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NIGHT LETTER ☐

The White House
Washington

Membership
[June 1975?]

STRAIGHT TELEGRAM

The Honorable William H. Hudnut III
441-A Federal Building
Indianapolis, Indiana 46204

I am pleased to advise you on behalf of the President
that he intends to accept your offer of honorary
membership in SERTOMA.

P.W.B.

Philip W. Buchen
Counsel to the President



APPROVED FOR DISPATCH

Memberships

THE WHITE HOUSE
WASHINGTON

June 13, 1975

MEMORANDUM FOR THE PRESIDENT

THROUGH: PHIL BUCHEN *P.W.B.*

FROM: BILL CASSELMAN *BC*

SUBJECT: Memberships

The following membership is referred for your consideration:

Air Force Association (Tab A). This organization has invited you to become a lifetime member. Congressman Jim Wright wishes to present an honorary membership certificate to you during next week's "Congressional Hour." In view of your previous participation in this organization's activities, we recommend acceptance.

Approve _____

Disapprove _____

Enclosure



Congress of the United States
House of Representatives
Washington, D.C. 20515

May 21, 1975

MAY 23 1975

Mr. Max L. Friedersdorf
Assistant to the President
for Legislative Affairs
The White House
Washington, D. C.,

Dear Max:

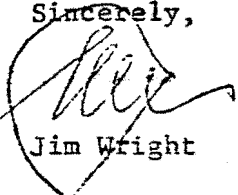
A member of my staff, Mr. Joe Shosid of Fort Worth, is
National President of the Air Force Association.

On behalf of that organization, Joe would like to pre-
sent the President personally with a lifetime membership in the
AFA, and at the same time extend to him an official invitation to
the AFA's annual Salute to Congress, to be held at the Sheraton Park
Hotel here in Washington the evening of Tuesday, September 16.

I would appreciate very much your checking with the
President's appointment secretary to see if Joe can be granted a
very brief appointment for these purposes within the next few
weeks. If the appointment can be arranged, we hope that a
picture of the President and Joe can be taken for publication in
Air Force magazine, the AFA's official publication.

Thanks in advance for your help. Best wishes.

Sincerely,


Jim Wright



THE WHITE HOUSE
WASHINGTON


June 16, 1975

ADMINISTRATIVELY ~~CONFIDENTIAL~~

MEMORANDUM FOR:

PHIL BUCHEN
BILL CASSELMAN

FROM:

JAMES E. CONNOR 

SUBJECT:

Memberships

Your memorandum to the President of June 10 on the above subject has been reviewed and the following was noted:

1. 1975 Orchestra Ball. Approved.
2. Gerald R. Ford Golf Trophy. Approved.
3. Kite and Key Society. Approved.
4. Navy, Marine Corps and Coast Guard Residence Foundation. Approved.
5. Heroes, Inc. Approved with the following notation:

-- Would like to play one
of the days.

Please follow-up with the appropriate action.

cc: Don Rumsfeld
Warren Rustand



THE WHITE HOUSE
WASHINGTON

Memberships

June 10, 1975

MEMORANDUM FOR THE PRESIDENT

THROUGH: Phil Bucher *P.W.B.*
FROM: Bill Casselman *BC*
SUBJECT: Memberships

The following memberships are referred for your consideration:

1. 1975 Orchestra Ball (Tab A). You and Mrs. Ford have been invited by Mrs. Gerald Warren to serve as honorary patrons of the 1975 National Symphony Orchestra Ball scheduled for December 5. In view of your previous participation in this activity, we recommend acceptance.

Approve _____ Disapprove _____

2. Gerald R. Ford Golf Trophy (Tab B). The Pleasant Valley Country Club of Worcester, Massachusetts has requested permission to award the winner of this year's Pro Am Tournament the "Gerald R. Ford Trophy." You played in last year's tournament with Congressman "Tip" O'Neill. Recommend acceptance.

Approve _____ Disapprove _____

3. Kite and Key Society (Tab C). This organization presented you with a certificate of honorary membership during your visit to the University of Pennsylvania May 18. We propose that you formally accept this membership after the fact of its presentation.

Approve _____ Disapprove _____



4. Navy, Marine Corps and Coast Guard Residence Foundation (Tab D). This organization has asked you and Mrs. Ford to serve as honorary presidents. There is precedent for this as President and Mrs. Johnson served in this capacity. Recommend acceptance.

Approve _____ Disapprove _____

5. Heroes, Inc. (Tab E). Heroes has invited you to serve as Honorary Sponsor of their annual golf tournament, which benefits families of deceased men and women of the Metropolitan Police and Fire Departments. Because of your personal participation in this event last year, and because of the charitable nature of the funds raised, we recommend acceptance.

Approve _____ Disapprove _____

Enclosures




THE WHITE HOUSE
WASHINGTON

June 18, 1975

ADMINISTRATIVELY ~~CONFIDENTIAL~~

MEMORANDUM FOR: PHIL BUCHEN
BILL CASSELMAN

FROM: JAMES E. CONNOR 

SUBJECT: Memberships

The President has reviewed your memorandum of June 13th on the above subject and approves membership in the Air Force Association.

cc: Don Rumsfeld



THE WHITE HOUSE
WASHINGTON

June 21, 1975

ADMINISTRATIVELY ~~CONFIDENTIAL~~

MEMORANDUM FOR:

PHIL BUCHEN
WILLIAM CASSELMAN

FROM:

JAMES CONNOR *JH*

SUBJECT:

Presidential Life Membership
Michigan Reserve Officers Association

Your memorandum of June 21 on the above subject has been reviewed by the President and membership in the Michigan Reserve Officers Association has been approved.

cc: Don Rumsfeld



*Pres.
(member)
ships*

June 21, 1975

MEMORANDUM FOR:
Through
FROM:

Dick Cheney
Phil Buchen
Barry Roth.

SUBJECT:

Presidential Life Membership
Michigan Reserve Officers Association

The Michigan Reserve Officers Association has by telegram today asked the President to accept life membership in their association which would be announced at their national conference this evening in San Diego. Last February the President accepted the Minuteman Award from the national organization. In view of this and the President's Michigan residency, we recommend that he accept this invitation.

Approve _____

Disapprove _____



June 21, 1975

STRAIGHTWIRE

Colonel Larry O'Grady
Town and Country Hotel
Room 1922
500 Hotel Circle
San Diego, California 92133

It is a pleasure for me to accept the honor of being the 100,000th member of Michigan's Reserve Officer Association. At the same time, I want to express my warm best wishes to all in attendance at this National Conference. I know your enthusiasm and I feel deeply grateful for the patriotism and love for our Nation that inspire and guide you in your important work. Best wishes for a successful Conference.

GERALD R. FORD

GRF:AVH:blh



THE WHITE HOUSE
WASHINGTON

June 21, 1975

ADMINISTRATIVELY ~~CONFIDENTIAL~~

MEMORANDUM FOR:

PHIL BUCHEN
WILLIAM CASSELMAN

FROM:

JAMES CONNOR 

SUBJECT:

Presidential Life Membership
Michigan Reserve Officers Association

Your memorandum of June 21 on the above subject has been reviewed by the President and membership in the Michigan Reserve Officers Association has been approved.

cc: Don Rumsfeld

THE WHITE HOUSE
WASHINGTON

June 27, 1975

Phil Buchen -

Confirming phone call
to you office, the suggested letter
to Al Rockwell was signed today.
A copy is attached for your
file.



Jim Connor



file

June 23, 1975

Dear Al:

Thank you very much for your letter of May 30.

