parties. Richardson will attract those voters and he has all the qualifications for the job. So does Rockefeller, but a younger man is more desirable.

With all best wishes.

Sincerely,

Handwritten signature of Robert G. Howlett in cursive, with the initials "RMR" written below it.

Robert G. Howlett

Handwritten signature of Robert G. Howlett, crossed out with a horizontal line.

bc: L. William Seidman, Esq.
Office of the President
Executive Office Building
Washington, D. C.



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13 August 1974

Mr. L. William Seidman
The White House
Washington, D.C. 20500

Dear Mr. Seidman:

The last two years have been hard on politics and government. Inevitably this affects attitudes of young people. Therefore, in my opinion the national interest would be served by a Vice President highly attractive to young Americans. For this, among many reasons, my overwhelming hope is the nomination of George Bush.

Yours sincerely,


C. Gregg Petersmeyer
Professional Staff

CGP:jfs

R. H. McMANUS
REGISTERED CIVIL ENGINEER

August 11, 1974

RM

TO: President Gerald Ford
FROM: A Republican precinct delegate -
Former Chief Advanceman for George Romney
RE: Recommendations for Vice President

First Choice: ELLIOTT B. RICHARDSON
Reason: (a) Very capable - a Mr. Clean
(b) Respected for resigning as Attorney General rather than accept order to fire prosecutor.

Second Choice: GOVERNOR NELSON ROCKEFELLER
Reason: (a) Most experienced as "Head of State"
(b) He is an elected official.

Third Choice: SENATOR EDWARD BROOKE
Reason: (a) I need not tell you that he is a very good man - need I say more.
(b) He is an elected official.

R. H. McManus
R. H. McManus

P.S. Lower the interest rate -

How can we stop inflation when we raise the price of the most sought after commodity, money?

c.c. William Seidman - The White House



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33333 W. Twelve Mile Road
Farmington Hills, Mich. 48024
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THE WHITE HOUSE
WASHINGTON

Date August 15, 1974

TO: Bill Seidman *hws*
FROM: John G. Carlson

I have been asked to
pass on the attached
from some advocates
of Governor Evans.

To RHT ?

*who?
he?*

Attachment

*For your
info.*

Why
Governor Daniel J. Evans
Would Make a Great Vice-President

1. Dan Evans is nationally recognized as the "Governor's Governor".

Dan Evans has just completed a term as chairman of the prestigious bipartisan National Governors' Conference. In 1968 Evans was selected by the Republican National Committee to deliver the keynote address at the party's national convention. In 1970 Evans was selected chairman of the Policy Committee of the Republican Governor's Association. Evans, the dean of the nation's Republican governors, was elected chairman of the conference in 1968. The following is a sampling of the high regard in which Evans is held by the nation's news media:

Neal Peirce, who in preparation of his massive study of the United States, interviewed all 50 governors, writes in the Pacific States of America:

"Governor Daniel J. Evans ... would be in the running, if there was such a thing, for the prize of being the best Governor in all the U. S. A. today."

Joseph Kraft, in his Washington Post column of June 6, 1974:

The high quality of the governors has been made apparent with special clarity this year by Dan Evans, the Republican Governor of Washington, who brought this state handsomely through the recession connected with the cutbacks made at the Boeing company several years ago. As chairman of the Governors' Conference this year, he has arranged, besides the usual wining and dining, for the publication of a book--"The State of the States" --which makes it plain that the states are way ahead of the federal government in meeting the problems of modern America.

David Broder, in his column of June 11, 1973:

"...Now they have chosen in Washington's three term Governor Evans a new chairman who is the most intelligent and articulate public exponent of the state's role in the federal system to come along in years".



The Christian Science Monitor editorial of August 6, 1968:

One thing is sure; Mr. Evans is a most unorthodox but still most successful politician. He is no hail-fellow; he is soft-spoken, almost shy, with an air of humility not to be expected of the occupant of a governor's chair. But he has the trait, possibly a legacy of his engineering background, of unvarying forthrightness in words and action. Concern for his popularity never seems to deter him from doing and saying what he thinks is right.

