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11:50

Mr. Buchen:

Jerry Gulan (National Canners Association)
called Mildred Leonard and suggested that you
might be the one involved in the economic summit
arrangements. Would like to know ---- or, if not,
who it would.

331-5939

Mr. Buchen advises that it would be Bill Seidman.
Called Mr. Gulan and advised him of this.



THE WHITE HOUSE

WASHINGTON

August 13, 1974

MEMORANDUM TO:

PHIL BUCHEN

FROM:

BILL BAROODY (B)

SUBJECT:

August 7 White House Conference
on Housing

Attached is the agenda, attendance list, my memo to government participants, and a brief summary of last Wednesday's Housing meeting. (I should note that the President did not attend.)

This was the second in the series of "Wednesday Conferences" planned for the White House to institutionalize communication with key elements of the private sector.

Our purpose this time was to listen to the participants' complaints and suggestions. At the conclusion, I think both sides felt the exercise had been very beneficial.

We are trying to follow up with several policy actions. In one area--getting the Administration to support a higher deposit insurance ceiling--we have already been successful.



WHITE HOUSE MEETING

ROOSEVELT ROOM

August 7, 1974

AGENDA

9:45 - 9:55	The President
9:55 - 10:00	The Honorable William J. Baroody, Jr. Special Consultant to the President
10:00 - 10:45	The Honorable Kenneth Rush Counsellor to the President for Economic Affairs
10:45 - 11:30	The Honorable James Lynn Secretary of Housing and Urban Development
11:30 - 12:15	The Honorable Peter Brennan Secretary of Labor
12:15 - 12:30	Fifteen-Minute Break
12:30 - 1:30	Luncheon Conference Dining Room The White House The Honorable Roy Ash Assistant to the President and Director of Office of Management and Budget

WHITE HOUSE MEETING

ROOSEVELT ROOM

August 7, 1974

ATTENDANCE

Mr. Albert Abrahams
Director-Government Relations
National Association of Realtors

Mr. Kenneth L. Birchby
President
National Association of Mutual
Savings Banks

Mr. Michael G. Callas
President
Associated Builders and Contractors

Mr. Lewis Cenker
President
National Association of Home
Builders

Mr. Anthony Ciesla
Research Director
International Brotherhood of
Teamsters

Mr. M. C. Colvin
President
National Forest Products
Association

Mr. Joseph B. Doherty
President
National Association of Realtors

Mr. Carlton Dukess
President
National Housing Rehabilitation
Association

Dr. Grover Ensley
Executive Vice President
National Association of Mutual
Savings Banks

Mr. Robert L. Higgins
Executive Vice President
National Electrical Contractors
Association

Mr. Ralph D. Hodges, Jr.
Executive Vice President
National Forest Products
Association

Mr. Saul Horowitz, Jr.
President
Associated General Contractors

Dr. Oliver H. Jones
Executive Vice President
Mortgage Bankers Association

Mr. Victor Kamber
Director of Research
AFL-CIO

Mr. George Preston
President
U.S. League of Savings
Association

Dr. Nathaniel H. Rogg
Executive Vice President
National Association of Home
Builders

August 7, 1974

Mr. James Sprouse
Executive Vice President
Associated General Contractors

Jeffrey P. Eves
Staff Assistant to the President
The White House

Mr. Norman Strunk
Executive Vice President
U.S. League of Savings Association

Mr. Harry P. Taylor
President
Council of Construction Employers

Mr. Walter B. Williams,
President
Mortgage Bankers Association

William J. Baroody, Jr.
Special Consultant to the President
The White House

Kenneth Rush
Counsellor to the President
The White House

James Lynn
Secretary
Department of Housing and Urban
Development

Peter Brennan
Secretary
Department of Labor

Roy Ash
Director, Office of Management
and Budget
The White House



THE WHITE HOUSE

WASHINGTON

August 5, 1974

MEMORANDUM FOR: THE HONORABLE KENNETH RUSH
SECRETARY LYNN
SECRETARY BRENNAN
THE HONORABLE ROY ASH

FROM: WILLIAM J. BAROODY, JR.