As we discussed, I would indeed like to join you in a golf game at a time when my schedule permits and arrangements convenient to you can be made.

Although I greatly appreciate your generous offer to have me become the first member and an honorary member of your golf club at Nemacolin, I must regretfully decline. Apart from maintaining those memberships in golf clubs to which I belonged before becoming President, I have thought it inappropriate to add similar memberships, even on an honorary basis, while I am in office.

Sincerely,

Mr. W. F. Rockwell, Jr.
600 Grant Street
Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania 15219

GRF:PWB:jem

(Handwritten note)

P. S. Can I play with you at Nemacolin?



THE WHITE HOUSE
WASHINGTON

*Pres.
(Gerald R. Ford)*

June 23, 1975

MEMORANDUM FOR: THE PRESIDENT

FROM: PHILIP BUCHEN

P.W.B.

Attached is a copy of a letter to you from Al Rockwell who indicates that he talked to you about playing golf when he was at the White House NAB reception. In his letter he also asks you to become the first member and an honorary member of his golf club in Farmington, Pennsylvania.

Because of your relationship to Al, I believe you will want to send him a personally signed reply, and I have drafted the attached suggested reply.

Attachment

cc: William Casselman



THE WHITE HOUSE

WASHINGTON

June 23, 1975

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Sincerely,

Mr. W. F. Rockwell, Jr.
600 Grant Street
Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania 15219



W. F. ROCKWELL, JR.
600 GRANT STREET
PITTSBURGH, PA. 15219

RE
May 30, 1975

President G. R. Ford
The White House
Washington, D.C. 20500

Dear Jerry:

When I saw you at the White House for the NAB Reception you suggested we get together for a game of golf. I would like to reciprocate by asking you to become the first member, and an Honorary Member, of my Golf Club. It is only 35 minutes by air from Washington, and there is a 3000 foot Airstrip which terminates at the Pro Shop.

If you'll come up for a game this summer I'll get Jim Daniell for your caddy! Seriously, Nemacolin Inn has an ideal set-up for the kind of security you require, and I'd be delighted to have you use it for pleasure or for meeting purposes.

Sincerely yours,

Al.

W. F. Rockwell, Jr.

WFRjr/ph
enclosures (3)



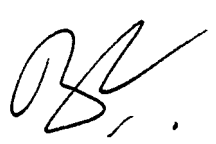
THE WHITE HOUSE

WASHINGTON

June 19, 1975

MEMORANDUM FOR: PHIL BUCHEN

FROM: BILL CASSELMAN



W. F. Rockwell, Jr., Chairman of the Board, Rockwell International, has invited the President to become the first member -- and an honorary member -- of the Nemacolin Trail Golf Club in Farmington, Pennsylvania. My inclination -- and standard policy -- would be to decline this invitation. However, in view of the flap over the Chevy Chase Club, I thought you might want to review it first. Apparently, Mr. Rockwell discussed this matter with the President at a recent NAB reception, but I do not know the nature of any commitments made by the President.



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encl.

W. F. ROCKWELL, JR.
600 GRANT STREET
PITTSBURGH, PA. 15219

RE

May 30, 1975

President G. R. Ford
The White House
Washington, D.C. 20500

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Sincerely yours,

Al.

W. F. Rockwell, Jr.

WFRjr/ph
enclosures (3)



THE WHITE HOUSE
WASHINGTON

July 22, 1975

ADMINISTRATIVELY ~~CONFIDENTIAL~~

MEMORANDUM FOR:

PHIL BUCHEN
BILL CASSELMAN

FROM:

JIM CONNOR *gcl*

SUBJECT:

Memberships

The President has reviewed your memorandum of July 19th and approved the following:

1. Honorary Chairmanship of the 1976 Bobby Jones Memorial Tournament
2. Membership in the YMCA Youth Governors' Conference
3. Honorary Membership in the Sons and Daughters of the First Settlers of Newbury, Mass.
4. Honorary membership in the Michigan High School Coaches' Association Hall of Fame.

Please follow-up with appropriate action.

cc: Don Rumsfeld



THE WHITE HOUSE
WASHINGTON

July 19, 1975

*Pres -
Memberships*

MEMORANDUM FOR THE PRESIDENT

THROUGH: PHIL BUCHEN *P.W.B.*
FROM: BILL CASSELMAN *BC*
SUBJECT: Memberships

The following memberships are referred for your consideration:

1. 1976 Bobby Jones Memorial Tournament (Tab A). Jack Nicklaus has invited you to serve as Honorary Chairman of the Bobby Jones Memorial Tournament scheduled for May 26, 1976, at the Muirfield Village Golf Club near Columbus, Ohio. In addition, Warren Rustand is evaluating the possibility of your making a personal appearance at this tournament. In the meantime, we would recommend acceptance of the Honorary Chairmanship based on your association with golf and participation in similar events.

Approve _____

Disapprove _____

2. YMCA Youth Governors' Conference (Tab B). This organization presented you with an honorary membership during your meeting with them in the Rose Garden June 26. We propose that you formally accept this membership after the fact of its presentation.

Approve _____

Disapprove _____

3. Sons and Daughters of the First Settlers of Newbury, Mass. (Tab C). This organization has invited you to become an honorary member. Their geneological research indicates that you have family ties in Newbury. Recommend acceptance.

Approve _____

Disapprove _____



4. Michigan High School Coaches' Association Hall of Fame (Tab D).
This organization has invited you to serve as an honorary member
of the Hall of Fame. In light of your own past coaching activities
and because this comes from Michigan, we recommend acceptance.

Approve _____

Disapprove _____

Enclosures



THE WHITE HOUSE
WASHINGTON

August 11, 1975

ADMINISTRATIVELY ~~CONFIDENTIAL~~

MEMORANDUM FOR:

PHIL BUCHEN
BILL CASSELMAN

FROM:

JIM CONNOR *JSC*

SUBJECT:

Membership

The President has reviewed your memorandum of August 8
and approved the following:

1. To serve as patrons for the 1975 Annual
Navy Ball.
2. Honorary Membership in the Mackinac
Island Yacht Club.

Please follow-up with appropriate action.

cc: Don Rumsfeld



THE WHITE HOUSE
WASHINGTON

August 8, 1975

MEMORANDUM FOR THE PRESIDENT

THROUGH: PHIL BUCHEN *T.W.B.*
FROM: BILL CASSELMAN *BC*
SUBJECT: Memberships

The following memberships are referred for your consideration:

1. 1975 Navy Ball (Tab A). You and Mrs. Ford have been invited to serve as patrons for the 1975 Annual Navy Ball scheduled for December 5 at the Sheraton Park Hotel. In view of your previous participation in this activity, we recommend acceptance.

Approve _____ Disapprove _____

2. Mackinac Island Yacht Club (Tab B). This Club has offered you an honorary membership. In view of your association with Michigan and your visit to the Island earlier this year, we recommend acceptance.

Approve _____ Disapprove _____

Enclosures



THE WHITE HOUSE
WASHINGTON

August 19, 1975

*Pres.
Memoranda*

ADMINISTRATIVELY ~~CONFIDENTIAL~~

MEMORANDUM FOR: ROD HILLS

FROM: JIM CONNOR *jc*

SUBJECT: Honorary Chairmanship
March of Dimes Dinner

The President has reviewed your memorandum of August 14 and accepted the invitation to serve as Honorary Chairman of a March of Dimes dinner honoring I. W. Abel.

