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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:

Personally, as an American, as a Republican State Committeeman, as a long-time Republican Party worker, and as a friend, I strongly recommend and respectfully urge that you appoint George Bush as the Vice President of the United States.

You know George's credentials as well as I do and this letter would not add to those credentials if I outlined them, but I can paraphrase Senator Goldwater in saying that George is, indeed, "Mr. Clean." You know his dedication, his integrity, his background and his abilities and I deeply and sincerely feel that he would make an outstanding Vice President. I have talked with countless people, Democrats and Republicans, in the last several days and unanimously George's name comes up as the man that should be appointed.

Notwithstanding the responsibilities of the Presidency and the Vice Presidency, for the good of America the Republican Party needs uniting and rebuilding. You, with George's help, could accomplish that need. I believe that a Ford-Bush ticket in 1976 could be the most helpful ticket for the Party and would be a winning combination for this country.

I truly hope and pray that George Bush will be your Vice Presidential choice.

With kindest regards and best wishes, as always, I am, as ever, your friend.

Sincerely,



William A. McKenzie

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FRED M. ZEDER II
CHAIRMAN OF THE BOARD

August 13, 1974

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

Dear Mr. President:

Thank you for your thoughtful letter about our golf outing. Thanks, too, for the great picture. It arrived as I was watching you at the swearing-in-ceremony. That makes it an even more important treasure.

Your message to America and the world on that historic occasion, and the strength and moving eloquence of your remarks to Congress last night have, almost magically, swept us into the sunshine and promise of a bright new day. Suddenly, it seemed, we no longer need search the gloomy recesses of that long, dark tunnel for the light. We are there. And at its end we have found a beginning.

Over these past few unprecedented days, a spontaneous effort has sprung up here in Texas, and I understand around the country, respectfully urging you to give George Bush deep consideration for your Vice President.

I know you are doing this. I pray that in your deliberations you find in George the political and geographic balance our party and our country need. More importantly, I know that in your mind and heart you have long recognized and carefully assessed George Bush as a man.

In your hands rests now the destiny of the world. Your greatest God-given gift is your God-given ability to evaluate and wisely assess yourself and your fellow man. May you so judge George Bush.

No matter whom you choose in this momentous decision, please know that you and he will continue to have our whole-hearted support and prayers. May God bless you, Mr. President.

Respectfully,



P. S. Please don't feel obligated to answer this. Everyone knows how busy you are.

Bush for vice president

ONE OF THE very important immediate decisions that Gerald Ford, as the new President, must make is that of choosing a vice president.

We suggest that he could not do better than select Texan George Bush, now chairman of the Republican National Committee, to serve with him as his vice president.

Mr. Ford is reported to have compiled a list of 14 names of Republican national political figures from which to choose his second in command. Bush's name is not on the list, and this we think is a serious oversight. His name should be added to the list and placed high on the list.

For George Bush possesses all the qualities, some of them rare, which make him a most attractive candidate for the nation's second highest office. He is young, energetic and highly personable. He is intelligent, experienced in government, and,

above all, his integrity has never been questioned.

Moreover, George Bush has achieved outstanding success in every job to which he has turned his hand. He gave up the successful oil business he had built to become a U.S. representative from Houston. He established an excellent record as a congressman.

After his defeat for the Senate, Bush took on, in succession, two very tough, and sometimes thankless, jobs in public service and in the service of his party. The first was as U.S. ambassador to the U.N. and then as Republican national chairman.

To both positions, he brought the same qualities of sincerity, steadfastness and reasoned action which have always marked his career.

We urge Mr. Ford to include George Bush on his list of vice presidential possibilities and give strong consideration to nominating him for that office.

MR. PRESIDENT:

THE FOLLOWING PERSONS HAVE INDICATED TO YOU THEIR SUPPORT FOR GEORGE BUSH FOR VICE PRESIDENT:

RITA BASS - Dallas

FRED AGNICH - Dallas

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JACK WARREN - Tyler, Texas

DWIGHT P. SMITH - Dallas

MSGR. HENRY MCGILL- Dallas

H. ROSS PEROT - Dallas

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PETE GIFFORD - Dallas

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JIM LING - Dallas

DAN KRAUSE - Dallas

RAY HUNT - Dallas

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DAVE KEENER - Dallas
TOM O'DWYER - Dallas
COL. TOM KROCK - Dallas
J. ALFRED MORAN - Chicago
SAMUEL WITWER - Chicago
GENE SHIELDS - Dallas
RICHARD EISMAN - Dallas
HOWARD ZEDER - Dallas
MRS. KRIS VOGOPEL - Galveston
MRS. JOE R. STRAUS - San Antonio
COL. RICHARD EDDLEMAN - San Antonio
GEN. JOHN BENNETT - San Antonio
JACK STEELE - Houston
MRS. JANELLE McARTHUR - San Antonio
BILL ATWELL - San Antonio
JIM DEMENT - San Antonio
DR. ROBERT V. WEST - San Antonio
MRS. JEAN SULLIVAN - Alabama

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August 13, 1974

President Gerald Ford
White House
Washington, D. C.

Dear Mr. President:

I am writing to request that you give strong consideration to George Bush for the position of Vice President of the United States.

I have known Mr. Bush for many years and have observed his splendid career with great admiration.

He is a man of unquestioned integrity, broad experience and outstanding ability. He is capable of understanding and dealing effectively with problems both here at home and around the world. He is highly respected by Democrats as well as Republicans and in my judgment would bring great distinction to this office.

We respectfully urge that George Bush be given your strongest consideration.

Yours very sincerely,


Charles G. Cullum

CGC:sd

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OF DALLAS

DALLAS, TEXAS 75222

August 13, 1974

CHARLES PISTOR
PRESIDENT

The President
The White House
Washington, D. C.

Dear Mr. President:

The purpose of this letter is to add a genuine and enthusiastic note of endorsement for the candidacy of George Bush as Vice President of the United States. His personal conduct and capacity clearly epitomize what the people of the United States are asking for in their elected officials, now more than at any previous time.

To belabor his unusually distinctive credentials is not necessary, I know. Please know, however, that those of us in the daily task of business management would especially appreciate the additional leadership he would bring to your administration.

Very respectfully yours

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Charles Pistor

HERMAN W. LAY
P. O. Box 35034
DALLAS, TEXAS 75235

August 13, 1974

The President
The White House
Washington, D. C.

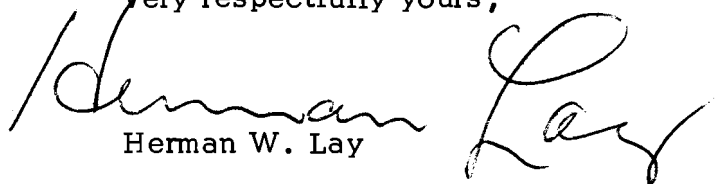
My dear Mr. President:

Congratulations on your fine address to Congress last night. I fully endorse the program you outlined. Really, after meeting with you in Dallas at the home of Trammell Crow, your program is just what I expected.

The press states that the Honorable George Bush is being considered as your Vice President. I have known George since his early days in Congress and have personally supported and endorsed him without reservation since those early days. He is a man of impeccable integrity and is certainly loyal to the Republican Party.

I realize that the final decision concerning the selection of a Vice President will have to be your own--a man with whom you can work in confidence and harmony. Because I think he is qualified for the office, should George Bush be your selection, I will be immensely pleased. I assure you that in any event your presidency will have my full and complete support.

Very respectfully yours,


Herman W. Lay

ROBERT S. FOLSOM

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August 13, 1974

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

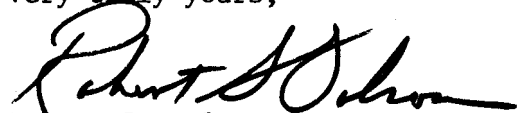
Dear Mr. President:

I would like to most respectfully recommend for your consideration to the Vice Presidency, Mr. George Bush.

Mr. Bush possesses the impeccable stature and character needed for the office, and in addition he has the ability to perform the work requirements of the office.

Whoever you select for the Vice President, will have my full support.

Very truly yours,

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Robert S. Folsom

J. E. JONSSON
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DALLAS, TEXAS 75201

August 13, 1974

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

Dear Mr. President:

As you assume the awesome responsibilities of the Presidency, may I respectfully state our confidence in your integrity, abilities and patriotism. The quality of the leadership you will bring to the nation was strongly evident in your two addresses which is gratifying and encouraging in these troubled times. I should also like to offer to provide any assistance which would be helpful to your Administration.