Our purpose in arranging this Conference is principally to receive from industry leaders an up-to-date appraisal of housing, housing finance, general construction, and the outlook over the next six months to a year. Many people in the industry believe the situation is far worse than is commonly believed and that additional government action will be needed to prevent a major housing or financial crisis. We hope to discover the basis for this thinking at this meeting.

Along with an analysis of the problem, we also want to ask the participants for their suggestions on what might be done to ease the situation in a way consistent with the President's anti-inflation policy. In addition to verbal responses, the plan is to ask the participants to send their written suggestions within two weeks. Since each of you is appearing sequentially, I will ask the participants to narrow their remarks to those areas most appropriate to your own responsibilities.

Although our purpose is primarily to listen, we do want to discuss Administration policies that bear on industries participating in the Conference. I would appreciate it if each of you would speak for 10 - 15 minutes at the beginning of your allotted time on relevant Administration policies. We will then move to a general discussion.

THE WHITE HOUSE

WASHINGTON

BRIEF SUMMARY OF COMMENTS
BY PARTICIPANTS AT WHITE
HOUSE CONFERENCE ON HOUSING,
HOUSING FINANCE AND CONSTRUCTION

August 7, 1974

A number of facts were cited to demonstrate the serious nature of the problems facing the participating industries:

-Mutual savings banks have had an outflow of over \$3 billion in the past year.

-Savings and loan associations are also facing problems. Lending is at a virtual halt, the savings and loans are losing money (\$700 million in July) and August promises to be "a mild disaster."

-Business of realtors is off sharply. Sales volume of single family housing is down 8.3% from last year. It has declined for nine of the past 11 months. All regions reported declines in June.

-The forest products people have made heavy new investments, largely at the urging of government, and now find business sharply off. They face "a deep trauma."

-Home builders are also in a difficult situation with starts at 1.5 million annual rate. Small builders are going out of business.

There was fairly general agreement on a number of actions government should take to alleviate the problem.

-The Federal Reserve should have the authority to regulate the Citicorp type of financial instrument.

-Treasury securities should have a minimum denomination of \$10,000.

- Raise minimum deposit insurance to \$50,000.

- Provide 100% government deposit insurance on deposits of public funds.

- Provide a tax incentive for savings, i.e., exempting a portion of interest from tax.

- Support extension of Regulation Q.

- Enlarge upon the mortgage commitment program announced last May.

Individuals made suggestions not endorsed by the group as a whole:

- Ensley of NAMSBB urged a greater reliance on fiscal policy to help bring interest rates down. He also urged moving ahead on restructuring of the nation's financial system.

- Hurowitz of AGC suggested looking at a new type of subsidy--one to the buyer (say first \$5,000 of mortgage interest becomes a tax credit rather than a deduction). He also urged greater attention to the problem of the cost of materials and labor in construction.

In spite of the widespread concern expressed, there was recognition that inflation had to be brought under control. The complaint was that they suffered disproportionately and that the burden should be spread more evenly.

THE WHITE HOUSE

WASHINGTON

Mayors

THE WHITE HOUSE
WASHINGTON

August 13, 1974

MEMORANDUM FOR:

MR. PHIL BUCHEN

FROM:

Warren Hendriks
WARREN HENDRIKS

SUBJECT:

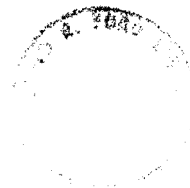
Mayors Briefing Paper

Attached is the briefing paper for the President's meeting with the Leadership of the U.S. Counties of Mayors and National League of Cities scheduled for Wednesday, August 14th at 3:00 p.m.

Ken Cole has signed off on the memorandum and asked that you be provided with a copy. Should you have any changes or suggestions, I, of course, will be glad to change the original which has been forwarded to the Staff Secretary.

Governor Scranton has also been provided a copy.