The letter to Mr. Kender, Chairman of the Dinner was sent to stripping.

cc: Don Rumsfeld



THE WHITE HOUSE
WASHINGTON

August 26, 1975

ADMINISTRATIVELY ~~CONFIDENTIAL~~

MEMORANDUM FOR:

PHILIP BUCHEN
DUDLEY CHAPMAN

FROM:

JIM CONNOR 

SUBJECT:

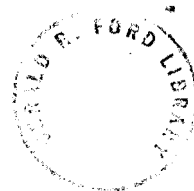
Memberships

The President has reviewed your memorandum of August 21 and approved the acceptance of the following:

1. Honorary Life Membership in the Sixth Circuit Judicial Conference.
2. Honorary Chairmanship of the 1976 Festival of the Arts by Handicapped Persons.

Please follow-up with appropriate action.

cc: Don Rumsfeld



THE WHITE HOUSE
WASHINGTON
August 21, 1975

Pres
Memberships

MEMORANDUM FOR THE PRESIDENT

THROUGH: PHILIP BUCHEN *P.B.*
FROM: DUDLEY CHAPMAN *DC*
SUBJECT: Memberships

The following memberships are referred for your consideration:

1. The Sixth Circuit Judicial Conference (Tab A). Following your speech to the Sixth Circuit Judicial Conference at Mackinac Island, the Judges unanimously passed a resolution bestowing honorary life membership on you. As you are a member of the Michigan Bar, and in view of the special circumstances here, we recommend acceptance.

Approve _____ Disapprove _____
2. 1976 Festival of the Arts by Handicapped Persons (Tab B). The President's Committee on Employment of the Handicapped has invited you and Mrs. Ford to serve as Honorary Chairmen of this festival which they are sponsoring as their major Bicentennial event. Because this is an activity of your Committee, we recommend acceptance. The First Lady's staff concurs.

Approve _____ Disapprove _____

Attachments



UNITED STATES COURT OF APPEALS

SIXTH CIRCUIT

MICHIGAN-OHIO-KENTUCKY-TENNESSEE

CHAMBERS OF

HARRY PHILLIPS

CHIEF JUDGE

U. S. COURT HOUSE

NASHVILLE, TENNESSEE 37203

July 22, 1975

RE-MAF
President Gerald R. Ford
The White House
Washington, D.C.

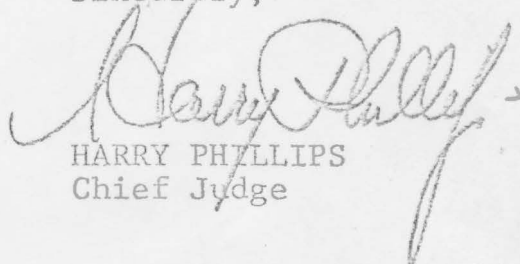
My dear Mr. President:

On behalf of all the Federal Judges in the Sixth Circuit let me express our most sincere appreciation for your graciousness in speaking at the breakfast of our Circuit Judicial Conference at the Grand Hotel, Mackinac Island, Michigan, on Sunday, July 13.

Immediately following the breakfast the Executive Session of Judges was held at which time a Resolution was offered and unanimously carried that an Honorary Life Membership in the Sixth Circuit Judicial Conference be accorded to you. I am happy to enclose that Resolution, duly signed and attested.

Again, thanking you for being with us, and with the best of wishes, I am

Sincerely,


HARRY PHILLIPS
Chief Judge

encl.



R E S O L U T I O N

WHEREAS GERALD R. FORD, President of the United States, attended and addressed the 36th Annual Conference of the Sixth Judicial Circuit of the United States at its assembly at Mackinac Island, Michigan, on July 13, 1975; he is a preeminent member of the bar of the Sixth Circuit, admitted to the State Bar of Michigan in 1941, and currently holds memberships in the American, Michigan and Grand Rapids Bar Associations; and

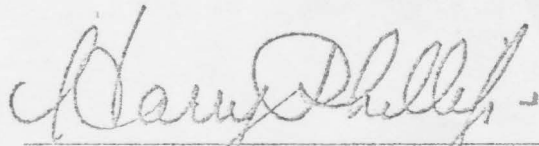
WHEREAS the Sixth Judicial Circuit has been honored by the attendance and the address of President Ford at its Conference;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE AND IT IS RESOLVED that GERALD R. FORD, President of the United States, be and he is hereby made an honorary life member of the Judicial Conference of the Sixth Circuit.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that a copy of this Resolution be sent to him and a copy spread in the minutes of this Conference;

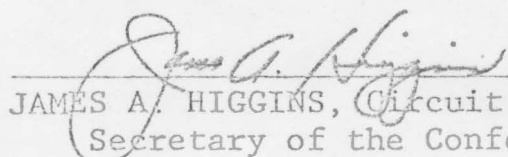
In Witness Whereof I, Harry Phillips, Chief Judge of the Sixth Judicial Circuit, have subscribed this Resolution and have caused it to be attested.

Done at Mackinac Island, Michigan, this 13th day of July, 1975.



HARRY PHILLIPS, Chief Judge

Attest:



JAMES A. HIGGINS, Circuit Executive
Secretary of the Conference



THE PRESIDENT'S COMMITTEE ON EMPLOYMENT OF THE HANDICAPPED

WASHINGTON, D.C. 20210

July 31, 1975



HAROLD RUSSELL
CHAIRMAN

The President
The White House
Washington, DC 20500

Dear Mr. President:

Next spring a most unusual event is going to occur in the world of the handicapped: a Festival of the Arts by Handicapped Persons at the Kennedy Center.

It will include drama, dance and music. Performers we are asking to take part are the National Theater of the Deaf, Jose Feliciano, Stevie Wonder, Itzak Perlman and others.

We are forming an Advisory Committee of such persons as James DePriest of the National Symphony, Nanette Fabray, Katherine Hepburn and some others.

The date is Wednesday evening, April 28, 1976, the evening before the opening session of the Annual Meeting of the President's Committee. This would be the Committee's major Bicentennial event.

I should like to extend this warm invitation to you and Mrs. Ford to serve as Honorary Chairmen of the Festival.

If this is possible, I know the Festival will attain the kind of national stature and importance that will emphasize to all Americans that handicapped people do have ability and talent, whether in the arts or in any other kinds of endeavor.

I certainly hope that you and Mrs. Ford can accept our invitation.

Sincerely,

Harold Russell
Harold Russell
Chairman

ASSOCIATE MEMBERS

THE SECRETARY OF STATE
THE SECRETARY OF THE TREASURY
THE SECRETARY OF DEFENSE
THE ATTORNEY GENERAL
THE SECRETARY OF THE INTERIOR
THE SECRETARY OF AGRICULTURE
THE SECRETARY OF COMMERCE
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AND WELFARE
THE SECRETARY OF HOUSING AND
URBAN DEVELOPMENT
THE SECRETARY OF TRANSPORTATION
THE ADMINISTRATOR OF VETERANS AFFAIRS
THE CIVIL SERVICE COMMISSION CHAIRMAN
THE DIRECTOR OF THE OFFICE OF
EMERGENCY PREPAREDNESS
THE ADMINISTRATOR OF THE GENERAL
SERVICES ADMINISTRATION
THE DIRECTOR OF THE UNITED STATES
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Memberships

THE WHITE HOUSE
WASHINGTON

9/17/75

Dear Mr. Davis:

President Ford has asked me to thank you for your kindness in inviting him to become an honorary member of the Improved Order of Red Men.

After careful consideration, however, the President has reluctantly concluded that it will not be possible for him to accept your invitation. He deeply appreciates your gracious gesture, and only the requirements of a firm policy to limit participation in all organizations during his term of office prevent him from accepting the invitation.

