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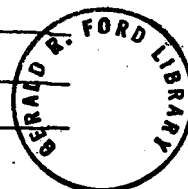
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STATEMENT FOR MARTIN LUTHER KING'S DAY, WEDNESDAY,
JANUARY 15, 1975

On the 46th anniversary of the birth of Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr., it is appropriate to review the progress of this nation in securing civil rights for all our citizens.

Many of the social and political changes Dr. King envisioned as a civil rights leader are now taken for granted. But progress is not counted by past success.

We must continually renew our commitment to the cause of justice and equality.

Dr. King helped lead the way to passage of the Voting Rights Act of 1965, ^{the original Act and its} which I supported ~~along with a five-year extension~~ in 1970.

This law has ^{helped to} ~~opened~~ our political processes to full black participation -- and we must safeguard these gains through another five-year extension of the Act.



Later this week, I will forward to Congress details for such an extension. I believe the right to vote is the function of political freedom in this country. It must be protected.

During his lifetime, Dr. King received the Nobel Peace Prize and numerous other awards. But shortly before his death seven years ago, he said he preferred to be remembered not for those honors, but for service to his fellow man.

Dr. King is remembered as he wished -- and his memory continues to inspire hopes for America. His work did not die with him -- and that is the highest tribute of all.

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THE WHITE HOUSE
WASHINGTON

January 22, 1975

Dear Bob:

I regret the delay in responding to your request to use the Seal of the President in connection with the report of the President's Committee on Mental Retardation on The Mentally Retarded Citizen and the Law.

As you stated in your letter, use of the Seal is limited by statute and Executive Order. I have enclosed the Seal; however, it should be used only on the same page of the text that contains the President's dedication. I know you will understand.

I also look forward to getting together with you again. With best wishes.

Sincerely,

PWB

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Dear Phil:

The publisher of the report by the President's Committee on Mental Retardation entitled "The Mentally Retarded Citizen and the Law" has requested permission to reproduce the Presidential Seal in conjunction with the dedication signed by President Ford.

I believe that this publication of the Presidential Seal would comply with the executive order controlling its use. I would appreciate it if you would look into this matter and if approval is granted, forward to me a color reproduction of the Seal which I will furnish to the MacMillan Publishing Company, Inc.

Sorry we haven't seen each other lately. Have a fine, and I hope, restful holiday season.

Kindest personal regards.

Sincerely,

Br

ROBERT A. COLLIER



November 1, 1978

*Pres.
messages*

Dear Mr. Collier:

Enclosed please find the original dedication signed by President Ford, and to be used in The Mentally Retarded Citizen and the Law.

It was a pleasure to be of assistance to you in this matter.

Sincerely,

Jay T. French
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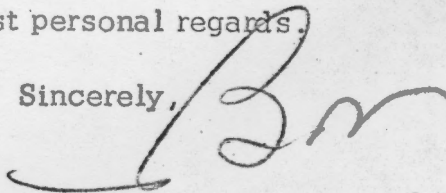
Dear Phil:

The Presidential dedication for The Mentally Retarded Citizen and the Law, which was revised by you, is entirely satisfactory to us and I am most appreciative of everything you have done to help us finalize this dedication.

As I told Jay French in your office today, the procedure for the dedication is that it be signed by the President on White House stationery just as you would want it to appear in the printed volume. When that is complete, Mr. French will advise me and I will have it picked up and will then transmit it to the editor of the MacMillan Publishing Company. In that manner, we will make certain that it is properly handled at that end. Attached is a Xerox copy of the draft as rewritten by you.

Thanks again. Kindest personal regards.

Sincerely,



ROBERT A. COLLIER

Enclosure



THE WHITE HOUSE
WASHINGTON

Opportunity for every individual to develop his full potential has long been an American ideal. We judge our success or failure as a Nation by the norms of justice and equality under the law. The treatment we have accorded mentally retarded and other handicapped members of our society tests our success and challenges our ideals. Only recently have we sought to assure the right of mentally retarded citizens to develop their full potential, to share in the bounty of our land and to receive equal justice under the law.

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Gerald R. Ford



September 27, 1974

Dear Bob:

Thank you so very much for your letter of September sixth, enclosing your proposed draft of a Presidential dedication for The Mentally Retarded Citizen and the Law.

I have made a few revisions and had the dedication retyped. It is enclosed for your review and comments.

Please don't hesitate to contact me if I can be of further assistance to you.

