

The original documents are located in Box 18, folder “Intergovernmental Affairs (4)” of the James M. Cannon Files at the Gerald R. Ford Presidential Library.

Copyright Notice

The copyright law of the United States (Title 17, United States Code) governs the making of photocopies or other reproductions of copyrighted material. Gerald Ford donated to the United States of America his copyrights in all of his unpublished writings in National Archives collections. Works prepared by U.S. Government employees as part of their official duties are in the public domain. The copyrights to materials written by other individuals or organizations are presumed to remain with them. If you think any of the information displayed in the PDF is subject to a valid copyright claim, please contact the Gerald R. Ford Presidential Library.

[Aug. 1976]

20. FISCAL RESPONSIBILITY (Revised) ✓

- WHEREAS, the balanced budget concept has certain merits but obvious counter-productive elements, and a more moderate approach to control the growing federal budget problem could span the lines of a non-partisan effort for the benefit of all Americans,
- WHEREAS, overexpenditures by the Federal government necessitate an ever-increasing national deficit, and the American taxpayers are adversely affected by a lack of private investment capital absorbed by federal borrowing,
- WHEREAS, federal expenditures substantially control the volume of spendable monies available for use in the private sector, and spendable private monies have fallen victim to inflation, increased federal spending and revenue collections simultaneously, and
- WHEREAS, public awareness and concern continue to mount and are overtly expressed in a fluctuating consumer-investor market, and
- WHEREAS, it is essential to restrict the growth of spending of the Federal Government to the growth rate of our national economy.

BE IT RESOLVED THAT the Southern Governors' Conference hereby petitions the Congress of the United States to pass the following proposed Constitutional Amendment and present it to the States for ratification.

Expenditures in any fiscal year by the federal government for all purposes (except the repayment of debt) shall not exceed thirty-three and one third percent (33 1/3%) of the average national income for the three prior calendar years.

To provide for national emergencies or war, this limit may be exceeded, but all expenditures in excess of thirty three and one third percent must be passed by a two-thirds vote of each House.

*Considered
not to restrict
fiscal powers*



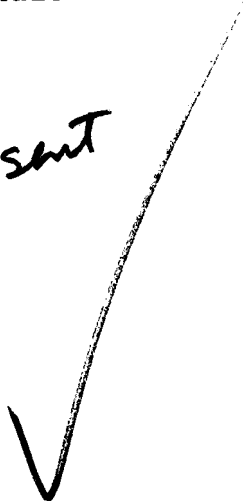
THE WHITE HOUSE
WASHINGTON

TO: RAY HANZLIK

FROM: JIM CANNON

Hasn't this been handled?

?
yes - Steve sent
a ltr



Intergov'l

August 2, 1976

Dear Governor Tribbitt:

The President has asked me to respond to the letter from Corporal Samuel Frankel, Jr. of July 16 in which he expressed concern over the security measure taken for the President's visit to the All-Star Game and an apparent imposition on you upon your departure from the stadium. I am sorry if this incident caused some inconvenience to you, and I assure you there was no malice intended by the Secret Service agents.

I am sure you can understand the problem of security for the President as such an event, and at times situations do arise where personal inconvenience occurs.

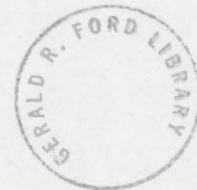
I hope that this letter will allay any concern that you or your staff might have had over the intent of the security agents accompanying the President.

Sincerely,

Stephen G. McConahey
Special Assistant to the President
for Intergovernmental Affairs

The Honorable Sherman W. Tribbitt
Governor of Delaware
Dover, Delaware

cc: William Simon
Stuart Knight



THE WHITE HOUSE

WASHINGTON

July 23, 1976

MEMORANDUM FOR:

JACK MARSH ✓
JIM CANNON ✓
RAY HANZLIK

FROM:

PHILIP BUCHEN P. ✓

SUBJECT:

Governor Tribbitt's Security
Incident

After reading Ray Hanzlik's memorandum on this subject, my suggestion is that we not leave the problem in the hands of Mr. Knight, and that a letter be drafted for the President's signature with blind copies to Secretary Simon and Mr. Knight. 11



July 20, 1976
STATE OF DELAWARE
EXECUTIVE DEPARTMENT
DOVER

SHERMAN W. TRIBBITT
GOVERNOR

July 16, 1976

MEMORANDUM FOR: JIM CANNON
FROM: RAY HANZLIK
SUBJECT: Governor Tribbitt
Security Incident



Mr. H. Stuart Knight
U. S. Secret Service
Treasury Department
1800 G Street N.W.
Washington, D.C.

