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UNITED STATES SENATE
WASHINGTON, D. C.

WILLIAM V. ROTH, JR.
DELAWARE

August 13, 1974

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

Dear Mr. President:

In reply to your request for recommendations for the Vice Presidency, my three choices are:

John J. Williams
Nelson Rockefeller
George Bush

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in cursive script, reading "Bill", written in dark ink.

William V. Roth, Jr.
U. S. Senate

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

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August 13, 1974

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

Dear Mr. President:

In accord with your expressed wishes, I respectfully submit the following suggestions for Vice President:

1. Governor Scranton
2. Elliot Richardson
3. Governor Rockefeller

I appreciate this chance to submit these names and want you to know that you have my very best wishes and my pledge of full cooperation. You have made a magnificent beginning.

Sincerely,



Richard S. Schweiker
United States Senator

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United States Senate

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United States Senate
OFFICE OF THE MINORITY LEADER
WASHINGTON, D.C. 20510

August 13, 1974

The President
The White House
Washington, D.C.

Dear Mr. President:

We have discussed a number of names
on Sunday last.

Of course, I recommend all my Senate
Republican colleagues!

Specifically, my first preferences
are:

Gov. Rockefeller

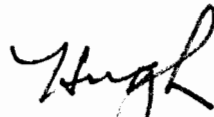
or

Sen. Goldwater

Ambassador George Bush

Gov. Linwood Holton

Respectfully yours,



Hugh Scott
Republican Leader

United States Senate

OFFICE OF THE MINORITY LEADER

WASHINGTON, D.C. 20510

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Hugh Scott
U. S. S.

The President

United States Senate

WASHINGTON, D.C. 20510

August 12, 1974

The President
The White House
Washington, D. C.

Dear Mr. President:

Senate Republican leader, Hugh Scott, has requested that recommendations from individual Senators for the office of Vice President be forwarded to you through his office and I am attaching a copy of a letter written last Friday recommending that consideration be given to appointing one of the seven Republican Senators who have served as Governors of their respective States, and also whose philosophy is as compatible as possible with your own.

I am quite aware that Barry Goldwater and Nelson Rockefeller are under consideration for the office of Vice President. While I personally would be pleased at the selection of Senator Goldwater, the more liberal wing of the Party would be as unhappy with him as I would be should you select former Governor Rockefeller. In the interest of Party unity, it might not be wise to select a person closely identified in the public mind with either the far right or the far left.

Senator Clifford Hansen of Wyoming is conservative; yet, I understand that a survey by Congressional Quarterly indicated that he had supported the legislative proposals of the Nixon Administration to a greater extent than any other Senator. He is a former Governor of his State, a popular and able Senator, serving his second term, whose nomination would be acceptable to all wings of the Party. There would also be geographic balance and I believe you can count on him to be as loyal to your Administration as he was the Nixon Administration.

Senator Strom Thurmond has been school superintendent, a trial lawyer, a judge, a Major General, Governor of his State and served with distinction for a number of years in the Senate. I know that he is past 70 but you will recall the warm acceptance given to Alben Barkley as Vice President even though he, too, was an elder statesman.

August 12, 1974

A younger Senator, who has served as Governor of his State, is Dewey Bartlett. He is a very personable individual who, at 55, could well have a number of years service in his future.

While Senator George Aiken of Vermont has served as Governor of his State, age would prevent his serious consideration.

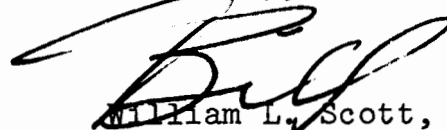
Paul Fannin of Arizona, another able Senator and former Governor, age 67, is well regarded within the Senate.

Senators Bellmon of Oklahoma, Stafford of Vermont and Hatfield of Oregon have also served as Governors of their States and are well regarded in the Senate. The latter two, however, are more liberal in their thinking than I consider you to be and might pose some problems because of this.

Please forgive my dwelling on the obvious too much but it does appear wise to seriously consider these able men who now serve in the Senate but who also have the executive experience which comes from serving as chief executive of their respective States.

With kindest personal regards,

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in dark ink, appearing to read 'Bill Scott', written over a horizontal line.

William L. Scott, U.S.S.

