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THE WHITE HOUSE  
WASHINGTON

June 2, 1975

TO: PHIL BUCHEN

FROM: RUSSELL A. ROURKE

\_\_\_\_\_ For Direct Reply

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☒ For Your Information

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SEND ✓

HOLD OFF           

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2 copy of memo in  
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*Spoke to P/B and  
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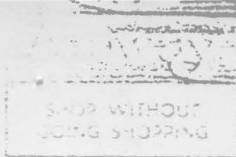
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I would appreciate your recommendation on the President's participation in this program.

Thank you.







# Amway

## C O R P O R A T I O N

7575 EAST FULTON ROAD, ADA, MICHIGAN 49301 • PHONE (616) 676-6000

April 4, 1975

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Appointment Secretary  
White House  
Washington, D.C. 20500

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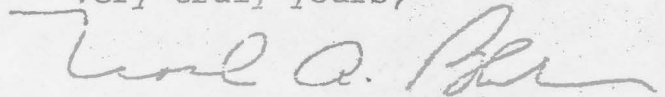


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We sincerely hope that it will be possible to arrange the President's participation. To that end, I will be contacting you soon by telephone to discuss it further.

Very truly yours,



Noel A. Black, Director  
Public Affairs

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*President's  
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AMWAY Bicent  
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Wednesday 5/14/75

11:25 Mary Weidner in Warren Rustand's office  
received a copy of the memo Jack Marsh  
wrote to you on 5/8 concerning the  
President's participation in the Amway Bicentennial  
Program, concerning which Richard DeVos spoke  
to the President.

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They were wondering if you had replied to that  
memo or if anything further had been done.





THE WHITE HOUSE

WASHINGTON

May 8, 1975

*President's  
scheduling  
(Amway  
6/7/75  
Richard DeVos)*

MEMORANDUM TO: PHIL BUCHEN

FROM: JACK MARSH *Jmh*

Phil, I spoke with the President today concerning his proposed participation in the Amway Bicentennial Program. Two questions were discussed, viz., the President's participation in Amway's Annual Leadership Convention, and the President's symbolic signing of the Declaration of Independence.

Richard DeVos has spoken personally with the President. The President has advised me that while he does not want to participate in Amway's Leadership Convention, he is inclined to sign the Declaration of Independence.

The President does not see any problem with regard to the pending Amway FTC case nor with ARBA standards with regard to nonendorsements of commercial activities.

I thought you would like to be aware of the direction in which this matter appears to be heading.

cc: WRustand  
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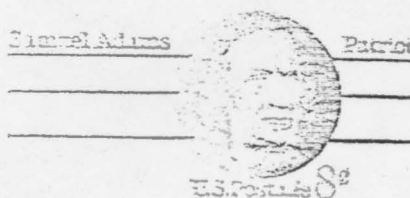
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Name Philip W. Buchen  
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Office of Counsel to the President  
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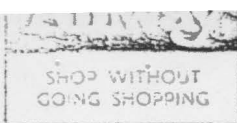
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May 1, 1975

The Honorable Philip Buchen  
Counsel to the President  
The White House  
1600 Pennsylvania Avenue  
Washington, D. C. 20500

Dear Phil:

Saturday, June 7, will be a most important day for independent Amway distributors and the Corporation. For the first time, they will meet in Washington for their 16th Annual International Leadership Convention. Over 30,000 Amway distributors will view two special stage shows in suburban Capital Centre which will kickoff their bicentennial project, the re-signing of a facsimile of the Declaration of Independence. This project will be carried out in each of the states during 1975-76, one of the few bicentennial observations to involve all states. All signatories will become a part of living history, as these documents will be bound and placed appropriately for posterity.

You are cordially invited to be among Amway's honored guests on this historic day. Enclosed are two complimentary tickets to the first program, which will also feature a professionally-produced pageant honoring our country and its heritage. We hope that you will be able to join us for a buffet luncheon and reception in the Capital Club at Capital Centre at 11:30 a.m., immediately prior to the performance.

Since you and other special guests will have special seating and be recognized on stage as you participate in the re-signing program, advance reservations are necessary. Please return the enclosed reservation card by May 23 for the June 7 program.

We sincerely hope that you will be able to share in this exciting and memorable day. We look forward to seeing you.

Sincerely,

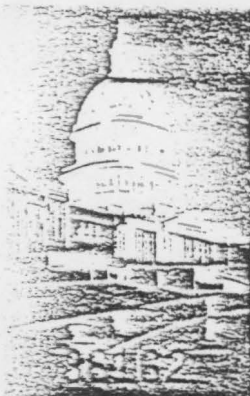
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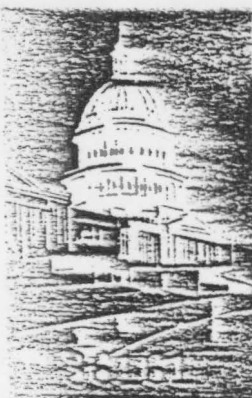
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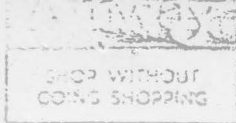
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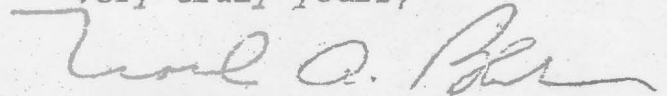


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OFFICE OF THE SECRETARY  
WASHINGTON

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June 5, 1975

Honorable Philip W. Buchen  
Counsel to the President  
The White House  
Washington, D.C. 20500

Dear Phil:

Enclosed is a self-explanatory copy of a letter to Bill Baroody confirming an invitation being extended by the National Bar Association.