Attachment



THE WHITE HOUSE
WASHINGTON

August 13, 1974

MEETING WITH MAYORS
Wednesday, August 14, 1974
4:00 P.M.
The Cabinet Room

From: Kenneth R. Cole, Jr.

I. PURPOSE

To demonstrate from the first days of your Administration, your interest in working with Mayors and other locally elected city officials.

II. BACKGROUND, PARTICIPANTS AND PRESS PLAN

- A. Background: At the last U.S. Conference of Mayors' Convention held in San Diego in June, the Mayors identified inflation and rising costs as the major problems facing American cities today. To deal with inflation, they passed a resolution urging reduction in defense spending and increased Federal aid to the cities.

The Conference supported the Administration's Community Development legislation and also supported proposed transportation legislation, but pushed for higher funding levels.

The other major policy position adopted was one of support of reenactment of General Revenue Sharing.

One of the areas of concern of Mayors has been impoundments and you will likely be asked your views on this issue.

B. Participants: Ken Cole
Others at Tab A.

C. Press Plan: As determined by Jerry terHorst.

III. TALKING POINTS AND POINTS OF DISCUSSION

A. Consultation

I wanted to meet with you in my first few days as President to let you know first hand of my desire to have a strong and continuous working relationship with the Mayors and this Administration.

I intend to have more meetings with you to discuss the problems of the cities and the role of the Administration in helping to solve these problems.

I am deeply interested in the exchange of ideas and want to encourage you to give this Administration your views.

B. Budget Process

I know of your interest in being heard regarding the FY 76 Federal Budget as it is put together. I know that the New Coalition will be meeting in Washington today and this New Coalition of Governors, Mayors, County Officials and State Legislators will be working with us on the Budget for the first time this year. This is the kind of step we hope will demonstrate to you our good faith desire to listen and give you an opportunity to be heard.

C. General Revenue Sharing

I am sure all of you realize the benefits Cities derived from General Revenue Sharing. I supported General Revenue Sharing and am hopeful of its reenactment during the first session of Congress in 1975.

The reenactment during the first session is quite important, so that cities may plan their budgets for three to five year programs.

It is most important that General Revenue Sharing be continued.

D. Possible Points of Discussion

- . The Mayors have had considerable difficulty with the Environmental Protection Agency requirements and may raise complaints about the clean air and water regulations of the Agency.

A recommended reply for you would be that you know of their concerns and have asked Russell Train to be available to meet with the Mayors, if possible, while they are here on this trip to Washington to air their views and also be briefed on upcoming actions.

- . It is quite likely that the Mayors will want to discuss your policy toward impoundments.

A recommended reply, if this comes up, would be that you know the Mayors are concerned about impoundments and that you plan to review impoundments in detail. You may wish to point out that as a percentage of the Federal Budget, funds impounded this year are at a very low point compared to recent years. Also, the new Congressional Budget procedures establish a new procedure for impoundments, making it a joint decision between the Legislative and Executive branches of government.

- . The Mayors are quite interested in the Better Communities Act which is expected to be passed by Congress in a few days.

A recommended answer for you is that you are waiting to read the language of the final Conference Report. Congress has taken a positive step in drafting this legislation which should be very helpful in solving many of the problems of the cities.

- . It is anticipated that the Mayors (especially Mayor Beame of New York City) will question you on your policy toward subsidies for mass-transportation.

A recommended reply is that you advise them of your serious reservations with the mass transit operating subsidy proposal in the transit bill reported out by the House Public Works Commission which is being taken up by the full House today. This kind of a discretionary operating subsidies program could involve the Federal Government in wage negotiations, fare policy, route structure and other local transit operating matters.

You do have a flexible position on this and have supported the Administration's proposal last February. This would provide limited operating funds on a formula basis but forces local and state officials to decide whether their federal transit funds should be used for operating or capital purposes.

