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MEMORANDUM

THE WHITE HOUSE
WASHINGTON

Minority

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January 15, 1975

MEMORANDUM FOR PHILIP W. BUCHEN

FROM: Brent Scowcroft *BS*

SUBJECT: Reply to Mrs. Eva Ritt of the Central
Florida Committee for Soviet Jewry

With reference to your memorandum of November 15 forwarding a letter from Mrs. Eva Ritt of the Central Florida Committee for Soviet Jewry, we will ensure that Mrs. Ritt receives a substantive response to the letter she sent you. (A proposed reply, which we have forwarded to Roland Elliott for his signature to Mrs. Ritt, is at Tab A.) You may accordingly wish to inform her in your letter of acknowledgement that a further reply will be forthcoming.

We have been informed that there is no record in the White House Central Files of any letter from Mrs. Ritt to the President or of earlier White House correspondence with her.

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PROPOSED REPLY

Dear Mrs. Ritt:

The President has asked me to thank you for your letters of August 21 and September 6 concerning the family of Boris Gurevich.

The Administration is deeply concerned for those unable to exercise fundamental human rights, including the right of emigration. You may be certain we have and will continue to make the United States' position on this issue known as effectively as possible.

It is the President's view that an expanding and improving US-USSR relationship will provide the best framework to convey U.S. views on this and other important subjects to the Soviet Government. We hope that this effort may have a beneficial impact on the future of Boris Gurevich and his family.

Again, your letters are appreciated.

Sincerely,

Roland L. Elliott

Mrs. Eva L. Ritt
Chairperson
Central Florida Jewish
Community Council
851 North Maitland Avenue
Maitland, Florida 32751



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November 15, 1974

MEMORANDUM FOR: General Scowcroft

FROM: Philip W. Buchen

In view of the fact that this is probably one of a number of such appeals, I would appreciate your advising me that your office or the State Department will respond and that I may send merely an acknowledgment to that effect.

Is it possible that the earlier letters mentioned evoked no response?

Attachment: Letter from
Mrs. Eva L. Ritt
Chairperson
Central Florida Committee
for Soviet Jewry

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Central Florida Jewish Community Council

851 NORTH MAITLAND AVENUE / MAITLAND, FLORIDA 32751 / 305 645-5933

HAROLD H. BENOWITZ
EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR

Res.: 1701 Lee Road, apt. 361-L

Winter Park, Florida 32789

November 14, 1974



Mr. Phillip Buchen

The White House

Washington, D.C.

Dear Mr. Buchen,

In only a very short time President Ford will be visiting the USSR. He will spend time in Vladivostok.

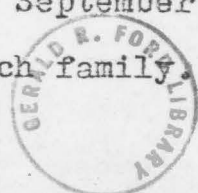
Not near Vladivostok, but also in the area of Siberia, in Irkutsk, is a family which has for two years been refused permission to leave the USSR.

Boris Gurevich, his wife Nina and their children David and Marina requested two years ago to leave the USSR to be reunited with relatives in Israel.

Some time ago Boris learned that his father in Israel was suffering from terminal cancer. His pleas to Soviet officials were not answered.

Just recently Boris' father died, but Boris' desire to leave is just as strong as ever.

I wrote to President Ford on August 21, 1974 and again on September 6, 1974 asking for his help in finding assistance for the Gurevich family. My letters were never acknowledged!



I plea with you to urge President Ford to convey to the Soviet officials the Gurevich family's plight and ask for their release and ability to go to Israel.

Central Florida Jewish Community Council

851 NORTH MAITLAND AVENUE / MAITLAND, FLORIDA 32751 / 305 645-5933



HAROLD H. BENOWITZ
EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR

Thanking you for your assistance.

Yours very truly,

Eva L. Ritt

Eva L. Ritt (Mrs. David E.)

Chairperson-Central Florida

Committee for Soviet Jewry



THE WHITE HOUSE
WASHINGTON

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February 7, 1975

Dear Derril and Laurie:

It pleased me very much to receive your letter and to learn that you were thinking about bringing the boys in your charge to Washington for a visit sometime.

I have passed on a copy of your letter to the person in the White House who is responsible for reviewing requests of this type and I will let you know after I hear from him.

I am also delighted to hear about your son Eric and hope he will soon grow to be as fine a boy as Roderick's son, whose nickname is Eric.

Much love to both of you and best wishes for continued success in your program.

Sincerely,

Uncle Phil

Philip W. Buchen
Counsel to the President

Mr. and Mrs. Derril H. Wright
Program Director
Bishop Hare Home
Mission, South Dakota 57555



Minority Groups

THE WHITE HOUSE
WASHINGTON

February 8, 1975

MEMORANDUM FOR: TED MARRS

FROM: PHILIP BUCHEN *P.W.B.*

Attached is a letter from my niece Laurie Wright and her husband Derril. Realizing that the matter of White House relations to the different groups of American Indians involves some troublesome issues, I would appreciate your considering this request entirely without regard to my involvement.