The NBA, as you may be aware, is the predominant national association of black lawyers. Its membership includes roughly 98% of the black lawyers in this country who are active practitioners. The current NBA president, Charles Howard, is an old college chum.

Last August Mr. Howard sought my assistance in getting President Ford as a speaker at this year's NBA convention. In the past, NBA conventions that have been held in Washington, D.C. have been addressed by the President. At my suggestion, Mr. Howard initially wrote directly to the President. To date no definite word as to whether the President may be in a position to honor the NBA's invitation has been received.

Mr. Howard recently contacted me again regarding this matter. Mr. Howard's staff needs to know as early as possible whether or not a Presidential appearance is a possibility. I therefore suggested that he write Bill Baroody. I believe that this is a matter falling within Bill's area of responsibility.


Should you think an appearance by the President is feasible, I am sure that Mr. Howard would very much



like to get in touch with either you or one of your colleagues.

Best wishes.

Sincerely,



JOHN H. POWELL, JR.  
Consultant to the Secretary

Enclosure



OFFICE OF THE PRESIDENT

CHARLES P. HOWARD, JR., ESQ.  
1500 American Building  
Baltimore, Maryland 21202  
(301) 727-0340

NBA

NATIONAL BAR ASSOCIATION, INC.



Acting Director  
CHARLES E. SMITH, ESQ.

May 28, 1975

Mr. William J. Baroody  
Assistant to the President  
White House  
Washington, D.C.

Dear Mr. Baroody:

On August 17-23, 1975, the National Bar Association, Inc. will hold its 50th Annual Convention at the Washington Hilton Hotel, Washington, D.C. We are requesting that President Gerald Ford address the NBA 50th Anniversary Banquet on Friday, August 22, 1975 at approximately 7:30 p.m.

I need not give you details as to who the National Bar Association is other than we expect over half of all the black lawyers in the United States with their families from across the country, Canada, West Indies and Africa, to attend. We believe it will be an ideal platform for the President to address the minorities of America concerning his program for the next four years, especially as it relates to them.

The banquet is to be held in the main ballroom of the Washington Hilton Hotel, Washington, D.C. Additional details may be secured from the undersigned or Mr. Charles E. Smith, Director of NBA, 2109 E Street, N.W., Washington, D.C., phone No. 202-872-0097.

It is my view that Mr. John Powell, former Chairman of E.E.O.C. would an appropriate person to present the President.

I would appreciate your earliest reply so that adequate preparations can be made.

Sincerely yours

Charles P. Howard, Jr.  
President, NBA

50th Annual Convention — Washington, D. C. Hilton Hotel — August 17 to 23, 1975

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June 16, 1975

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Dear Phil:

This is with further reference to my letter of June 5, 1975 with which was enclosed a copy of a letter to Bill Baroody from Charles Howard, President of the National Bar Association. The NBA Board of Directors would like to have President Ford address the banquet session of the NBA Annual Convention. The banquet session is scheduled for Friday, August 22, 1975 at 7:30 PM. The Convention will take place here in Washington at the Washington Hilton from August 17 through 23, 1975.

Mr. Baroody has answered Mr. Howard's letter advising that the NBA invitation has been forwarded to William W. Nicholson, the Deputy in the President's Scheduling Office. I gather that the President's schedule for August is now being formulated and that there is a distinct possibility that the NBA invitation may be honored.

I certainly appreciate whatever assistance you may have been able to provide in response to my earlier letter. However, there continues to be considerable urgency vis a vis getting some of the details settled. For example, in addition to the invitation extended in his letter of May 28, 1975, Mr. Howard and the NBA Board of Directors would very much like to have a meeting arranged between President Ford and four or five of the key NBA officers. In the event it develops that a Presidential appearance is feasible and that a meeting such as suggested above can be arranged, a preliminary meeting between Mr. Howard and myself and appropriate White House staff ought also be scheduled for the purpose of working out details.



Needless to say, whatever assistance you may be in a position to provide in getting this project off the ground, would be appreciated.

Best wishes.

Sincerely,



JOHN H. POWELL, JR.

Consultant to the Secretary



Monday 6/16/75

President

*Scheduling*

1:45 The Social Office of the White House said there was nothing scheduled for the Willard High School group.

I called Don Roskam's residence in Grand Rapids and his wife said they were at the White House last Thursday. I asked if they had sung for the President and she had not heard from them to say whether or not they did.

I have checked with Warren Rustand's office and they have no information on it.

Am now checking with Central Files to see if they received a telegram to the President. They have nothing.

Checking to see if a telegram was received in that office. They received a telegram dated June 6 to the President. Sent to Mrs. Reta Shay (Chief of Mails)---who is out until 6/27. 2541

Someone in that office is checking to see where the telegram went. Should have gone to the Social Office.





↑  
The White House  
Washington

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7 PMS PRESIDENT FORD

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9 WHITE HOUSE DC

10 DEAR MR PRESIDENT NORMAN WEIRS, ONE OF MY NEPHEWS FROM CELERYVILLE  
11 OHIO WILL BE SINGING WITH THE WILLARD HIGH SCHOOL CHOIR IN MID-JUNE  
12 AT THE WHITE HOUSE HE IS NOT GEORGE BEVERLY SHEA BUT DOES SING  
13 BEAUTIFULLY HIS DIRECTOR AND I THINK YOU AND BETTY WOULD ENJOY VERY  
14 MUCH HIS SINGING FOR YOU "HOW GREAT THOU ART" PLEASE SEE IF YOU CAN  
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16 ARRANGE IT SINCERELY  
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THE WHITE HOUSE

WASHINGTON

SCHEDULING PROPOSAL

DATE: June 17, 1975

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

VIA : Warren Rustand

MEETING: A brief visit to see the President by ten members of the Executive Committee of the National Council of Community World Affairs Organization.