WLS/del

Enc.

August 9, 1974

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

Dear Mr. President:

I know you will want the best possible person as Vice President and will receive considerable advice regarding a possible nominee. My own suggestion is a member of the Senate who has served as chief executive of his state. Service in the Senate would complement your service in the House and might even increase the support you already have in Congress due to your long period of service.

Service as chief executive of a state would also mean that the person selected would not only have the basis for an amicable relationship with the Congress but would have the executive experience to serve as President if this responsibility should fall upon him. We have a number of Senators who have also served as Governors. Among these are Dewey Bartlett and Henry Bellmon of Oklahoma, Paul Fannin of Arizona, Clifford Hansen of Wyoming, Mark Hatfield of Oregon, Bob Stafford of Vermont, and Strom Thurmond of South Carolina.



The President
August 9, 1974

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My further suggestion is that the person selected have a philosophy as compatible as possible with your own, rather than to attempt to balance your right-of-center philosophy with someone to the left of center.

Be assured of my high regards and support of your efforts to serve as our Chief Executive in the interest of all our citizens, and of my support to the greatest extent possible, consistent with my obligations to myself and the people of Virginia.

With kindest personal regards,

Sincerely,

WLS/dh

William L. Scott, U.S.S.



United States Senate

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William L. Scott
U.S.S.

The President
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ROBERT T. STAFFORD
VERMONT



United States Senate
Washington, D. C.

August 13, 1974

The President
The White House

Dear Mr. President:

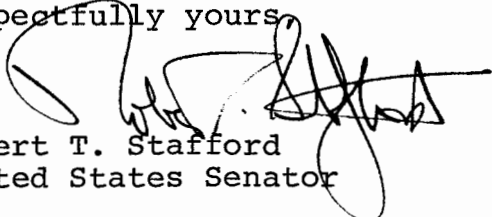
Herewith are my recommendations for
your consideration in the selection of a Vice
President.

Nelson Rockefeller

William Scranton

Robert Stafford

Respectfully yours,


Robert T. Stafford
United States Senator

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United States Senate
Washington, D. C.

The President

The White House

ROBERT T. STAFFORD

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United States Senate

WASHINGTON, D.C. 20510

August 13, 1974

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

Dear Mr. President:

This is being written to you in the hopes you are aware that I was Rockefeller State Chairman in my state in 1954 and that I did participate in the movement to get Governor Rockefeller to run in 1968 and would probably still support him for President if you determine not to run in 1976.

In my opinion, however, the present circumstances require a Vice President who is a man of the Senate. For the following reasons I recommend that you select Howard Baker to fill the vacancy:

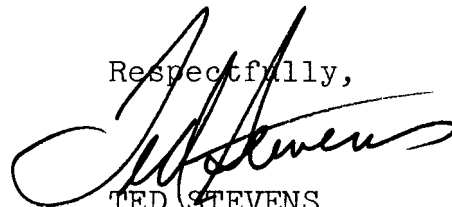
1) As a Northwestern, moderate Republican I feel it is incumbent upon us to prove that the Republican Party is a national party. Howard could add considerable Southern support to your efforts.

2) Howard Baker is known to millions of viewers as a sensible, considerate, intelligent Republican Senator as a result of the Watergate hearings.

3) You are "a man of the House"--in the two years ahead of us we need someone who understands the Senate in the office of the Vice Presidency, and I am certain you realize that Howard enjoys a very great personal reputation on both sides of the aisle.

4) Last, but not least, you have already announced the retention of Secretary Kissinger. Since Governor Rockefeller really has no background which would enable him to become a man of the Senate, I question the need for two Henry Kissingers.

Respectfully,



TED STEVENS
United States Senator

United States Senate

WASHINGTON, D.C. 20510

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A handwritten signature in black ink, reading "Ted Stevens". The signature is fluid and cursive, with the first name "Ted" and last name "Stevens" clearly distinguishable.

U.S.S.

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

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ROBERT TAFT, JR.
OHIO



United States Senate

WASHINGTON, D.C. 20510

August 13, 1974

The President
The White House
Washington, D. C.

My dear Mr. President:

May I first express to you my warmest personal congratulations and best wishes and offer my cooperation in any way that can be rendered.