I would appreciate your comments.

Attachment





BISHOP HARE HOME

Mission, South Dakota 57555
Telephone (605)856-4537

The Rev. David G. DeVore
Executive Director

Mr. Derril H. Wrigg
Program Director

Jan. 23, 1975

Dear Uncle Phil,

We are both fine and keeping busy at Bishop Hare Home. At the present time we have 13 Indian boys.

The staff of the Home would like to bring all of the boys to Washington, D.C. for a visit sometime. We were wondering if it would be possible and proper for you to arrange a visit with President Ford. We were thinking sometime this academic year as a possibility. As you probably know, these boys are Episcopalian, plus the Home is supported by the Episcopal Church which is one tie-in with the President. We understand if it cannot be arranged.

Eric is doing fine. He is getting bigger everyday. Mom and Dad really enjoyed their stay out here. Hope things are going well with your job.

Love,
Laurie and Derril



THE WHITE HOUSE
WASHINGTON

January 22, 1975

TO: PHIL BUCHEN ✓
FROM: STAN SCOTT *SS*

For Your Information

Powell is now involved in the
internal affairs of Britain.

Attachment



Minority

THE NEW YORK TIMES, MONDAY, JANUARY 20, 1975

For info. of Black also.
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MINORITIES GLUM AT BRITISH TALKS

Meeting of Nation's Blacks
and Asians Marked by
Divisions and Doubts

By ALVIN SHUSTER

Special to The New York Times

LONDON, Jan. 19—A meet-

American Is Heckled

The reception received by John Powell, the chairman of the United States Equal Employment Opportunity Commission, reflected the mood of some of the delegates. He was heckled because, as one black put it, "We thought his speech was patronizing and irrelevant."

In his speech, Mr. Powell

THE WHITE HOUSE

WASHINGTON

January 16, 1975

*Minority
Greg.
ph*

Dear Mr. Gregory:

On behalf of the President, I would like to thank you very much for your telegram of December twenty-fifth, concerning allegations that the Central Intelligence Agency exceeded its statutory authority with regard to its activities in the United States.

As you are no doubt aware, the President on January 4, announced the creation of a commission to ascertain and evaluate any facts relating to activities conducted within the United States by the Central Intelligence Agency. This panel of distinguished Americans will also review existing safeguards to determine if they are adequate to preclude Agency activities that might go beyond its authority.

I am forwarding your telegram to the commission so that it may be aware of your interest with regard to this matter.

Sincerely,

Philip W. Buchen

Philip W. Buchen
Counsel to the President

Mr. Dick Gregory
Post Office Box 266
Plymouth, Massachusetts 02360



THE WHITE HOUSE

WASHINGTON

January 16, 1975

MEMORANDUM FOR

David Belin

Commission on CIA Activities within the United States

The enclosed telegram has already been acknowledged by me. It is referred to you for any further handling you deem appropriate. Toward the end of the telegram Mr. Gregory indicates that he has certain evidence in his possession which substantiates his allegations that the Central Intelligence Agency exceeded its authority. He would like to present this evidence to someone.

P.W.B.

Philip W. Buchen

Counsel to the President

Enclosure



BE SURE TO ENCLOSE SIGNED
COPY OF LETTER ALSO

*Make memo
to David
Belin instead
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MEMORANDUM FOR

THE VICE PRESIDENT

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Philip W. Buchen
Counsel to the President

Enclosure



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PRESIDENT GERALD FORD

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ONE CHRISTMAS DAY OUR THOUGHTS AND OUR HEARTS DWELL UPON LOVE
AND PEACE, THE MIRACLE AND MYSTERY OF BIRTH AND THE POSSIBILITY
OF RECREATION AND NEW BEGINNING. MY OWN CHRISTMAS DAY REFLECTIONS
KEEP RETURNING TO WHAT I BELIEVE IS PUBLIC ENEMY NUMBER ONE
TO ALL OF US WHO REVERE THE DEMOCRATIC TRADITIONS OF OUR COUNTRY
AND WHO RESPECT AND TREASURE HUMAN FREEDOM.
MORE THAN INFLATION, RECESSION, AND THE ECONOMIC WOES WHICH
NOW BESET US, I FEEL THAT THE GREATEST THREAT TO OUR COUNTRY
IS THE SINISTER, CLANDESTINE AND SECRET INVOLVEMENT OF THE CIA
IN THE INTERNAL AFFAIRS OF OUR GOVERNMENT AND THE PRIVATE LIVES

OF OUR FELLOW CITIZENS.