Most sincerely yours,

**Philip W. Buchen
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**Gerald R. Ford
President
The United States of America**



THE WHITE HOUSE
WASHINGTON

3:50

Robert Collier
called re his letter of
12/20

*Has not rec'd.
reply -*

*check with
Carry, Dudley ?*



Tuesday 9/25/74

10:30 Bob Collier called to say hello to you -- and to remind that he wrote to you on September 6 requesting your assistance concerning a proposed Presidential dedication of a report of the President's Committee on Mental Retardation entitled "The Mentally Retarded Citizen and the Law."

785-1777

On 9/17/74 - Jay sent it to Dudley Chapman -- after discussing it on the phone.

Recd

see attached



THE WHITE HOUSE

WASHINGTON

September 24, 1974

MEMORANDUM FOR: JAY FRENCH
FROM: DUDLEY CHAPMAN *DC*
SUBJECT: Bob Collier's Request

If revised as suggested, I would have no objection to authorizing this statement. The reason for the omissions and word substitutions I have suggested is that the omitted language tends to commit the President to a value judgment on views of which we are all ignorant. As originally drafted, the statement would imply an endorsement of any number of criticisms, conclusions and proposals that could later become embarrassments.



THE WHITE HOUSE

WASHINGTON

9/17/74

To: Dudley Chapman

From: Jay French

As discussed. Thanks.



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Dear Phil:

Appropo our conversation today, I am attaching hereto a copy of a letter together with enclosures from Lawrence Kane relating to the proposed Presidential dedication of a report of the President's Committee on Mental Retardation entitled "THE MENTALLY RETARDED CITIZEN AND THE LAW."

I have the honor to serve as a member of the President's Committee on Mental Retardation and have been active in focusing the attention of the President's Committee on this long neglected area of due process and legal rights for the mentally retarded. This publication is a culmination of months of effort and has been a major undertaking by the President's Committee. The attached contains a draft of a proposed dedication by the President to which I have made a contribution. Believe me Phil there is no pride of authorship and the wording of the dedication can and should be changed to most fully express the President's wishes.

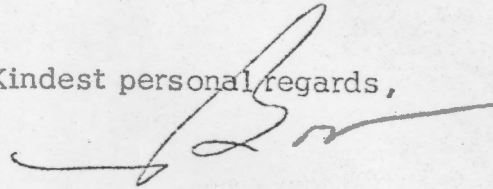
I firmly believe that this will serve as an excellent means for the President to publically dedicate a major work by the President's Committee and will identify the President in an area that is of major concern to over 20 million citizens of our country.



Counsel to the President
September 6, 1974
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I urge that every consideration be given by the President to this dedication. As pointed out, because of the printing schedule an early decision would be appreciated.

Kindest personal regards,

A handwritten signature in dark ink, appearing to be 'R. Collier', written in a cursive style.

ROBERT A. COLLIER

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Dear Bob:

Pursuant to our telephone conversation of last week I am enclosing some draft language that might be used by the President for a dedication of THE MENTALLY RETARDED CITIZEN AND THE LAW. The President and his staff may want to use other language; this is only one possibility. It is important for us to try to secure an early decision, however, on the question of whether or not the President will be willing to provide a short dedication for the volume. Needless to say, I feel that mentally retarded citizens, and the President's Committee on Mental Retardation, would be greatly benefited by such an introduction.

THE MENTALLY RETARDED CITIZEN AND THE LAW is a landmark volume in our efforts to insure that the legal system benefits, rather than discriminates against, mentally retarded citizens. The volume contains 22 major scholarly papers on various aspects of law and mental retardation, and over 35 reaction comments to the papers. It will probably run 800 pages. The contributors and editors of the volume are outstanding attorneys, scholars, social scientists, and consumers. The topics in the volume include many in which legal frontiers are being explored here for the first time. I am enclosing a copy of the table of contents of the volume for your use.



Mr. Robert Collier
September 3, 1974
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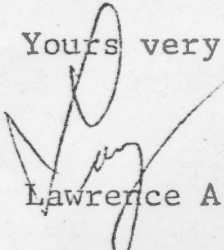
A major focus of attention of the President's Committee has long been in the area of law and mental retardation. The predecessor of the President's Committee, the President's Panel on Mental Retardation, issued a special Task Force report on Mental Retardation and the Law. They set forth some basic principles and called for increased scholarly attention to this long neglected area. This effort has been pursued by the Law and Ethics Committee of the current President's Committee. The President's Committee decided in 1971 to pursue this goal through a conference and publication to be sponsored by the Committee. With the assistance of then-Secretary Elliot Richardson, Mr. John Twinn, and Mr. James Garrett, funding was obtained and the project begun. THE MENTALLY RETARDED CITIZEN AND THE LAW is thus the culmination of 12 years of efforts of the President's Committee and the President's Panel, and has been a major focus of efforts for the President's Committee over the past three years.