I have been encouraged by fellow Republicans and Texans to join in the support of the nomination of George Bush for Vice President, and I am pleased to do so. I believe he, too, is a man of total integrity, high abilities, and that his appointment would serve the best interests of the nation well.

Respectfully,

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Erik Jonsson

EJ/nj

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August 13, 1974

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President Gerald Ford
White House
Washington, D. C.

Dear Mr. President:

As I have previously wired you, I urge the appointment of George Bush of Texas to the high position of Vice President of the United States. Your ascendancy to the Presidency has afforded great relief to the citizens of the United States. It is so refreshing to have the qualities of integrity and decency reinstated in the White House. The selection of George Bush as Vice President would add to these qualities.

George Bush enjoys the kind of reputation for honesty, diligence and intelligence which would honor the high office of the Vice President. While his appointment would be beneficial to the Republican Party, it is more important that it would be advantageous to our Nation.

You have received telegrams supporting the nomination of George Bush as Vice President from the following people in the cities indicated:

Zel Kelvin, President, United National Corp., New York City
Dan Cowin, Senior Partner, Drexel-Burnham & Co., New York City
Medallion Stores, Inc., Dallas, Texas
I. S. Segal, Dallas, Texas
Dr. Stanley Pearle, Dallas, Texas
Harold Hoffman, Dallas, Texas
Norman Brinker, President, Steak & Ale Restaurants of America,
Dallas, Texas
Carl Kaufman, Partner, Shearson-Hayden, Dallas, Texas
William Weinberger, President, Caesars Palace Hotel, Las Vegas, Nev.
Lawrence Wien, Wien, Lane & Malkin, New York City
Herbert Ames, Investors Petroleum Corp., New York City
George Mettle, New York Sash & Door, Clifton, New Jersey
Leo Werblin, CPA, New York
Lincoln Rosen, Rosen Investments, New York City
Harry Sedwick, Herzog & Co., New York City
Herman Rubin, Coral Gables, Florida
Angus G. Wynne, Dallas, Texas

WYNNE JAFFE & TINSLEY

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Peter Wray and John Firestone, Phoenix, Arizona
William Schwarzer, McCutchen, Doyle, Brown & Enersen
San Francisco, California
Arthur E. Weisberg, Dorsey, Marquart, Windhorst, West &
Halladay, Minneapolis, Minnesota
Alex F. Weisberg, Jr., President of E. M. Kahn & Co.,
Dallas, Texas
Charles Goldberg, Rex-Tex Equipment Corp., Indianapolis, Ind.
Herman Goodman, The Franklin Corporation, New York City
Barry Donnell, President of Town & Country Mobile Homes,
Wichita Falls, Texas
Allen Gold, Chairman of the Board, Nardis of Dallas, Dallas, Texas
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David Kay, Shearson-Hayden, New York City
Warren Adler, Warren Adler Company, Washington, D. C.
Joseph Meyerhoff, Monumental Properties, Baltimore, Maryland

I think George Bush will be a credit to the high office of the
Vice Presidency and to your administration.

Sincerely,



Morris I. Jaffe

MIJ:mc

RAY L. HUNT
2900 FIRST NATIONAL BANK BUILDING
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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 would like to most respectfully request your favorable consideration of Mr. George Bush for the position of Vice President of the United States.


As I am sure you would agree, it is imperative that the new Vice President be a man of impeccable stature whose reputation, in terms of integrity and forbearing, is without blemish. Mr. Bush is such a man.

In addition, in these divisive times Mr. Bush would be a person with whom many diverse groups would be able to identify. Citizens of both the southwestern and eastern portions of the United States would feel that he was native to their areas, and he would certainly be attractive to the younger voters of the nation. He also possesses a most unique record of accomplishments which both liberals and conservatives could point to with pride.

The task of reunification of both the nation and the Republican Party would be very well served by Mr. Bush's nomination, and I sincerely feel that you could find no finer man for the job.

May God be with you in the months and years to come.

Respectfully yours,



Ray L. Hunt

RLH/lch

AUGUST 13, 1974

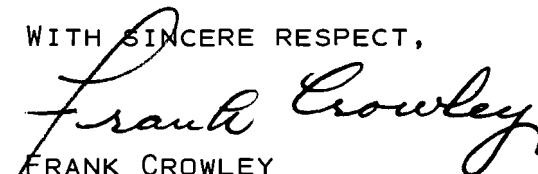
THE PRESIDENT OF THE UNITED STATES
THE WHITE HOUSE
WASHINGTON, D.C.