The attached letter from Governor Sherman Tribbitt's Security Chief to Stuart Knight describes an unfortunate incident between our Secret Service Agents and the Governor at the recent All-Star Baseball Game in Philadelphia. I am bringing to your attention an incident that took place at the All-Star Baseball Game in Philadelphia on July 16, 1976.

This is forwarded for your information. Unless you suggest otherwise, we will not respond to this matter but leave the problem in the hands of Mr. Knight.

At the end of the eighth inning, Governor Sherman W. Tribbitt, Governor of the State of Delaware and whom it is my responsibility to protect and serve, left his seat to leave the game. Our official vehicle was parked within a restricted area approximately 100 feet from the President's vehicle.

Our attempt to exit through the Phillies' Executive offices was blocked by U. S. Secret Service agents who had secured the corridor within. We then exited through a police exit and then proceeded to our vehicle. Governor Tribbitt, accompanied by two members of his Executive Security detail, was stopped at a security perimeter by a U.S.S.S. agent. Your agent refused to allow our passage to our vehicle and forced our Governor to wait at a barricade for at least 15 minutes until the President's departure.

I appreciate your responsibility because I have similar responsibilities to my Governor. However, how can you justify the fact that four hours prior to this incident, Governor Tribbitt -- accompanied by his Security -- was socializing with the President at a reception in the Phillies' Executive Suite? Yet a short time later, the Governor was not allowed to walk by the President's empty limousine to get to his own official vehicle.



STATE OF DELAWARE
EXECUTIVE DEPARTMENT
DOVER

SHERMAN W. TRIBBITT
GOVERNOR

July 16, 1976

Mr. H. Stuart Knight
U. S. Secret Service
Treasury Department
1800 G Street N.W.
Washington, D.C.



Dear Mr. Knight:

I wish to bring to your attention an incident that took place at the All-Star Baseball Game in Philadelphia on July 13, 1976. Obviously, it is far too late to rectify this specific problem; but I hope bringing this to your attention will prevent similar incidents from occurring in the future.

At the end of the eighth inning, Governor Sherman W. Tribbitt, Governor of the State of Delaware and whom it is my responsibility to protect and serve, left his seat to leave the game. Our official vehicle was parked within a restricted area approximately 100 feet from the President's vehicle.

Our attempt to exit through the Phillies' Executive offices was blocked by U. S. Secret Service agents who had secured the corridor within. We then exited through a police exit and then proceeded to our vehicle. Governor Tribbitt, accompanied by two members of his Executive Security detail, was stopped at a security perimeter by a U.S.S.S. agent. Your agent refused to allow our passage to our vehicle and forced our Governor to wait at a barricade for at least 15 minutes until the President's departure.

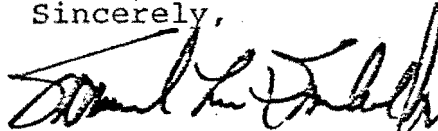
I appreciate your responsibility because I have similar responsibilities to my Governor. However, how can you justify the fact that four hours prior to this incident, Governor Tribbitt -- accompanied by his Security -- was socializing with the President at a reception in the Phillies' Executive Suite? Yet a short time later, the Governor was not even allowed to walk by the President's empty limousine to get to his own official vehicle.

July 16, 1976

I would like to remind you that as your agents and the President travel throughout our country, you are guests of one state or another. Without our support on the local level, your job is impossible.

I suggest that you do two things...first, that you formally apologize to Governor Tribbitt on behalf of your agency, and second, that you instruct your agents to use common sense and common courtesy when dealing with Governors and their Security.

Sincerely,



Cpl. Samuel Lee Frankel, Jr.
Executive Security

SLF/mrw

cc: President Gerald Ford
The White House
Washington, D.C.



THE WHITE HOUSE
WASHINGTON

August 13, 1976

File -
Interqu.

U
H
Queen

MEMORANDUM FOR: JIM CANNON
FROM: RAY HANZLIK ~~MA~~
SUBJECT: Mayor Rodgers of Spokane

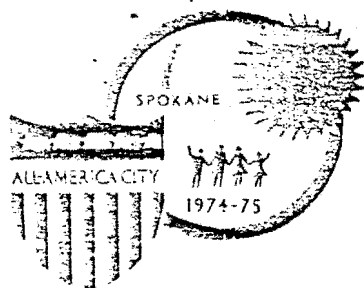
Attached is a letter received from Mayor Dave Rodgers of Spokane, Washington, which includes some information on his Vice Presidential recommendations.

