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THE WHITE HOUSE
WASHINGTON

Mr. Buchen:

I slipped up on sending
up the wire copy. But attached
is a more complete story that
moved this afternoon.

Larry Speakes

~~File~~

Eva: Please file top
part with our copy
of ^{my} memo re access
to the papers.



WHITE HOUSE PAPERS LEAD
BY HARRY F. ROSENTHAL

WASHINGTON (AP) -- WHITE HOUSE OFFICIALS REINSTATED TODAY THE POLICY OF ALLOWING FORMER PRESIDENTIAL ASSISTANTS TO LOOK AT THEIR OWN FILES, AND THE FIRST TO TAKE ADVANTAGE OF THE DECISION WAS H.R. HALDEMAN.

HE ARRIVED AT THE BASEMENT VAULTS A FEW HOURS AFTER ATTORNEYS FOR FORMER WHITE HOUSE STAFF MEMBERS WERE NOTIFIED BY TELEPHONE THAT ACCESS, CUT OFF IN THE FINAL DAYS OF THE NIXON ADMINISTRATION, HAD BEEN RESTORED.

JOHN D. EHRLICHMAN AND GORDON STRACHAN, WHO WITH HALDEMAN AND THREE OTHERS ARE DEFENDANTS IN THE WATERGATE COVER-UP CASE, WERE EXPECTED ALSO TO PERUSE THE FILES SOON. EHRLICHMAN IS IN SEATTLE AND STRACHAN IN UTAH.

ANDREW C. HALL, EHRLICHMAN'S LAWYER, HAD COMPLAINED TO THE U.S. COURT OF APPEALS THAT HIS CLIENT WAS NOT ABLE TO LOOK AT HIS PAPERS. A WHITE HOUSE SPOKESMAN SAID AT THE TIME THAT PRESIDENT FORD'S COUNSEL, PHILIP BUCHEN, WAS REVIEWING THE MATTER.

THE PAPERS ARE STORED IN BASEMENT VAULTS IN THE EXECUTIVE OFFICE BUILDING, NEXT DOOR TO THE WHITE HOUSE.

AS WAS THE CASE BEFORE THE CUTOFF, HOWEVER, THE FORMER STAFFERS WERE NOT PERMITTED TO TAKE ALONG THEIR ATTORNEYS, WRITE NOTES OR PHOTOCOPY ANY DOCUMENTS. A SECRET SERVICE AGENT'S PRESENCE WAS REQUIRED.

"THE OLD RULES APPLY," SAID JOHN J. WILSON, HALDEMAN'S LAWYER. ASKED WHETHER HE WILL PROTEST THE POLICY, WILSON SAID, "WE'RE JUST HAPPY HE'S GETTING IN TO TAKE A LOOK."

ANOTHER OF THE ATTORNEYS IN THE CASE SAID HE RECEIVED A TELEPHONE CALL FROM THE WHITE HOUSE TODAY INFORMING HIM OF THE CHANGE IN POLICY. HE SAID HE EXPECTED A LETTER SETTING OUT THE RULES AFTER THE WEEKEND.

HALL'S COMPLAINT WAS IN A PETITION TO THE APPEALS COURT ASKING FOR A DELAY IN THE CRIMINAL CONSPIRACY TRIAL, ORIGINALLY SCHEDULED FOR SEPT. 9. THE COURT SUGGESTED A DELAY THURSDAY AND U.S. DISTRICT JUDGE JOHN J. SIRICA RESET THE TRIAL FOR SEPT. 30.

WHITE HOUSE PRESS SECRETARY JERALD R. TERHORST SAID BUCHEN HAD CONSULTED WITH FORD BEFORE NOTIFYING LAWYERS THAT THEIR DEFENDANT-CLIENTS COULD AGAIN SEE THEIR PAPERS.

TERHORST ALSO SAID NIXON HAD AGREED TO THE REOPENING OF THE FILES, BUT HE WAS UNABLE TO SPECIFY WHETHER BUCHEN HAD TALKED DIRECTLY TO THE FORMER PRESIDENT, WHO IS NOW IN SAN CLEMENTE, CALIF.