I will appreciate your bringing to the President's attention, if you have an opportunity to do so, this question of whether he would be willing to provide a dedication, or some other appropriate introductory statement for THE MENTALLY RETARDED CITIZEN AND THE LAW.

Looking forward to seeing you at our next meeting in October.

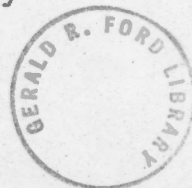
Warm regards.

Yours very truly,


Lawrence A. Kane, Jr.

LAK,Jr/wg

Encs: 1/ Draft dedication statement of President Ford
2/ Table of Contents for volume "The Mentally Retarded Citizen and the Law"



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Gerald R. Ford
President
The United States of America



THE PRESIDENT'S COMMITTEE ON MENTAL RETARDATION

THE MENTALLY RETARDED CITIZEN AND THE LAW

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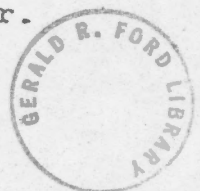
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*President
Memo*

Monday 2/3/75

10:45 Called Margaret Bozak -- Greetings Section of
Roland Elliott's office -- she will prepare a birthday
greeting from the President.

2852

Called Thomas Fox's home to ask where (203) 966-8235
the party would be and what time for
Mrs. Clarenee S. Dexter . A babysitter (Mrs. Aylward)
answered and gave me two numbers to reach
Mr. Fox in Grand Rapids -- neither of which answered. (616) 949-3938
or
949-3937

Mr. and Mrs. Dockery
361 Manhattan Rd., S.E.
Grand Rapids, Michigan

Mr. and Mrs. Dexter

I then called the University Club and talked with (616) 456-8623
Mrs. Hansen; she said she'd be glad to see that
the message was delivered in time for the dinner
which will be held at 7:30 p.m.
at the University Club, #1 Vandenberg Center,
1025 Old Kent Bank Building, Grand Rapids, Mich. 49502

2:45 Called Florence Brown and dictated the attached message
and she will type it up and take it to Mrs. Hansen.



February 3, 1975

Message dictated by Margaret Bozak in Roland Elliott's office --
to be phoned to Florence Brown for delivery to the University
Club in Grand Rapids -- to Mrs. Hansen:

Dear Mrs. Dexter:

Mrs. Ford and I were delighted to learn [~~from~~ Phil Buchen] that
you are celebrating the grand occasion of your ninetieth birthday,
and we want to be sure to be included among those expressing
congratulations to you at this happy time. Surely this is a special
day for all of your friends and family. May the richest blessings
of health and happiness be yours today and throughout the years.

With our congratulations and warmest birthday wishes.

Sincerely,

Gerald R. Ford

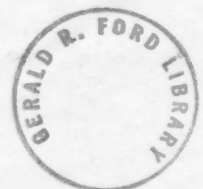
Mrs. Clarence S. Dexter

University Club

#1 Vandenberg Center

1025 Old Kent Bank Building

Grand Rapids, Michigan 49502



Monday 2/3/75

10:30 It is routine to send birthday cards from the President to "senior citizens" over 80.

However, in view of who it is and the shortness of time, I thought I'd better check how you want me to handle this one?

Memo?

Phone call from me?

Phone call from you?

Check with Mildred Leonard?



January 30, 1975

The President
The White House
1600 Pennsylvania Avenue
Washington, D.C. 20006

Dear Mr. President:

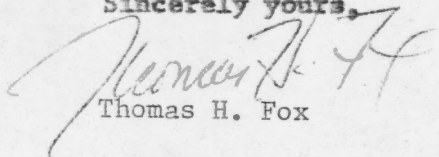
At the University Club at Grand Rapids, Michigan on Monday night, February 3 my wife's grandmother, Mrs. Clarence S. Dexter will be celebrating her 90th birthday.

As I am sure you are aware Mrs. Dexter has spent, I believe, her entire life in Grand Rapids and with pride I think it is safe to say she has truly been one of the outstanding citizens of that community.

I know she is especially proud of having you and your wife in the White House and I know it would mean a lot to her if you could in some way extend your greetings to her on this occasion.

With many thanks,

Sincerely yours,


Thomas H. Fox

cc: Mr. Phillip Buchen
Counsel to the President of
the United States

P.S. Mr. Buchen:

I have never done anything like this before in my life but I know my uncle-in-law, Joe Dockery, would have thought to do the same were he alive.



THE WHITE HOUSE
WASHINGTON

February 17, 1975

President
Message

MEMORANDUM TO: PHIL BUCHEN

FROM: JACK MARSH *jam*

Phil, I have no problem with the substance of the attached proposed letter from the President to the American Society of Association Executives.

I simply want to clear with you before going ahead with the sending of such a letter.