DATE: September 1975 -- at the time of the State Department's NGO Conference

PURPOSE: Marie Cady who is from Grand Rapids and Secretary of the National Board is a long time friend of the President. This brief meeting would allow the President to indicate his support for the World Affairs Councils throughout the country. (See attached letter addressed to the President from Ms. Cady.)

FORMAT: Oval Office (10 members)  
10 minutes

CABINET PARTICIPATION: Dr. Kissinger (if he is available)

SPEECH MATERIAL: Talking points can be supplied by the State Department.

PRESS COVERAGE: White House and Press Photo coverage.

RECOMMEND: The National Security Council (NSC) staff believes: "The members of this group provide, at the grass roots level, a strong constituency for an outward-looking US foreign policy. They are particularly strong supporters of US foreign assistance. A meeting could permit the President to underline his foreign policy objectives and make a strong pitch for foreign assistance."



THE WHITE HOUSE  
WASHINGTON

June 17, 1975

MEMORANDUM FOR: BRENT SCOWCROFT

FROM:

PHILIP BUCHEN

*P.W.B.*

Before completing the attached Schedule Proposal, I would like to have your comments and suggestions.

Attachment

RECORDED  
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## MEMORANDUM

## NATIONAL SECURITY COUNCIL

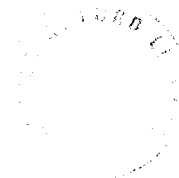
June 21, 1975

MEMORANDUM FOR: MR. BUCHEN.

FROM: Jeanne W. Davis *JWD*

SUBJECT: Presidential Meeting with the Executive  
Committee of the National Council of  
Community World Affairs Organization

In response to your June 17 request to General Scowcroft, the NSC Staff believes it would be useful for the President to meet briefly with the Executive Committee of the National Council. // The members of this group provide, at the grass roots level, a strong constituency for an outward-looking US foreign policy. They are particularly strong supporters of US foreign assistance. A meeting could permit the President to underline his foreign policy objectives and make a strong pitch for foreign assistance. //





WORLD AFFAIRS



ARE YOUR AFFAIRS

## World Affairs Council

FEDERAL SQUARE BUILDING • GRAND RAPIDS, MICHIGAN 49502  
PHONE 458-9535

May 30, 1975

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

Dear President Ford:

As you are probably aware, the Grand Rapids World Affairs Council is one of perhaps fifty other such Councils in the country, loosely joined together in a national organization; The National Council of Community World Affairs Organizations.

The purpose of all these organizations is similar--to provide an educational program for citizen participation in world affairs. As such, they provide platforms for the spokesmen of governmental agencies, public and private agencies involved in international activities and the representatives of foreign governments. Dr. Kissinger has appeared before several of these organizations recently. Representatives of these national Councils meet several times a year in Washington to renew and make additional contacts with individuals and organizations helpful in providing future programs.

The current president of this national organization is John E. Rielly, President and Executive Director of the Chicago Council on Foreign Relations, the largest and oldest of the member organizations. Other outstanding members of the Executive Committee include Richard C. Haggia, Executive Director of the World Affairs Council of Northern California, Dr. George C. Mitchell, Executive Director of the World Affairs Council of Pittsburgh, and many others. I have the pleasure of serving as Secretary of the national board.

This board, as a usual procedure, holds a meeting in Washington at the time of the State Department NGO Conference. Such a conference, I understand, is being planned for September, 1975.



President Gerald R. Ford  
May 30, 1975  
Page 2

If your schedule would allow it, an invitation to visit with you briefly would be considered a very high honor by the ten members of the Executive Committee of this board.

On a personal note, I very well remember the day when Carleton, then the editorial writer for the much-lamented Grand Rapids Herald, commented that he had just written an editorial supporting a young man who he was sure would make a success in Washington. How much he would enjoy knowing of the correctness of his predictions!

Members of the Grand Rapids Council take a great deal of pride in the fact that you, as well as members of your personal advisory staff; namely, Mr. Philip Buchen and Mr. L. William Siedman, have shared a participation in this organization.

Sincerely,



Marie Jay Cady  
Executive Director

MJC/tw

Enclosure





THE WHITE HOUSE

WASHINGTON

June 17, 1975

Dear Clarence:

It was good to hear from you and to be reminded of our experiences at law school.

On the matter of your invitation to the President for an appearance in Ann Arbor on September 4, you will be hearing directly from the President's Scheduling Office. As you know, the President's schedule is crowded by many demands on his time, and I doubt he could justify accepting this invitation unless the event should happen to take place at a time when he was otherwise in the area.

Sincerely,



Philip W. Buchen  
Counsel to the President

Mr. Clarence Eldridge  
President  
University of Michigan Club  
of Ann Arbor  
P.O. Box 1771  
Ann Arbor, Michigan 48106

*Pres.  
Scheduling  
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*Pres.  
scheduling*

# University of Michigan Club

OF ANN ARBOR

P.O. Box 1771 Ann Arbor, Michigan 48106

June 14, 1975

Hon. Philip Buchen  
The White House  
Washington, D.C.

Dear Phil:

As a classmate of yours in law school, I am taking the liberty of enclosing a copy of a letter addressed to the President in the hope that you may want to discuss it with him personally.

As President of the University of Michigan Club of Ann Arbor, I am extending an invitation to him and also yourself to our annual football kick-off lunch to be held at Weber's Inn in Ann Arbor on Thursday September 4, 1975.

President Fleming of the University, Don Canham, Athletic Director, and other officials attend this affair which has become an integral part of the football season. Needless to say, we would be honored and delighted to have both of you as our guests at this traditional event.