THE NEXT SEIZURE OCCURRED IN MAY WHEN VESCO'S FORMER PERSONAL PILOT, A.L. EISENHauer, WHO CLAIMED HE WAS OWED SOME \$65,000 IN BACK PAY, TOOK VESCO'S 707 FROM AN AIRPORT IN PANAMA AND FLEW IT TO NEW JERSEY. EISENHauer WAS OPERATING WITH THE APPROVAL OF A NEW JERSEY COURT CHARGED WITH SETTLING THE AFFAIRS OF A VESCOCONTROLLED CORPORATION KNOWN AS FAIRFIELD GENERAL.

THE LAVISHLY APPOINTED AIRCRAFT, COMPLETE WITH DISCOTHEQUE AND SAUNA BATH, HAS SINCE BEEN PLACED UNDER LIEN BY INTERNAL REVENUE SERVICE, WHICH HAS A CLAIM AGAINST VESCO FOR SOME \$800,000 IN UNPAID TAXES.

VESCO ALSO IS WANTED BY FEDERAL AUTHORITIES ON CHARGES ARISING FROM A SECRET \$200,000 CONTRIBUTION HE MADE TO FORMER PRESIDENT NIXON'S RE-ELECTION CAMPAIGN IN AN ALLEGED ATTEMPT TO INFLUENCE AN INVESTIGATION BY THE SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION. THAT INVESTIGATION RESULTED IN AN SEC SUIT AGAINST VESCO AND 41 OTHER DEFENDANTS ON CHARGES THAT THEY LOOTED THE IOS MUTUAL FUND COMPLEX, ORIGINALLY CREATED BY BERNARD CORNFELD, OF SOME \$224 MILLION IN CASH.

MUCH OF THAT MONEY WAS SPIRITED AWAY TO COSTA RICA AS PART OF VESCO'S PLAN TO SET UP A HAVEN SAFE FROM U.S. AUTHORITIES, THE SEC HAS CHARGED. FEDERAL PROSECUTORS HAVE ATTEMPTED UNSUCCESSFULLY TO EXTRADITE VESCO FROM BOTH COSTA RICA AND THE BAHAMAS. SOME SOURCES NOW ARGUE THAT EVIDENCE LINKING VESCO TO THE PURPORTED GUN-RUNNING OPERATION WOULD BE SUFFICIENT GROUNDS FOR EXTRADITION.

ACCORDING TO ONE SOURCE, THE GUNS ALLEGEDLY WERE FLOWN TO COSTA RICA FOR THE PURPOSE OF ARMING VESCO'S BODYGUARDS.

WITH THE SEIZURE OF THE LEAR JET WEDNESDAY, VESCO NO LONGER HAS ACCESS TO A PRIVATE AIRCRAFT, SOURCES INDICATED. HOWEVER, THE COURT-APPOINTED RECEIVER OF THE BOEING 707 SAID FRIDAY HE HAS RECEIVED FEELERS FROM ASSOCIATES OF VESCO SEEKING TO BUY BACK THE PLANE.



Ames

Wednesday 9/25/74

2:50 Mr. Casselman called to say he has a request from Gen. Haig to go into Room 84 (vault) and examine his National Security Council files. These are non-Watergate related files. Casselman doesn't believe we have the authority to say whether or not -- unless you have special information. Said he's on the way to the files now.

He said he will authorize him to go in if you feel he has the authority to do so.

2:53 Hazel Fulton -- in Room 84 -- is calling to ask if she can allow Gen. Haig to go into the vault. 6664



copy///

Bill Casselman:

Please call me on these.
should have copies?

Who else

P



Making copy for W.H.C.

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October 16, 1974

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

Dear Mr. Buchen:

During the last year I contacted Messrs. Buzhart and/or St. Clair a number of times regarding the release of materials to my client, John Dean, and belonging to him. Mr. St. Clair did arrange for some personal papers to be given to Mr. Dean and allowed him to look at others. However, I understand that my client has yet to have returned to him many personal items taken from his office when he was out of town testifying before a grand jury and terminated by Mr. Nixon on April 30, 1973.