I AM PARTICULARLY SENSITIVE AND CONCERNED ABOUT THIS THREAT
TO OUR DEMOCRATIC WAY OF LIFE BECAUSE OF HAVE LONGED BEEN NUMBERED
AMONG THOSE WHO ARE SINGLED OUT FOR CIA SURVEILLANCE. I KNOW
FROM PERSONAL EXPERIENCE THAT CIA MANIPULATIONS GO MUCH FURTHER
BACK THAN THE NIXON ADMINISTRATION, WATERGATE OR THE ANTIWAR
MOVEMENT. MY ACTIVITIES AND THOSE OF OTHER FRIENDS AND COLLEAGUES
IN THE CIVIL RIGHTS MOVEMENT OF THE '60'S, WERE CLOSELY MONITORED
BY CIA AGENTS AND OPERATIVES; JUST AS CIVIL RIGHTS ORGANIZATIONS
WERE INFILTRATED BY THEM. THE SAME IS TRUE OF THE STUDENT MOVEMENT
AND ORGANIZATIONS OF THE FAR LEFT AND THE FAR RIGHT.

THIS CHRISTMAS DAY, MR PRESIDENT, I WOULD URGE YOU TO TAKE IMMEDIATE
STEPS TO SET IN MOTION THE POSSIBILITY OF REBIRTH IN THE NATION
AND TO LAUNCH US IN THE DIRECTION OF A NEW BEGINNING. I WOULD

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6 URGE YOU TO MAKE PUBLIC A COMPLETE LIST OF THOSE INDIVIDUALS
7 AND ORGANIZATIONS WHO HAVE BEEN THE SUBJECT OF CIA SURVEILLANCE.
8 I WOULD FURTHER URGE YOU TO BEGIN A THOROUGH INVESTIGATION WHICH
9 WOULD PROVIDE TRUSTWORTHY ANSWERS TO DISTURBING QUESTIONS RAISED
10 BY WHAT LITTLE WE KNOW OF THE CIA'S DOMESTIC ACTIVITIES.
11 SOME QUESTIONS WHICH COME IMMEDIATELY TO MIND ARE: WHAT ARE THE
12 SOURCES OF CIA FINANCING BEYOND THE GOVERNMENTAL APPROPRIATIONS
13 BY CONGRESS? IS THERE A LINK BETWEEN CIA FINANCING AND SOME
14 OF THE ILLICIT ACTIVITIES IT IS INVOLVED IN? TO WHAT EXTENT
15 IS THE CIA INVOLVED IN THE TRAINING OF POLICE IN THIS COUNTRY?
16 TO WHAT DEGREE IS LAW ENFORCEMENT CONTROLLED AND DIRECTED BY
17 THE CIA? TO WHAT EXTENT HAS THE CIA IN THE FILTRATED LABOR UNIONS
18 AND THE AMERICAN PRESS? CAN THE CIA BE LINKED TO THE ILLICIT
19 ACTIVITIES DESIGNED TO DESTROY THE YOUTH OF OUR NATION; SUCH

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6 AS DRUG TRAFFIC AND WEAPONS MADE READILY AVAILABLE TO JUVENILE
7 GANG MEMBERS? ON IMMEDIATE AVENUE OF INVESTIGATION AND TO ILLICIT
8 DRUG TRAFFIC WOULD BE TO MAKE PUBLIC THE TRAGIC AND HORRIBLE
9 FACTS ABOUT HEROINE HAVING BEEN SMUGGLED INTO THIS COUNTRY, SHOWN
10 UP INSIDE THE BODIES FROM DEAD AMERICAN SERVICE MEN BEING RETURNED
11 FROM VIET NAM. IS THERE ANY CONNECTION BETWEEN THE CIA AND ORGANIZED
12 CRIME? CAN THE CIA BE LINKED TO THE ASSASSINATION OF JOHN AND
13 ROBERT KENNEDY AND DR MARTIN LUTHER KING JR? WHAT IS THE WORKING
14 RELATIONSHIP AND COORDINATION BETWEEN THE CIA AND THE FBI?
15 THESE ARE SERIOUS QUESTIONS WHICH STAGGERING IMPLICATIONS FOR
16 ALL OF US. BUT THEY ARE QUESTIONS THAT MUST NOT BE IGNORED OR
17 HIDDEN UNDER A CLOAK OF GOVERNMENTAL SECRECY. AS A NATION, WE
18 HAVE ONLY SO RECENTLY FELT THE DEVASTATION EFFECTS OF COVERUP
19 AND DISHONESTY. A NEW BEGINNING DEMANDS A RENEWED COMMITMENT

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TO TRUTH, OPPENESS AND PUBLIC TRUST.

