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*C. Storing*THE WHITE HOUSE
WASHINGTON

February 10, 1975

MEMORANDUM FOR: Don Rumsfeld
THROUGH: Phil Buchen *P.W.B.*
FROM: Bill Casselman *W.C.*
SUBJECT: Rose Mary Woods Papers, etc.

As you know, we have been working with the Department of Justice in an effort to resolve the disposition of Rose Mary Woods' papers and other materials which are presently located in the EOB offices once occupied by former President Nixon.

Charlie Rhyne, attorney for Miss Woods, has suggested a meeting of all counsel and Judge Richey to consider this matter. Although Judge Richey is stayed by the Court of Appeals from any further orders in connection with the Nixon papers case, he has recently participated in informal hearings concerning the disposition of the personal property of Mr. Nixon. Accordingly, Mr. Rhyne, with the concurrence of the Department of Justice, will move the Court to convene a hearing as soon as possible.

Miss Woods will probably object to this complication but there is no way White House Counsel can on command overrule the effect of the following:

(i) The existence of a Court restraining order which is binding not only on Counsel to the President but also on the General Services Administrator and the Director of Secret Service, when this order is interpreted by the Attorney General as Counsel for all three parties to apply at least in part to the materials in question;



(ii) The passage of legislation by the Congress as signed by the President which commands the General Services Administrator to keep or take possession of historical materials related to the Nixon administration even though it may involve property rights of individuals other than Mr. Nixon in those materials because the statute provides for compensating an affected individual for loss of his or her property;

(iii) The decision by Mr. Nixon's attorney on January 24, 1975, not to allow inclusion of Miss Woods' materials in the request before the Court to permit release of materials subsequently sent to Mr. Nixon, because such attorney did not want to jeopardize Mr. Nixon's interests by the issues which involved Miss Woods' interests;

(iv) The fact that Miss Woods' own attorney agrees with the Attorney General that we cannot release Miss Woods' materials without a successful meeting between counsel for all parties to the litigation and Judge Richey.

Under these circumstances, we trust Miss Woods will allow the matter to be handled by her attorney and will refrain from further protests to you or the President.



THE WHITE HOUSE
WASHINGTON

February 11, 1975

NOTE FOR: Phil Buchen

FROM: Barry Roth *BR*

Per your request.



MEMORANDUM

THE WHITE HOUSE

WASHINGTON

Phil Buchen

February 7, 1975

MEMO RANDUM FOR PHIL BUCHEN

I discussed the Rose Wood problem with the President. He agreed the way you and I talked.

I had another urgent call from Rose Woods. I called her back. She said she is leaving for California tonight and will be back Tuesday morning on the Red Eye. She said that she would be delighted to have you sit down and go over anything that you have any question on and resolve any remaining issue so that we can close the book on it.

I told her that you were thinking very positively -- that you understand how difficult it is and she, also of course, understands how difficult it is in view of the fact that you are the defendent in the suit. That she is not involved in it and if you do something with her belongings, you've got a problem. So she is cooperative and friendly. I think you will be able to get it sorted through but do try to do it Tuesday morning.

Thanks so much.

DONALD RUMSFELD



THE WHITE HOUSE

WASHINGTON

February 7, 1975

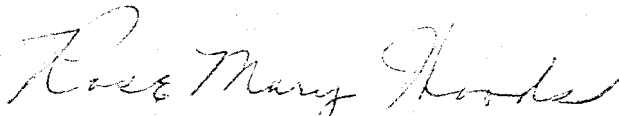
Dear Mr. President:

Apparently you are the only one who can order the release to me of my personal papers which are now stored in Room 175-1/2. I accordingly ask that you issue such an order today. I attach a list of the materials being held in Room 175-1/2 which has been verified by Mr. Wolf and archivists on his staff. There can be no question but that these are my personal papers.

In addition to the items listed on the attached exhibit I have also been advised that I am not to remove without an order from someone - apparently you - my own personal Christmas card list which dates back years before I ever came to the White House. This list has also been verified by the archivists as well as the materials in Room 175-1/2.