This request is also made in connection with Mr. Dean's testimony now about to begin in the Watergate conspiracy trial before Judge Sirica.

On another subject and in connection with a motion I anticipate filing for Mr. Dean seeking a sentence reduction, I'd like the opportunity to discuss by phone or otherwise the possibility of my client listening to certain conversations between Messrs. Nixon, Haldeman and Erlichman, and my client and Mr. Nixon, which may have a bearing on the motion.

By copy of this letter I'm asking Mr. Dean to categorize the documents referred to in Paragraph 1 and identify (as best he can) the dates and times of the conversations referred to in Paragraph 3.



Honorable Philip W. Buchen
October 16, 1974
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Thank you for your consideration of these requests.

Sincerely,

SHAFFER, McKEEVER & FITZPATRICK

By: 
CHARLES NORMAN SHAFFER

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cc: Herbert J. Miller, Esquire
John W. Dean, III



THE WHITE HOUSE
WASHINGTON

November 25, 1974

Dear Mr. Strickler:

In response to your request to Mr. Shaw of my staff,
I am enclosing a photostatic copy of Mr. H. R.
Haldeman's request to be admitted to his files in
Room 522, Executive Office Building, dated
November 23, 1974.

Sincerely,



William E. Casselman II
Counsel to the President

Mr. Frank H. Strickler
Wilson and Carmody
815 15th Street, N.W.
Washington, D. C. 20005

Enclosure

bcc: Phil Buchen



(Nov 23, 1977)

I request admittance to my files
in EDB 572 on Saturday Nov. 23.
for the purpose of reviewing material
in connection with the current Watergate
conspiracy trial. I will be accompanied
by my attorney Mr. Frank Strickler

JR Holdman

We will not be reviewing files which
have been security classified.
NRH.



THE WHITE HOUSE

WASHINGTON

November 26, 1974

Dear Mr. Miller:

In accordance with the order of the United States District Court for the District of Columbia, entered November 7, 1974, in Nixon v. Sampson, C. A. No. 74-1518, this will inform you that on Thursday, November 21, 1974, a photostatic copy of each of the following documents was made:

1. John D. Ehrlichman's handwritten report of April 14, 1973, of his investigation of Watergate and Watergate-related activities.
2. A proposed newspaper advertisement dealing with Watergate allegations and facts concerning those allegations, prepared sometime between the Democratic National Convention and Labor Day, 1972.

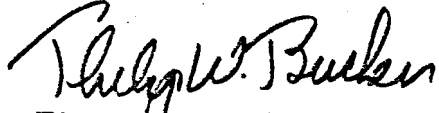
These reproductions were made in response to a subpoena issued upon application of John D. Ehrlichman and directed to me. Moreover, in response to a written request dated November 21, 1974, from Mr. Peter M. Kreindler, Counsel to the Special Prosecutor, a photostatic copy of item No. 1 above was turned over to the Special Prosecutor.

Additionally, on Saturday, November 23, 1974, Mr. H. R. Haldeman, a defendant in the Watergate criminal trial now pending before the Honorable John J. Sirica, requested and received admittance to Room 522, Old Executive Office Building, for the purpose of reviewing materials in the form



of handwritten notes from his files. Mr. Haldeman was accompanied by his attorney, Mr. Frank H. Strickler. Neither Mr. Haldeman nor Mr. Strickler requested any photostatic copies of materials from these files, and none were made.