I HAVE IN MY POSSESSION EVIDENCE OF VALUE TO A THROUGH INVESTIGATION OF AT LEAST ONE OF THE QUESTIONS I HAVE RAISED. I HAVE EVIDENCE WHICH PLACES SOME OF THE SAME OF FAMILIAR PERSONS IN THE WATERGATE SCANDAL IN DALLAS AT THE TIME OF PRESIDENT KENNEDY'S ASSASSINATION. I ALSO HAVE EVIDENCE THAT RAISES SERIOUS QUESTIONS ABOUT SIRHAN SIRHAN'S ROLE AS A LONE ASSASSIN OF SENATOR KENNEDY. SINCE THAT I FEEL NO STONE SHOULD BE LEFT UNTURNED IN A THROUGH INVESTIGATION.

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OF THESE SERIOUS ISSUES, I WOULD MOST WILLINGLY TURN OVER ALL EVIDENCE I HAVE TO ANY REPRESENTATIVE YOU MIGHT CHOOSE TO SEND TO ME ACTING ON YOUR BEHALF. I WOULD VIEW MY PROVIDING YOU WITH THAT EVIDENCE AS THE MOST SINCERE AND HEARTFELT CHRISTMAS PRESENT I COULD POSSIBLY GIVE AT THIS CRITICAL HOUR.

MERRY CHRISTMAS

DICK GREGORY —

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P.O. Box 266

Plymouth,

02360

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*Interdenominational Ministerial Alliance
of Los Angeles*

"A United Witness in Western America"

5856 WEST BOULEVARD - LOS ANGELES, CALIF. 90043

TELEPHONE (213) 295-5575

November 15, 1974

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

FROM: The Interdenominational Ministerial Alliance
of Los Angeles, California

RESOLUTION

Whereas, Members of the Interdenominational Ministers of Los Angeles duly assembled in a regular meeting expressed dismay with the statement you made, Mr. President, opposing the bussing of school children in Boston, Massachusetts inspite of the court order issued by Judge Garrity ordering school bussing; and

Whereas, Pursuant to your anti-bussing of school children public statement there was an increase in violence, especially against Black school children; and

Whereas, As President of the United States you took an oath declaring that you would uphold the United States Consitution and enforce the "laws of the land"; therefore be it

Resolved, That the Interdenominational Ministers Alliance of Los Angeles, by resolution, declare our disapproval and express our dismay to you, Mr. President, for having made the inflammatory anti-bussing statement:

Resolved, that you publicly retract your anti-bussing statement and publicly affirm your support for the court ruling ordering bussing of school children in Boston.

Signed this Fifteenth Day of November in the year of our Lord Nineteen Hundred and Seventy Four.

Dr. Benjamin F. Reid

President of the I.M.A. Rev. Benjamin F. Reid

Dr. Uriah J. Fields

Secretary of the I.M.A. Rev. Uriah J. Fields

Interdenominational Ministry
Ministerial Alliance of Los Angeles

November 25, 1974

FOR: Stan Scott

FROM: Philip W. Buchen

SUBJECT: Enclosed letter from Interdenominational
Ministerial Alliance of Los Angeles

Enclosed find another busing letter for your direct reply.
Thank you for forwarding copies of your replies to earlier
correspondence on this subject.

PWB:JFem



OCTOBER 12, 1974

Office of the White House Press Secretary

THE WHITE HOUSESTATEMENT BY THE PRESIDENT
REQUESTED BY BOSTON MEDIA REPRESENTATIVES

Boston is a fine, proud City. The cradle of liberty. Where many of the freedoms that we all so cherish today in this Country, were born, 200 years ago. The people of Boston share a tradition for reason, fairness and respect for the rights of others. Now, in a difficult period for all of you, it is a time to reflect on all that your City means to you. To react in the finest tradition of your City's people. It is up to you, every one of you, every parent, child, to reject violence of any kind in your City. To reject hatred and the shrill voices of the violent few.

I know that nothing is more important to you than the safety of the children in Boston. And only your calm and thoughtful action now can guarantee that safety. I know that you will all work together for that goal. And have one more thing to be proud of in the cradle of liberty.

BOSTON SCHOOL DESEGREGATION

Q. Mr. President, Boston's Mayor, Kevin White, has appealed to the Federal Government to send U.S. marshals to help restore order in Boston's school desegregation crisis. And black groups have asked for federalizing the National Guard and sending in Federal troops. As the Chief Executive, what do you plan to do, and what comments do you have on this situation?

THE PRESIDENT. At the outset, I wish to make it very, very direct. I deplore the violence that I have read about and seen on television. I think that is most unfortunate. I would like to add this, however: The court decision in that case, in my judgment, was not the best solution to quality education in Boston.