I passed this on to the Steve in Kansas City, and he suggested that I also give this information to you, to pass on to the appropriate people here.

Attachment

Ray
Thanks
Jim





David H. Rodgers, Mayor

SPECIAL DELIVERY

August 11, 1976

Mr. Ray Hanzlik
Domestic Council
The White House
Washington, D.C. 20500

Dear Ray:

Thank you for the courtesy of your time during my visit to Washington last week. I appreciated your efforts to arrange an appointment for me with Assistant Secretary Eden. Unfortunately, the only time his schedule permitted a visit was in the middle of a meeting of my committee at the National League of Cities, and we could not get together.

I did have an opportunity to visit with our Congressional delegation and they will be in touch with his office. Also, I have written to Mr. Eden, thanking him for offering the time. A copy is attached.

On another subject, you and I did discuss my enthusiasm for our good Governor, Dan Evans. I am also attaching a copy of my acknowledgment of President Ford's request for my choices for Vice President. I have circled the last paragraph in red. It describes an interesting and unique wrinkle in Dan Evans' background. I am hopeful that this incident in his career can be put before those making the Vice Presidential decision.

Again, Ray, many thanks for your help.

Sincerely yours,

Mayor

Attachments (2)



August 9, 1976

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

My dear Mr. President:

You will find below my choices for the Vice Presidential nomination. They are listed in order of preference.

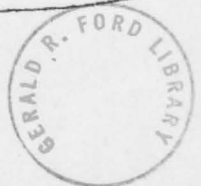
Daniel J. Evans
Howard Baker
Elliott Richardson
John Connally
Nelson Rockefeller

My favorite, of course, is Dan Evans who has served as Governor of the State of Washington for an unprecedented three consecutive terms. This is a remarkable accomplishment in a state that is heavily Democratic. Both of our Senators and all but one of our Congressmen are Democrats and have been throughout Dan's twelve years in office. He is an intensely hard-working individual who reads all the fine print. Some of those who disagree with him have applied the nickname "Straight Arrow," which is a carryover from his Eagle Scout days and a grudging admiration for his integrity and his determination to play it straight.

During the roll call of states at the 1968 Republican convention, Governor Evans refused to cast his ballot for Richard Nixon. This received nationwide television coverage at the time. Some re-runs of these film clips would be a very helpful offset to the Watergate issue.

Sincerely yours,

Mayor



Mayors
Interquern.

THE WHITE HOUSE
WASHINGTON

August 13, 1976

MEMORANDUM FOR: WARREN K. HENDRIKS
FROM: RAY HANZLIK *MA*
SUBJECT: "Ed Ray Day"



As you can see from the attached file, the President has been invited to attend the Chowchilla, California celebration honoring the bus driver and 26 students who were abducted from their school.

As the letter from Mayor Dumas indicates, this event should receive considerable state-wide media attention. Furthermore, this community has an especially strong feeling of appreciation for the President who responded promptly at the time of the tragedy.

While it appears unlikely that the President himself can attend (see Nicholson's response), we think it would be a mistake not to take advantage of this unique event to demonstrate Presidential interest in a highly visible human interest story. Is there any chance of Mrs. Ford or another member of the First Family attending on behalf of the President?

~~Please give this some quick consideration, and I will~~ *give you a call later in the day to discuss it further.* *
In the meantime, we want to delay sending out Nicholson's letter.

Attachments

cc: Jim ~~Cavanaugh~~ ✓
Cannon

Jim: I'll give you a report on this after talking with Hendriks. *RAA*

THE WHITE HOUSE

WASHINGTON

August 12, 1976

Dear Mayor Dumas:

On behalf of the President, I wish to acknowledge and thank you for your kind invitation to participate in "Ed Ray Day" on August 22, when you will honor the heroic driver for his part in the rescue of students from the Dairyland School.

The President is pleased to have this cordial invitation, and, if circumstances permitted, he would like very much to join you on the 22nd. Regrettably, though, he will not be able to plan to be with you in view of existing schedule commitments. He warmly thanks you for writing, however, and sends best wishes to both you and Mr. Ray.

Sincerely,

William W. Nicholson
Director
Scheduling Office

The Honorable Jim Dumas
Mayor
145 Robertson Boulevard
Chowchilla, California 93610



Inv. to P. to attend "Ed Ray Day" in Chowchilla,
California, honoring bus driver who assisted in
rescuing kidnapped children, to be held August 22nd.