If you have any questions or wish more details, you can contact me at 313-994-2566.

Wishing you continued success in your endeavors, I am

Very truly yours,

*Clarence Eldridge* '40 LAW  
Clarence Eldridge





# University of Michigan Club

OF ANN ARBOR

P.O. Box 1771 Ann Arbor, Michigan 48106

June 14, 1975

Hon. Gerald R. Ford  
President  
The White House  
Washington, D.C.

Dear Mr. President:

On behalf of the University of Michigan Club of Ann Arbor, I am extending an invitation to you to attend our annual football kick-off lunch to be held at Weber's Inn in Ann Arbor on Thursday, September 4, 1975. On that occasion Coach Bo Schembechler of the Michigan team is the featured speaker as we prepare for another season, one which we expect to be outstanding and in which the Maize and Blue will be going for its fifth straight conference title.

President Fleming of the University, Don Canham, Athletic Director, Bob Forman, Executive Director of the Alumni Association and other officials attend this affair which has become an integral part of the football season. Needless to say, we would be honored and delighted to have you and Phil Buchen, a classmate of mine, as our guests at this traditional event.

You have my support and my best wishes for your continued success in the arduous task before you.

Very truly yours,

Clarence Eldridge, President  
U-M Club of Ann Arbor





# AMERICAN BAR ASSOCIATION

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Reply to: Lawrence H. Stotter  
690 Market St.  
San Francisco, Ca.

June 18, 1975

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

Re: 1975 ABA Annual Meeting -  
Montreal, Canada

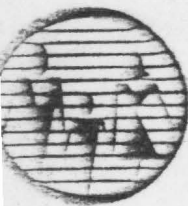
Dear Mr. Buchen:

This is to acknowledge your letter of June 12, 1975 concerning my invitation to President Ford.

Frankly, your letter comes as a disappointment, not so much because of the failure of a response from a busy President, but essentially from your total lack of understanding of or empathy with the problems of adopted children in our society today. In this, you reflect not so much your own lack of experience in this field, of which I have no information whatsoever, but rather reflect the collective lack of knowledge of most practitioners who have successfully avoided any involvement or commitment in the emotional subtleties, as well as the legal complexities, of a family law practice.

In fact, our President was adopted. Millions of others go through the same process each year. In many cases, as with the President, there is no implication that such persons are orphaned or separated from both parents. Nevertheless, the stereotype of an "adopted" child is exactly what you portray in your letter. The consequence of this state of affairs results in the belief by many, apparently you included, that the acknowledgement of adoption processes reflects an undesirable or unhealthy state of affairs.

*Stotter,  
Lawrence*





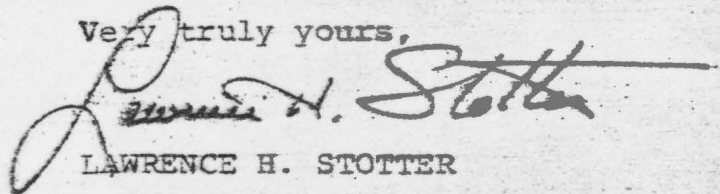
It is precisely this type of thinking and the desire to clear the air with respect to this subject that made me feel it would be desirable to turn to the President for his assistance in a matter which I still feel he would understand upon personal reflection, but which I can understand that persons who have not experienced such a process first-hand, either as an attorney or client, could not fairly comprehend.

My suggestion that the President would be the ideal adopted child was simply an expression of a concept, rather than a firm commitment to any specific form of language or expressed laurel.

Perhaps you had occasion to become acquainted with the recent coverage in U.S. News and World Reports concerning the very detrimental role of the legal process in adoption proceedings occurring throughout the country and of the recent substantial and shocking testimony given before the House Committees investigating this matter. If not, I would suggest that you request that a member of your staff obtain this information for you so that you might understand at least the state of affairs which makes this entire matter so timely.

I am somewhat at a loss to understand your request that I "reconsider the suggestion". If this is a matter in which you or the President feel that he should or even might lend his name, our section certainly could work out some satisfactory basis for honoring the President, or even acknowledging his interest. It is the spirit and concept that we are concerned with.

Very truly yours,



LAWRENCE H. STOTTER

LHS:mk





THE WHITE HOUSE  
WASHINGTON

June 12, 1975

*Stotter  
Lawrence*

Dear Mr. Stotter:

Your letter of June second addressed to the President has been referred to me for reply. I appreciate the desire of the Family Law Section Council to pay honor to the President, but I have reservations about your extolling his qualities and achievements as those of an ideal adopted child. He was never in fact separated from his natural mother and, although his mother divorced his natural father, the latter lived until after Mr. Ford reached adulthood. Thus his circumstances were not those of a child who was orphaned or who was separated from both parents and then adopted.

I would very much like you to reconsider the suggestion you made in your letter, because I cannot recommend that the President consent to your request.

Sincerely,

*Philip W. Buchen*

Philip W. Buchen  
Counsel to the President

Mr. Lawrence H. Stotter  
Stern, Stotter & O'Brien  
Suite 1000  
690 Market Street  
San Francisco, California 94104





SECTION OF  
FAMILY LAW

Aug 13 8/13/75  
AMERICAN BAR ASSOCIATION

1155 EAST 60TH ST. CHICAGO, ILLINOIS 60637 TELEPHONE (312) 493-0533

Please reply to:

690 Market St., Suite 1000  
San Francisco, Ca. 94104

June 2, 1975

THE PRESIDENT  
White House  
Washington, D.C.