GERALD R. FORD, 1974

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I have consistently opposed forced busing to achieve racial balance as a solution to quality education, and, therefore, I respectfully disagree with the judge's order.

But having said that, I think it is of maximum importance that the citizens of Boston respect the law. And I hope and trust that it is not necessary to call in Federal officials or Federal law enforcement agencies.

Now, the marshals, if my information is accurate, are under the jurisdiction of the court, not directly under my jurisdiction. As far as I know, no specific request has come to me for any further Federal involvement, and, therefore, I am not in a position to act under those circumstances.

MR. CORMIER. Thank you, Mr. President.

THE PRESIDENT. Thank you very much.

NOTE: President Ford's third news conference was held at 2:31 p.m. on Wednesday, October 9, 1974, in the Rose Garden at the White House. It was broadcast live on radio and television.

November 15, 1974

Dear Congressman Connell:

President Ford has asked me to thank you for your letter of October 12, 1974.

We appreciate your taking the time to share with us your very candid views on the busing situation in Boston.

With the President's best wishes,

Sincerely,

Stanley S. Scott
Special Assistant
to the President

Honorable William A. Connell, Jr.
Member, Massachusetts
House of Representatives
State House
Boston, Massachusetts

cc: Philip Buchen, West Wing

SS:JC:ph



November 18, 1974

Dear Mr. Traynham:

President Ford has asked me to respond to your letter of October 11.

We have enclosed the official statements of the President regarding the busing issue in Boston. Regrettably his message may not have been accurately interpreted by many.

In a recent meeting with Civil Rights leaders, the President left no doubt that he intends to see that the laws of the land are faithfully executed and that the law established by the Supreme Court, as the final arbiter of Constitutional rights, will be carried out.

You will be pleased to know that a number of top level officials from the Department of Justice were sent to Boston to observe and advise on matters arising from the busing of students.

Thank you for taking the time to share with us your views.

With the President's best wishes,

Sincerely,

Stanley S. Scott
Special Assistant
to the President

Mr. Warner R. Traynham
Dartmouth College
Hanover, New Hampshire 03755

✓ Enclosure: Statement by Pres. to Boston Media Reps. 10/12/74

SSS:JC:jem
SSS-3

cc: Philip W. Buchen



November 18, 1974

Dear Mr. Reist:

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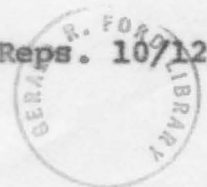
Stanley S. Scott
Special Assistant
to the President

Mr. Benjamin Reist
Chairman Pro-tem
Council on Church and Race
Room 1244
475 Riverside Drive
New York, New York 10027

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✓ cc: Philip W. Buchen



November 18, 1974

Dear Mr. Maggio:

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With the President's best wishes,

Sincerely,

Stanley S. Scott
Special Assistant
to the President

Mr. Richard A. Maggio
Secretary
National Association for the
Advancement of Colored People
Post Office Box 663
Coatesville, Pennsylvania 19320

Enclosure: Statement by the Pres. 11/12/74

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✓cc: Philip W. Buchen



November 18, 1974

Dear Mr. Madison:

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With the President's best wishes,

Sincerely,

Stanley S. Scott
Special Assistant
to the President

Mr. Joe E. Madison
Executive Secretary
National Association for the
Advancement of Colored People
2990 East Grand Boulevard
Detroit, Michigan 48202

Enclosure: State by the Pres. 10/12/74

SSS:JC:em
SSS-3

cc: Philip W. Buchen



November 18, 1974

Dear Mr. Allen:

President Ford has asked me to respond to your letter of October 30.

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With the President's best wishes,

Sincerely,

Stanley S. Scott
Special Assistant
to the President

Mr. Mark A. Allen
Executive Chairperson
Afro American Student
Liberation Force
University of Tennessee
Knoxville, Tennessee 37916

Enclosure: Message By the Pres. 10/12/74

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Sincerely,

Stanley S. Scott
Special Assistant
to the President

Mr. Paul Colon
76 Butler Road
Quincy, Massachusetts 02169

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Sincerely,

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to the President

Mr. Paul Colon
76 Butler Road
Quincy, Massachusetts 02169

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November 18, 1974

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With the President's best wishes,

Sincerely,

Stanley S. Scott
Special Assistant
to the President

Dr. Robert L. Docter
Member
Board of Education
Post Office Box 3307
Los Angeles, California 90031

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November 18, 1974

Dear Dr. Butler:

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Sincerely,

Stanley S. Scott
Special Assistant
to the President

Dr. C. H. Butler
President
National Association for the
Advancement of Colored People
134 North Third Avenue
Coatesville, Pennsylvania 19320

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cc: Philip W. Buchen



November 18, 1974

Dear Mr. Davis:

President Ford has asked me to respond to your letter of October 21.