Most respectfully I ask that you issue such an order today so that this material can be removed today as I leave the White House.

Sincerely,



Rose Mary Woods
Executive Assistant to
former President Nixon

The President
The White House
Washington, D. C.



THE WHITE HOUSE
WASHINGTON

February 7, 1975

Dear Don:

You have very graciously told me to feel free to call if I had a problem. I have hesitated to do so before now because of your heavy work load, but I urgently need your assistance now.

I would greatly appreciate your reading the attached letter I have written to the President and then request that he issue an order today releasing my personal materials or instruct his Counsel to do so.

This has been a ridiculous run-around since I was never involved in this suit concerning the Presidential papers and the lists clearly show that none of my material is "presidential" material.

Sincerely,



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The Honorable Donald Rumsfeld
Assistant to the President
The White House
Washington, D. C.



PERSONAL MATERIALS OF MISS ROSE MARY WOODS

LIST F

This list represents the materials, papers, memorabilia, and other items which have been identified by Ms. Rose Mary Woods as being her personal materials.



THE WHITE HOUSE
WASHINGTON

February 7, 1975

MEMORANDUM FOR:

THE PRESIDENT

FROM:

PHILIP W. BUCHEN

T.W.B

The attached letter to you from Miss Rose Mary Woods and the enclosures have been reviewed by me.

Even though Miss Woods characterizes all items as her own personal papers, no independent person has actually checked the contents of the files to verify this claim on her part. As a consequence, a release of these materials to her imposes a risk on us of violating existing court orders pertaining to Presidential papers or we may be charged with thwarting the interest of the Special Prosecutor in items of hers relevant to the investigations.

I am working on an expeditious way to solve these problems and expect to have solutions within 24 hours.

I will keep you informed as to developments.

Attachments



*Woods,
Rose Mary*

February 17, 1975

MEMORANDUM FOR: Don Rumsfeld
FROM: Phil Buchen
SUBJECT: Rose Mary Woods' Papers

This supplements my memo to you of February 10, 1975, and follows your memo to me of February 7, 1975.

On February 14, 1975, the Circuit Court of Appeals for the District issued a lengthy opinion, which further complicates the situation by disabling Judge Richey from making any further orders affecting the papers of the Nixon administration. As a result, the Rhyne firm, which represents Miss Woods, is now considering application to the Circuit Court of Appeals for the relief sought by Miss Woods.

We stand ready to cooperate in every way possible but must work through the Rhyne firm and must avoid any direct dealings with Miss Woods.

Our office has prepared the enclosed chronology of events in regard to Miss Woods' interest in her papers. It shows that she was remarkably dilatory in laying claim to her papers and that, if she had not waited until after the matter was tied up in litigation and with the effects of the action by Congress, she and we would have been spared the troubles we now have.

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THE WHITE HOUSE

WASHINGTON

May 23, 1975

MEMORANDUM FOR: PHIL BUCHEN
THROUGH: BILL CASSELMAN
FROM: BARRY ROTH *BR*
SUBJECT: Presidential Materials of the
Nixon Administration

In accordance with your request this morning, the following persons have made requests for access to or return to them of certain materials now in the custody of either GSA or yourself:

1. Rose Woods' personal papers remain in Room 175 1/2. When Irv Goldbloom discussed this matter informally with the Court, he was directed not to file a report to request their return to Miss Woods. Her attorney in February indicated that he would file the necessary report and to date he has failed to do so.
2. Leonard Garment has requested several chron files now held by Trudy Fry which deal almost entirely with Watergate matters. The only way he could receive these items or even copies of them is after the Court has ruled on the statute or has modified the restraining order.
3. Gordon Strachan has requested to review his materials in order to separate those items which he believes are his personal property. Under the restraining order, there is no basis for Strachan to be allowed to do so except in connection with a criminal proceeding. Nixon has refused each request by former staff members to gain access to their files for purposes of investigations since last December.
4. Larry Higby has similarly requested to separate personal materials from his files which are now maintained in Room 522.