The President wanted you to know of his gratitude for your thoughtfulness, and he asked that I convey his warm good wishes to you and your fellow Red Men brothers.

Sincerely,

Philip W. Buchan

Philip Buchan
Counsel to the President

Mr. Robert E. Davis
Great Chief of Records
Great Council of the United States
Improved Order of Red Men
Post Office Box 683
Waco, Texas 76703



August 26, 1975

Dear Mr. Davis:

Thank you for your July 31 letter concerning your interest in conferring on President Ford next year an honorary membership in the Improved Order of Red Men.

Your comments have been brought to the attention of Mr. Philip Buchen, Counsel to the President, for appropriate action relating to your request, as well as to members of the White House staff who have responsibility for coordinating functions in the bicentennial year. You will be contacted by a White House staff official when a decision can be made.

Sincerely,

Donald Rumsfeld
Assistant to the President

Mr. Robert E. Davis
Great Chief of Records
Great Council of the United States
Improved Order of Red Men
Post Office Box 683
Waco, Texas 76703

DR:MD:ncb

bcc w/incoming to attn. ^{of} Philip Buchen & Sandy Drake

for action





Great Council of the United States Improved Order of Red Men

Robert E. Davis
Great Chief of Records
P. O. Box 683
Waco, Texas 76703

July 31, 1975

Mr. Donald Rumsfeld
% White House
Washington, D. C. 20500

Dear Mr. Rumsfeld:

I am writing to you as national secretary of the Improved Order of Red Men, a national fraternal organization with members in twenty six states. I am enclosing a brochure that gives more in detail the history and precepts of our order. As you can see we are the oldest fraternal organization of purely American origin and have long been recognized as one of the leading patriotic societies in this Country.

We are chartered by a special act of Congress and participate in various programs at Freedoms Foundation at Valley Forge, also we have an annual ceremony of laying a wreath at the Tomb of the Unknown Soldier in Arlington, Virginia.

The reason for this letter is that our national officers have voted to make President Ford an honorary member of our organization. We have had Presidents Theodore Roosevelt, Warren G. Harding, Calvin Coolidge and Franklin D. Foosevelt as members of our Order. We would like to confer an honorary membership on President Ford as part of our observance of the Bicentennial, and also because we firmly believe that the President stands for the great principles that founded this Country and upon which our organization is built.

The ceremony would not take long (about fifteen minutes) and the six national officers could come to the White House at the convenience of the President. The adoption ceremony, to make the President an honorary member, is brief and would only be attended by our six national officers. The President would be presented with a gold life membership card and a beautiful ceremonial headdress. Our national officers are listed below.

Clifford E. Forrest, Sr., Great Inchoonee
24 Titus Crt. Apt. C
Rochester, New York 14617

Gary John Sontag, Great Senior Sagamore
P. O. Box 8717
Columbus, Ohio 43215



Thomas J. Villano, Great Junior Bagamore
818 Edgewood Ave.
New Haven, Connecticut 06515

Burton R. Davis, Great Prophet
5937 E. Greenfield Ave.
Indianapolis, Indiana 46219

Robert E. Davis, Great Chief of Records
P. O. Box 683
Waco, Texas 76703

Robert L. Shaffer, Great Keeper of Wampum
RD #2 Box 53
Hummelstown, Pennsylvania 17036

We would like the ceremony sometime prior to July 1976. I know that the President gets many requests such as this and his time is very limited, but this would mean a great deal to our entire membership and I know the President would be proud to be a member of an organization that has truly always stood for "Freedom, Friendship and Charity," as well as advocating the principles of American democracy since 1765.

Knowing of your closeness to the President as one of his key advisors I sincerely hope you will give this request your most serious consideration. Please feel free, if you need more information about the Improved Order of Red Men, to check with Freedoms Foundation, Save the Childrens Federation or our official history is in the Library of Congress. If you have any other questions please let me know.

Hoping to hear from you soon.

Sincerely,



Robert E. Davis
Great Chief of Records
GCUS

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cc: John Tower
Glen Anderson



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THE WHITE HOUSE

WASHINGTON

9/17/75

Dear Mr. Anderson:

President Ford has asked me to thank you for your letter of August 6 urging that he accept the invitation of Mr. Robert E. Davis and become an honorary member of the Improved Order of Red Men.

After careful consideration, however, the President has reluctantly concluded that it will not be possible for him to accept Mr. Davis' invitation. He deeply appreciates the gracious gesture and your own personal interest as a long-time member of the organization, and wants you to know that only the requirements of a firm policy to limit participation in all organizations during his term of office prevent him from accepting the invitation.

You may be sure you and your fellow Red Men brothers have the President's gratitude for your thoughtfulness as well as his warm good wishes for the future.

Sincerely,

Philip W. Buchen

Philip Buchen

Counsel to the President

The Honorable Glenn A. Anderson
House of Representatives
Washington, D. C. 20515



THE WHITE HOUSE
WASHINGTON

9/17/75-

Membership

Dear Senator Tower:

President Ford has asked me to thank you for your letter of September 3 forwarding a letter from Mr. Robert E. Davis who has invited the President to become an honorary member of the Improved Order of Red Men.

After careful consideration, however, the President has reluctantly concluded that it will not be possible for him to accept Mr. Davis' invitation. He deeply appreciates the gracious gesture and wants you to know that only the requirements of a firm policy to limit participation in all organizations during his term of office prevent him from accepting the invitation.

The President is grateful for your interest and the thoughtfulness of the Order of Red Men and asked that I extend his warm good wishes.

Sincerely,



Philip Buchen
Counsel to the President

The Honorable John Tower
United States Senate
Washington, D. C. 20510



Memberships

THE WHITE HOUSE

WASHINGTON

9/17/75

Dear Mr. Poage:

Thank you for your letter of September 3 supporting the invitation of Mr. Robert E. Davis for the President to become an honorary member of the Improved Order of Red Men.

After careful consideration, the President has reluctantly concluded that it will not be possible for him to accept Mr. Davis' invitation. He deeply appreciates the thoughtfulness which this gracious gesture represents, however, and wants you to know that only the requirements of a firm policy to limit participation in all organizations during his term of office prevent him from accepting the invitation.

You and the Improved Order of the Red Men have the President's gratitude and his warm good wishes for the future.

Sincerely,

Philip W. Buchen

Philip Buchen
Counsel to the President

The Honorable W. R. Poage
House of Representatives
Washington, D. C. 20515



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THE WHITE HOUSE

WASHINGTON

September 24, 1975

ADMINISTRATIVELY ~~CONFIDENTIAL~~

MEMORANDUM FOR:

PHILIP BUCHEN
DUDLEY CHAPMAN

FROM:

JIM CONNOR *JEC*

SUBJECT:

Honorary Chairmanship

The President reviewed your memorandum of September 18th and approved the acceptance of the invitation to serve as Honorary Chairman of the Wake Forest University Parents' Council.

Please follow-up with appropriate action.

cc: Don Rumsfeld



THE WHITE HOUSE

WASHINGTON

September 18, 1975

Pres. P.W.B.

MEMORANDUM FOR THE PRESIDENT

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

FROM: DUDLEY CHAPMAN *DC*

SUBJECT: Honorary Chairmanship

The President of Wake Forest University has invited you to serve as Honorary Chairman of the Wake Forest University Parents' Council. Mike believes that you have previously served in a similar capacity. In view of that association, and Mike's past attendance at the University, we recommend your acceptance of this honorary chairmanship.