Sincerely,



Philip W. Buchen
Counsel to the President

Herbert J. Miller, Esquire
Miller, Cassidy, Larroca & Lewin
1320 Nineteenth Street, N.W. - Suite 500
Washington, D. C. 20036

cc: Honorable Charles R. Richey
Judge, U. S. District Court
for the District of Columbia
Washington, D. C. 20001

Peter M. Kreindler, Esquire
Counsel to the Special Prosecutor
Watergate Special Prosecution Force
1425 K Street, N.W.
Washington, D. C. 20005



THE WHITE HOUSE
WASHINGTON

December 9, 1974

MEMORANDUM FOR:

Gertrude Brown Fry

FROM:

Philip W. Buchen *T.W.B.*

This will authorize the removal from Room 414, the Old Executive Office Building, of eight boxes of materials belonging to General Alexander M. Haig. It is my understanding that an archivist employed by the Office of Presidential Papers has already examined the contents of these boxes and has determined that they do not include any Presidential materials of the Nixon Administration, as covered by the Order of the United States District Court for the District of Columbia, as amended, entered October 22, 1974, in Nixon v. Sampson, et al., Civil Action Number 74-1518. However, prior to removal from Room 414 these items should be rechecked in your presence by an archivist employed by the Office of Presidential Papers, along with a representative of my office designated by William E. Casselman.

No other materials may be examined nor removed from this room.

cc: Thomas P. Wolf
H. S. Knight



THE WHITE HOUSE

WASHINGTON

December 11, 1974

Dear Mr. Ruth:

As I indicated by telephone to Mr. Carl Feldbaum of your office, this will confirm that Mr. Peter Flanigan has requested access to certain materials which were his files while a member of the White House staff. A copy of Mr. Flanigan's letter is attached.

Mr. R. Stan Mortensen, attorney for former President Nixon has consented to Mr. Flanigan's review of these materials.

Sincerely,



William E. Casselman II
Counsel to the President

Henry S. Ruth, Jr., Esquire
Special Prosecutor
1425 K Street, N.W.
Washington, D. C. 20005

cc: Honorable Charles R. Richey
Herbert J. Miller, Jr.

✓ bcc: Philip Buchen



THE WHITE HOUSE
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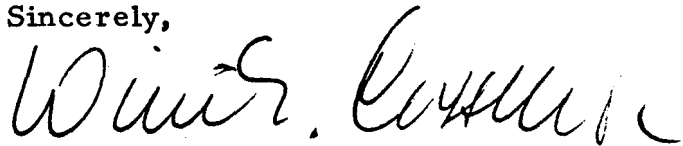
December 12, 1974

Dear Mr. Ruth:

In accordance with my telephone conversation today with Mr. Carl Feldbaum of your office, this will confirm that Mr. Peter Flanigan has requested access to certain materials which were his files while a member of the White House staff. A copy of Mr. Flanigan's letter is attached.

Mr. R. Stan Mortensen, attorney for former President Nixon, has consented to Mr. Flanigan's review of his materials, provided that no copies are to be made of the materials.

Sincerely,



William E. Casselman II
Counsel to the President

Honorable Henry S. Ruth, Jr.
Special Prosecutor
Watergate Special Prosecution Force
Department of Justice
1425 K Street, N. W.
Washington, D. C. 20005

cc: Honorable Charles R. Richey
Herbert J. Miller, Jr., Esq.



THE WHITE HOUSE

WASHINGTON

December 12, 1974

Dear Mr. Miller:

In response to a telephone conversation today between Mr. R. Stan Mortensen of your office and Mr. Barry N. Roth of my staff, enclosed is a copy of a letter from Mr. Peter M. Flanigan requesting access to certain materials contained in his files while a member of the White House staff.

Mr. Mortensen, as attorney for former President Nixon, indicated orally that he consented to Mr. Flanigan's request provided that no copies are to be made of any of these materials. This is to request written confirmation of this consent.

Sincerely,



Philip W. Buchen
Counsel to the President

Mr. Herbert J. Miller, Jr.
Miller, Cassidy, Larroca & Lewin
1320 - 19th Street, N.W., Suite 500
Washington, D.C. 20036



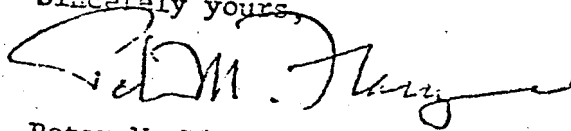
December 12, 1974

Honorable William E. Casselman, II
Counsel to the President
The White House

Dear Mr. Casselman:

In line with the ongoing investigations of the Watergate Special Prosecution Force I would appreciate the opportunity to review any papers in my former files in connection with my office's activities relating to the 1969 Tax Reform Act.