Charles Bartlett said about his 1968 keynote speech in the Chicago Sun-Times of August 7, 1968:

"This (keynote speech) was a courageous speech in that Evans paid no deference to the partisan clichés and comfortable homilies which coax delegates to applaud. He talked over their heads to the young voters' new spirit, their preoccupation with the problems of man and his environment".

Concerning the same speech, the Los Angeles Times editorial of August 6, 1968:

"The consensus among veteran convention goers was that he (Governor Evans) delivered perhaps the best keynote address of recent years. Devoid of political clichés, it delineated sharply America's current troubles".

2. Dan Evans is a moderate who can appeal to both the liberal and conservative wings of the Republican Party.

Dan Evans was first elected Governor of Washington State in 1964. During that election year he supported the candidacy of Barry Goldwater. His opponent in 1964, a two term incumbent governor, used billboards which featured Lyndon Johnson's picture. Evans got 57.77% of the vote, the Republican national ticket got 37.37% of the vote.

During the 1968 Republican National Convention, Evans - the convention's keynoter, - supported the candidacy of Nelson Rockefeller. But after the Convention he supported and worked for the Party's nominee Richard Nixon. Evans served as a member of Richard Nixon's Critical Issues Advisory Committee during the 1968 presidential campaign.

Throughout the Watergate tragedy Evans insisted that the decision whether or not to resign was the President's to make. He did not join the chorus of Republicans, including his own

state's GOP Attorney General who demanded that the President step down. He did strongly advocate in a National Press Club speech on August 29, 1973 that the President be more open with the press, noting that he had held more than 1,000 press conferences during his ten years as Governor.

3. Dan Evans has established a remarkable record as Governor for the past ten years.

He is the first governor in Washington State's history to be elected to three consecutive terms.

During his 10 years as governor, Dan Evans has gained acclaim for his courage and leadership in confronting major challenges caused by a period of rapid growth and urbanization, followed by a severe economic contraction. Under his leadership Washington State is now experiencing steady, sustained growth with rapidly increasing foreign trade with the Orient.

Through this difficult period Evans has maintained a balanced budget with the smallest rate of tax increase per capita of all 50 states.

Some of his major achievements include:

- A comprehensive environmental protection program now being implemented to protect the natural heritage of the Pacific Northwest
- Development and approval by the voters in 1972 of \$415 million in bond issues, the largest bonding program in state history, for pollution control, water resources development, recreation, social services and community colleges
- Development of a statewide citizens' involvement program to articulate options for the future growth of the state which will involve 350,000 citizens in the setting of state goals.
- Leadership in defining the national revenue sharing program to provide states and local governments greater flexibility in the allocation of resources.
- Development of proposals for more integrated federal-state-local fiscal planning through the federal and state budget systems. He has led the states in asserting their right to participate in the federal budget development; similarly, he has initiated proposals for direct involvement of local governments in the state budget process.
- Leadership in seeking voter approval of state-wide tax reforms, and tax equity, a challenging task requiring courage and stamina. While implementation of a state income tax has not been achieved, tax relief for the elderly and open-space taxation at lower rates has.
- Development of community-based social service programs for mental health, mental retardation and corrections.
- Strong support for programs for minorities. In the tumultuous days of 1968 he walked the streets of Seattle which avoided

the riots suffered by most other metropolitan areas of the country. Fair housing laws and advice and counsel through his Asian-American Commission, Mexican-American and Indian Advisory Council have broken new ground for race relations in Washington State.

4. Dan Evans can obtain the support of Independents and Democrats.

Washington State traditionally votes two to one Democratic. Both U. S. Senators and all Congressmen (with one exception) are Democrats. In the face of these odds, Dan Evans was first elected in 1964, a difficult year for Republicans in Washington State and the nation; Evans was re-elected in 1968 with the best showing of any incumbent Washington Governor in 32 years; and was re-elected to an unprecedented third term in 1972.

As chairman of the bipartisan National Governors Conference Evans has worked closely with the nation's Democratic Governors, many of whom Evans can count among his friends.

Washington State's Senior U. S. Senator Warren G. Magnuson has strongly endorsed Evans as a prospective Vice President.