It is my understanding that you would welcome suggestions for filling the Office of the Vice Presidency. Because I recognize that this choice is basically yours, I include a list of men who I feel should be considered without making a choice of any sort between them. I hope that it might be helpful.

The list is as follows:

Congressman John B. Anderson
Senator Wallace F. Bennett
Senator Edward W. Brooke
Chairman George Bush
Congressman Barber B. Conable, Jr.
Senator Clifford P. Hansen
Honorable Melvin R. Laird
Honorable Elliot L. Richardson
Honorable Nelson Rockefeller
Honorable George W. Romney
Senator William V. Roth, Jr.
Attorney General William B. Saxbe
Honorable George P. Shultz
Senator Robert T. Stafford
Senator Ted Stevens
Associate Justice Potter Stewart
Secretary Casper Weinberger

Respectfully yours,

A handwritten signature in dark ink, appearing to read "Bob Taft Jr.", written in a cursive style.

Robert Taft, Jr.
U. S. Senator

United States Senate

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WASHINGTON, D.C. 20510

August 12, 1974

The President
The White House
Washington, D. C.

Dear Mr. President:

In your broad search for Vice-Presidential nominees, I suggest that you may wish to consider the following:

Republican Senators:

Barry Goldwater of Arizona
John Tower of Texas
Bill Brock of Tennessee
James L. Buckley of New York (Ind-R)
Peter Dominick of Colorado
Clifford P. Hansen of Wyoming
Jesse Helms of North Carolina
James A. McClure of Idaho
Robert T. Stafford of Vermont
Robert Taft of Ohio

Democrat Senators:

Hugh Scott of Pennsylvania
Harry F. Byrd of Virginia (Ind-D)
Herman E. Talmadge of Georgia
James B. Allen of Alabama

Republican House Members:

Floyd Spence of South Carolina
Ed Young of South Carolina

Republican Governors:

Ronald Reagan of California
Winfield Dunn of Tennessee

Cabinet:

Fred E. Dent, Secretary of Commerce

Others:

George Bush, Republican National Chairman
Melvin R. Laird, former Member of Congress
and former Secretary of Defense

With best wishes,

Respectfully,


Strom Thurmond

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United States Senate

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The President

Nominees to be Vice-President
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United States Senate

WASHINGTON, D.C. 20510

LOWELL P. WEICKER, JR.
CONNECTICUT

August 13, 1974

Honorable Hugh Scott
United States Senate
Washington, D.C.

Dear Hugh:

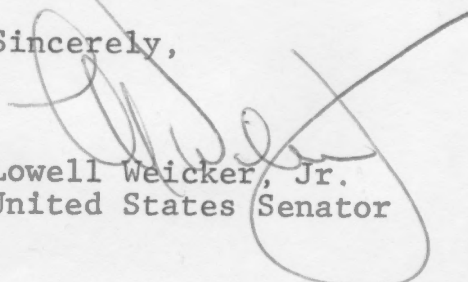
In response to your request for suggestions relative to a Vice President, I submit the following names, not in order of preference.

Senator Robert T. Stafford
Senator Dewey Bartlett
Senator Edward W. Brooke

Any of these men have the ability to fill the job of Vice President and, just as importantly, be a source of pride to Republicans of all philosophies and all geographies.

With warmest wishes.

Sincerely,


Lowell Weicker, Jr.
United States Senator

LW:cb



United States Senate

WASHINGTON, D.C. 20510

Honorable Hugh Scott

S-230, The Capitol

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August 12, 1974

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The White House

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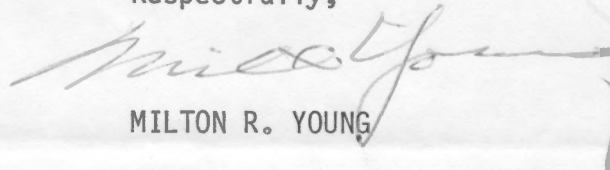
Pursuant to your solicitation of suggestions for possible appointees to fill the vacancy as Vice President of the United States, may I suggest the three following names:

Governor Nelson Rockefeller

The Honorable Elliot L. Richardson

The Honorable George Bush

Respectfully,


MILTON R. YOUNG



MRY:sv

United States Senate

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