Since time is a factor, I would appreciate an early response.

Thanks.

OK.
P.W.B.



Dear Mr. Taylor:

The Bicentennial Year offers a unique opportunity to strengthen relationships between the United States and other nations. This commemoration, among other things, will highlight our historic, cultural and economic ties to the rest of the world, ^Ttherefore, we hope that the observance of this nation's 200th anniversary will be recognized throughout the international community.

I am aware that the American Society of Association Executives has been working with our State Department to build a better educational and cultural bridge through associations to the rest of the world. With this in mind, on the occasion of your next annual meeting to be held in Paris and Montreux, I wish to urge your members to encourage associations of other nations to bring their groups to the United States during our Bicentennial and in future years.

Your members can also use this occasion to build stronger trade and cultural ties to their counterpart associations, not only to enhance better understanding but also to contribute to the exchange of goods and services between nations.

The 1975 annual meeting of the American Society of Association Executives can be of great benefit to the United States and the family of nations. The participation of your members holds a promise of significant accomplishments toward greater international cooperation and understanding.

Sincerely,

Gerald Ford
President

Mr. R. William Taylor, CAE
President
American Society of Association Executives
1101 16th Street, NW
Washington, D. C. 20036



17 Jan 1975
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(Messages)

Presidential
Proclamations

February 22, 1975

Dear Ed:

Thank you for your courtesy in sharing with us the letter you received from Mr. Peter Z. Ingerman, who states his opposition to the use of the phrase "in the year of our Lord" in the recitation concluding Presidential proclamations and executive orders.

Please assure Mr. Ingerman that his views have been fully noted.

With kindest regards,

Sincerely,

Vern
Vernon C. Loen
Deputy Assistant
to the President

The Honorable Edwin B. Forsythe
House of Representatives
Washington, D. C. 20515

bcc w/inc to Philip Buchen - FYI

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

February 17, 1975

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The White House
Washington, D.C. 20500

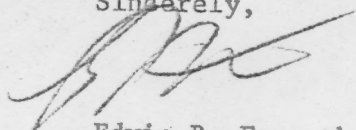
Dear Sirs:

I am contacting you on behalf of my constituent Mr. Peter Z. Ingerman of 40 Needlepoint Lane, Willingboro, New Jersey 08046.

As you will note from the attached letter, Mr. Ingerman believes that the wording used in Executive Orders and Proclamations (i.e., in the year of our Lord) constitutes a form of religious discrimination.

Your assistance in responding to Mr. Ingerman's comments would be greatly appreciated. Thank you for your time and attention to this request.

Sincerely,



Edwin B. Forsythe
Member of Congress

EBF:bam
Enclosure



1975 February 6

Congressman Edwin B. Forsythe
331 Cannon House Office Building
Washington DC 20515

Dear Congressman Forsythe:

Thank you very much for your thoughtful letter of February 4, addressing the problem that I raised of discrimination on the basis of religion on the part of the government.

As you may have anticipated, none of the information you were kind enough to send addresses my specific problem. That is, undoubtedly, my fault for not having stated the problem clearly in the first place --- and I herewith remedy that fact.

On June 19, 1962, President John F. Kennedy signed Executive Order 11030 "Preparation, Presentation, Filing, and Publication of Executive Orders and Proclamations". That Executive Order was modified on May 23, 1967, by Executive Order 11354, signed by President Lyndon B. Johnson, that added a section:

(g) Proclamations issued by the President shall conclude with the following-described recitation ---

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I have hereunto set
my hand this _____ day of _____, in the year
of our Lord _____, and of the Independence
of the United States of America the _____.


It is this paragraph, now appearing as 1 CFR 19.1(g), that I feel discriminates on the basis of religion.

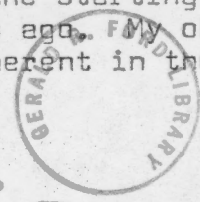
While I recognize that the plurality --- and, perhaps the majority --- of the citizens of this country profess some form of Christianity, there is a significant portion of the population that does not.

I would not in any way wish to abridge the right of any citizen of the United States the right to the religion of choice, and in particular would not wish to question the right of a President of the United States to be religious. But I do believe that I can question whether the office of the President of the United States should promulgate the espousal of a particular religious orientation --- Christianity --- together with the promulgation of Proclamations.

Please note that my objection is not to the arbitrary assumption of a starting point for the counting of years; the starting point is arbitrary, and it might as well be 1975 years ago. My objection is specifically to the religious orientation inherent in the phrase "of our Lord".

Sincerely yours,


Peter Zilahy Ingerman



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*President
Messages*

THE WHITE HOUSE
WASHINGTON

3/13/75

Mr. Buchen:

Do you want me to
give this information
to Eliska's office now?