Approve _____ Disapprove _____



THE WHITE HOUSE
WASHINGTON

October 18, 1975

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ADMINISTRATIVELY ~~CONFIDENTIAL~~

MEMORANDUM FOR:

PHILIP BUCHEN
DUDLEY CHAPMAN

FROM:

JIM CONNOR *JEC*

SUBJECT:

Honorary Memberships

The President reviewed your memorandum of October 14 and made the following decisions:

1. Accept the invitation to serve as Honorary Patrons of the Women's Committee of the Washington Performing Arts Society 1976 Benefit and Salute to Canada and the Olympics.
2. Accept the invitation to serve as Honorary Co-Chairman of American Judicature Society Consortium "Justice '76".
3. Disapprove acceptance of invitation to serve as Honorary Chairman of the 58th PGA National Championship at Congressional Country Club in August 1976 but accept the invitation .

Please follow-up with appropriate action.

cc: Don Rumsfeld
Jerry Jones



THE WHITE HOUSE

WASHINGTON

October 14, 1975

MEMORANDUM FOR THE PRESIDENT

THROUGH: PHILIP BUCHEN *P.W.B.*
FROM: DUDLEY CHAPMAN *DC*
SUBJECT: Honorary Memberships

The following memberships are referred for your consideration:

1. Women's Committee of the Washington Performing Arts Society 1976 Benefit and Salute to Canada and the Olympics (Tab A). You and Mrs. Ford have been invited to serve as Honorary Patrons of this event. In view of your participation in this same capacity last year, we recommend acceptance. The NSC concurs.

Approve _____ Disapprove _____

2. American Judicature Society Consortium "Justice '76" (Tab B). You have been invited to serve as Honorary Co-Chairman of this program sponsored by the Judicature Society for the purpose of making "our justice system responsive to tomorrow's needs in light of our traditions." In view of the quasi-governmental nature and purpose of this project, we recommend acceptance.

Approve _____ Disapprove _____



3. Honorary Chairman of the 58th PGA National Championship at Congressional Country Club in August 1976 (Tab C). Mr. Frank Murphy, General Chairman for the tournament, has invited you to serve as Honorary Chairman of this event which they treat as part of the PGA's program for the Bicentennial. Ted Marrs recommends that you decline this membership as you have generally refrained from serving in honorary capacities in connection with bicentennial-related events to which you have already been invited. For this reason and in view of the commercial aspects of the tournament, we recommend that you decline the invitation.

Approve (Decline the invitation) _____

Disapprove (Accept the invitation) _____



*Pres-
Membership*

October 23, 1975

Dear Mr. Butler:

The President very much appreciated the invitation which you extended to him through Vern Loen, on behalf of Dale Myers, to become an honorary member of the Order of the White Jacket, Inc.

Because the aim of this organization is to provide assistance to students working their way through college as waiters, President Ford was especially pleased by Mr. Myer's thoughtful gesture. Only the requirements of a firm policy to limit participation in all organizations to an absolute minimum during his term of office prevent him from accepting this gracious invitation.

The President has asked me to extend his thanks and best wishes to you and to Mr. Myers and his associates.

Sincerely,

Phillip W. Buchen
Counsel to the President

The Honorable M. Caldwell Butler
House of Representatives
Washington, D. C. 20515

bcc: Barry Roth, Bob Anderson, Vern Loen

PWB:MAF:RLE:aby



THE WHITE HOUSE

WASHINGTON

October 24, 1975

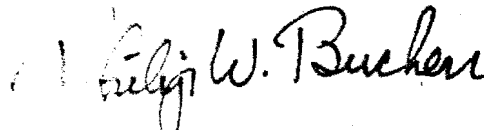
Dear Mr. Hastings:

President Ford very much appreciated your interest in inviting him through Vern Loen, to become a member of the Gowanda Shrine Club.

Because of the President's long-time interest in Shriner's activities, he was especially pleased to receive this thoughtful offer of membership. Only the requirements of a firm policy to limit participation in all organizations to an absolute minimum during his term of office prevent him for accepting your cordial invitation.

With the President's thanks and best wishes to you and to the members of the Gowanda Shrine Club,

Sincerely,



Philip W. Buchen
Counsel to the President

The Honorable James F. Hastings
House of Representatives
Washington, D. C. 20515



11/20

THE WHITE HOUSE
WASHINGTON

November 4, 1975

ADMINISTRATIVELY ~~CONFIDENTIAL~~

MEMORANDUM FOR:

PHILIP BUCHEN
DUDLEY CHAPMAN

FROM:

JAMES E. CONNOR *JEC*

SUBJECT:

Honorary Memberships

Confirming phone call to your office, the President reviewed your memorandum of November 3 and made the following decisions:

1. Accept the invitation to serve as Patrons of a benefit honoring Roger Stevens at the Kennedy Center on January 25, 1976.
2. Accept the invitation to serve as Honorary Chairman of the 1976 Lombardi Awards Dinner in Houston, Texas.

Please follow-up with appropriate action.

cc: Dick Cheney
Jerry Jones



THE WHITE HOUSE
WASHINGTON

November 3, 1975

President
memberships

MEMORANDUM FOR THE PRESIDENT

THROUGH:

PHILIP BUCHEN

T.W.B.

FROM:

DUDLEY CHAPMAN

DC

SUBJECT:

Honorary Memberships

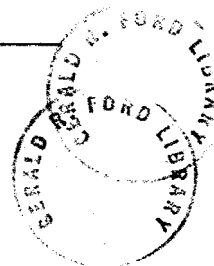
The following memberships are referred for your consideration:

1. Benefit dinner for Roger Stevens by the Trustees of the Kennedy Center (Tab A). Mrs. Jacqueline Onassis has invited you and Mrs. Ford to serve as Patrons of a benefit honoring Roger Stevens at the Kennedy Center on January 25, 1976. Mrs. Ford has agreed to accept this invitation and we recommend your acceptance as well.

Approve _____ Disapprove _____

2. Lombardi Awards Dinner sponsored by the Downtown Rotary Club of Houston (Tab B). You have been invited to serve as Honorary Chairman of the 1976 Lombardi Awards Dinner in Houston, Texas, during which the collegiate "Outstanding Interior Lineman" of the country is honored. Although this event is locally sponsored, its national prestige is comparable to that of the Heisman Trophy. Congressman Bill Archer has requested that you accept this invitation, and Congressional Relations strongly concurs. In view of their recommendation and because the proceeds of this dinner are for cancer research, we recommend your acceptance of their invitation.

Approve _____ Disapprove _____



1040 FIFTH AVENUE

October 16, 1975

Dear Mr. Ford

I am writing you about a very special benefit which the Trustees of the Kennedy Center are planning in honor of Roger Stevens. Mr. Stevens has been Chairman of the Kennedy Center these many years and he has worked with untiring devotion on its behalf. In fact, I truly do not know a more dedicated person or one more deserving of this tribute.

The benefit will be held at the Kennedy Center on Sunday evening, January 25, 1976 and the program will consist of entertainment by well-known, popular performers. I am sure it will be an outstanding occasion.

The reason why I am writing you is to say that what would mean more than anything, as far as the benefit is concerned, is if you and President Ford would consent to be Patrons of the evening as well as our guests that night. It would mean so much to Roger Stevens, more than you can ever imagine, and of course, it would also mean so much to all the Trustees of the Center.

I do so hope you can join us that evening and that I will see you then.

With my very best wishes.