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In a recent meeting with Civil Rights leaders, the President left no doubt that he intends to see that the laws of the land are faithfully executed and that the law established by the Supreme Court, as the final arbiter of Constitutional rights, will be carried out.

You will be pleased to know that a number of top level officials from the Department of Justice were sent to Boston to observe and advise on matters arising from the busing of students.

Thank you for taking the time to share with us your views.

With the President's best wishes,

Sincerely,

Stanley S. Scott
Special Assistant
to the President

Mr. Edward D. Davis
President
Central Life Insurance
Company of Florida
Post Office Box 3286
Tampa, Florida 33601

Enclosure: Statement by Pres. to Boston Media Reps. 10/12/74

SSS:JC:em
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cc: Philip W. Buchen



November 18, 1974

Dear Miss Shechter:

President Ford has asked me to respond to your letter of October 25.

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With the President's best wishes,

Sincerely,

Stanley S. Scott
Special Assistant
to the President

Miss Ruth G. Shechter
President
National Association of
Human Rights Workers
527 West 39th Street
Kansas City, Missouri 64111



Enclosure: Statement by the Pres. to Boston Media Reps. 10/12/74

SSS:JC:jem
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cc: Philip W. Buchen

November 18, 1974

Dear Mr. Reeves:

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With the President's best wishes,

Sincerely,

Stanley S. Scott
Special Assistant
to the President

Mr. C. Tom Reeves
President
Des Moines Education Association
3116 Ingersoll Avenue
Des Moines, Iowa 50312



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SSS:JC:jem
SSS-3

cc: Philip W. Buchen

November 18, 1974

Dear Mr. Kirwan:

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With the President's best wishes,

Sincerely,

Stanley S. Scott
Special Assistant
to the President

Mr. Michael E. Kirwan
Director
Village of Freeport Human
Relations Commission
46 North Ocean Avenue
Freeport, New York 11520



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SSS:JC:em
SSS-3

cc: Philip W. Buchen

November 19, 1974

Dear Mr. Joslow:

President Ford has asked me to respond to your letter of October 10.

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Thank you for taking the time to share with us your views.

With the President's best wishes,

Sincerely,

Stanley S. Scott
Special Assistant
to the President

Mr. Marvin S. Joslow
Headmaster
The Reading Institute of Boston
116 Newbury Street
Boston, Massachusetts 02116



Enclosure : Statement by Pres. to Boston Media Reps. 10/12/74

SSS:JC:sp

cc: Philip W. Buchen

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THE WHITE HOUSE
WASHINGTON

November 13, 1974

Dear Mr. King:

President Ford has asked me to thank you for your mailgram of October 16, 1974.

We appreciate your taking the time to share with us your very candid views on the busing situation in Boston.

With the President's best wishes,

Sincerely,

Stanley S. Scott
Stanley S. Scott
Special Assistant
to the President

Mr. Peter T. King
President and Executive Director
The National Association of
Community Educators
665 St. Marks Avenue
Brooklyn, New York 11216

cc: Philip Buchen, WestWing



THE WHITE HOUSE

WASHINGTON

November 13, 1974


Dear Mr. Choate:

President Ford has asked me to thank you for your letter of October 10, 1974.

We appreciate your taking the time to share with us your very candid views on the busing situation in Boston.

With the President's best wishes,

Sincerely,


Stanley S. Scott
Special Assistant
to the President

Mr. Charles F. Choate
Choate, Hall & Stewart
28 State Street
Boston, Massachusetts 02109

cc: Philip Buchen, West Wing



THE WHITE HOUSE

WASHINGTON

November 13, 1974

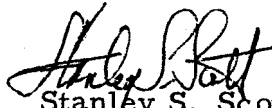
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With the President's best wishes,

Sincerely,



Stanley S. Scott
Special Assistant
to the President

Mr. Joshua Hillman
State President
Florida Voters Association
4229 Mifcret Road
Jacksonville, Florida

cc: Philip Buchen, West Wing



THE WHITE HOUSE

WASHINGTON

November 13, 1974

Dear Mr. Singer:

President Ford has asked me to thank you for your letter of October 16, 1974.

We appreciate your taking the time to share with us your very candid views on the busing situation in Boston.

With the President's best wishes,

Sincerely,



Stanley S. Scott
Special Assistant
to the President

Mr. Harold H. Singer
Attorney at Law
400-405 Hulman Building
120 West Second Street
Dayton, Ohio 45402

cc: Philip Buchen, West Wing



THE WHITE HOUSE

WASHINGTON

November 13, 1974

Dear Mr. Dodson:

President Ford has asked me to thank you for your letter of October 10, 1974.