5. Roy Ash did receive all but one box of his materials (several boxes of materials relating to his official duties as Director we understand were sent to him by OMB after being turned over to OMB). The remaining box relates to Ash's work as Chairman of the Ash Commission on Government Organization. There is no way that these materials, now in the custody of GSA, could be returned to Ash until the Court has ruled on the statute. Even if the Court were to invalidate the statute, the return to Ash of these materials would be up to Nixon.

6. David Hoopes has requested the return of photographs and commissions for several former staff members that had not been signed when Nixon resigned. Stan Mortenson indicated that Nixon would probably not object to the Government's filing a report requesting return of such items; however, he specifically indicated that this should wait until the Court has made certain preliminary rulings in the case.

7. Russ Rourke has just requested that we make all possible efforts to return a flag given to former President Nixon as a personal gift by one of the returning POWs, in order to allow it to be flown in Philadelphia in connection with the bicentennial. Nixon has consented to this request.

8. Dianna Gwin in Jerry Jones' office has requested the return of several photographs that she had sent to Nixon for autographing.

9. In transferring all of the Nixon items from the Gift Unit, a bronze watch given to Vice President Nixon in 1953 was found, and which Rose Woods asked be returned to Mr. Nixon at the appropriate time.



MEMORANDUM

THE WHITE HOUSE
WASHINGTON

August 1, 1975

*Woods,
Rose Mary*

MEMORANDUM FOR:

PHIL BUCHEN
ROD HILLS

FROM:

DONALD RUMSFELD

I understand that there is still no progress on the RoseMary Woods papers and property. Would you see if you can figure out some way to break that loose. I think that is irresponsible from everything I can understand.



Tuesday 8/5/75

Rhyne, Charles
Wood's
Rose Mary
347-7992

11:50 Charles Rhyne called to say he had received the signed affidavit but the court papers that you were going to mark up were not with them.

Shirley indicates they were sent from two separate places and the whole package was returned to Mr. Rhyne.



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August 4, 1975

Philip W. Buchen, Esquire
Counsel to the President of the
United States
The White House
Washington, D.C.

Dear Mr. Buchen:

I am herewith enclosing all the proposed papers for filing concerning the return to Miss Rose Mary Woods of her property located in the Old Executive Office Building. Also included is the correspondence with Mr. Goldbloom at the Department of Justice regarding the property.

We appreciate your consideration of this matter and would welcome any comments you might make or action you might take to expedite the return of her property to Miss Woods.

Sincerely,

Charles S. Rhyne
Charles S. Rhyne

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THE WHITE HOUSE
WASHINGTON

Barry would like
this back after you have
read it.

Return to
Barry.
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UNITED STATES COURT OF APPEALS
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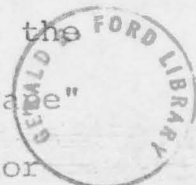
THE HONORABLE CHARLES R. RICHEY
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REPLY OF MISS ROSE MARY WOODS TO RESPONSE OF THE REPORTERS
COMMITTEE FOR FREEDOM OF THE PRESS TO MOTION TO INTERVENE
AND MOVE MODIFICATION OF THE STAY ORDER GOVERNING CONSOLI-
DATED CASES, NIXON et al., v. SAMPSON, CA NOS. 74-1518,
1533, 1551 (D.D.C.)

STATEMENT

Applicant Intervenor Woods' Motions in this Court were filed August 7, 1975. No opposition timely was filed except that of the Reporters Committee, et al. These parties "do not object to her [Miss Woods] obtaining those materials which are truly 'personal'..." Response to Motions of Rose Mary Woods at 1 (Aug. 13, 1975). This recognition of the suitability of Miss Woods' intervention here which is necessary in order for her to intervene in the District Court below to obtain her personal papers, is qualified only by "two items that trouble us," Id. at 2, i.e., file folders labelled "President's Daily Logs, June 12-20, 1972/Sept. 29, 1973", and "June 20, 1972 Tape". No other objection is raised.

