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Aug  
1974

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Benton

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(weekends)

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585-7732

Brothers:

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649-3205

Wallace Becker

774-7351

Stanley Becker

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585-7480

654-6619

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Nathan Silberberg

Di. 7-4550

Brother-in-law

Howard Silberg

525-5289

Dr. Allan Levey (Dentist)

299-8264

Potomac

Office:

839-9222

Secretary

Diane Keesee (unlisted number)

360-4177

Plays tennis

Indoor Tennis Club (McLean, Va.)

Dr. Warren Danick

Md. area

Dick Haber

(one of his law partners)

Bill Cramer



*Becker  
Benton*

Monday 8/19/74

7:20    Advised Benton Becker not to do anything --  
that it looks as though it will be unnecessary  
to do anything -- and that you said not to stand  
by.

If you need him, you can get him on the Bell Boy --    395-2000



Monday 9/23/74

*Becker*  
*Benton*

4:25 Jack Hushen called to say that Tim Robinson, a reporter for the Washington Post, talked with him and said the U. S. Attorney's office tried to make it known to Mr. Ford of its investigation of Mr. Becker last November. What he wants to know is -- was Mr. Ford ever put on notice of the problems Mr. Becker had with the U. S. Attorney's office?





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September 10, 1974

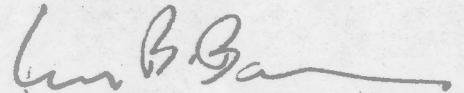
Philip W. Buchen, Esq.  
Chief White House Counsel  
The White House  
Washington, D.C.

Dear Mr. Buchen:

Would you be good enough to send me a copy of the pardon papers relating to former President Nixon, including the document setting forth his acceptance.

I gather from the press that such a formal acceptance was a condition to the pardon and I am interested in examining its language in view of my interest in the general subject of pardons and any litigation relating to it.

Very truly yours,



Leonard B. Boudin

lbb/gs

P.S. In addition to the above, I would appreciate your forwarding immediately the transcripts of the press conference you and Mr. Benton L. Becker held in regard to the pardon of former President Nixon.



September 24, 1974

*Becker /  
Benton*

Dear Mr. Boudin:

Thank you very much for your letter of September 10th concerning the pardon granted to the former President by President Ford. I have enclosed all the various documents which you requested.

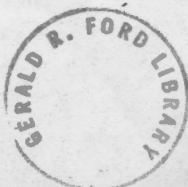
I would like to point out that Mr. Becker did not participate in the press conferences to which you referred. Second, the former President could have rejected the pardon, but as a practical matter it was known through his attorney that he would not elect to do so. I would point out that there were no conditions for the pardon.

Your inquiry is appreciated.

Most sincerely yours,

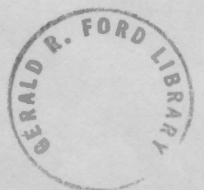
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10/9/74

Dictated over  
the phone  
by Benton Becker  
as the papers  
in his possession  
having to do with the  
pardon.



October 9, 1974

Copy of the Nixon statement that came over the Telex

Copy of the Nixon statement which Becker brought back from San Clemente

Copy of the President's statement of September 8, 1974

Copy of Phil Buchen's statement of September 8, 1974

Copy of what appears to be draft No. 1 of Nixon's Sampson letter prepared by Miller with numerous notations and deletions included therein.

Copy of final draft of Nixon-Sampson letter

Original of my bill at the San Clemente Inn

Receipt from Sargent Jenkins for Mess aboard Air Force Plane

Copy of four-page document captioned "Personal Memorandum of Counsel to the President" (prepared as talking paper by Buchen for Oval Office meeting)

Longhand copy of Law Review annotations re pardon

Xerox copy of Presidents Madison, Adams and other pardons

Xerox copy of Burdick v. U.S.

Xerox copies of Supreme Court briefs in Burdick v. U.S.

Receipt for xeroxing expenses incurred at the Supreme Court

Very fond memories that are fading very quickly!!!