We appreciate your taking the time to share with us your very candid views on the busing situation in Boston.

With the President's best wishes,

Sincerely,



Stanley S. Scott
Special Assistant
to the President

Mr. Lee A. Dodson
Executive Vice President
American Education Legal Defense Fund, Inc.
4607 Connecticut Avenue, N.W.
Washington, D.C. 20008

cc: Philip Buchen



THE WHITE HOUSE
WASHINGTON

November 13, 1974

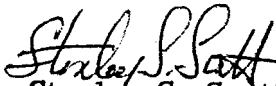
Dear Ms. Hicks:

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With the President's best wishes,

Sincerely,


Stanley S. Scott
Special Assistant
to the President

Honorable Louise Day Hicks
Boston City Council
New City Hall
One City Hall Square
Boston, Massachusetts 02201

cc: Philip Buchen, West Wing

THE WHITE HOUSE

WASHINGTON

November 13, 1974

Dear Dr. Longyear:

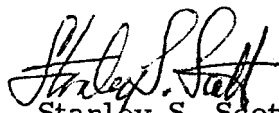
President Ford has asked me to respond to your letter of October 25.

We believe that actions taken by the local government should be tried first. A number of top officials from the Justice Department were sent to Boston to observe the situation. Any federal involvement will be based on a request from the state and recommendations by the Justice Department.

At no time has the President advocated violation of the law. He did express his objection to forced busing and his regret at the court decision during a live press conference. However, to avoid any misinterpretation a clarification was later issued.

Thank you for taking the time to share with us your views.

Sincerely,



Stanley S. Scott
Special Assistant
to the President

Dr. Judith Q. Longyear
Department of Mathematics
Wayne State University
Detroit, Michigan 48202

✓ cc: Philip Buchen, West Wing



THE WHITE HOUSE

WASHINGTON

November 13, 1974

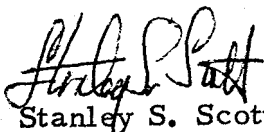
Dear Ms. Cruickshank:

President Ford has asked me to thank you
for your letter of October 11, 1974.

We appreciate your taking the time to share
with us your very candid views on the busing
situation in Boston.

With the President's best wishes,

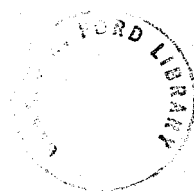
Sincerely,



Stanley S. Scott
Special Assistant
to the President

Honorable Anne R. Cruickshank
Republican State Committeewoman
73 Tremont Street
Boston, Massachusetts 02108

cc: Philip Buchen, West Wing



THE WHITE HOUSE
WASHINGTON

November 13, 1974


Dear Mr. O'Brien:

President Ford has asked me to respond to your recent communications regarding forced busing.

The President's views on this issue are common knowledge. However, it is felt that existing laws and court decrees should not be disobeyed.

With our best wishes,

Sincerely,


Stanley S. Scott
Special Assistant
to the President

Honorable Warren O'Brien
State Representative
District 25
State Capitol Building
Lansing, Michigan 48901

cc: Philip Buchen



MEMORANDUM

THE WHITE HOUSE
WASHINGTON

November 11, 1974

MEMORANDUM FOR: PHILIP W. BUCHEN
FROM: STAN SCOTT *JS*
SUBJECT: Response to Roy Wilkins

We cannot see that any meaningful purpose will be served by continuing the dialogue with Mr. Wilkins over the President's statements with regards to forced busing. Since both positions, President Ford and the NAACP, have been clearly established, there would appear to be no need for any further response.

Attachments



October 16, 1974

Dear Mr. Wilkins:

The President has asked me to reply to your telegram of October eighth, concerning the violence which has occurred in Boston and additionally, your telegram of the ninth in which you expressed disagreement with his press conference statement concerning forced busing.

I am sorry that you feel his statement will encourage defiance of the law. President Ford's own words, at the press conference, make his position very clear on violence and civil disturbances, such as have occurred in Boston. He stated that he deplored the violence he had seen on television and further, that "...it is of maximum importance that the citizens of Boston respect the law..."

Most sincerely yours,

Phillip M. Buchen
Counsel to the President

Mr. Roy Wilkins
Executive Director, NAACP
1790 Broadway
New York, New York 10019



The White House
Washington

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PMS PRESIDENT GERALD FORD

WASHINGTON DC 20500

YOUR CRUSHING AND EXTREMELY DANGEROUS STATEMENT ON NATIONAL
TELEVISION THAT YOU DO NOT APPROVE OF WHAT YOU CALL FORCED BISSING
WILL ENCOURAGE THE DEFIANCE OF WHITES IN SOUTH BOSTON WHO WILL
AGREE WITH YOUR RESPECTFUL DISAGREEMENT WITH THE COURTS. IT
WOULD RESULT IN MAIMING OR KILLING BLACK CHILDREN.