SCHEDULING ROUTING MEMO

Subject: _____ Originator: Jim Dumas, Mayor
of Chowchilla

To Individual Processed
XX W. Nicholson 8/9/76

Comments _____

____ W. Hendriks _____

____ Staff to: _____

3. Eliska for MSQ

____ H. Donaldson _____

____ M. Widner _____

2 M. Rawlins Report that

____ N. Gemmell due to pres.

____ L. Goltra Sch. COMMIT.

____ The P. will
BE UNABLE.

Return to: _____

Action: H. thru St. McDonough

bef. disp.



City of Chowchilla

Incorporated in 1923

145 ROBERTSON BOULEVARD
CHOWCHILLA, CALIFORNIA 93610

Phone 209 665-4816

ACTION

T/D

SCHEDULE 4 August 1976

DATE RECEIVED

AUG 9 1976

MESSAGE

SPEAKERS BUREAU

OTHER

8/22/76
Invitation
The Honorable Gerald R. Ford
President, The United States
The White House,
Washington, D. C.

The community of Chowchilla, California, has finalized plans for "Ed Ray Day", a day set aside to honor ~~Mr. Frank Edward~~ Ray, the bus driver, and the 26 students who were abducted from the Dairyland School near here.

This event has been scheduled for August 22nd, and the people of this community extend a personal invitation for you to attend. We realize your time is scheduled closely, and this is short notice, however, we are hopeful you may be with us for this affair.

There will be national television, newspaper and magazine coverage of "Ed Ray Day", and this exposure surely would help you in your campaign for the presidency. This is a predominantly democratic area dominated largely by the McClatchy Newspapers and television stations and it is my opinion, as a Republican and mayor of this little town, that your honoring us with your presence could help you also.

The schedule of events begin at 11:30 A.M. with a short parade down Robertson Boulevard (our main street) and out Third Street to the Chowchilla Fairgrounds. A short worship service will follow the parade with awards to Mr. Ray and the children to begin at 12:30 P.M. Following the awards, a barbecue beef dinner will be served to all in attendance at 1:30 P.M. We are planning for 5,000 to be present, and more if you came.

We are hopeful, Mr. President, that you may attend this affair. We can think of no greater honor for Mr. Ray and the children than having you appear here to assist in the honors which they so richly deserve. There have been many hundreds of telephone calls to my office and me from three foreign countries and all 50 states, so the world has been, and still is, interested in this abduction. Nothing has



united this country more since Pearl Harbor than the kidnapping of this bus driver and the 26 children.

It would assist us greatly in making additional plans if you would kindly have one of your assistants telephone me at 209-665-3786 and let us know of your decision. The earlier the better for us to make plans for your visit here.

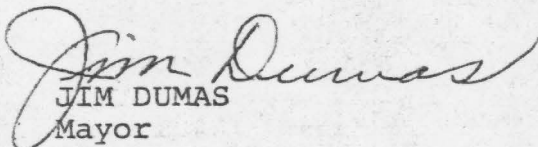
Again, Mr. President, by showing your concern for the welfare of Mr. Ray and the children, this could help you carry the State of California which could certainly assist measurably in your campaign. It could help you in all 50 states.

Whether you come or not, we would like to thank you for ordering the FBI into this case as quickly as you did. We are all deeply grateful for that action on your part..

The three suspects are here in Chowchilla at this moment for arraignment. The community is more relaxed now that they are in jail.

Hoping to see you here on August 22nd, I remain

Sincerely yours,


JIM DUMAS
Mayor

file Aug 22
B-B-Q Postponed to Aug 22
7/21/76
to S. Porten

THE WHITE HOUSE
WASHINGTON

July 20, 1976

file Aug 1st

MEMORANDUM FOR: MAX FRIEDERSDORF

THROUGH: CHARLES LEPPERT, JR. *Cals.*

FROM: PATRICK ROWLAND *PR*

SUBJECT: Rep. Bernie Sisk (D-Calif.)

Edward Ray is the school bus driver and hero of the Chowchilla, California, kidnapping. According to Bernie Sisk, it is the feeling of the police that if it had not been for the coolness of the bus driver, this whole incident may have ended in tragedy.

To honor the bus driver, there will be a celebration in Chowchilla on August 1, 1976, proclaiming Edward Ray Day, with appropriate ceremonies and a county-wide Bar-B-Q. The Mayor of the city, Jim Dumas, will be calling Steve McConahey to invite the President to attend the celebration. Knowing that the President's schedule will not permit such a visit, Bernie asks that we consider sending a stand-in, perhaps Steve Ford, to represent the President.