DEAR MR. PRESIDENT:

WITHOUT PRESUMING TO ADVISE BUT ONLY TO INFORM, MAY I
SUGGEST THAT THE APPOINTMENT OF GEORGE BUSH AS VICE
PRESIDENT WOULD MEET WITH HEARTY AND BI-PARTISAN APPROV-
AL IN THIS AREA OF THE COUNTRY.

AND KNOWING GEORGE WELL, I'M FULLY CONFIDENT THAT HIS
SERVICE WOULD REFLECT CREDIT NOT ONLY ON YOUR ADMINISTRA-
TION BUT UPON OUR PARTY AS WELL.

WITH SINCERE RESPECT,

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FRANK CROWLEY
CHAIRMAN, REPUBLICAN PARTY
OF DALLAS COUNTY, TEXAS

FC:LC

John M. Stemmons

August 13, 1974

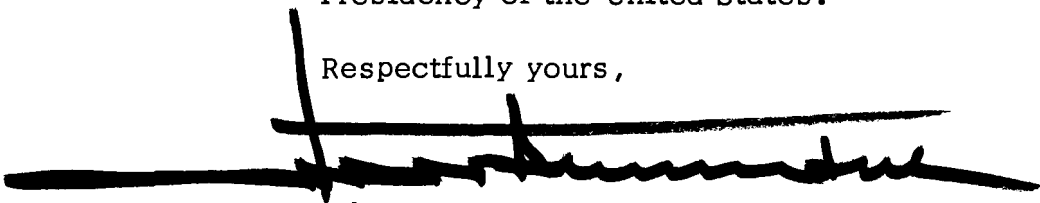
The President
The White House
Washington, D. C. 20500

Dear Mr. President:

The Honorable George Bush is held in highest esteem by the people of Texas for his proven ability in the House of Representatives.

As a nominal Texas Democrat I would urge your consideration for Mr. Bush's appointment to the office of Vice Presidency of the United States.

Respectfully yours,



John M. Stemmons

The President
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Washington, D. C. 20500

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PETER O'DONNELL, JR.
August 13, 1974

President Gerald R. Ford
The White House
Washington, D.C. 20510

Dear Mr. President:

I understand that George Bush is under serious consideration by you as your choice for Vice-President. I am aware that you know George very well. However, I wanted to let you know how I feel about George from eleven years of personal experience and observation.

In my opinion George Bush would be a superb choice for your Vice-President because, in addition to being fully capable of handling the job, he is:

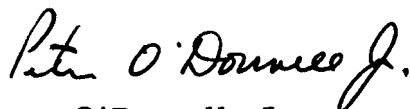
- a. 100% loyal
- b. complete integrity - in image and in fact
- c. highly regarded by Congress
- d. well received by the press
- e. acceptable to all parts of the Republican Party

The sum of these factors, in my opinion, adds up to enthusiastic reception of his selection by the Congress, the press, the public, the Republican Party and Texans of all persuasion. This in turn means, from among all the candidates under consideration, he would be the most help to you in 1976 should you choose to seek reelection.

I want to compliment you on the excellent start made as President under most difficult conditions. Well done.

With best wishes.

Sincerely yours,

A handwritten signature in dark ink, reading "Peter O'Donnell, Jr." in a cursive script.

Peter O'Donnell, Jr.

President Gerald R. Ford
The White House
Washington, D.C. 20510

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August 11th, 1974

Honorable John O. Marsh
Counselor to the President
The White House
Washington, D.C. 20500

Dear Mr. Marsh:

As the President begins his search for a Vice President, I wish to suggest six (6) men for his consideration. Before I do so, permit me to tell you that I am a young Republican, I attended the 1972 Republican National Convention as a Young Voter for President Nixon, and until last Friday, I served as Chairman of Citizens for Support of President Nixon.

The President will be receiving suggestions from many national leaders on who should be Vice President, and I hope that he will also seek the advice of "average" people so that he will have the benefit of our thinking on this important decision.