Re: American Bar Assn Annual Meeting  
Montreal, Canada 1975

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MESSAGE  
SPEAKERS BUREAU

APPOINTMENT OFFICE

Dear Mr. President:

For over a year, our Family Law Section has been planning a program devoted to adoption matters for the annual meeting scheduled in Montreal this year. This program has now been set for Wednesday morning, August 13, 1975 from 9:00 a.m. until Noon. I enclose herewith a copy of the planned format for this program.

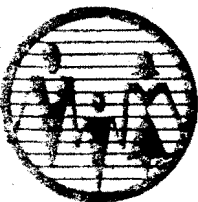
At our recent mid-year meeting, our Family Law Section Council felt that it would be a unique occasion to pay honor to you as the ideal adopted child grown up. We would, if we can do so with your consent, like to honor you at that time, preferably in person, but, alternatively, in your absence, with perhaps Mrs. Ford or some other member of your family appearing on your behalf.

As I am sure you are aware, the entire question of adoption is one that is of national interest to the public not only because of the recent Vietnam evacuations, but also because of the significant drop in birthrate and the increased desire of people to adopt children without any knowledge of where to go and how to do it. In this respect, we feel that the legal profession can offer considerable assistance. Obviously, your approval of our activities and the need to focus attention on this matter will accomplish far more than anything we could do through the normal channels.

Respectfully,

LAWRENCE H. STOTTER  
Chairman, Adoption Committee

LHS:mk





AMERICAN BAR ASSOCIATION

1975

Montreal, Canada

ADOPTION COMMITTEE

Co-Chairmen: Professor Sanford N. Katz, Boston College Law School, Brighton, Mass.  
Lawrence H. Stotter, Esquire, San Francisco, Cal.

WEDNESDAY, AUGUST 13  
9:00 a.m. --- 12 noon

PROGRAM

ADOPTION ROADWAYS AND ROADBLOCKS

MODERATOR: Lawrence H. Stotter, Esquire

SPEAKERS:

Prof. Sanford N. Katz, Boston College Law School, Brighton, Mass.

Miss Ursula M. Gallagher, Specialist on Adoptions, United States  
Children's Bureau, Department of Health, Education, and  
Welfare, Washington, D. C.

Hon. Alfred L. Podolski, Chief Judge of Probate Courts, Dedham,  
Mass.

Prof. Jerome A. Barron, George Washington University National Law  
Center, Washington, D. C.

This program will be concerned with removing barriers to the placement of children, the role of lawyers in the adoption process, the increasing incidence of black market adoption with attendant law enforcement problems, possibilities in international adoption, and the rights of unwed fathers.



Wednesday 6/18/75

*President  
Scheduling*

2:35 In looking for something else, I came across the attached letter to John Duffer re the White House Dinner for the Judiciary ----- which we were looking for the other day.

This is the list you were looking for.





THE WHITE HOUSE  
WASHINGTON

*Reading Duffner*  
*John*

February 6, 1975

Mr. John T. Duffner  
Executive Assistant to  
the Attorney General  
Department of Justice  
Constitution Avenue and Tenth  
Street, N. W.  
Washington, D. C. 20530

Dear Mr. Duffner:

Thank you very much for your earlier letter suggesting how we might structure a dinner at the White House for the Judiciary. The information is very helpful although we are still exploring the possibility of developing a different selection process so as to be more certain of including the most distinguished jurists of the country.

I realize that you have now reached the point of formal retirement from the Department of Justice after a long career of distinguished service and I believe you do plan to continue to be of service to the Department and the new Attorney General. Under these circumstances, I would like for you to have the enclosed information about Mr. Bruce Sundlun.

I have known Bruce for some years and I have the highest regard for him. Although he is a Democrat, he is a strong supporter of President Ford. Therefore, my thought is if there should occur a vacancy on the Federal District Court of the District of Columbia, he should be given consideration for nomination by the President.

Your having this information and suggestion will, I believe, be the surest way of having his name come up for consideration at an appropriate time.

With best wishes,

Sincerely,

*Philip W. Bucher*

Philip W. Bucher  
Counselor to the President

Enclosure





OFFICE OF THE DEPUTY ATTORNEY GENERAL

WASHINGTON, D.C. 20530

21 JAN 1975

MEMORANDUM FOR MR. PHILIP BUCHEN  
THE WHITE HOUSE

Attached hereto are a list of the present members of the Judicial Conference of the United States and a list of others who might be considered for invitations to a judicial reception.

The Senate Judiciary Subcommittee on Improvement in Judicial Machinery and the House Judiciary Subcommittee on Courts, Civil Liberties and the Administration of Justice handle most legislation dealing with the Courts. Although the Senate Subcommittee handled the Omnibus Judgeship bill, Congressman Rodino is reported to be in control of it in the House.

A handwritten signature in dark ink, reading "John T. Duffner", is positioned above the typed name.

John T. Duffner  
Executive Assistant to the  
Deputy Attorney General



MEMBERS OF THE  
JUDICIAL CONFERENCE OF THE UNITED STATES (28 USC 331)

Chief Justice Warren E. Burger

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Sixth Circuit

Chief Judge Harry Phillips

Judge Robert L. Taylor, Eastern District of Tennessee

Seventh Circuit

Chief Judge Luther M. Swygert\*

Judge James E. Doyle, Western District of Wisconsin

Eighth Circuit

Chief Judge Floyd R. Gibson

Chief Judge James H. Meredith, Eastern District of Mo.

Ninth Circuit

Chief Judge Richard H. Chambers

Judge Jesse W. Curtis, Central District of California

Tenth Circuit

Chief Judge David T. Lewis

Chief Judge Frederick A. Dougherty, Western District of Okla.