Sincerely yours,



Peter M. Flanigan
4801 Indian Lane, N.W.
Washington, D.C. 20016



THE WHITE HOUSE
WASHINGTON

January 6, 1975

Dear Mr. Miller:

Enclosed is a copy of a request from Bryce N. Harlow, a former member of the White House staff, to be afforded access to certain Presidential materials of the Nixon Administration which are currently subject to the Order of the United States District Court for the District of Columbia, entered October 21, 1974, as amended, in Nixon v. Sampson, et al., C.A. No. 74-1518. Pursuant to said Order, we would appreciate your promptly advising us as to whether you consent to this request for access.

Sincerely,



William E. Casselman II
Counsel to the President

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Enclosure

cc: Honorable Charles R. Richey
Honorable Henry S. Ruth

bcc: Phil Buchen



BRYCE N. HARLOW

January 6, 1975

The Honorable William E. Casselman II
Counsel to the President
The White House
Washington, D. C. 20500

Dear Mr. Casselman:

I hereby request permission to review my White House files for the period October - December 1969 in order to respond to interrogation by the Special Prosecutor's office, before a Grand Jury, on January 9 in respect to such activities as I might have been assigned relating to tax legislation during that period -- more specifically, relating to efforts I am alleged to have made to change the date of acceptability of Presidential papers for purposes of tax deductions. I have no records relating to my White House activities during this period and am, therefore, unable to be responsive to interrogation on this subject. I have no recollection at all of any significant aspect of the problem posed by the Special Prosecutor's office.

Please let me know as soon as you can so that, if permission can be granted, I will have adequate time to prepare for this interrogation.

Sincerely,

Bryce Harlow

BNH:sjs

THE WHITE HOUSE
WASHINGTON

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cc: Honorable Charles R. Richey
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BRYCE N. HARLOW

January 6, 1975

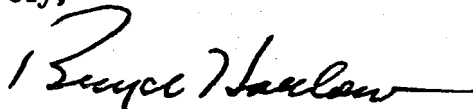
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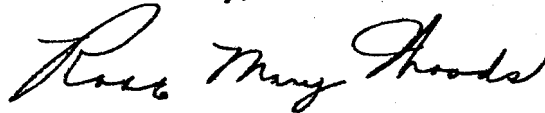
January 6, 1974

Dear Mr. Buchen:

As you will recall when you had the door of Room 175-1/2 locked and placed under your control on November 6, 1974, I explained that a great majority of the things in that room were my personal belongings. Among other things these personal papers include my own legal files (copies of testimony before various committees), xerox copies of bank statements and savings and loan statements submitted by those institutions at the time they were requested by the Ervin Committee.

There is some information contained in these papers that I need at the present time and I would be most grateful if you would make the necessary arrangements to make it possible for me to obtain them.

Sincerely,



Rose Mary Woods

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



Jan. 7, 1975

To: Bill Casselman

From: Eva

Mr. Buchen wanted you
to have this before
your 2:30 meeting.



THE WHITE HOUSE
WASHINGTON

See that Bill Casselman
gets copy of this
before the meeting
on this subject at
2:30 this p.m.
P.



THE WHITE HOUSE

WASHINGTON

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Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Rose Mary Woods".

Rose Mary Woods

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



February 7, 1975

MEMORANDUM FOR:

THE PRESIDENT

FROM:

PHILIP W. BUCHEN

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

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

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

I will keep you informed as to developments.

Attachments

PBuchen:sk 2/7/75



February 17, 1975

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

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

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

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

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

PWBuchen:ed



Note this was addressed
to Mr. Hills.



MEMORANDUM

THE WHITE HOUSE

WASHINGTON

May 23, 1975

MEMORANDUM FOR:

ROD HILLS

FROM:

DON RUMSFELD

Please give me a report on how you are doing on the problem of Rose Mary Woods not being able to get her private possessions back.