PARTICIPANTS

National League of Cities Executive Committee

Mayor Tom Bradley, Los Angeles, California, President
Mayor E. J. (Jake) Garn, Salt Lake City, Utah,
First Vice President
Mayor Carlos A. Romero Barcello, San Juan, Puerto Rico
Second Vice President
Mayor Ben Boo, Duluth, Minnesota
Mayor Richard Hatcher, Gary, Indiana
Mayor John C. Orestis, Lewiston, Maine
Mayor Robert J. LaFortune, Tulsa, Oklahoma
Mayor Richard Lugar, Indianapolis, Indiana

U.S. Conference Of Mayors Executive Committee

Mayor Joseph L. Alioto, San Francisco, California
President
Mayor Moon Landrieu, New Orleans, Louisiana, First
Vice President
Mayor Kenneth A. Gibson, Newark, New Jersey, Chairman
Advisory Committee
Mayor Peter Wilson, San Diego, California
Mayor Abraham D. Beame, New York, New York
Mayor Ralph J. Perk, Cleveland, Ohio

Virginia Municipal League

Mayor Ann Kilgore, Hampton, Virginia, Incoming President

Pennsylvania League of Cities

Mayor Eugene J. Peters, Scranton, Pennsylvania, President

White House

Kenneth R. Cole, Jr., Assistant to the President for
Domestic Affairs
James H. Falk, Associate Director, Domestic Council
Leonard Garment, Assistant to the President
W. Dewey Clower, Assistant Director, Domestic Council

National Associations' Representatives

John J. Gunther, Executive Director, U.S. Conference
of Mayors
Allen E. Pritchard, Jr., Executive Vice President,
National League of Cities

Others

Pat Healy

THE WHITE HOUSE

WASHINGTON

August 13, 1974

MEMORANDUM FOR: MR. KENNETH R. COLE, JR.
GOVERNOR WILLIAM SCRANTON

FROM: ~~DAVID PARKER~~

SUBJECT: Meeting with Governors, Mayors
and County Officials

Concerning the above meetings which are scheduled this week, the President wishes to meet with you at 2:45 p.m. Wednesday, August 14, at which time he wants to be briefed on the various components of his meetings with the Governors, Mayors, and County Officials. The briefing papers on these meetings should be submitted to the Staff Secretary as early as possible today--preferably by noon. The papers should be coordinated with Mr. Philip Buchen prior to their submission to the Staff Secretary.

✓ Thank you.

cc: Mr. Hartmann
Amb. Rumsfeld
Mr. Marsh
Dr. Hoopes
Mr. Jones
Mr. Wardell
Mr. terHorst
Mr. Buchen ✓



Governors

THE WHITE HOUSE
WASHINGTON

August 13, 1974

MEMORANDUM FOR:

MR. PHIL BUCHEN

FROM:

WARREN HENDRIKS

SUBJECT:

Governors Briefing Paper

As I mentioned briefly on the telephone and at Dave Parker's request, I'm attaching a copy of the proposed briefing paper for the President's meeting with the Executive Committee of the National Governors Conference scheduled for Wednesday, August 14th at 3:00 p.m.

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3:00 p.m.

From: Kenneth R. Cole, Jr. 

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II. BACKGROUND, PARTICIPANTS, AND PRESS PLANS

A. Background: Included in the meeting will be the Chairman of the National Governors' Conference, the members of the Executive Committee of the Conference and the Chairmen of the Republican and Democratic Governors Associations and the Chairmen of the Regional Governors' Conferences.

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III. TALKING POINTS (Continued)

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Jewish
Community

JACOB K. JAVITS
NEW YORK

United States Senate

WASHINGTON, D.C. 20510

*Phil Canham -
I asked joints whom
the Com would meet with
as far as the Jewish Community
is concerned. 1st - August 14, 1977
that these
people
should be
present.
different
factions
of the
Jewish
faith.*

Dear Bob:

Here is the list:

President of Presidents Organization
Rabbi Israel Miller
Yeshiva University
212/255-5600

Rabbinical Council of America (Orthodox)
Rabbi Fabin Schonfeld
Flushing, New York
212/260-0700

Rabbinical Assembly
Rabbi Mordecai Waxman
Great Neck, New York
516/482-7800

Central Conference of American Rabbis
Rabbi Robert Cahn
Houston, Texas
713/529-5771

Max M. Fisher
Detroit, Michigan
313/871-8000

All the best,

Sincerely,



Jacob K. Javits

Honorable Robert P. Griffin
353 Russell Office Building
Washington, D.C.