10/9/74

Benton Becker dictated a statement over the phone  
(filed in safe)



Becker  
Benton

September 27, 1974

To: Anne Kamstra

From: Eva Daughtrey

As I mentioned, Benton Becker's secretary, Diane Keesee, is going on maternity leave today and they are having a party for her at the office.

Since the time is too short to get an autographed picture of the President for the party, it would be appreciated if the President could autograph one to be forwarded to her at a later date --

"With best wishes and  
appreciation ---

Thanks for your help.





Wednesday 1/15/75

Becker  
Benton

6:00 Benton Becker called to ask how you are and to say "hello."

Wanted you to know he thought the President's State of the Union message was an excellent speech -- the delivery and substance both -- and you know he wouldn't say that if he didn't feel that way.

Said he hadn't had a quiet lunch or dinner with you for a long time -- will call you some time next week to see if you can get together just to talk.





Becker  
Benton

Wednesday 1/29/75

11:35 Mike Milwee called again -- wanted to mention that Mrs. Smith was also talked to about the matter and was amenable.



Wednesday 1/29/75

10:35 Mike Milwee called from Benton Becker's office.

Benton asked him to call and let you know that they had discussed the plans for the President and the campaigns upcoming with Mr. Hartmann. They are in some sort of agreement and will put it in a memo. They are also going to be dealing with the New York State Republican Cmte. about taking care of the privity problem (contract law).

Benton is in Florida -- will be back in the office on Monday, February 10.

I told him we had called the office earlier and had a number where we could reach Benton in Florida -- he (Mike) said he might save you a little if you'd like to talk with ~~you~~ him.



*Becker?*  
*Benton*

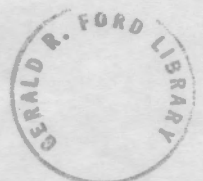
Tuesday 9/24/74

2:20 Tim Robinson of the Washington Post to ask a question concerning Benton Becker.

223-7903

Asked whether Mr. Ford was informed at any time that Benton Becker was under investigation.

According to him, the U. S. Attorney's office made several attempts to inform Mr. Ford last November during the confirmation hearings that Mr. Becker was under investigation for several possible criminal charges. He also said he knew that the word was passed to several people and "Mr. Buchen discussed it with Mr. Becker at the time." Mr. Robinson wants to know whether the word ever got to Mr. Ford at the time -- at any time.





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July 7, 1975

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RE: RECEIPT OF PHOTOGRAPH OF PHILIP W. BUCHEN

Dear Phil:

This letter shall serve three purposes. They are: (1) to thank you for the handsome photograph of yourself which you caused to be delivered to me; (2) to compliment Dave Kennerly--Susan Ford and the photography industry in general for the miracles that they are able to accomplish; and (3) to advise of the perplexing problem the photograph has caused me since its receipt.