Court of Claims

Chief Judge Wilson Cowen

Court of Customs and Patent Appeals

Chief Judge Howard T. Markey

\* Chief Judge Luther M. Swygert will reach his 70th birthday  
on February 7 and will be replaced by Judge Thomas E. Fairchild.



Suggested (for consideration) Additional Invitees

Assoc. Justice William O. Douglas  
Assoc. Justice William J. Brennan  
" " Potter Stewart  
" " Byron R. White  
" " Thurgood Marshall  
" " Harry A. Blackmun  
" " Lewis F. Powell, Jr.  
" " William H. Rehnquist

Retired Assoc. Justice Stanley Reed  
" " " Tom C. Clark

Chief Judge, Tax Court, Howard A. Dawson, Jr.

Chief Judge, Court of Military Appeals, VACANT

Director, Federal Judicial Center, Senior Judge Walter E. Hoffman

Director, Administrative Office of the U. S. Courts, Roland F. Kirks

Chairman, Senate Judiciary Committee, James O. Eastland  
Ranking Minority Member, Senate Judicial Committee, Roman L. Hruska\*  
Chairman, House Judiciary Committee, Peter W. Rodino  
Ranking Minority Member, House Judiciary Committee, Edward Hutchinson

Chairman, Senate Judiciary Subcommittee on Improvement in Judicial Machinery,  
Quentin N. Burdick

Ranking Minority Member, Sen. Jud. Subcommittee on Improvement in Jud. Machinery,  
Roman L. Hruska\*

Chairman, Subcommittee on Courts, Civil Liberties, and the Administration of  
Justice, House Judiciary Committee, Robert W. Kastenmeier

Ranking Minority Member, Subcommittee on Courts, Civil Liberties, and the  
Administration of Justice, House Judiciary Committee, Thomas F. Railsback





June 3, 1975

*Pres.*  
*scheduling*

MEMORANDUM TO: WARREN RUSTAND

FROM: SUSAN PORTER

In our last staff meeting, Mrs. Ford again mentioned the possibility of a dinner for the Supreme Court and the Judiciary. I conveyed to her at the time that this was very much on the minds of the West Side. However, I did want to pass along to you her continuing, particular interest in this.

Thank you.

c: ~~Philip Buchen~~





*Just*  
Cancelled

Wednesday 9/18/74

DINNER  
10/18/74  
8 p. m.

9:05 Lucy Winchester called to ask if we had come up with a guest list for their dinner on October 18th for the members of the Federal Judiciary and spouses.

Jay and I were discussing this -- and he feels that we should talk about the timing of this type of dinner in view of all the Watergate cases that are pending before the various courts.

*Have had this  
deferred through  
conversations with  
Lucy & Warren  
9/18/74*





THE WHITE HOUSE

WASHINGTON

September 10, 1974

MEMORANDUM FOR PHILLIP W. BUCHEN

FROM: LUCY WINCHESTER L.W.

SUBJECT: Guest list for October 18, 1974 Dinner

A black tie dinner has been scheduled for 8:00 p.m. on Friday evening October 18, 1974 for the members of the Federal Judiciary and spouses. I think that you should be responsible for this guest list. If possible we would like to have your guest list to submit for Mrs. Ford's approval by Wednesday, September 18, 1974.

It should include the following information:

1. Correct marital status
2. Correct title and place of business
3. Current home address and phone number (include area code)
4. Current business address and phone number (include area code)

The State Dining Room can seat 120 persons.

Thank you for any further guidance you might be able to provide.

cc: Warren Rustand





June 19, 1975

*President  
Scheduling  
regretted  
9/18/75  
Bransdorfer*

Dear Mr. Bransdorfer:

Thank you for your letter of May 13th renewing your invitation to the President to address the main banquet of the Annual Meeting of the Michigan State Bar which will be held Thursday evening, September 18.

The President very much appreciates your courtesy in renewing this invitation but, as the schedule for September has developed, he will not be able to join you on the 18th. The President has asked that I express his very best wishes to you and to all who will be in attendance at the Annual Meeting of the Michigan Bar Association.

Sincerely,

Warren S. Rustand  
Appointments Secretary  
to the President

Mr. Stephen C. Bransdorfer  
President  
State Bar of Michigan  
306 Townsend Street  
Lansing, Michigan 48933

WSR:jem

✓cc: Philip Buchen  
cc: 2 copies nancy gemmell





THE WHITE HOUSE

WASHINGTON

*Pres's  
Scheduling*

May 19, 1975

Dear Steve:

Thank you for sending me a copy of your letter to Warren Rustand and for your invitation to Bunny and me to join the President if he is able to attend the Annual Meeting of the State Bar on Thursday evening, September 18, 1975.

As you know, the Scheduling Office has great difficulty in arranging for the many appearances requested of the President, and often he must decline even those which he would very much like to make. However, I know that your invitation will be given most careful consideration and that you will be advised of the scheduling decision as soon as possible.

Best personal regards.

Sincerely,



Philip W. Buchen  
Counsel to the President

Mr. Stephen C. Bransdorfer  
President  
State Bar of Michigan  
306 Townsend Street  
Lansing, Michigan 48933

cc: Warren Rustand





306 TOWNSEND STREET

OF MICHIGAN

LANRING, MICHIGAN 48933

TELEPHONE (517) 372-9030

May 13, 1975

President  
HIGAN scheduling  
9/18/75  
GAN 48933

*Stephen Brando*  
MICHAEL FRANCK  
EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR

State Board  
of Michigan

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

Dear Phil:

Enclosed is a copy of my letter of this date to Warren Rustand, Appointments Secretary to the President. He may have mentioned to you that we chatted briefly when I was in Washington recently.