5. Dan Evans as Vice President would add regional geographic strength to a possible GOP ticket in 1976.

Having served as chairman of the Western Governors' Conference Evans has strong political ties in the Western States. Evans is a native Westerner.

6. Dan Evans as an incumbent Vice-President and holder of a potential spot on the 1976 GOP ticket would virtually preclude a Henry Jackson in 1976 for President or Vice-President.

Democrats have never nominated a resident of the opposition incumbent's state to national office.

7. By virtue of his proven integrity and honesty, Dan Evans would be confirmed by the Congress and the American people as the Vice President.

Neither Dan Evans nor any member of his staff during his 10 years as Governor has been touched by scandal of any nature. Evans - on his own initiative, although not required by state law - made public in his federal income tax returns dating back to 1964. Evans' net worth has been publicly reported at less than \$100,000.

8. Dan Evans has an admirable personal life.

Dan Evans is 48 years old. He and his wife Nancy have three children; Danny, Mark, and Bruce. Evans is an Eagle Scout who has been active throughout his adult life. Evans is

is an active member of the Congregational Church. As a physical fitness enthusiast, Evans is an active mountaineer, hiker, camper, jogger, tennis and paddle ball player. One accurate description of Evans was rendered by David Broder of the Washington Post:

Those who know Evans appreciate that the gesture is not out of character for him. Despite a Boy Scout earnestness about his work, he leads a vigorous, full private family life in the woods and mountains of Washington. Any pretensions to grandeur by the governor are firmly squelched by his wife, Nancy, who can show him up at the bridge table and almost anywhere else, and by three young sons, who refuse to play "the governor's children."

9. Dan Evans has been an effective and credible emissary for the United States while traveling extensively in foreign countries.

Evans has had a keen interest in foreign affairs. His trips to the Peoples Republic of China, the Soviet Union, Japan, Australia and other nations of the Pacific Rim have been a resounding success leaving behind a residue of Evans goodwill. The Sidney Australia Business Review said of Evans:

"The man is a leader, a man who introduced savage pollution control laws against screams of amjor supporters, a man who is not afraid to risk unpopularity to do what is right for his state. In other words Governor Evans is a completely untypical politician."



August 14, 1974

Honorable Bob Hartman
Counsel to the President
White House
Washington, D.C.

The following mailgram was sent to the President of the United States (August 13, 1974).

This comes to you with our interest in the selection of the Vice President of the United States.

That individual should be an effective reconciliation agent capable of helping you put the nation together. The following individuals have demonstrated their sensitivity in minority people's problems. They have apparently developed to a functional level of business capacity for taking care of the people they represent with respect to all Americans.

Therefore we recommend that you select one of the following:

Honorable George Bush
Honorable Nelson Rockefeller
Honorable Edward Brooke
Honorable Daniel Evans

Larry Shaw
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cc: Honorable Hugh Scott
Honorable Edward Brooke
Honorable Bob Hartman ✓
Honorable Arthur Fletcher

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August 13, 1974

The Honorable Gerald Ford
President of the United States
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Washington, D.C. 20000


Dear President Ford:

During the past ten years, Daniel J. Evans, Governor of Washington State has demonstrated exceptional understanding of and sensitivity to the plight and problems facing the poor, minorities, women and other disadvantaged groups in this State and nation. He is a man of the highest integrity and is as honest as the day is long.

It is with great pride, dignity and respect that I recommend the appointment of Governor Evans as the next Vice President of the United States.

My prayers will be with you always in your efforts to provide sound leadership for the greatest country in the world - USA.

Sincerely,

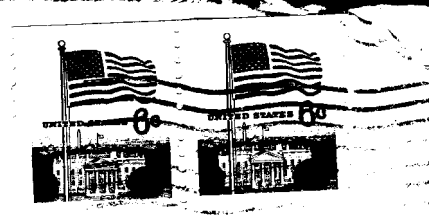


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On Chautauqua Lake
CHAUTAUQUA, NEW YORK

August 13, 1974

The White House
Washington, D.C.