Eva

Yes



March 13, 1975

Mr. Conable called. He sends his regards to Mr. Buchen and the President.

Donald T. Nichols
Retirement Dinner - March 21

born February 1913, Grand Rapids

Graduated Grand Rapids Central High School 1931

Graduated University of Michigan 1936

Hired by General Motors June 22, 1936
Has 39 years of service

Served with US Navy 1943-46 - Retired with rank of Lieutenant

Resident Controller, Fisher Body Plant, Pittsburgh, Penna.
and then Kalamazoo, Mich.

Roommate of President Ford at University of Michigan

Letter should be sent to:

Mr. M. J. Hanley, Jr.
Plant Manager
GM Corp.
Kalamazoo Fisher Body Division
Kalamazoo, Michigan 49001

(Mr. Hanley wrote a letter to the President inviting him
to Mr. Nichols' retirement dinner.)

JANE



March 12, 1975

Mr. Buchen:

Mr. Conable's Secretary called
and left the following message:

Mr. Conable is collecting the
information you wanted and he
will call Thursday. He should
have the information by then.

Jane

Connable
Alfred



3/11/75

Shirley:

Alfred Connable will be calling
Mr. Buchen tomorrow.

And then we can let Shirley in
Eliska Hasek's office know.

Eva



Monday 3/10/75

4:20 Whenever you want to call Al Connable in
Kalamazoo, there are the two following:

Alfred Connable
Office Insurance
120 American National Bank Building

(616) 382-5800

Alfred B. Connable
3810 Greenleaf Circle

(616) 375-1422



THE WHITE HOUSE
WASHINGTON

Shirley Lack
Called x 2185

Re: Donald Nichols

Said she talked
to Gene about
him.

Wright



Who would
you want
to call?



Thursday 3/6/75

5:20 Eliska Hasek is doing a Presidential Message for Donald T. Nichols, who is retiring as Plant Comptroller in the Fisher Body, GM Corp. in Kalamazoo -- and is being honored on March 21.

They would like to know if he was a roommate of President Ford.

Shirley

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GM Corp. had written to invite the President to the retirement party -- and they (Hasek's office) thought they'd prepare a message if the President knew him extremely well.

honored 3/21

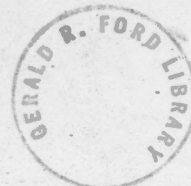
Pres Message

Donald T. Nichols

Plant

Retir Comptroller

Fisher Body Kalam
GM Corp



Eliska Hasek's
Shirley
2/85

For file

President
messages

March 14, 1975

Dear John:

I enjoyed talking with you recently about your personal involvement in the forthcoming Bicentennial Commemoration.

The four points of the Bicentennial Declaration are indeed fundamental to building a firm foundation for the future.

I was pleased to learn of the close working relationship which you have established with John Warner, of the American Revolution Bicentennial Administration, and of your joint efforts to bring the Declaration effectively to the American public.

May I express again my warm thanks to you for your contribution to the Bicentennial and the nation.

Sincerely,

Mr. John D. Rockefeller 3rd
30 Rockefeller Plaza
New York, New York 10020

CRF:Hasek/Lukstat:jmc

cc: D.E. Downton/J. Marsh/P. Buchen/D. Lukstat/R. Nessen/P. Theis/E. Hasek/CJ



3/7/75

*American
Revolution
Bicentennial*

To: Dick Lukstat

From: Eva Daughtrey

Mr. Buchen asked me to
send you this -- as a result
of your phone conversation
with him yesterday.



Friday 2/28/75

9:50 Eliska mentioned yesterday that the President had cut a tape on this bicentennial package. I told her we had received a letter from John D. Rockefeller, 3rd, with a draft letter for the President's signature -- so she suggested calling Dick Lukstadt. Mr. Lukstadt said 2800 he got in on all this ex post facto -- he would have recommended to the President not to even do the taping if he had been in on it earlier. It is a very fine program but ----- these things could be interpreted as an endorsement by the President ---- and then all the groups everywhere would expect theirs to be endorsed also.

Feels it might be wise to talk with you about the whole thing -- so you could decide what to do with the Rockefeller letter.

(Dick has talked with John Marsh about all this too)

FOR Rm 191

Jim Adams

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30 Rockefeller Plaza
New York, N.Y. 10020

Room 5600

Circle 7-3700

February 19, 1975

Dear Mr. Buchen:

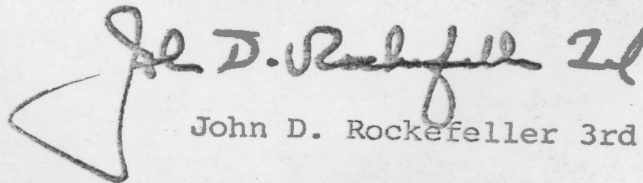
It was good to see you again at the dinner for the Vice President last week.