I respectfully suggest the following six (6) men for Vice President of the United States for the reasons stated:

William E. (Bill) Brock III (United States Senator from Tennessee). As you know, Bill Brock led the Young Voters for the President organization which was very effective both at our 1972 Convention and as part of the campaign itself. He is well liked by

Honorable John O. Marsh

the Party, and is very good with young people. He is bright and articulate, with much promise, and comes from a border State, which could give geographic balance to the Executive leadership.

Robert J. (Bob) Dole (United States Senator from Kansas). As a former chairman of the Republican National Committee, Bob Dole is well known and liked by our Party. He is articulate and is as sharp as nails. He has stamina, and is very good on the speaking circuit. He comes from a State which is centrally located, thus attractive to people in the mid-west and the west.

Rogers C.B. Morton (Secretary of the Interior). Like Dole, he is a former chairman of the RNC, and as such, he is well known and liked by the Party. He has had experience in the Congress, and is a most competent man. He has "charisma", is a very fine speaker, and comes from the border State of Maryland.

Nelson A. Rockefeller (Former Governor of the State of New York). He is the most favored choice, at least in the press, as you know. He is well known, very intelligent, and like Rog Morton, he has "charisma". He is a proven administrator, and appeals not only to most Republicans, but to many Democrats and Independents, as well.

William P. Rogers (Former Secretary of State). Bill Rogers has a proven record of ability. As Attorney General under President Eisenhower and as Secretary of State under President Nixon, he has earned a reputation of being honest, being a good speaker, and being most competent. Not only is he well liked and well known across the Nation (and the world), he is also respected. In addition, he has a good

Honorable John O. Marsh

knowledge of foreign affairs.

Donald Rumsfeld (Ambassador to N.A.T.O.). Don Rumsfeld is very gifted, as you know, and offers much promise. He has had experience in the Congress, and in the Executive Branch, as a Counselor to President Richard Nixon. He is familiar with foreign affairs, and like Rog Morton and Nelson Rockefeller, he has "charisma".

The above are only six of hundreds of talented and capable men who could serve as Vice President of the United States. Each of the above men would be excellent Vice Presidents, and if the occasion arose, each could handle the Presidency. A Vice President should compliment the President, but he should be his own man. Each of the above men is well known and liked by the Republican Party, and would be quickly confirmed by the Congress.

The decision that the President is about to make is one of the most important decisions that he will ever be faced with. Whether he chooses one of the men that I have suggested or not, I know that his will be a wise and thoughtful decision.

As Mr. Ford begins his Presidency and as you begin your service in the White House, please know that you have my very best wishes for much success and happiness in the years ahead. The years ahead will not always be easy, nor will they always be fun. But always remember that you are doing something for

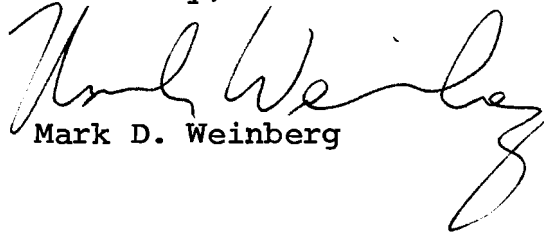
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Honorable John O. Marsh

America and the world, and twenty years from now, you will be able to look back with pride on the accomplishments of the Ford Presidency.

Warmest regards.

Sincerely,

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Mark D. Weinberg

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AMBASSADOR GEORGE BUSH WHO, IN MY OPINION, COMBINES ALL
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PMS HONORABLE GERALD FORD PRESIDENT OF THE UNITED STATES

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IN SELECTION OF A VICE PRESIDENT, WE RESPECTFULLY RECOMMEND DANIEL J EVANS, GOVERNOR OF THE STATE OF WASHINGTON. A MODERATE REPUBLICAN, HE HAS BEEN ELECTED GOVERNOR THREE TIMES IN A HEAVILY DEMOCRATIC STATE. DAN EVANS, WHO IS 49 YEARS OLD, WOULD BRING A FRESH FACE TO THE NATIONAL SCNE, WITH AN OUTSTANDING RECORD OF ACCOMPLISHMENT AND AN IMPECCABLE REPUTATION FOR INTEGRITY. HE RECENTLY SERVED AS CHAIRMAN OF THE NATIONAL GOVERNORS CONFERENCE. TO DATE SOME 25 GOVERNORS HAVE BEEN ENTERTAINED AT SPOKANE'S WORLD EXPOSITION AND IT IS APPARENT THAT HIS FELLOW GOVERNORS HAVE HIGH RESPECT AND GENUINE AFFECTION FOR DAN EVANS. I AM CONFIDENT THAT THEY