Dear Mr. President:

As I write sitting beside beautiful Lake Chautauqua, my heart is filled with prayer and thanksgiving. It was in the huge amphitheater here that last week on August 6th Mr. Rerick read your telegram on Chautauqua's one hundredth anniversary. Here, too, with perhaps 10,000 present we saw on T.V. your inauguration ceremony. What inexpressible joy and relief filled the hearts of all of us Christian Americans! Little did we know in vacation planning that we could experience a momentous page in American history, a page free of blemishes, suspicions, heartaches. It was reported that you were here in 1965, one of the two summers I've missed since 1950. My prayers are with you as you lead strongly and wisely.

My heart and mind are deeply concerned over your choice of a Vice President. Your advisors are many, but a portion of an editorial in the Aug. 10th Buffalo Evening News gave me courage to write. I quote some lines from Judd Arnett:

"Citizen responsibility for the conduct of public affairs does not end at the

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On Chautauqua Lake
CHAUTAUQUA, NEW YORK

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- ballot boy - it begins there. Eternal vigilance within the range of his view is the price every American must pay if the Republic is to prosper.

For some time I've received factual reports from Liberty Lobby, Wash. D.C. Since this report is at home, I can only relate a few details.

A meeting in the spring was held in Megeve, France; a secret conference attended by over 100 millionaires and surrounded by hundreds of guards and police. The Chief U.S. Representative was Nelson Rockefeller, with Baron Rothchild for England, and Guy Rothchild from France.

This world power group has met many times in past several years and are called the "Bilderbergs". Also, the New York Times, Newsweek and other imminent Press sources know of these secret meetings but reports are never given.

A book called None Dare Call It Conspiracy, published in California by two journalists, has been read by millions of Americans. It also reveals startling statistics.

I pray that your staff may discover the truth about this long existing movement which seems to portend ill for our Country. This auspicious though difficult juncture in your actions as President demands that quiet but definitive knowledge guide your choices for the U.S., and perhaps the destiny of the world.

As a devoted citizen I qualify in certain ways; as mother of two young adults; my son, a doctor, received his

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degree in Ophthalmology from Georgetown University and practices in Columbus, O. as a teacher (Jr. and Sr. High for 18 years); as an American citizen living as a family 3 years in New Zealand, and as a world traveler with 8 visits in Europe, one in Asia and most important of all ⁱⁿ 49 of our 50 states.

Mr. Judd Arnett wrote: "Approval as well as displeasure with the conduct of government should be expressed in the myriad ways available to all of us - only then will freedom be secure" —

My Congratulations, my high hopes for total truth and revelation of any forces which might endanger our country, and also a burning desire to be of service to a land which has so bountifully blessed me.

In deep sincerity,
Evelyn C. Simmons



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Mr. Robert T. Hartmann

DON W. KEARNEY
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August 12, 1974

Honorable Gerald R. Ford
White House
Washington, D. C.

Dear Mr. President:

May I call upon you, Sir, at this time to please let the Record Speak as there is neither a man or a woman alive today who can match this man's record, a man who earned the right to be nominated for the Vice Presidency of these United States of America, a man who campaigned in every nook and corner, in every town and village of this country and got more support and more votes in the Presidential primaries than all the other candidates combined of both parties if the Will of the People is to prevail, then no other man comes close to this man, or could claim the Vice Presidency today.

At this time, I hereby call upon you, Sir, to cross over party lines and to ask any and all who may seek the Vice Presidency to match this loyal American's record. In good conscience, I ask you to ask them the question and I also ask you, Sir, the same question. Let the Record Speak.

GEORGE C. WALLACE has the courage, the hope and the trust of the people of this country. His record will bear this out. He is an honest man, a fair man and a just man. Enclosed is some material I have gathered over the years. I truly hope you will read it, Sir. I truly hope you will cross over party lines and personal friendships and place your hand on the shoulder of this loyal American, GEORGE C. WALLACE as the next Vice President of these United States of America. I hope you will weigh the merits of this letter and give every consideration to my nomination.

I hereby, Sir, yes, indeed, at this time and for all time, call upon you, Sir, to name THE HONORABLE GEORGE C. WALLACE as the Vice President of these United States of America. I am more than sure all loyal Americans will be glad you did and I am more than sure you, too, will also.

Yes, indeed, Sir, I call upon you to let the Record Speak and give a square count and a fair count to a square man, GEORGE C. WALLACE.