RHYNE & RHYNE

400 HILL BUILDING

WASHINGTON, D. C. 20006

(202) 347-7992

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August 4, 1975

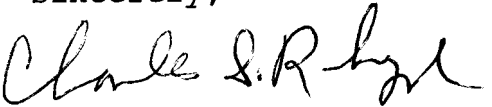
Philip W. Buchen, Esquire
Counsel to the President of the
United States
The White House
Washington, D.C.

Dear Mr. Buchen:

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

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

Sincerely,


Charles S. Rhyme

CSR:szm
enclosures



THE WHITE HOUSE
WASHINGTON

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August 5, 1975

MEMORANDUM FOR:

DON RUMSFELD

FROM:

PHILIP BUCHEN *R.W.B.*

SUBJECT:

Rose Mary Woods' Papers

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

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



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



MEMORANDUM

THE WHITE HOUSE

WASHINGTON

August 1, 1975

MEMORANDUM FOR:

PHIL BUCHEN
ROD HILLS

FROM:

DONALD RUMSFELD

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



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August 13, 1975

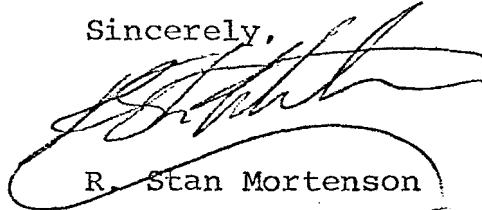
Philip W. Buchen, Esq.
Counsel to the President
The White House
Washington, D. C.

Dear Mr. Buchen:

We have received notification that Mr. Leonard Garment has requested that certain personal files and materials predating January 20, 1969 or Mr. Garment's tenure on the White House staff, which are still retained in the White House be returned to him. From the description it is clear that these materials are not "presidential materials of the Nixon Administration" and thus are not subject to the outstanding Court Orders in Nixon v. Sampson, et al. Moreover, I have been informed that the retrieval of these items would not entail the review of former President Nixon's presidential materials.

Under the circumstances I have no objection to the GSA returning Mr. Garment's materials, and waive my right to be present when the archivists obtain these materials from among his files.

Sincerely,



R. Stan Mortenson

RSM:tts

cc: Messrs. Casselman
and Wolf



access

*Noted
G.*

THE WHITE HOUSE
WASHINGTON

January 27, 1975

Dear Mr. Miller:

Enclosed is a copy of a letter from John D. Ehrlichman, a former member of the White House staff, requesting access to certain Presidential materials of the Nixon Administration which are currently subject to the Order of the United States District Court for the District of Columbia, entered October 21, 1974, as amended, in Nixon v. Sampson, et al., C.A. No. 74-1518. Pursuant to said Order, we would appreciate your promptly advising us as to whether you consent to Mr. Ehrlichman's request.

Sincerely,



William E. Casselman II
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Herbert J. Miller, Jr., Esq.
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Enclosure

cc: Honorable Charles R. Richey
Honorable Henry S. Ruth

bcc: Phil Buchen



January 27, 1975

Mr. William Castleman
The White House
Washington, D. C.

re: Access to White House records and files of
John Ehrlichman

Dear Sir:

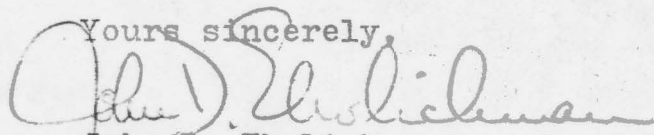
I request access to the notes, files and records which were made by me or under my direction while on the White House staff.

Information has been requested of me regarding former President Nixon's claim of various income tax deductions. I believe I should review my notes and files to determine if they contain any relevant information before giving testimony on this matter.

I will appreciate your expediting my request so that I can see these records during my current trip to Washington.

I am staying at the Mayflower Hotel. They are good about delivering messages when I am out.

Yours sincerely,


John D. Ehrlichman



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Barry,

May we have a copy of the response, if
any, for our files.

Thanks.