Most Sincerely
Jacqueline Onassis



MEMBER:
WAYS AND MEANS
COMMITTEE

DISTRICT OF
FEDERAL OFFICE
HOUSTON, TEXAS

Congress of the United States
House of Representatives
Washington, D.C. 20515

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July 7, 1975

Dear Mr. President:

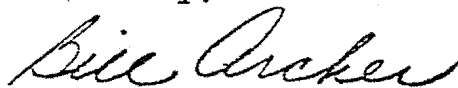
The Downtown Rotary Club of Houston annually sponsors the Lombardi Awards Dinner during which the "Outstanding Interior Lineman" of the country is honored. As you know, Randy White of Maryland was the recipient of the Lombardi Award this year.

Preliminary plans for next year's dinner are currently underway and the Downtown Rotary Club would like you to be the Honorary Chairman. It is not necessary for you to attend in order to be Honorary Chairman, although an invitation to speak will be sent later.

If you will accept, the Club would like to have a picture of you with Randy White.

Thank you very much for your consideration.

Sincerely,



Bill Archer M.C.



THE WHITE HOUSE
WASHINGTON

November 20, 1975

ADMINISTRATIVELY ~~CONFIDENTIAL~~

MEMORANDUM FOR:

PHILIP BUCHEN
DUDLEY CHAPMAN

FROM:

JAMES E. CONNOR

SUBJECT:

Honorary Memberships

The President reviewed your memorandum of November 18 and approved the following:

1. To serve as Honorary Patron of the United States Commission for United World Colleges.
2. To serve as Patrons of the 1976 U.N. Concert and Dinner.

Please follow-up with appropriate action.

cc: Dick Cheney



THE WHITE HOUSE
WASHINGTON

November 18, 1975

*Pres.
(Memberships)*

MEMORANDUM FOR THE PRESIDENT

THROUGH: PHILIP BUCHEN *P.*
FROM: DUDLEY CHAPMAN *DC*
SUBJECT: Honorary Memberships

The following honorary memberships are submitted for your consideration:

1. United States Commission for United World Colleges.
The Vice President has transmitted an invitation to you from Lord Mountbatten to serve as Honorary Patron of this Commission (Tab A). Lord Mountbatten is President of the International Council of United World Colleges and Frank Taplin, your former Yale Law School classmate, is Chairman of the Commission. In view of the past participation of at least one President with this organization and its quasi-public status, we recommend your acceptance.

Approve _____ Disapprove _____

2. 16th Annual U.N. Concert and Dinner (1976). You and Mrs. Ford have again been invited to serve as Patrons of the 1976 U.N. Concert and Dinner (Tab B). You served in this capacity this year and we again recommend your acceptance of this invitation.

Approve _____ Disapprove _____



THE WHITE HOUSE
WASHINGTON

President
(trophy honoring)

December 30, 1975

Dear Pete:

The President has asked me to thank you for your thoughtful letter requesting permission for the Grand Rapids Football Bust to present a trophy in his honor to the outstanding West Michigan MSU lineman.

The President appreciates your interest in these unsung heroes and is delighted to have the trophy awarded in his honor. While we defer to you on the title to be used, it would be preferable that the name not imply that the President personally participated in the selection process. For example, you might wish to call it simply the "President Ford Award," the "President's Cup" or the "Gerald Ford Trophy."

With best wishes for the New Year.

Sincerely,

Phil

Philip W. Buchen
Counsel to the President

Mr. Peter F. Secchia
President
Universal Forest Products, Inc.
3153 Three Mile Road, N.E.
Grand Rapids, Michigan 49505



bcc: Mildred Leonard
Roland Elliott (for membership files)

THE WHITE HOUSE
WASHINGTON

TO: Mr. Buchen

FROM: MILDRED LEONARD

FOR: Information _____

Appropriate Handling _____

I have shown Pete's letter to the President and he has no objection to the award suggestion. But I thought the approval letter should come from your office.

ml

DATE: 12/14/78



UNIVERSAL FOREST PRODUCTS, INC.

3153 Three Mile Road, N.E. Grand Rapids, Mi. 49505 (616) 361-6651

December 3, 1975

The President
The White House
Washington D.C. 20500

Dear Mr. President:

Your choice of music in beautiful downtown Peking was beautiful! I was awakened yesterday to the tune of the Spartan Fight Song...Was this the work of Dr. Lucash?

On December 8 in Grand Rapids we will have our Third Annual West Michigan MSU Football Bust. For years we have searched for an award with "class". Denny Stolz has suggested that the Grand Rapids Bust honor the outstanding offensive lineman, and proclaim it the "President Ford Award for Excellence"...or "The President's Choice", etc.

Since you were a lineman, and would recognize the unsung hero syndrome that is experienced by the offensive's interior line--we thought it appropriate that this award be presented in your name.

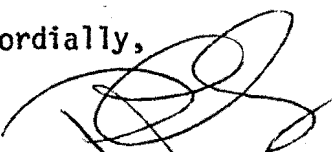
The offensive lineman will be chosen by the running backs. Who is more capable to decide what lineman had outstanding talent on the field, combined with integrity, community service, and leadership? We plan to use the criteria mentioned above, and put a plaque in Jenison Field House to have new names inserted each year, as announced by the coaching staff. This award will only be presented in Grand Rapids, by the Chairman of the Grand Rapids Football Bust.

Recognizing you will not return until the 8th...and our banquet is that evening, we do not expect approval for this year's football bust. But...we are going to present our award to the offensive lineman, and hold off the printing and public relations releases pending your approval. Should your office not approve - we will find another name for this award.

I was sorry to see your "corn and blue" go down. I was rooting for them, and if I can find seats for the Orange Bowl...you can guess where Joan and the "Pooh" will be. Why don't you join us?

Left handed chopsticks must be an "experience". Joan and I send our best to you, Susan, and the family.