My warmest thanks to you for your help in connection with our Bicentennial Declaration. You indicated that it was not practical for the President to sign the Declaration personally but that you felt sure he would be glad instead to sign a personal letter in support of our efforts.

Attached is a draft of such a letter which from our point of view would be helpful.

With warm best wishes, I am

Sincerely,



John D. Rockefeller 3rd

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



DRAFT LETTER FROM PRESIDENT FORD

2/19/75

Dear Mr. Rockefeller:

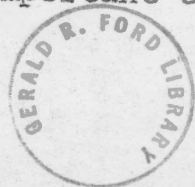
I appreciated the opportunity of talking with you recently about the forthcoming Bicentennial.

Particularly, I was interested in the Bicentennial Declaration which you brought to my attention believing that the four points which it makes are fundamental in this critical period of our history. You have my wholehearted support in your efforts to bring the Declaration effectively to the American public. [As you know, I was pleased to tape a statement for the closed circuit program concerning the Declaration.]

Recognizing the magnitude of the communications problem involved, I was gratified to learn of the close working relationship which you have established with Mr. Warner and the American Revolutionary Bicentennial Administration (ARBA), [as well as the support which you have been receiving in the private sector, particularly from the mass media and major business corporations.]

In closing, may I express again my warm thanks to you for the ^{efforts} leadership which you are making on behalf of the Bicentennial. The hour is late and efforts such as yours are important to the final result.

Yours sincerely,



material

Tuesday 2/13/75

9:55 Russ Rourke wanted you to see this -- feels you will undoubtedly be asked about this at the dinner this evening in New York ----- by John D. Rockefeller, 3rd.



Bicentennial

THE WHITE HOUSE
WASHINGTON

February 14, 1975

MEMORANDUM FOR:

PAUL THEIS

FROM:

PHILIP BUCHEN

P.W.B.

Attached is a copy of a Bicentennial declaration prepared under the auspices of John D. Rockefeller, III and signed in the original form by persons whose names appear at the end of the declaration, along with a copy of a letter from Mr. Rockefeller to the President.

Mr. Rockefeller has urged the President to become an additional signer of the declaration on the theory that he would be doing so as a citizen and not in an official capacity. I did talk to Mr. Rockefeller on February 13 and explained to him that it is not advisable as a practical matter to have the President separate himself from his official role on a matter of this sort. I also pointed out that although Presidents have traditionally endorsed worthy causes or proposals initiated by people in the private sector, I would not think it appropriate for any President to do so by joining with others in signing a particular document.

I would suggest, however, that it would be appropriate for the President to write a letter to Mr. Rockefeller commending him on the declaration and expressing his appreciation for the theme of the document. Accordingly, I would appreciate having someone in your office draft for my preliminary review a proposed letter from the President.

Attachment

cc: Jack Marsh
Don Rumsfeld



A BICENTENNIAL DECLARATION
This great country of ours stands at a crucial turning point in its history. We face new and serious problems and uncertainty as to the future.

Two hundred years ago, our founding fathers stood at a similar crossroads. Beset then by grave doubts, they ultimately resolved to stake everything on a handful of ideas and ideals.

They forged those ideas and ideals into founding principles and then fought to uphold them. The American Revolution brought forth a new system of government based on freedom, justice, and individual rights.

Today we are called upon to maintain and improve that system and to fulfill those principles. We are called upon to resolve our problems in such areas as the economy, equal opportunity, the quality of life in our cities and rural areas, education, the environment, and many others.

We, the undersigned, believe - and we feel confident we reflect the sense of the American people - that we have reached the point in our history when a second American Revolution is called for, a revolution not of violence, but of fulfillment, of fresh purposes, and of new directions.

We believe that the Bicentennial of our founding offers just such an opportunity. To realize this potential, we believe the Bicentennial must be based on four fundamentals.

POINT I

Let us be inspired by our origins,
and by the challenges we face.

If we are not today an inspired people, we need to be reminded that we once were, and must be again. There is high inspiration to be found in the great ideals that created our country. The phrases that have been worn smooth by use have fresh and urgent meaning for us today - "government by consent of the governed," "the blessings of liberty," "all men are created equal," "a nation of laws." The Bicentennial can and must become a time to celebrate those ideals, not just in a festive sense, but in the more profound sense of renewal and rededication.



Let us make the Bicentennial a great period of achievement, nationally and in every community.