Shirley



attached along with a copy of
Jack Miller's letter denying Mouin

HR

THE WHITE HOUSE

WASHINGTON

April 24, 1975

*Nixon
to be read*

Dear Mr. Morin:

This is in response to your letter of April 7, 1975, in which you requested access to certain taped conversations between your client, Mr. Charles W. Colson, and former President Nixon. I understand that Herbert J. Miller, Jr., attorney for former President Nixon, has refused to consent to your request. Under the provisions of the Order of the United States District Court for the District of Columbia, entered October 21, 1974, as amended, in Nixon v. Sampson, et al., Civil Action No. 74-1518, I am, therefore, unable to make these recordings available to you.

Sincerely,

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*Just answer for
files. Jay +
Harry
done
again*

April 7, 1975

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

Dear Mr. Buchen:

I am representing Charles W. Colson in disciplinary proceedings presently pending before the Supreme Judicial Court of the Commonwealth of Massachusetts. In conjunction with those proceedings, I am most anxious to obtain access to the taped conversations between Mr. Colson and former President Nixon which have been subpoenaed and obtained by the Watergate Special Prosecution Force. I have made a request to that office for access to these materials, but they have declined on the ground that the materials were received pursuant to a trial subpoena and cannot be made available to third parties without the concurrence of counsel to Mr. Nixon and counsel to the President.

This is to request your consent that those tapes and transcripts be made available to the Supreme Judicial Court of the Commonwealth of Massachusetts for use in conjunction with Mr. Colson's disciplinary proceedings and for that reason alone. I have been assured by that court that the materials, if produced, would be held in camera and would not be exposed to public view.

I would appreciate your prompt response, inasmuch as an early hearing date has been set before the Massachusetts Court.

Very truly yours,

Charles H. Morin

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Attorney for Charles W. Colson



cc: Herbert J. Miller, Jr., Esq.

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April 9, 1975

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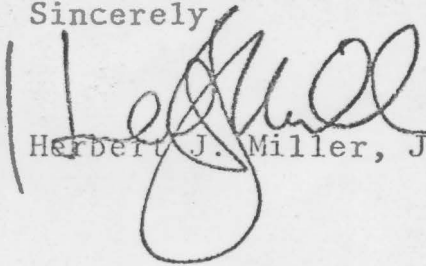
Dear Mr. Morin:

I have received your letter of April 7, 1975 in which you request access to the tape recorded conversations between Mr. Colson and former President Nixon that have been subpoenaed and made available to the Watergate Special Prosecution Force. I am sorry that I cannot accede to that request.

It has consistently been Mr. Nixon's position that the tape recordings of conversations between him and his advisors during his term as President are confidential and not subject to disclosure. As you are aware, in United States v. Nixon, 418 U.S. 683 (1974), the Supreme Court determined that the conversations are confidential but subject to subpoena upon a specific showing of materiality in a criminal prosecution.

In this regard, we have made certain taped conversations available to the Watergate Special Prosecution Force pursuant to subpoena request. However, Mr. Nixon's consent to the production of these conversations to the Special Prosecutor's office does not extend to any additional release thereof. Therefore, these conversations cannot be made available to your client.

Sincerely


Herbert J. Miller, Jr.

HJM/sb



Monday 11/10/75

2:05 John Wilson called to say he appreciated your nice reply to his letter concerning the Haldeman papers.

However, they don't want to do it that way. They want to bring in an old-fashioned replevin suit.

I checked with Barry to see if he could call Mr. Wilson; Barry said he would call Irv Goldbloom and see how he thought it should be handled.

Barry called Wilson and he was out of the office but will return the call tomorrow morning.



THE WHITE HOUSE
WASHINGTON

*Nixon
Papers*

October 21, 1975

Dear Mr. Wilson:

Thank you for your letter of October 8, 1975, requesting an opportunity for Mr. Haldeman to have access to his former files now maintained in Room 522 of the Old Executive Office Building, for the purpose of identifying those items which he feels are personal materials.

