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THE WHITE HOUSE
WASHINGTON

August 22, 1974

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MEMORANDUM FOR: WILLIAM E. TIMMONS
FROM: JERRY H. JONES
SUBJECT: Rockefeller

Your memorandum to the President of August 21 on the above subject has been reviewed.

cc: Al Haig

THE WHITE HOUSE

WASHINGTON
August 21, 1974

*Pres has
seen
BT [Signature]*

MEMORANDUM FOR THE PRESIDENT

FROM: William E. Timmons

SUBJECT: Rockefeller

I think you'll be interested in some of the
Senate reactions to your nomination of
Governor Rockefeller to be Vice President.

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August 21, 1974

MEMORANDUM FOR: WILLIAM E. TIMMONS
FROM: TOM C. KOROLOGOS
SUBJECT: Damage Assessment on Rocky & Other Firestorms

Bill Scott (R-Va): "I'm afraid I might have to vote against Rockefeller... I don't understand it."

Goldwater (R-Ariz): "You can kiss the Republican Party goodbye. He left the party three times and now he gets the cream and sugar. I can live with him but I can't support him. Ford should have picked a younger guy. Frankly, I don't know how I can go home to Arizona now."

(Later to Senate Colleagues, in the Cloakroom):

"Amnesty and Rockefeller in the same 24-hour period is a bit much."

Baker (R-Tenn): "Good for him... that's fine."

(Later at the Mansfield reception):

"I'd like to have Rocky come to our Tennessee convention..."

Brock (R-Tenn): (At the Mansfield reception in response to Baker):

"You invite him... I don't want to... my calls and wires are running 50-1 against him already."

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Eastland (D-Miss): "Ah guess he's awright...ah guess so."

Tower (R-Tex): "Ok, fine. I think it's a good choice and I support it."

Bennett (R-Utah): "Ok, but you're in for a lot of fun. It sounds a bit 'Jerry-built' to me...and don't tell anybody I used that awful pun."

Cannon (D-Nev): "Ok, fine choice."

Cook (R-Ky): "Oh my Gawd, what a mistake. First Ford cancels his Kentucky appearance for me, then he goes to the VFW and comes out for amnesty and now Rockefeller. This kills me in Kentucky where I said it couldn't possibly be Rocky. He's worse than the last President...any way we can get Nixon back?"

Buckley (R-NY): "He wouldn't have been my choice...but ok."

Javits (R-NY): "Oh boy, the country's lucky."

Stennis (D-Miss): "A fine name. A fine man. He has a good international reputation."

Nelson (D-Wisc): "Topflight choice. Worldwide there are only about two names in the United States. One is Kennedy and the other is Rockefeller."

Bellmon (R-Okla): "What the hell is Ford thinking about? This cuts my throat down in Oklahoma. Rocky is a big liberal who ran out from his family and wife. Put amnesty on top of that and I think LBJ was right that maybe Ford played too many football games without his helmet."

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McClure (R-Idaho):

"How many times do you guys have to kick a guy in the groin before you let up. Amnesty, Rocky and now I hear you are for repeal of the Rhodesian Chrome amendment."

Pastore (D-RI):

"Rocky is a great choice. He understands the problems of the northeast. He adds balance to the ticket. The amnesty matter distresses me greatly. How can I explain amnesty to a Rhode Island mother who sent her son to die or to get wounded..."

Aiken (R-Vt):

"Ok, fine.. Thanks for letting me know."

Curtis (R-Neb):

"Thank you."

Allen (D-Ala):

"Thank you."

Dole (R-Kansas):

"Thank you for calling. No comment at present."

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