II

What our forebears did 200 years ago had never been done before. What we must do today is equally unprecedented. At every level in our society, there is an urgent need for achievement - in education, housing, transportation, the arts, communications, new ways of solving social problems, new methods of setting goals for the future, increased citizen participation in government. We believe that dedicating the Bicentennial to achievement is the way to put the sense of alienation and powerlessness behind us, to become once again the masters of our own destiny.

Let us commit ourselves to a Bicentennial Era, to at least the same time span required for the founding of our nation.

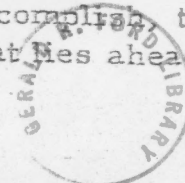
III

The first American Revolution neither started nor ended on the Fourth of July, 1776. Thirteen difficult years elapsed between the signing of the Declaration of Independence and the creation of an enduring system of government based on the Constitution. Many of the problems of today are different from those of 200 years ago, but they are at least as grave. Therefore, the second American Revolution will require at least a comparable period of time to grow strong and firm roots. We endorse the concept of a Bicentennial Era from 1976 to 1989, not as a prolonged festival, but as a realistic period for tough-minded planning and accomplishment.

Let us put our trust once again in individual initiative, in the commitment and participation of each individual citizen.

Our great experiment in democracy will surely erode unless the Bicentennial Era becomes a time when we once again assert the primacy of individual initiative in moving our country forward. Governmental units at all levels must play their part in a vigorous, open, and supportive way. But the primary responsibility lies with the people, not with government. Let each of us, acting alone and in groups, take our own initiatives. There is work for all - for each individual - in every part of the country, of every color, creed, age, and ethnic background. That work must begin now.

For our part, we, the undersigned, pledge ourselves to spread this message throughout the land, and to undertake our own individual initiatives. We earnestly invite our fellow citizens, all those who share our vision of what the Bicentennial Era can mean and accomplish, to lend their time, their energy, and their spirit to the work that lies ahead.



SIGNERS OF THE DECLARATION

CHARLES F. ADAMS, Chairman, Raytheon Company,
Lexington, Massachusetts

EDDIE ALBERT, Actor, Los Angeles

MANUEL ARAGON, Deputy Mayor, City of Los Angeles

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JOHN D. ROCKEFELLER 3RD, New York City

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30 Rockefeller Plaza
New York, N.Y. 10020

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Room 5600

Circle 7-3700
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December 23, 1974

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Dear Mr. President:

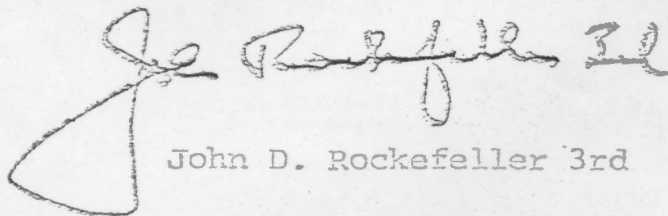
How thoughtful of you to write me concerning the Rockefeller Public Service Awards Luncheon on December fourth. It meant so very much to us and to the occasion to have you present. Your gracious comments about my part in the program were deeply appreciated.

Early last week, I met with your associate, John Marsh, to talk about the Bicentennial. For sometime now I have been concerned that people are thinking of the Bicentennial almost entirely as a birthday party. To me it must not only be based on the inspirational, going back to the spirit of our forebears, but it must focus on achievement--the overcoming of the problems which face us today. And underlying it all must be the recognition of the importance of individual initiative.

By now Mr. Marsh, I am sure, will have shown you the Bicentennial Declaration which we discussed. If the occasion is to have the meaning and the depth, which I believe it can and must have, we need your participation in the presentation of the Declaration to the public. I hope so much that we can meet briefly sometime at your convenience before too long.

With warm best wishes, I am

Sincerely,



John D. Rockefeller 3rd

The President
The White House
Washington, D. C.



DEC 27 1974

30 Rockefeller Plaza
New York, N.Y. 10020

Room 5600

Circle 7-3700

December 20, 1974

*called
12/31
3:44*

Dear Mr. Marsh:

I appreciated the opportunity to talk with you earlier in the week. When I telephoned you asking for the appointment, I had not realized the full extent of your own knowledge about the Bicentennial as well as your interest in it. It is most gratifying.

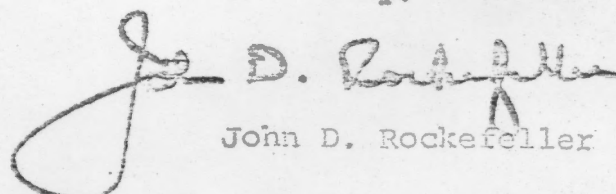
As you realize, time is running in relation to the Bicentennial. If it is to be accepted by the public as more than a birthday party, it is essential that we move promptly with a communications program such as we outlined to you. Key to this approach would be President Ford's interest and participation.