I am sorry that I was unable to see you personally, but you were tied up with meetings relating to the fall of Saigon.

Please give the President my best wishes and hope that his schedule will permit him to accept the invitation of the State Bar to serve as speaker at the main banquet of the Annual Meeting scheduled for Thursday evening, September 18, 1975. We are very hopeful that you and Mrs. Buchen can also be with us at that time.

Best wishes.

Sincerely,

Steve

Stephen C. Bransdorfer

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Enclosure



## STATE BAR

## OF MICHIGAN



306 TOWNSEND STREET

LANSING, MICHIGAN 48933

TELEPHONE (517) 372-9030

May 13, 1975

Mr. Warren S. Rustand  
 Appointments Secretary  
 to the President  
 The White House  
 Washington, D. C.

Dear Mr. Rustand:

It was a pleasure to have a chance to chat with you recently when I was in Washington. You indicated at that time that the President's schedule for next September would probably be formulated during the middle of this month.

You will recall we invited the President to serve as the speaker at the main banquet of the Annual Meeting of the State Bar scheduled for Thursday evening, September 18, 1975.

The Annual Meeting will be held at the Raleigh House in Southfield, Michigan. The attendance at the Annual Banquet has been in the area of approximately 600 persons, the capacity of the downtown Detroit hotels. The Raleigh House has a larger capacity. We therefore anticipate that if the President is able to be with us, approximately 1,200 to 1,500 persons would be in attendance.

Because the President is a member both of the Grand Rapids Bar Association and the Michigan State Bar, it would be a unique event for the legal profession in this state for him to serve as the guest speaker.

Again, it was a pleasure to have the chance to meet and talk with you this past month.

Please give President Ford my best wishes.

If we can supply any further information in regard to this invitation, please feel free to contact me at your convenience.

Best wishes.

Sincerely,

S.C.B.

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•Stephen C. Bransdorfer

cc: Philip Buchen, Esq.

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*President's  
scheduling*

October 7, 1974

Dear Steve:

My hearty congratulations to you on your election to be President of the State Bar.

Surely, if the President is able to attend and be the main speaker at your annual meeting in September 1975, Mrs. Buchen and I will be with him.

You are most thoughtful to think of giving us an invitation as well.

The scheduling people here will have to determine when they may allow you to go ahead with arrangements for the President's appearance, if it is possible, but I will pass on your desire for an early decision.

I appreciate your warm congratulations and best wishes to me.

Sincerely yours,

Philip W. Buchen  
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cc: Warren Rustand

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September 24, 1974

Mr. Philip W. Buchen  
Counsel to the President  
The White House  
Washington, D.C. 20500

Dear Phil:

I thought you would like to receive an advance copy of the September Bar Journal of the State Bar of Michigan.

I have not had a chance to offer you my sincere congratulations on your appointment as Counsel to the President. I am going to miss seeing you late in the afternoon at the Athletic Club.

Enclosed is a copy of my letter to President Ford. As you can see, we have invited the President to attend and be the main speaker at our Annual Meeting in September 1975. We would be honored if you and Mrs. Buchen could also attend. I know that the President's schedule probably is not planned this far in advance. However, we would very much appreciate having an early indication as to whether there is a real possibility that he might be able to return to Michigan for the event in order to permit us to begin planning the extensive arrangements which would be required.

Again, you have my congratulations on your appointment as Counsel to the President. I look forward to seeing you again. With best wishes.

Cordially,

*Steve*

Stephen C. Bransdorfer  
President

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Copy of letter to President Ford;  
September Bar Journal.

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THE WHITE HOUSE  
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June 23, 1975

MEMORANDUM FOR: PHILIP BUCHEN  
FROM: WARREN RUSTAND *WR*  
SUBJECT: Invitation to the President to address  
National Bar Association during their  
convention in the city in August

I would appreciate your comments and recommendation on this invitation to the President.

Thank you.





June 12, 1975

Dear Mr. Howard:

Mr. Baroody has forwarded your letter of May 28 requesting the President to address the banquet session of the 50th Annual Convention of the National Bar Association on Friday evening, August 22, 1975, at the Washington Hilton Hotel.

Your letter is being carried forward for careful consideration as the President's schedule for August is being worked out, and just as soon as it is possible we will be back in touch with you.

In the meantime, the President has asked that I thank you for your thoughtfulness of him and express to you his best wishes.

Sincerely,

William W. Nicholson  
Deputy Director  
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2 cc's to Nancy Gemmell (sent)

✓ cc and incmg to Mayr Widner for Aug. 22 cal. cons.

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CHARLES E. SMITH, ESQ.

May 28, 1975

Mr. William J. Baroody  
Assistant to the President  
White House  
Washington, D.C.

Dear Mr. Baroody:

On August 17-23, 1975, the National Bar Association, Inc. will hold its 50th Annual Convention at the Washington Hilton Hotel, Washington, D.C. We are requesting that President Gerald Ford address the NBA 50th Anniversary Banquet on Friday, August 22, 1975 at approximately 7:30 p.m.

I need not give you details as to who the National Bar Association is other than we expect over half of all the black lawyers in the United States with their families from across the country, Canada, West Indies and Africa, to attend. We believe it will be an ideal platform for the President to address the minorities of America concerning his program for the next four years, especially as it relates to them.

The banquet is to be held in the main ballroom of the Washington Hilton Hotel, Washington, D.C. Additional details may be secured from the undersigned or Mr. Charles E. Smith, Director of NBA, 2109 E Street, N.W., Washington, D.C., phone No. 202-872-0097.

It is my view that Mr. John Powell, former Chairman of E.E.O.C. would be an appropriate person to present the President.