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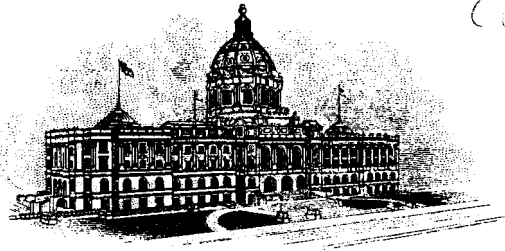
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WOULD GREET HIS APPOINTMENT WITH GREAT ENTHUSIASM. ALL OF
SPOKANE WISHES YOU GOOD FORTUNE AND GODSPEED IN THE GREAT
RESPONSIBILITIES YOU HAVE NOW ASSUMED. SINCERELY YOURS

DAVID H RODGERS MAYOR OF THE CITY OF SPOKANE

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August 6, 1974

The Honorable Gerald Ford
Vice President of the
United States
The White House
1600 Pennsylvania Avenue
Washington, D. C. 20501

Dear Vice President Ford:

It appears evident at this time you will be elevated to the job of President. I heartily welcome this move. But, more than anything else I would like to convey to you the hope that your administration will become the hallmark of reconciliation. We talk a great deal about "peace in our time", but we tend to forget about the need for an internal peace at home. It would be my hope that your administration would deal with the latter question.

I think it is evident that no organization nor the news media caused Watergate. It was the President and his appointed colleagues. In the days ahead, it is very likely that the President is going to need some assistance from the nation through its political institutions that he will not be criminally prosecuted. I personally hope that such forgiveness will be granted. I think that is one sign of a tolerant and understanding society. However, I think that understanding must also be granted to those who made a decision not to go to war. I know that you personally do not support such a policy. But, forgiveness cannot be limited to one person when it is politically convenient and denied to others when it is politically inconvenient.

It was the founder of our party who brought this nation together after a difficult struggle with the policy of "charity for all." I pray that that philosophy will become a cornerstone of your administration.

On another note, it would also be my hope that your administration would consider appointing Elliot Richardson as its Vice President

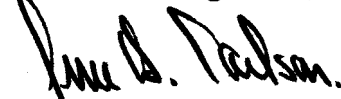


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and Leon Jaworski as Attorney General. This would represent a giant step forward in terms of bringing integrity and competency back to our national government.

Again, I want to extend my best wishes to you as well as my prayers for an administration that will truly bring together all of our people.

Warmest regards,

A handwritten signature in dark ink, appearing to read "Arne H. Carlson". The signature is written in a cursive, slightly slanted style.

Arne H. Carlson
State Representative

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PMS ROBERT T. HARTMANN - CHIEF OF STAFF TO VICE PRESIDENT
OFFICE OF THE VICE PRESIDENT OF UNITED STATES
WASHINGTON, D.C.

DEAR SIR:

I STRONGLY RECOMMEND THAT MR. FORD DESIGNATE GEORGE BUSH
AS HIS CHOICE FOR VICE PRESIDENT. GEORGE BUSH HAS SERVED HIS
COUNTRY LONG AND HONORABLY. HE NOT ONLY HAS THE ABILITY TO SERVE
IN THE HIGHEST POLITICAL OFFICE, BUT ALSO HE HAS AN IMPECCABLE
REPUTATION. I DO NOT THINK A BETTER CHOICE COULD BE MADE FOR
VICE PRESIDENT.

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SPEAKING ON BEHALF OF THE REPUBLICAN PARTY OF GUADALUPE COUNTY
IN TEXAS WE WOULD LIKE TO REQUEST YOU CONSIDERATION OF MR GEORGE
BUSH AS THE VICE PRESIDENT OF THE UNITED STATES WE BELIEVE THAT
MR BUSH'S TIRELESS ENTHUSIASM AS A SERVANT OF THE PEOPLE WOULD
BE A GREAT CREDIT TO YOUR ADMINISTRATION AND TO THE COUNTRY

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AS REPUBLICAN COUNTY CHAIRMAN OF THE 8TH LARGEST COUNTY IN TEXAS,
I OFFER OUR WHOLE HEARTED SUPPORT TO YOUR ADMINISTRATION. I WOULD
URGE YOU TO CONSIDER OUR OWN GEORGE BUSH AS YOUR VICE PRESIDENT
GOD BLESS YOU

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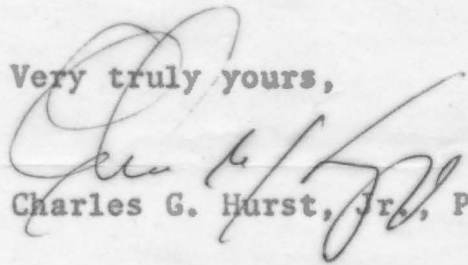
The Honorable Gerald Ford,
President of the United States
White House
Washington, D.C.