Your inquiry is appreciated. However, the White House remains subject to the Order of the United States District Court for the District of Columbia, entered October 21, 1974, as amended, in Nixon v. Sampson, et al., C.A. No. 74-1518. This Order prohibits any search, disclosure, transfer or disposal of "the Presidential materials of the Nixon Administration" except for certain limited purposes not present in your inquiry. We have been advised by the Department of Justice that this Order is applicable to this request in that access to the personal materials you seek also requires access to the restricted materials contained in Room 522. As you may be aware, Mr. Nixon is separately challenging the constitutionality of the Presidential Recordings and Materials Preservation Act, P.L. 93-526. As a result of the Act and the surrounding litigation, at this time it is not possible to define what are the personal materials of Mr. Nixon's staff and what are the official materials that are covered by the Order and the statute. Accordingly, we are unable to respond affirmatively to your request.

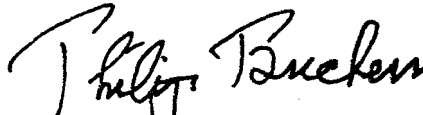
For your information, Miss Rose Mary Woods has recently been granted permission by the United States Court of Appeals for the District of Columbia Circuit and the District Court to intervene in Nixon v. Sampson, et al. for the purpose of seeking



to recover materials she believes are personal in nature and which she was required to leave behind upon her departure from the staff as a result of the above-referenced Order. Additional information on this matter can be obtained from Irwin Goldbloom, Esquire, Deputy Assistant Attorney General (Civil Division), Department of Justice, 739-3009.

I regret that we cannot be more responsive to your inquiry.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in dark ink, appearing to read "Philip W. Buchen". The signature is fluid and cursive, with the first name "Philip" and last name "Buchen" clearly legible.

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October 8, 1975

Philip W. Buchen, Esq.
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Dear Mr. Buchen:

It has been a long time since I last saw you, but I have been keeping up with your activities and those of President Ford, and I would like to say, Keep up the good work.

Bob Haldeman left the White House in April 1973 and at that time materials in his offices and files were taken into protective custody. Many of the items taken consisted of Mr. Haldeman's personal property, some of which was returned to him and some of which he believes is still in custody in Room 522 of the Executive Office Building.

The personal materials include: Books and periodicals; pictures; press clippings; personal correspondence and records; daily appointment books; personal notes and journals - written and on tape cassettes; personnel records; various memorabilia and mementoes; and personal office supplies.

The materials are not official papers in any sense. They are Mr. Haldeman's personal property, not that of the United States nor Mr. Nixon. They clearly fall within the definition of "personal papers" in the White

House General Information and Orientation Book which was in effect at the time and which was cited in the Special Prosecutor's affidavit on this subject filed in the recent conspiracy trial.

We are not able at this time to prepare a detailed listing or specific description of these materials because Mr. Haldeman has never conducted a full inventory of the materials in custody, so does not know all of what is there.

If Mr. Haldeman is permitted now to make such an inventory, with physical access to all the files and containers in Room 522 and any other locations where his materials may be stored, he could then draw up such a listing and make a formal request for the release to him of his personal materials.

As a first step, therefore, we request that Mr. Haldeman have such access, with the opportunity to make and take with him notes or written lists for use in preparing a request for release.

We expect Mr. Haldeman to be in Washington some time within the next two to four weeks, and we would like him to be granted access during this period. Accordingly, we would appreciate your early consideration of this matter.

With kindest personal regards. I remain

Sincerely yours,



John J. Wilson

THE WHITE HOUSE

WASHINGTON

December 4, 1975

INFORMATION

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

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



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UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT
FOR THE DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA

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RICHARD M. NIXON,
Plaintiff,
and
ROSE MARY WOODS,
Plaintiff-Intervenor,
v.
ARTHUR F. SAMPSON,
Administrator of General Services, et al.,
Defendants.

Civil Action Nos.
74-1518
74-1533
74-1551

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JAMES E. DAVEY, CLERK

ORDER GRANTING MOTION FOR JUDGMENT
ON THE PLEADINGS

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

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

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

Dec 2, 1975



U.S. DISTRICT COURT
FOR THE DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA

3:50 p.m.

Friday, December 5

Tom Wolff called to advise that the District Court had granted the stay on Miss Woods' case and it will not go to the Appeals Court.

He will get as a copy of the order.