The Reporters Committee's objection is largely to the possibility that a file folder marked "June 20, 1972 Tape" contains that tape* rather than lawyers' work product or * "Accordingly, it would be clearly inappropriate for Ms. Woods to have that tape." Id. at 2.



transcripts of testimony, including Miss Woods' testimony about that tape in In re subpoena to Richard M. Nixon, Misc. No. 47-73 (D.D.C. 1973-74, Sirica, J.).

A diligent examination of the record in In re subpoena, supra, a task which the Reporters express their unwillingness to perform (see Response to Motions of Rose Mary Woods at 3 ¶3), shows that Miss Woods does not have the June 20, 1972 tape, which we understand is , to the extent subpoenaed, in the custody of the White House or other Defendants or parties in these consolidated cases, or in the custody of the District Court or this Court as evidence in In re subpoena, supra, or United States v. Mitchell, Crim. No. 74-110 (D.D.C. 1974-75, Sirica, J.). As the attached Affidavit shows, Miss Woods does not have either the original or any copy of the June 20, 1972 tape; this should calm the fears of the Reporters Committee in the District Court below.

As to the Presidential logs, the September 29, 1973 log is in evidence as Exhibit 115 in In re subpoena, supra. It is thus available, as are the many logs introduced in that proceeding for inspection and copying by the public, including both Miss Woods and the Reporters Committee. Likewise, the June 20, 1972 Presidential log is in evidence as Exhibit 13 to In re subpoena, supra.

ARGUMENT

The Reporters Committee et al.'s opposition (no other party in this Court or in the consolidated cases in the District Court below has opposed Miss Woods' Motions in this Court) is not to the propriety of Miss Woods' intervention here



and in the Court below to obtain her personal papers, but to the release of three file folders listed as Miss Woods' personal papers. The Reporters Committee, who have not seen these folders, would use this uncertainty to deny Miss Woods leave to request that the District Court below resolve the uncertainty. The Reporters Committee's speculation (incorrect speculation, so far as Miss Woods is able to recall the contents of the files seized from her, see attached Affidavit of Rose Mary Woods) should not be permitted to deny Miss Woods' intervention.

Miss Woods proposes in reply to this factual objection that this Court and the District Court below grant her intervention and direct the release to her of all but the objected items. These items can then be examined in camera by the District Court to independently determine if they are in fact her personal property.

This procedure will preserve whatever objections the Reporters Committee is able to substantiate, for the proper forum the District Court, below. This Court, by permitting the Court below to grant Miss Woods leave to intervene and to release immediately all but the few contested items and to release after in camera inspection by the Court whichever of the contested items the Court below determines to be Miss Woods' personal papers, should avoid both confusion and speculation and injustice to Miss Woods.



Respectfully submitted,

Charles S. Rhyne

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Attorneys for Proposed Intervenor



CERTIFICATE OF SERVICE

I hereby certify that this 18 day of August, 1975 I served by mail, postage prepaid, a copy of the foregoing Reply of Miss Rose Mary Woods to Response of the Reporters Committee for Freedom of the Press et al. and Affidavit of Miss Rose Mary Woods upon the following counsel in this proceeding:

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AFFIDAVIT OF ROSE MARY WOODS

I have attempted to recall the contents of files marked "President's Daily Logs June 12-20, 1972/September 29, 1973" (List F at "Rose Mary Woods - Personal Legal (B)" Box No. 40W) and "June 20, 1972 Tape" (Ibid.). These files are not available for my inspection but are in the custody of Defendants in the consolidated cases Nixon v. Sampson, Civil Action Nos. 74-1518, 1533, 1551 to the best of my knowledge and belief.

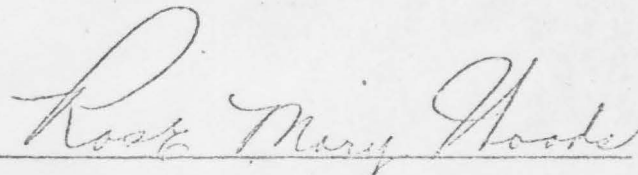
I have no clear idea what is in the folder marked "June 20, 1972 Tape" except that it is not a copy or the original of the June 20 tape. I did not even know where the Presidential tapes were stored.