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 reconciliation agent capable of helping you bring the nation together again.

The following individuals have demonstrated their sensitivity to minority people's problems and the plight of our cities. Therefore, I recommend that you select one of the following: The Honorable George Bush, The Honorable Nelson Rockefeller, The Honorable Edward Brooke, or the Honorable Daniel Evans.

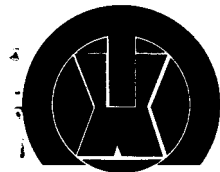
Very truly yours,


Charles G. Hurst, Jr., Ph.D.

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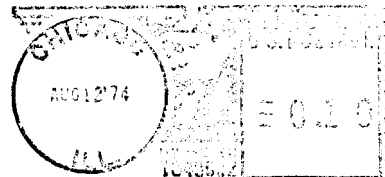
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HONORABLE BOB HARTMAN, COUNCIL TO PRESIDENT
WHITE HOUSE
WASHINGTON DC 20500

DEAR HONORABLE HARTMAN

THIS LETTER COMES TO STATE 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 BRING THE NATION TOGETHER AGAIN.

THE FOLLOWING INDIVIDUALS HAVE DEMONSTRATED THEIR SENSITIVITY TO MINORITY PEOPLE PROBLEMS AND THE PLIGHT OF OUR CITIES. THEREFORE WE RECOMMEND THAT YOU SELECT ONE OF THE FOLLOWING

HONORABLE GEORGE BUSH
HONORABLE NELSON ROCKEFELLER
HONORABLE EDWARD BROOKE
HONORABLE DANIEL EVANS

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DEAR MR PRESIDENT, PLEASE ADD MY NAME TO THOSE IN SUPPORT ON
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PRESIDENT GERALD FORDATTN BOB HARTMAN
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DEAR PRESIDENT FORD I WILL POINT OUT TO YOU THAT NO WOMAN WAS IN ANY WAY INVOLVED IN THE RECENT UNFORTUNATE SITUATION THAT HAS ARISEN IN THE GOVERNMENT HELEN BENTLEY CHAIRMAN OF THE FEDERAL MARITIME COMMISSION HAS HAD WIDE EXPERIENCE IN GOVERNMENT SHE HAS BEEN A LOYAL REPUBLICAN AND HAS WORKED HARD FOR THE REOUBLICAN PARTY FOR MANY YEARS SHE IS INTELLIGENT WELL EDUCATED ARTICULATE WOMAN WITH HIGH MORALL PRINCIPLES I URGE YOU TO CONSIDER MRS BENTLEY FOR THE VICE PRESIDENCY OR A CABINET POSITION VERY TRULY YOURS

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MR ROBERT HARTMANN, PRESIDENT'S CHIEF OF STAFF
WHITE HOUSE
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FIRST LET ME CONGRATULATE YOU IN YOUR NEW POSITION OF TRUST AND RESPONSIBILITY. OUR PRESIDENT IS MOST FORTUNATE TO HAVE YOUR SERVICES.

SECONDLY, I WOULD LIKE TO RECOMMEND THAT OUR PRESIDENT APPOINT A BLACK OF NATIONAL STATURE AS COUNSEL TO THE PRESIDENT AND I CAN THINK OF NO TWO INDIVIDUALS MORE IMMINENTLY QUALIFIED THAN ARTHUR FLETCHER FORMER ASSISTANT SECRETARY OF LABOR AND STANLEY SCOTT CURRENTLY ON THE WHITE HOUSE STAFF.

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TM ALEXANDER JR FORMER ASSISTANT FHA COMMISSIONER DEPARTMENT
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TO SENATORS WILLIAM BROCK, EDWARD BROOKE, ROBERT GRIFFIN, AND HUGH
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