THE WHITE HOUSE

WASHINGTON

August 13, 1974

MEMORANDUM TO PHIL BUCHEN

FROM: Clay T. Whitehead



Bob Griffin called and suggested that there is no one Jewish religious leader that would be acceptable to the various factions of Judaism. Jack Javits suggested that Max Fisher be contacted to name two or three representative Jewish leaders. Griffin very much feels that Fisher should meet with the President. This might be combined with the meeting Romney proposes with Max Fisher on voluntary action.



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8/13/74

MEMORANDUM FOR: Tom Whitehead

FROM: W. W. Scranton

Governor Romney was in to see me this morning. He has talked with the President several times about voluntary action and believes strongly that well-organized action encouraged by the President could be of great support to him (the President) in his immediate bipartisan effort. Governor Romney suggests that he and Max Fisher and Bob Hill, the head of the National Center for Voluntary Action, would like to see the President soon in line with your efforts to have various groups and types consult with the President now.

You may reach Governor Romney at

(313) 642-5011

8/13/74

To: Phil Buchen
From: Tom Whitehead

Do you want to talk to him or do you want me to?

Tom:

Suggest you do, if you don't mind, but let me know outcome. Please.

Phil



MEMORANDUM

THE WHITE HOUSE
WASHINGTON

TO: The President

From: Counsellor Rush
and L. Wm. Seidman

Date: August 14, 1974 5:30 p.m.

Subject: ECONOMIC SUMMIT CONFERENCE

Background

We have talked with senior officials (Burns, Simon, Rush, Sawhill, Ash, Greenspan, Dunn, and Jones) and all appear to agree that the first step in planning the Conference is to determine what goals we shall try to achieve. Possible goals include:

- (1) Study the causes of inflation and alternative cures.
- (2) Determination of broad areas of agreement on inflation actions required.
- (3) Provide a forum for public discussion of a variety of ideas to control inflation.
- (4) Develop bi-partisan support for fiscal '75 - '76 budget expenditures to be used in January '75 budget address.
- (5) Achieve specific actions such as
 - (a) Reduction of "uncontrollable" items in budget through legislative action.
 - (b) Creation of management-labor cooperation.
 - (c) Development of contingency plan for unemployment actions.
 - (d) Development of special legislation in housing, utilities, and other areas.

Many other possible goals have been suggested, and these are examples only. Determination of goals desired will control overall format and timing schedule of Conference.




Decisions needed

- (1) Shall a meeting with bipartisan leadership of Congress be held
as first step in planning summit on Tuesday, August 20?
- (2) If the meeting is held, shall any part be public?
- (3) Do you wish to discuss goals with staff or others prior to such
a meeting with leadership?

cc: Gen. Haig

THE WHITE HOUSE
WASHINGTON

August 14, 1974

MEMORANDUM FOR: PHIL BUCHEN
FROM: BILL BAROODY, JR. 
SUBJECT: Presidential Meetings

Attached is that portion of the list I gave you Sunday which you gave me guidance on yesterday. I have added the names you requested and only those you indicated should be on this priority list.

One category is missing: law enforcement. Chief Jerry Wilson, whom you suggested we consult with, is out camping and will return on Monday. If you agree, I would like to hold off finalizing that list until we can consult with him.