There may well be notes in there concerning my thoughts on who could have had that tape - remembering that the Technical Security Division had those tapes all along and did not keep good records of who asked for them. Also it is important to remember that I did not know of the existence of the taping system and did not have direct access to them even after I knew of their existence. Therefore this slip of paper- or papers may have that type of information typed out to jog my memory at hearings,

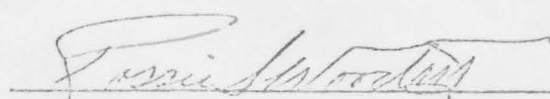


court appearances, etc. Also it may contain the note I typed at Camp David when I took the return call from General Haig (call placed by Steve Bull), Haig reporting that only the Erlichmann part of the June 20 tape was subpoenaed. This file might also contain a copy of transcripts from Court testimony on the tape.

My office received Presidential logs on a regularly scheduled basis - every week or two. I do not know whether the one marked June 12-20 is one of those copies or whether it was asked for to check out something that I had been asked about in one of the court or committee hearings.


Rose Mary Woods

Subscribed and sworn before me on this 18 day of August,
1975:


Notary Public District of Columbia
My Commission Expires February 14, 1976



THE WHITE HOUSE
WASHINGTON

*Woods
Papers
May*

August 5, 1975

MEMORANDUM FOR:

DON RUMSFELD

FROM:

PHILIP BUCHEN *P.W.B.*

SUBJECT:

Rose Mary Woods' Papers

On July 30, I met with the Justice Department attorneys handling the representation of the U. S. Government officials who are defendants in the case of Nixon v. Sampson, Buchen and Knight. They advised that it has been arranged with Miss Woods' attorney that he will file the requested motion in the case to seek the release of the materials she is claiming, and that this will be done early this month. The Government will support this motion by affidavit and oral testimony. In the event the Special Prosecutor should decline to support the motion or at least to remain neutral, I have advised the Department of Justice to let me personally negotiate with Henry Ruth.

On August 4 and 5, I talked to Charles Rhyne, Miss Woods' attorney, and at his request reviewed the papers he has prepared for filing with the Court and gave him my comments. He thoroughly understands that, without Court approval, I cannot very well release the Woods papers. Unilateral action on my part would stir the other parties to the litigation (Jack Anderson, Lillian Hellman, etc.) into citing me for possible contempt, and it would provoke newspaper articles adverse to the President. Also, I have for some time been faced by requests from Congressional Committees for me to allow review of documents which are among the Nixon papers, and I have consistently said that the Committees must apply to the Court for authority to have me do so, and my position in this regard could be jeopardized if I were to interpret the existing Court restraining order so as to favor Rose Mary while being precise in its interpretation as it affects Congress.



On a related problem, I can advise that we expect action early in September in seeking Court approval for removing another large number of Nixon files of non-sensitive materials from rooms in the EOB to the Federal Records Center in Suitland, Maryland.



MEMORANDUM

THE WHITE HOUSE
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FROM:

DONALD RUMSFELD

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October 23, 1975

MEMORANDUM FOR: PHIL BUCHEN

FROM: BARRY ROTH *BR*

SUBJECT: Rose Woods' Papers

The following will bring you up to date on the Rose Woods' application to the courts for the return of her papers:

1. On August 7, 1975, Rose Woods filed a motion with the Court of Appeals to allow her to intervene in the District Court in the consolidated cases (Nixon v. Sampson, et al.) in order to recover her personal papers.
2. On September 2, 1975, the Court of Appeals granted her motion and lifted its restraining order to permit such intervention.
3. On October 14, 1975, the District Court granted her motion to intervene.
4. Subsequently, her attorneys have filed a motion to shorten the time for the parties in the consolidated cases to respond to her complaint. This was in part based on the lack of opposition of the parties either to her intervention or to her request for return of the papers. The Court (Judge Robinson) has not yet ruled upon this motion.