From my personal reading of the Los Angeles area newspapers, this event is attracting statewide publicity and our participation would certainly help counteract the ill feeling that was generated when Kelly yanked the FBI off the case.

After the official call comes in from Dumas, McConahey's office will alert me so that our two offices can coordinate some type of appropriate response.

209 - 665-4816



THE WHITE HOUSE

WASHINGTON

TELEPHONE CALL RECOMMENDATION

TO: Frank Edward Ray, the kidnapped driver of the school bus lost Friday and Saturday in Chowchilla, California

RECOMMENDED

BY: William W. Nicholson

PURPOSE: To show the President's concern for the bus driver and the 26 children kidnapped last weekend.

BACKGROUND: Last Friday three still unknown men ambushed a school bus of children returning home from summer sessions. The children and their bus driver were transferred from the school bus to smaller vans and transported to a quarry near Livermore, California where they were forced to enter a old moving van buried six feet underground. With the help of the older students, Ray opened the van which was sealed with steel plates. The students were reunited with their families in the early morning hours on Sunday.

Chowchilla, a small farm community in the San Joaquin Valley, has a population slightly under 5,000. It is a middle income community with an economy almost entirely based on citrus orchards, dairy farms, grain and cotton.

TALKING
POINTS:

1. Mr. Ray, I wish to congratulate you on your courage and stamina during the ordeal this weekend. I understand that you have been driving for the Dairyland Union School District for nearly 26 years. How do you feel about the experience?

2. Please express to the children and the parents my deep concern and sense of thankfulness that all the children are unharmed and reunited with their families.

Date of submission -- July 20, 1976



ACTION _____

THE WHITE HOUSE
WASHINGTON

*Note dictated
on 5/11/68*

Mr. Cannon:

Ray called after this memo was brought over. He said that these letters ought to go out next week, which means that this should be signed before you go to Kansas City.

*Put in safe
note to KEIS*

k

*see
about*

*Ms
Saturday*



This South

THE WHITE HOUSE

WASHINGTON

August 25, 1976

MEMORANDUM FOR: JIM CANNON
FROM: STEVE McCONAHEY
SUBJECT: GUAM

SM

Attached is a draft memorandum from you to General Scowcroft, suggesting that NSC assume responsibility for Guam.



Attachment

File - Interquern.

THE WHITE HOUSE

WASHINGTON

Dear Ralph:

I want you to know that I appreciate your continued support as expressed in your recent statements and actions following my veto of the Public Works Employment Act of 1976. Knowing the sympathies of most Mayors on that legislation, I think your position was courageous and it is appreciated.

I am firmly committed to developing and revitalizing our cities, and I believe we are taking the right approach to this vital area of concern. The support we have received from you and your Republican colleagues in the Conference continues to be very important.

Again, my personal thanks for your continued, active support.

Sincerely,

Honorable Ralph Perk
Mayor of Cleveland
Cleveland, Ohio

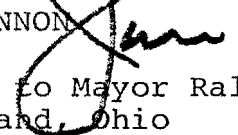


SIGNATURE

THE WHITE HOUSE
WASHINGTON

August 30, 1976

MEMORANDUM FOR THE PRESIDENT

FROM: JIM CANNON 
SUBJECT: Letter to Mayor Ralph Perk
Cleveland, Ohio

Attached for your signature is a letter to Mayor Ralph Perk thanking him for his continued support and recent statements supporting your veto of the Public Works Employment Act of 1976.

Doug Smith has approved the letter.

RECOMMENDATION

That you sign the attached letter.



attachment

D R A F T

THE WHITE HOUSE
WASHINGTON

DECISION

August 31, 1976

MEMORANDUM FOR THE PRESIDENT

FROM: JIM CANNON

SUBJECT: Compact of Permanent Union Between
Puerto Rico and the U.S.

Senator Jackson, Chairman of the Senate Interior Committee, has asked that someone from the Administration come before his committee in September to testify as to the Administration position on the Compact of Permanent Union between Puerto Rico and the U.S.

The Administration is obligated to make a comment on the proposed compact by October 1, 1976.

My recommendation is that Paul O'Neill appear as the principal Administration witness on this complex, highly sensitive and costly proposal.

(OMB) and (Max Friedersdorf) concur.

Approve _____

Disapprove _____