Attachment

CF: Tom Whitehead



SUGGESTED INVITEES FOR PRESIDENTIAL MEETING

GENERAL BUSINESS

1. DAVID PACKARD -- Chairman, Hewlett-Packard
2. HENRY FORD -- Chairman, Ford Motor Company
3. WILSON S. JOHNSON -- Chairman & President, National
Federation of Independent Business
(or)
CARL A. BECK -- President, Charles Beck Machine
Corporation (Small machine company)
and past President of National Small
Business Men's Association (Highly
respected).
4. ARTHUR WOOD -- Chairman, Sears, Roebuck and Company
5. REGINALD H. JONES -- Chairman & Chief Executive Officer,
General Electric
6. SMALL MERCHANT -- See Tab A for selection of a small
merchant known to President from former
Congressional District.
7. J. IRWIN MILLER -- Chairman, Cummins Engine

BANKING AND FINANCE

1. DAVID ROCKEFELLER -- Chairman, Chase-Manhattan
2. PETER G. PETERSON -- Chairman, Lehman Brothers Corporation
3. ROBERT R. DOCKSON -- President & Chief Executive Officer,
California Federal Savings and Loan
(or)
E. STANLEY ENLUND -- Chairman & Chief Executive Officer,
First Savings and Loan Association of
(or) Chicago



WILLIAM P. SAWYER -- President, New England Federal
Savings and Loan

BUSINESS INTEREST GROUPS
(Meet as a Group)

JOHN HARPER -- Chairman, Business Roundtable

E. DOUGLAS KENNA -- President, National Association of
Manufacturers

ARCH BOOTH -- President, U.S. Chamber of Commerce

SANDY TROWBRIDGE -- President, The Conference Board

WILLIAM TAYLOR -- President, American Society of
Association Executives

AGRICULTURE

1. WILLIAM KUHFUSS -- President, American Farm Bureau
2. SMALL FARMER -- See Tab A for selection of a small
farmer known to President from former
Congressional District.
3. JOHN SCOTT -- Master, National Grange
4. KENNETH D. NADEN -- Executive Vice President, National
Council of Farmer Cooperatives
5. TONY T. DECHANT -- President, Farmers' Union

ARTS

1. NANCY HANKS -- Chairman, National Endowment for
the Arts

BLACKS

1. ROY WILKINS -- Executive Director, National Association
for the Advancement of Colored People

2. VERNON JORDAN -- Executive Director, National Urban League
3. REVEREND JESSE JACKSON -- People's United to Save Humanity
4. HELEN EDMONDS -- LINKS, INC. (National social service organization) VP addressed at Hilton a month ago
5. DOROTHY HEIGHT -- National President, National Council of Negro Women

RELIGIOUS

1. JOHN CARDINAL KROL -- Chairman, National Conference of Catholic Bishops
2. PRESIDING BISHOP ALLIN -- Episcopal Church
3. BILLY ZEOLIE -- Evangelist
4. ARCHBISHOP YAKAVOS -- Greek Orthodox Church
5. -- President, National Council of the Churches of Christ

SCIENTIFIC COMMUNITY

1. HARVEY BROOKS -- Harvard
was the Dean of School of Engineering

EDUCATIONAL INSTITUTIONS

1. REVEREND THEODORE HESBURGH -- President, Notre Dame University
2. CLIFFORD WHARTON -- President of Michigan State University (Black)
3. MARTIN MYERSON -- President, University of Pennsylvania

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| ED LEVI | -- President, University of Chicago |
| 4. ROY HUDSON | -- President, Hampton Institute (Black) |
| 5. REVEREND ROBERT J.
HENLE | -- President, Georgetown University |
| 6. ELIZABETH J.
MCCORMACK | -- President, Manhattan College, NY |
| 7. ALEX HURD | -- President, Vanderbilt University |
| 8. RICHARD RICHARDSON | -- President, Northampton County
Community College |
| 9. GLEN A. OLDS | -- President, Kent State University |

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THE WHITE HOUSE

WASHINGTON

August 14, 1974

Mildred:

Per our discussion. Would appreciate any thoughts on whether these names are appropriate for the President to meet with individually. They are good representatives of small business and agriculture from his district.

Thank you.