ROY WILKINS NAACP EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR 1790 BROADWAY NEW YORK
NY 10019

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WHITE HOUSE
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November 11, 1974

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MEMORANDUM

THE WHITE HOUSE
WASHINGTON

November 5, 1974

FOR: Stanley Scott

FROM: Philip W. Buchen *P.W.B.*

SUBJECT: Enclosed correspondence from Roy Wilkins

Before I began referring these matters to you, the President received two telegrams from Roy Wilkins concerning his statement about forced busing. As you can see, Mr. Wilkins has replied to my letter and I forward all the correspondence to you so that you may be fully informed. If you believe a further response is in order, would you please be kind enough to draft such a reply for my signature.



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PRESIDENT GERALD FORD
WHITE HOUSE DC 20500

THE NEAR LYNCHING ON OCTOBER 7TH OF ANDRE JEAN LOUIS A PARENT WHOSE CHILD IS ENROLLED IN ONE OF THE SOUTH BOSTON SCHOOLS AS A RESULT OF RECENT FEDERAL COURT ORDER POINTS UP A TRAGIC BREAKDOWN IN LAW AND ORDER IN CITY OF BOSTON NAACP HAS CALLED UPON BOSTONS MAYOR KEVIN WHITE AND GOVERNOR SARGENT TO RECOGNIZE BREAKDOWN IN LAW AND ORDER AND MAYOR WHITE TO REQUEST FEDERALIZED TROOPS BE SENT TO BOSTON WE RESPECTFULLY CALL UPON THE PRESIDENT OF THE UNITED STATES IN VIEW OF THE FAR REACHING CONSEQUENCES OF THIS SITUATION TO SPEAK OUT IN BEHALF OF AND OBSERVANCE OF LAW BY CALLING ON THE CITIZENS OF BOSTON TO CEASE AND DESIST FROM ALL ACTS OF VIOLENCE INTIMIDATION AND HARRASSEMENT OF CHILDREN AND ADULTS AND TO INSURE THAT THE COURTS ARE OBEYED

ROY WILKINS 1790 BROADWAY NEW YORK NY 10019

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Executive Director
NAACP

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October 28, 1974

Mr. Philip W. Buchen
Counsel to the President
The White House
Washington, D. C.

Dear Mr. Buchen:

Upon my return from a delayed vacation of two weeks, I find your letter of October 16.

So that there will be no misunderstanding of the President's answer to a question during his nationally televised press conference, I concede that he did, indeed, use the phrase which you have quoted, "it is of maximum importance that the citizens of Boston respect the law."

Prior to that statement, President Ford recalled that his personal position was against busing and he "respectfully disagreed" with the courts which have ordered busing.

We maintain that this latter statement, issued at the outset of the President's reply to a question, negated his later reference to respect for law. It was clearly an encouragement of defiance because it said that no less a person than the President of the United States agreed with them that the courts in ordering the busing of school children were ordering a course that may properly be defied.

We of the NAACP have maintained that the President is a good man, a moral man who is trying as honestly as possible (with a careful eye to the welfare of the political party to which he belongs) to do the best for each American. We choose to believe that in his opposition to busing, although in this instance he has hurt grievously the law that every citizen depends upon, he spoke as a Congressman from Michigan rather than as President of the United States.

Very sincerely yours,

Roy Wilkins
Executive Director

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THE WHITE HOUSE OFFICE

REFERRAL

To: Stanley Scott

Date: Nov 5, 1974

ACTION REQUESTED

- ☐ Draft reply for:
☐ President's signature.
☐ Undersigned's signature.
- ☐ Memorandum for use as enclosure to reply.
- ☐ Direct reply.
☐ Furnish information copy.
- ☒ Suitable acknowledgment or other appropriate handling.
☐ Furnish copy of reply, if any.
- ☐ For your information.
- ☐ For comment.

NOTE

Prompt action is essential.

If more than 72 hours' delay is encountered, please telephone the undersigned immediately, Code 1450.

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REMARKS:

Description:

☒ Letter: ☒ Telegram: Other:

To: The President and Mr. Buchen

From: Roy Wilkins, Exec Dir, NAACP, 1790 Broadway, NY, NY 10019

Date: Oct. 8, 9, & 28

Subject: the situation in Boston

By direction of the President:

P.W.B.

Philip W. Buchen
Counsel to the President



(Copy to remain with correspondence)

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P.W.B.
Philip W. Buchen
Counsel to the President



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TENTH FLOOR
NEW YORK, N. Y. 10019



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