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Honorable Gerald R. Ford

August 12, 1974

With best wishes, may God bless you whatever choice
you may make.

Sincerely,

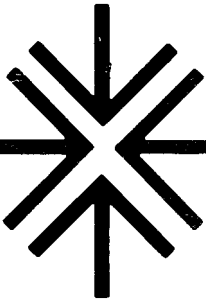
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Washington, D.C.

August 11, 1974

Dear Mr. Hartmann,

Who was the 666 man, who like President Ford,

- gave unselfishly of his time!
- travelled the most miles!
- raised the most money!
- worked the very hardest!

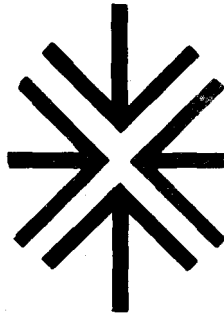
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-- FOR THE GOOD OF THE TEAM!

-- Senator Barry M. Goldwater.

Yours sincerely,

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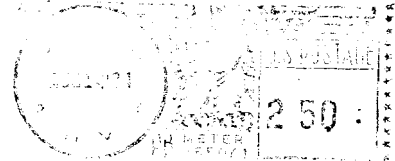
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Garry Wills:

The Next Vice President

The guessing has begun already on who will be the vice president's vice president. By this line of reasoning, President Gerald Ford, in accord with the 25th Amendment that led to his appointment, will have to appoint his own vice president some time soon in 1975, when we are happily rid of Nixon.

One prominent journalist has suggested that Ford might put forward Elliot Richardson for confirmation by the Senate. This would present the strongest current Democratic candidate, Sen. Kennedy, with two "Mr. Cleans," embarrassing him on his weakest side, the memory of Chappaquiddick.

THE CHOICE makes sense of a sort. Ford is a Midwesterner, a party regular. He is connected, at least minimally, to the man who chose him as vice president. How better give the Republican party a new lease on post-Watergate life than by the choice of a man who stood up against the cover-up? Richardson is an Easterner, a liberal as Republicans go, a balance in both geography and ideology to Ford, without risking a direct clash.

But who would want that prim driving face looking over his shoulder and trying to second-guess him for the first spot? Richardson has the bitter edge on his ambition. It showed in his willingness to climb at HEW over the good of blacks, and to run the last illegal bombing of Cambodia out of the Defense Department.

At last Nixon pushed him too far, and he had to rebel, to keep his first constituency; but he was put in a position where he could rebel because Nixon knew he could push him fairly far, despite the carefully guarded reputation as "Mr. Clean."

ACTUALLY, THERE IS a better anti-Watergate Republican for Ford's pur-

poses, who also comes from New England and has a reputation for independence. He is far more personable than Richardson, and has at least as much integrity. He would be less threatening to Ford — Ford, after all, was a B-student at Yale Law School while Lowell Weicker just squeaked by at the University of Virginia.

Both men can maneuver pretty well while chewing gum, and both, while having potential national constituencies of a different sort, know how to get along with their peers. Fundamentally, what I am saying is that they are as decent examples as one can expect from the different wings of the Republican party in its effort to recover from Watergate.

Elliot Richardson is not so much decent as "discriminating" — a slick operator with a pinched censor's air.

WEICKER WAS born while his parents were visiting in France, and the Constitution calls for a native-born citizen to be president (or president-in-waiting). But the aim in the 1780s was to insure a man of colonial background who had lived through the Revolution — not an immigrant more recent than the young country's formative years.

George Romney's parents had left the country to avoid its laws against the Mormon customs when he was born — yet the country was willing to accept him on legal grounds if he would just stop washing his brain in public.

I'm sure people would find Sen. Weicker equally acceptable. He is almost flagrantly American. Teddy Kennedy would find the team of Ford and Weicker more formidable in 1976 than one with his paler Massachusetts politician running along with Gerald Ford while subtly condescending to him.