Bill Baroody

FEDERAL ENERGY ADMINISTRATION

WASHINGTON, D.C. 20461

August 14, 1974

MEMORANDUM FOR: Bill Baroody
Assistant to the President

SUBJECT: Response to your Telephone Call of 9:00 A.M.,
this date, Regarding Suggestions

A. Small Businessman or Marketer/Retailer

1. Frank Fehsenfeld, Crystal Flash Inc. -- Independent petroleum product marketer in Grand Rapids -- contributing Republican -- worked closely with us during "Energy Crunch" -- extremely bright and articulate -- middle aged -- also has bituminous company in another state -- I highly recommend.
2. Frederick Meijer, President Meijer Thrifty Acres, Inc. -- President of large but local retail outlet chain -- we also worked closely with him during the "Energy Crunch" and with his attorney concerning difficulty in obtaining petroleum for his retail gasoline outlets -- has been a contributing Republican, but is somewhat of a fence-sitter -- has good ties with so-called liberal elements in the Grand Rapids metropolitan area -- highly respected and respectable.
3. David Meany, President of Kawasaki Mid-West (motor-cycle distributor based in Grand Rapids area) -- as with the above persons, Mr. Ford also personally knows Mr. Meany and participated at the grand opening for the facility now occupied by the company -- has been a contributor -- young, bright and articulate -- business appears thriving -- not positive on any substantive assist from former Congressman Ford other than participation at grand opening.
4. Jamie Ladd, Ladd Builders, Inc. -- nominal Republican -- young, bright and articulate -- head of family business -- has sought Ford assistance in past re home builders related questions.

5. John Ramjeet -- politics unknown, but definitely Ford leaning -- no known contribution record -- naturalized U.S. citizen of Indian descent -- real "American Firster" -- president of two nursing homes in the Grand Rapids metropolitan area -- Ford office has assisted in immigration problems regarding nurses to staff the two facilities.
6. Some Minority Businessmen who Mr. Ford knows and may have assisted in the past include:

Tom Williamson, Golden-Glow Tavern; Fred Tillman, Astronaut Painting; John Bankston, Grand Rapids Times (newspaper). If you are curious about these, I will discuss them on the phone.

B. Agriculture

1. Agriculture - Business

Larry Smith of Lake Odessa, Smith Bros. Elevators -- very loyal party member with good contribution record -- knows Ford personally -- has sought assistance at various times and made inputs to the Congressman on a timely basis.

2. Farmer

- a. Merlin Kraft of Sparta, Michigan -- fruit farmer -- very loyal Ford partisan and party worker -- well spoken and articulate -- middle aged -- has sought Ford assistance from time to time regarding fertilizers, pesticides, and other agricultural matters.
- b. John Westbrook, Ionia, Michigan, Ionia County Commissioner (R) and party worker -- middle aged -- very decent chap -- has sought the advice and counsel of the Ford office from time to time -- extremely loyal -- Ford partisan.
- c. Elton Smith of Caledonia -- President of Michigan Farm Bureau -- elderly -- not too articulate -- Ford knows well -- party contributor -- has high respect as farmer -- has never sought Ford but has made agricultural inputs to Ford on a timely basis.

C. Women

1. Mrs. ~~Merina~~ (Stella) Amann of Gentian Drive, S.E., Grand Rapids -- converted Democrat and loyal party worker (recently) after assist from Ford office in correcting immigration difficulty for her sister, after attorney's mis-handling -- thick Italian accent -- excitable -- attractive -- was a participant in the Ford testimonial dinner in Grand Rapids of this year.
2. Mary Ann Keeler, wife of the President of Keeler Brass, Inc. -- \$\$\$ -- middle aged -- articulate -- excellent contribution record -- has sought Ford assistance in art related endeavors and other cultural events in the Grand Rapids metropolitan area -- could be a good choice.
3. Phyliss Melinn -- has sought Ford assistance repeatedly with POW/MIA and her MIA son, Rick Medaris -- may be a less^a Ford sympathizer than previously -- should be handled carefully -- Ford knows personally -- no known partisan political participation -- envisions self as a modern day Joan of Arc regarding the MIA question.

If there are any questions or you wish to discuss the above, please call me on 254-7534.

Gordon E. Vander Till

Bill - this is rough copy, but I felt the ideas and not the form were important.

Gord Vander Till