You stated that you would be glad to discuss with the President the Bicentennial Declaration which we left with you. What I would like to urge is that as soon as possible a follow-up meeting with the President be arranged so that we could present more specifically alternative programs which would result in his effective support.

As I understand it, the President is off this weekend for a week of skiing in Colorado. Might it be possible to get together sometime during the following week--the week of the twenty-ninth? I might mention that I hope to be away the week beginning on January fifth but will be here right along otherwise.

I look forward to working with you in connection with this important matter.

Sincerely,



John D. Rockefeller 3rd



The Honorable John O. Marsh
The White House
Washington, D. C.

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P.S. I am enclosing a copy of a letter which I have just written to the President in reply to a warm and most gracious letter from him about the Rockefeller Public Service Awards luncheon on December 4th.

P.P.S. Because I read in the paper that the President had talked with my brother Nelson about some involvement in the Bicentennial, I talked with him over the weekend about yours and my conversation on the subject. He said would I please write him a memo in regard to the matter so that he would be brought up to date. This I am doing.



March 24, 1975

*American Society
of International
Law*

*Seymour
Rubin*

4/24-26/75

To: Eliška Hasek

From: Eva Daughtrey

Mr. Buchen asked me to
send this letter from
Seymour Rubin for your
consideration.

Thanks so much.

Attachment: Letter of 3/21
concerning message from the
President in connection with the
Sixty-ninth annual meeting of
the American Society of International
Law at the Statler Hilton April 24-26,
1975.



Presidential Message
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March 21, 1975

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

Dear Mr. Buchen,

As I explained to your secretary yesterday afternoon, The American Society of International Law is having its Sixty-ninth Annual Meeting here in Washington at the Statler Hilton Hotel April 24-26, 1975. I am sure that you know of the Society and what I may immodestly suggest is its pre-eminent position in the field of international law. For purposes of the record, I enclose herewith a brochure describing the Society.

In past years, the Society has been favored with letters of greetings from the President of the United States. In my relatively new capacity (since January 1) at the Society, I would hope that President Ford might find it possible to send such a letter; my hopes are heightened by reason of the fact that the President and I are classmates (Michigan '35) and fellow M Club members, and that, in other days, I had considerable and friendly relations with him. On the merits, I would hope that such a letter would be considered appropriate.

It was suggested to me that a draft letter might be appropriate, as a suggestion. Rather than presuming to anticipate what the President might want to say, should he decide to send a message, I enclose herewith a Xerox of the message sent by President Nixon on April 22, 1972.

A message could be sent to the attention of either President R.R. Baxter of the Society or myself, at this address, at any time prior to April 24.

My apologies for bothering you with this matter.

Sincerely yours,

Seymour J. Rubin
Seymour J. Rubin
Executive Director



Enclosures

ANNUAL DINNER

Saturday, April 29, 1972 at 7:30 p.m.

Chairman of the Committee on the Annual Meeting

BURNS H. WESTON

MESSAGE FROM THE PRESIDENT OF THE UNITED STATES

THE WHITE HOUSE

WASHINGTON

April 25, 1972

The Annual Dinner of the American Society of International Law provides a welcome forum for me to applaud your continuing contributions to international understanding and to lasting peace.

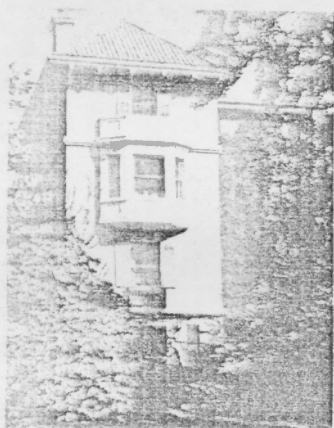
It has been said that law is a pledge that the citizens of a state will do justice to one another. By extension, international law then becomes a pledge between individual nations to do justice to one another. In order to render this pledge effective, it is imperative that a determined spirit of goodwill be the keystone of all intercourse between the nations of the world. You have helped to build a sturdy foundation for such a spirit of goodwill that will benefit not only your fellow citizens, but men and women everywhere.

I warmly commend your continuing efforts to promote the rule of law and to achieve its universal acceptance.

Richard Nixon



the American Society of International Law



Tillar House became the Society's headquarters in 1960. It was the gift of Mrs. Benjamin Johnston Tillar, in memory of her husband.

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The American Society of International Law was founded in 1906 and incorporated by Act of Congress in 1950. The Society is a tax-exempt, nonprofit corporation. If membership is related to your work or profession your dues are tax deductible in the United States. Additional contributions to the Society are also tax deductible. The Society will be happy to assist interested individuals with gifts and bequests.

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