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A Connecticut Yankee rests his case

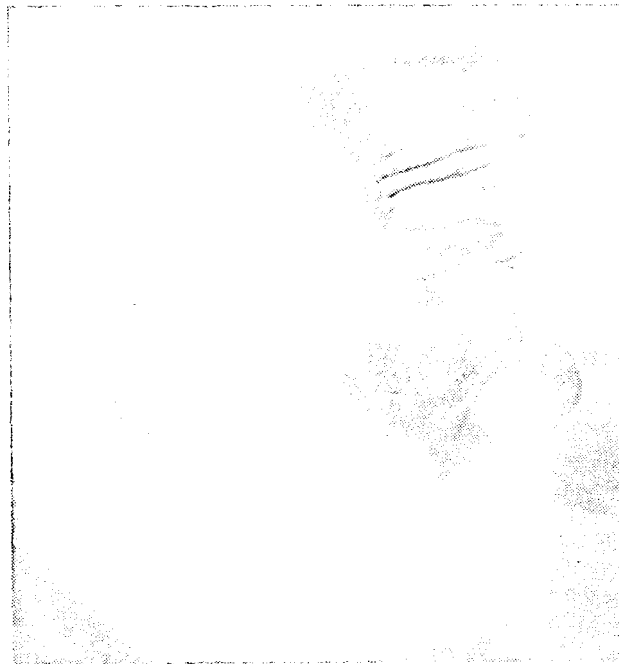
"No comment," said the junior Senator from Connecticut when he was asked to remark Monday on the latest revelations in the staggering saga of Watergate: the President's admission of cover-up.

At this time when his fellow Republicans are falling away from the President like a flaking sunburn, Senator Lowell P. Weicker Jr., who was booed by some of the state party regulars at the nominating convention in Hartford last week, need not say another word. His was the first pebble that started the landslide.

As he so well expressed it in a Fairpress interview last January, "How many more examples are needed to convince a person that this bunch in the White House took politics into the gutter and made it the new official home of politics? How many more examples are needed to determine that the use of government power was not to bring about change or to protect the weak, but to maintain the status quo and to silence those who disagreed? How many more examples are needed to show this bunch that the Constitution wasn't worth a damn? I don't need any more examples."

As one by one, his fellow Republican Senators defect from their support of the President, support that each day becomes impossible to maintain, we in Connecticut should remember with pride that our junior Senator was the first of his party to speak out against Watergate before the November elections. He was the first to say that White House aides should not be given executive privilege. He was the first to urge the resignation of top Presidential aide H.R. Haldeman.

He was also the first member of the Senate



Watergate Committee to vote for open hearings and he was the first to refuse to accept the Ervin-Baker agreement with President Nixon to have Senator Stennis audit the Presidential tapes.

Always going stepping out ahead of everyone else on what often seems to be a shaky limb, he was the first to demand an IRS audit of Presidential income taxes and the first to submit direct questions to the President regarding his role in the

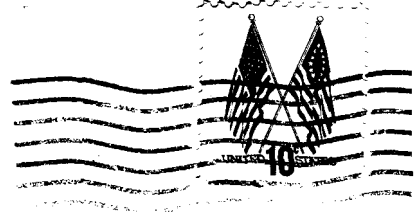
cover-up of Watergate.

His most recent first was the publication of his own Senate Watergate Committee report based on the intensive investigation done by his own staff, which had turned up among other things, incriminating documents on United States military agents spying on Americans in Europe; evidence of White House staged anti-Nixon demonstrations to elicit sympathy; and the most-favored and least-favored taxpayer lists supplied by the White House to the Internal Revenue Service.

It is ironic to note that when Lowell Weicker aimed his first arrow at what other Republicans were still calling "a third rate burglary attempt," he did not receive a single letter of support from his Connecticut constituents. It is also ironic that even after national recognition and acclaim for his efforts, he is considered a traitor by some members of his own state party.

Perhaps there is comfort for Senator Weicker, his family which has withstood a trying two years of uneasiness in the limelight, and his admirers, both Democratic and Republican, in one of his favorite quotes; one he repeated last October in an address at Fairfield University. Quoting from Mark Twain's "A Connecticut Yankee in King Arthur's Court," he said: "I was from Connecticut, whose constitution declares that all political power is inherent in the people, all free governments are founded on their authority and instituted for their benefit and they have at all times the undeniable right to alter their form of government in such a manner as they may think expedient."

Clara Cole



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