*Woods
Rose Mary*

THE WHITE HOUSE

WASHINGTON

December 4, 1975

INFORMATION

MEMORANDUM FOR: JACK HUSHEN
FROM: PHIL BUCHEN *P.*
SUBJECT: Rose Woods' Papers

On December 2, Judge Robinson of the U.S. District Court granted Rose Woods' motion for the immediate return of her personal papers which have remained at the White House as the result of Judge Richey's Court Order, originally entered October 21, 1974. The Reporter's Committee for Freedom of the Press will appeal this decision, and has sought a stay of the decision from Judge Robinson. The Judge has scheduled a hearing for tomorrow afternoon on the stay motion and has verbally requested from the Bench that the government not comply with his Order until after the hearing. Justice has advised the attorneys for the Reporter's Committee that unless a stay is granted, that the papers will be turned over to Miss Woods on Monday morning, as required by Judge Robinson's Order (copy attached).

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UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT
FOR THE DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA
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RICHARD M. NIXON,

Plaintiff,

and

ROSE MARY WOODS,

Plaintiff-Intervenor,

v.

ARTHUR F. SAMPSON,

Administrator of General Services, et al.,

Defendants.

Civil Action Nos.

74-1518

74-1533

74-1551

FILED

Dec 2 1975

JAMES E. DAVEY, CLERK

ORDER GRANTING MOTION FOR JUDGMENT
ON THE PLEADINGS

Considered
This cause having come on to be heard on the motion of Plaintiff-Intervenor Woods for a judgment on the pleadings pursuant to Rule 12(c) of the Federal Rules of Civil Procedure and the Court having considered all the pleadings in the action, the affidavit of Mary M. Filippini (August 1, 1975), the supplemental affidavit of Mary M. Filippini, (August 19, 1975), the affidavit of Rose Mary Woods, (August 18, 1975), in support of the Motion and having found that Defendants do not oppose the relief sought by Plaintiff-Intervenor and having concluded that Plaintiff-Intervenor is entitled to judgment as a matter of law, it is hereby

ORDERED that Plaintiff-Intervenor's motion for a judgment on the pleadings is in all respects granted; and it is further

ORDERED that Defendants, or any one of them in whose custody the property remains, are to immediately release to Plaintiff-Intervenor, Rose Mary Woods, and only to her, the boxes of items described in List F and Exhibits A and B thereto, attached to her Complaint in Intervention.

Dec 2, 1975



UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT JUDGE

THE WHITE HOUSE

WASHINGTON

December 8, 1975

MEMORANDUM FOR:

JACK HUSHEN

DAVE HOOPES ✓

FROM:

BARRY ROTH *BR*

SUBJECT:

Rose Woods' Papers

At the motion of the Reporters Committee for the Freedom of the Press, Judge Robinson of the United States District Court for the District of Columbia has stayed, pending their appeal, his December 2, 1975, Order which would require the return of Miss Woods' personal papers now in our custody in the EOB. As a result, the papers cannot be returned to her today as you were advised last week, and it is impossible to predict how long they will remain here. Miss Woods' attorneys intend to seek an expedited hearing in the Court of Appeals on this matter.



THE WHITE HOUSE
WASHINGTON
April 23, 1976

*Woods,
Rosemary*

MEMORANDUM FOR

James B. Rhoads
Archivist of the United States

In order to comply with the Court Order of April 22, 1976, directing that certain portions of the papers of Rose Mary Woods be returned to her immediately, this is to request that appropriate personnel in the Office of Presidential Materials serve as my agents for the purpose of providing the subject materials to Ms. Woods. In particular, they are to be responsible for segregation of the materials, turning them over to an agent of Ms. Woods and the preparation of appropriate documentation of their work.

Gertrude Fry and/or Hazel Fulton are hereby authorized to provide access to Room 414 for this project. In addition, one or more agents of Ms. Woods are authorized to be present and to examine the materials being segregated.

Please contact Mr. Barry Roth of my staff should you have any questions.

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