Cordially,



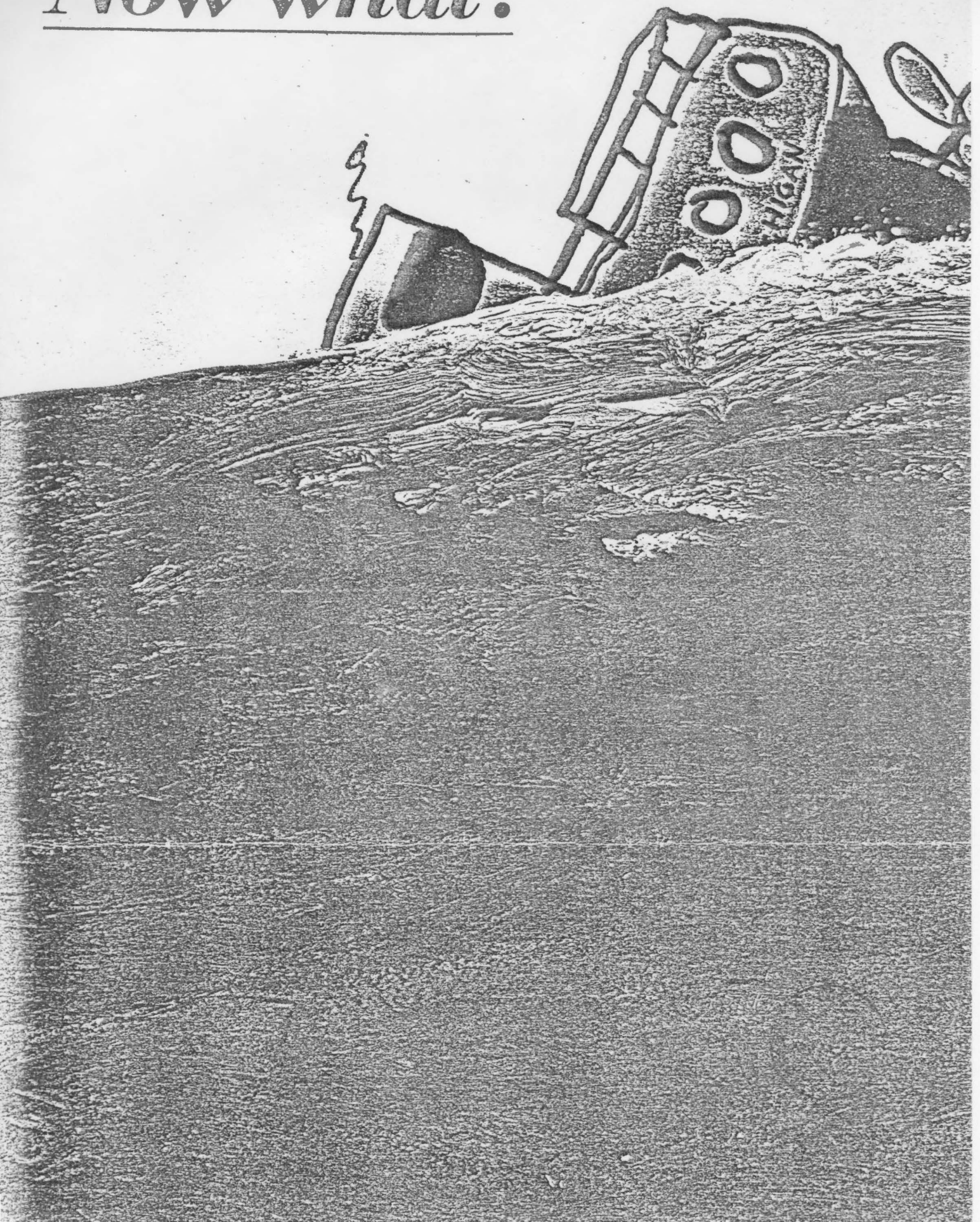
Peter F. Secchia

P.S. The above award has been discussed with Mildred and Counsel Buchen. It's your decision. Please advise at your convenience.



PFS/jh

Now what?



THE WHITE HOUSE
WASHINGTON

January 28, 1976

ADMINISTRATIVELY ~~CONFIDENTIAL~~

MEMORANDUM FOR:

PHILIP BUCHEN
DUDLEY CHAPMAN

FROM:

JAMES E. CONNOR *jer*

SUBJECT:

Honorary Memberships

The President reviewed your memorandum of January 26 on the above subject and made the following decisions:

1. Governmental Affairs Program of the United States Jaycees
Accept invitation to serve as National Honorary Chairman.
2. The George Washington Masonic National Memorial Association
Accept invitation to serve as Honorary Patron.
3. NAACP Special Contribution Fund benefit honoring Roy Wilkins
Accept invitation to serve as Honorary Chairman.
4. Honorary Member of the Professional Golfers' Association of America - Accept Honorary Membership in PGA.
5. Society of the Friendly Sons of St Patrick of the City of Washington
Accept invitation to become an Honorary Member.
6. Military Order of Foreign Wars of the United States
Accept invitation to become an Honorary Member.
7. Lawyers' Wives of the District of Columbia Annual Benefit Ball
Accept invitation to serve as Honorary Patrons.
8. National Federation of Music Clubs
Agreed to using name on the invitation to the District of Columbia's Bicentennial Concert providing the invitations do not appear to come from the President and Mrs. Ford.



THE WHITE HOUSE
WASHINGTON

January 26, 1976

1/26
Memberships

MEMORANDUM FOR THE PRESIDENT

THROUGH: PHILIP BUCHEN *P.*
FROM: DUDLEY CHAPMAN *DC*
SUBJECT: Honorary Memberships

The following memberships are referred for your consideration:

1. Governmental Affairs Program of the United States Jaycees
(Tab A). You have been invited to serve as National Honorary Chairman of this program sponsored by the U.S. Jaycees. Bill Baroody's office recommends your acceptance and, in view of your past participation with the Jaycees, we concur.

Approve _____ Disapprove _____

2. The George Washington Masonic National Memorial Association (Tab B) has invited you to serve as an Honorary Patron. In view of your Masonic affiliation and your personal participation at the unveiling of the Gerald R. Ford medallion plaque last February, we recommend your acceptance.

Approve _____ Disapprove _____

3. NAACP Special Contribution Fund benefit honoring Roy Wilkins
(Tab C). Mrs. Ralph J. Bunche, Chairman of the Fund has invited you to serve as Honorary Chairman of this event. John Calhoun and Secretary Morton's office recommend your acceptance and we concur.

Approve _____ Disapprove _____



4. Honorary Member of the Professional Golfers' Association of America (Tab D). Mr. Henry Poe, President of the PGA, has notified you of your election as an Honorary Member of the PGA. In view of your participation in numerous golfing activities, we recommend your acceptance.

Approve _____ Disapprove _____

5. Society of the Friendly Sons of St. Patrick of the City of Washington (Tab E). Judge John Lewis Smith, Jr., has invited you to become an Honorary Member of this organization. In view of the fact that three other Presidents have served as Honorary Members, we recommend your acceptance.

Approve _____ Disapprove _____

6. Military Order of Foreign Wars of the United States (Tab F). You have been invited to become an Honorary Member of this Order. In view of the fact that nine Presidents have previously served in this capacity, we recommend your acceptance.

Approve _____ Disapprove _____

7. Lawyers' Wives of the District of Columbia Annual Benefit Ball (Tab G). You and Mrs. Ford have been invited to serve as Honorary Patrons of this event to be held on March 6 at Kenwood Country Club. In view of your participation as Honorary Patrons in 1973, we recommend acceptance.

Approve _____ Disapprove _____

8. The National Federation of Music Clubs (Tab H) has requested permission to use your name on the invitation to the District of Columbia's Bicentennial Concert to be held on February 23 at the Kennedy Center as part of the Bicentennial Parade of American Music. Milt Mitler and Ted Marrs recommend your acceptance as an acknowledgment of the many contributions to our culture that have been made by native composers and musicians. We concur, provided that the invitations do not appear to come from you and Mrs. Ford.

Approve _____ Disapprove _____

THE WHITE HOUSE

WASHINGTON

March 1, 1976

MEMORANDUM FOR THE PRESIDENT

FROM: PHILIP BUCHEN *P.*

SUBJECT: Honorary Memberships in Masonic Organizations

This is in response to your inquiry concerning the policy for handling invitations for honorary membership in Masonic and Shrine organizations.

In my memorandum to you of October 31, 1974 (at Tab A), a listing was included of all such invitations that had then been received. This listing was marked for approval at your discretion and we were advised that you did not indicate acceptance for any of these organizations. Accordingly, the general policy has been to have the Correspondence Section turn down such invitations. However, when you have been involved with the organization, such as your attendance at a ceremony held by the George Washington Masonic National Memorial Association, or a meeting with the potentate of a shrine, you have accepted the invitation to serve as an honorary member.

There is no legal or appearance problem presented if you wish to accept these invitations, as long as they do not involve fundraising activities. It is my understanding that while Vice President you generally accepted all invitations for honorary membership in such organizations. The only arguments against acceptance are the relatively large number of such invitations that can be expected and uncertainty as to how they will use your name.

DECISION:

Option A. Continue the present policy of accepting invitations for honorary membership only where you have been personally involved with the individual organization, subject to your approval on a case by case basis.

Approve _____

Disapprove _____



Option B. Accept all invitations for honorary membership in Masonic and Shrine organizations except those which would use your name for fundraising purposes.