I would appreciate your earliest reply so that adequate preparations can be made.

Sincerely yours,

*Charles P. Howard*  
Charles P. Howard, Jr.  
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THE WHITE HOUSE  
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June 24, 1975

MEMORANDUM FOR:

WARREN RUSTAND

FROM:

PHILIP BUCHEN

SUBJECT:

Invitation to the President to  
Address National Bar Associ-  
ation during their Convention  
in the city in August

If at all possible, I believe the President should respond to the invitation of the National Bar Association to address its 50th Anniversary Banquet on Friday, August 22.

In support of this invitation I enclose a copy of a letter from Mr. John Powell.

At the time the President accepted the Report of the Commission on Revision of the Federal Court Appellate System, there was general agreement that the President should in the near future address the subject of reforming or improving the Federal court system. Such an address would cover a much wider range of issues than that addressed by the Commission on Appellate System. It maybe that this group would provide a suitable audience for such an address.

cc: William Baroody  
Ken Lazarus

Attachment

*Pres. Baroody  
(positive)*

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ROBERT P. HURLEY  
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June 27, 1975

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

Dear President Ford:

On May 7, 1974, I wrote you after our brief visit at the DKE Shant following your commencement address at the U. of M. It hardly seems possible what has happened in the interim--you are probably more aware of that than anyone else. It makes me feel very proud to be a Deke when I see what you are accomplishing in a very deliberate and progressive manner. Your candor, sincerity and strength of purpose is coming through as the myriad of problems you inherited are slowly being solved.

As I mentioned in my previous letter, I have become deeply involved in a Bicentennial television special, "The Evolution of America," featuring members of the internationally famous Cleveland Orchestra, the 200 member Cleveland Orchestra Chorus, renowned narrators and guest soloists. The program will be broadcast live from Constitution Hall on the PBS national network, 8:00 P.M. to 10:00 P.M., the evening of May 22, 1976.

This unique event would unfold the history of America from the 1700's to 1976 in song, music and narration. The program would open with keynote remarks. The narrators would describe "The Evolution of America" and highlight the various milestones of our history. The music ensemble would sing and play at various times during or following a narration to musically portray an event or period of history. The camera would focus on different paintings and scenes that would depict epoch events and move to locations of monumental interest with song, music and narration. For example, to represent the Civil War period, we might film the battlefield and cemetery at Gettysburg, while the orchestra and chorus would render "The Battle Hymn of the Republic" and the narrator would recite the Gettysburg Address live from Constitution Hall.

The opening part of the televised program would present some background on the history, culture and industry of Cleveland as well as material describing the history of the internationally famous Cleveland Orchestra and Chorus. Included in this first half hour would be the arrival of dignitaries to create a "Premiere" atmosphere.



Mr. Gerald R. Ford  
President of the United States  
June 27, 1975  
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It is hoped the program would be a "Presidential Cabinet Evening" similar to the one we had for the "Inaugural Evening at Ford's Theatre" in 1968. We would feel highly privileged if you and Mrs. Ford, members of your family, Cabinet Members and their wives and other VIP's would attend. Your presence would assure an outstanding performance that would go down in history as a famous event in which Cleveland and its sponsoring companies are contributing to the celebration of the nation's 200th Anniversary. Following the show we are hoping to arrange a reception at the nearby Corcoran Art Gallery.

We are beginning preparations that require sufficient lead time for such a noteworthy project. We anxiously hope for your favorable reply.

Fraternally yours,

*Bob Hurley*  
Robert P. Hurley  
Omicron '45

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cc: Mr. Phillip Buchen  
Ms. Robert Hartmann  
Ms. Mildred Leonard  
Dr. William Marrs  
Mr. Warren Rustand  
Ms. Susan Stover

*Dear Phil,*

*Brother Bill joins me  
in sending our best! We  
were in Washington for my  
son's wedding on June 14<sup>th</sup>*

*Bob Hurley*





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May 7, 1974

Mr. Gerald R. Ford  
Vice President of the United States  
S-212  
Capitol Building  
Washington, D. C. 20515

Dear Jerry:

It was just great that you made that extra effort amidst incredible pressures and schedules to once again join "A Band of Brothers". The last time we had met was in 1941 when you and your wife chaperoned our Pledge Formal Dinner at the Allenel Hotel.

As I briefly mentioned, I was a partner with Stewart Udall and Frankie Hewitt (Ford Theatre Society) in negotiating, developing and sponsoring the nationwide Presidential Cabinet Evening Telecast in 1968, "Inaugural Evening at Ford's Theatre". I looked for you at the reception in the Potomac Electric Power Building following the show, but missed you.

Six years later and twenty years earlier, the name Ford still looms big in my life. Upon graduation, my first job was working for Ford Motor Company. Recently, my son Bob who graduated from American University last year in Communications (working full-time in radio and television with the ABC News Bureau) became Legislative Assistant to Congressman Bill Ford, 15th District, Michigan (no relation!).

Now, I have just recently become involved in a project emanating from Cleveland, which could be a repeat of 1968 at Ford's Theatre ala 1976 with a Bicentennial theme.



Mr. Gerald R. Ford  
Vice President of the United States  
May 7, 1974  
Page 2.

I plan to be in Washington, D. C. later this month to discuss some preliminary ideas and will contact John Warner as you kindly suggested.

Being a Ford man, I would appreciate keeping you informed of our progress...hoping to enlist your support and advice at the appropriate time.

Fraternally yours,

*Bob Hurley*  
+  
Omicron '45

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P. S. Your staff was most courteous and helpful in enabling me to have a few words with you at the Shant.

cc: Ms. Sue Stover  
Mr. Warren Russkind  
Mr. Robbin Martin