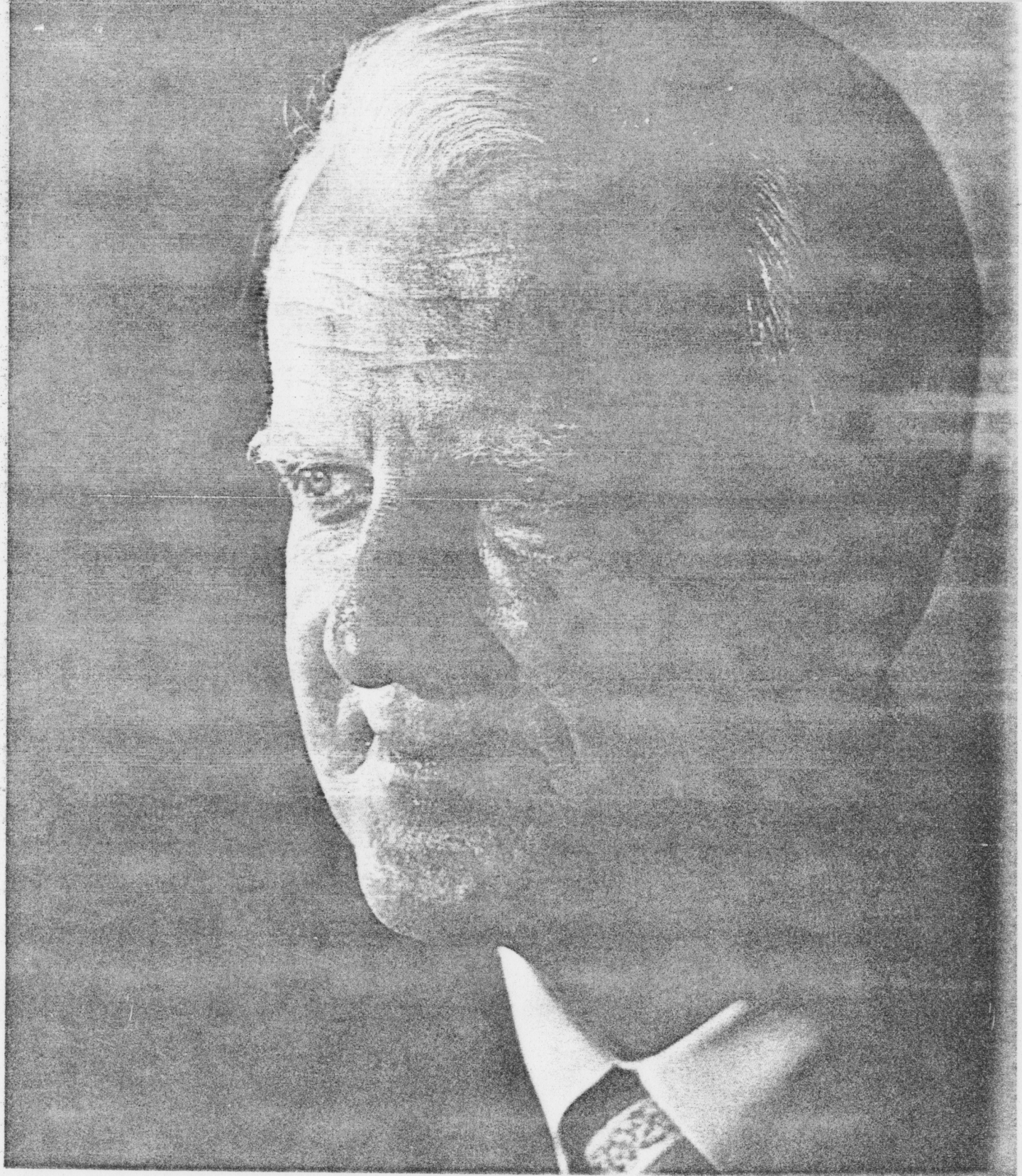
The photograph, after being appropriately framed, has been hung on the wall in my den. On the adjacent wall hangs the photograph of President Ford, similarly, appropriately framed. The two photographs are separated by an attractive sofa which my wife and I purchased several years ago for \$400.00. Often, when I sit in that den and gaze at the wall containing your two pictures, separated by a \$400.00 sofa, I frequently imagine that I am a young, struggling attorney working in the prestigious offices of the prestigious law firm of Ford and Buchen. That speculation is short-lived and I return to reality when I recall that the prestigious law firm of Ford and Buchen never grossed \$400.00.

Very fondest personal regards,

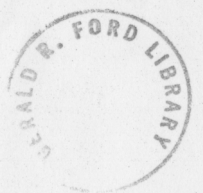
  
BENTON L. BECKER

BLB/lkb





To Benton Becker  
with fond memories  
of our "teamwork"  
experiences Phil Buchen



Friday 9/10/76

5:50 Benton Becker dropped this letter off.  
It is Judge Alexander's official resignation  
letter. He also left a copy of the  
announcement which was made at 5 o'clock  
this afternoon.

Benton said he is a very nice man -- and  
it would be extremely nice if a letter  
could be sent from the President.

Thought you might want to alert Ron Nessen  
also.





*Becker.  
Benton*

Friday 12/3/76

Pres. Meeting  
Benton Becker  
12/8/76  
4:30 p.m.

11:15 I advised Benton Becker that he has an appointment with the President on December 8 at 4:30 p.m. for 15 minutes.

(Benton had asked Dick Cheney for some private minutes to say goodbye to the President.)