Approve _____

Disapprove _____



Date: March 6, 1976

Time:

FOR ACTION:

cc (for information):

Phil Buchen

FROM THE STAFF SECRETARY

DUE: Date: Tuesday, March 9

Time: 10 A. M.

SUBJECT:

Brent Scowcroft memo 3/6/76
re Honorary Chairmanship ~~for~~
of the Seventh Inter-American Music
Festival

ACTION REQUESTED:

☐ For Necessary Action☐ For Your Recommendations☐ Prepare Agenda and Brief☐ Draft Reply☒ For Your Comments☐ Draft Remarks

REMARKS:

Felt you should review this matter before
going forward --- perhaps NSC just neglected
to indicate that you had signed off on it.

March 9, 1976


I recommend approval. This fits in with
our policy based on traditional Presidential
participation in this event.

P.W.B.

Philip W. Buchen

PLEASE ATTACH THIS COPY TO MATERIAL SUBMITTED.


If you have any questions or if you anticipate a
delay in submitting the required material, please
telephone the Staff Secretary immediately.


James E. Connor
For the President

THE WHITE HOUSE
WASHINGTON

March 6, 1976

MEMORANDUM FOR: THE PRESIDENT

FROM: BRENT SCOWCROFT 

SUBJECT: Honorary Chairmanship of the Seventh
Inter-American Music Festival

The Secretary General of the OAS has requested in a letter at Tab B that you and Mrs. Ford serve as Honorary Chairmen of the Seventh Inter-American Music Festival which will be held in Washington from May 17-22. The Festival will feature works by contemporary composers and artists from the Americas.

The Festivals are held at three-year intervals. Former President and Mrs. Nixon served as Honorary Chairmen, as had Mrs. Kennedy and President and Mrs. Johnson. As Honorary Chairmen, your names would appear on the letterhead and a brief statement would appear on the program for the Festival. However, your participation or attendance at the events is not required.

The Festival is held under auspices of the General Secretariat of the Organization of American States, the Inter-American Music Council, and the Inter-American Association of Music Critics. It is supported by a grant from the National Endowment for the Arts. As a demonstration of your interest in inter-American affairs, I recommend that you and Mrs. Ford agree to be Honorary Chairmen of this event.

Attached for your signature at Tab A, if you approve, is a reply to the Secretary General of the Organization of American States, Alejandro Orfila, accepting his invitation to be Honorary Chairmen of the event. The letter has been cleared with Doug Smith of Robert Hartmann's office.



RECOMMENDATION:

That you sign the letter at Tab A agreeing to serve as
Honorary Chairmen of the Seventh Inter-American Music
Festival.



THE WHITE HOUSE

WASHINGTON

Dear Mr. Secretary General:

Mrs. Ford and I thank you for your kind invitation to serve as Honorary Chairmen of the Seventh Inter-American Music Festival, which will be held in Washington from May 17-22.

This series of festivals, which brings together the talents of composers and performers from throughout the hemisphere, has become an important element in the cultural relations and experience between our countries. It serves to strengthen the ties of friendship and understanding among our peoples.

I am happy to note that this Seventh Festival will occur during our country's Bicentennial Year, and thus Mrs. Ford and I are particularly pleased to accept your gracious invitation.

With all best regards,

Sincerely,

His Excellency
Alejandro Orfila
Secretary General
Organization of American States
Washington, D. C.



ORGANIZATION OF AMERICAN STATES

WASHINGTON, D. C.

February , 1976

THE SECRETARY GENERAL

My dear Mr. President:

From May 17 to 22, 1976, Washington will be the scene of the Seventh Inter-American Music Festival, held under the auspices of the General Secretariat of the Organization of American States, the Inter-American Music Council, and the Inter-American Association of Music Critics, and supported by a grant from the National Endowment for the Arts.

Like its predecessors, the Seventh Festival will bring to this city outstanding soloists and ensembles from throughout the hemisphere. Programs will be made up of works by leading contemporary composers from North, Central, and South America, many of them especially commissioned for the Festival.

The first six festivals, held at three-year intervals, won unanimous critical acclaim for their contribution to public appreciation of musical accomplishment in the New World. I am confident that, like them, the Seventh Festival will both stimulate, and provide needed international recognition for, creative and performing talent from all parts of the Americas.

The prestige of previous festivals was greatly enhanced by the patronage of the President and First Lady of the United States. I hope, therefore, that you and Mrs. Ford will be so gracious as to accept the invitation I now extend to serve as Honorary Chairmen of the Seventh Inter-American Music Festival of Washington. The distinction thus lent to this event would do much to ensure its success.

Please believe me to be, with every good wish,

Sincerely yours,

Alejandro Orrila

The President
of the United States of America
The White House
Washington, D.C.

THE WHITE HOUSE

WASHINGTON

April 19, 1976

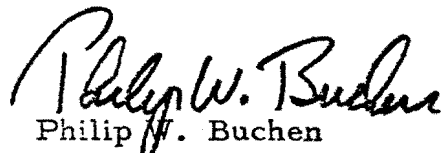
Dear Mr. Vorys:

Through the courtesy of Senator Robert Taft, Jr., your recent letter to him has come to the President's attention and I am pleased to respond on his behalf.

It was most thoughtful of you and Dr. John S. Bickley to invite the President to serve as Honorary President of the International Insurance Seminars, Inc. to be held in San Francisco in August of this year. I regret, however, that this must be a disappointing reply to your request. I want to assure you that this decision in no way reflects on the merits and objectives of the International Insurance Seminars, Inc. Rather, this has been a long-standing policy brought about by the great many similar and deserving requests received each day. For this reason I hope you'll understand that it would be inappropriate to single out one particular organization or event for such special recognition and participation.

Nevertheless, you can be sure that we fully appreciate the importance of the International Insurance Seminars, Inc. and I want to take this opportunity to convey to you and your colleagues the President's warmest good wishes for every success in your enterprise.

Sincerely,


Philip W. Buchen
Counsel to the President

Mr. Arthur I. Vorys
Vorys, Sater, Seymour & Pease
52 East Gay Street
Columbus, Ohio 43215



Friday 4/30/76

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4:00 Bill Englehaupt, Executive Vice President of the National Electronic Distributors Association in Chicago, called to say he had talked with John Vickerman about the possibility of getting a letter from the President for an annual luncheon meeting they are having in New Orleans next Monday 5/3.

(312) 583-8535

*Whole
Industry*

Instead of getting a letter from the President, they received a faxgram from Elliott Richardson.

Vickerman asked Mr. Englehaupt to send a suggested draft of letter, which he did. Expecting, of course, a letter from the President.

Wondered if there might be a way to get a letter from the President -- which could be sent special delivery to him at Braniff Place Hotel on Canal Street in New Orleans -- to arrive by Monday morning so they could xerox and get it out. (They were late in doing it because the President only asked him about a week or ten days ago.)

Englehaupt is a very close friend to Duncan Littlefair, who is an extremely good friend of Mr. Buchen's and the President's.



On behalf of President Ford, I extend greetings to the members of the National Electronics Distributors Association as you gather for your 1976 annual convention. I commend your organization for its role in maintaining a balanced flow of supplies from components manufacturers to producers of electronics equipment. This function relieves your customers of many burdensome financial and inventory problems. It also benefits the ultimate consumer by providing a steadying effect on retail prices.

As the economy expands in the years ahead, price stability and equitable tax structure and minimum government regulations will be major elements in the continued good health of the American economic system.

Best wishes for a successful convention.

Elliott Richardson

