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OFFICE OF THE VICE PRESIDENT  
WASHINGTON, D.C.

To: The President

From: Mildred Leonard

Date: 9/14/74

Time

a.m.  
p.m.

Mr. President:

Yesterday Senator Pettinger called from Lansing in reference to your appearance in Detroit on October 11th for Governor Milliken.

He said that when you were Vice President you had accepted an engagement to speak to the Jack Chandler Club in Lansing on October 10th but when you became President it was cancelled. They understood and accepted it with good grace etc.

However, some of Senator Pettinger's friends and some of the "Party faithful" are disturbed that you are coming to Lansing for the Governor. It seems he doesn't do anything to help any of them and they are quite resentful.

Sen. Pettinger said his biggest complaint is that there are several openings in the State which your brother Tom could very well fill and although he has expressed interest in them, the Governor won't do a thing about it. Senator Pettinger said that he thought you should tell the Governor that if he expects you to speak in his behalf he should do something for your brother.

I told him I thought this would be an embarrassing thing for you to do--since it is your brother but that I would pass it on. He assured me that Tom Ford had nothing to do or no knowledge of his call.

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THE WHITE HOUSE

WASHINGTON

September 14, 1974

MEMORANDUM FOR THE PRESIDENT

FROM: Ric Sardo

Pete Secchia called us early this morning (Saturday) regarding your appearance in Michigan on October 10, 1974. It was Pete's understanding that you had agreed to come to Michigan on the 10th for the fund raiser and verbally agreed that the money raised would be appropriately distributed among Congressional candidates. Pete's concern stems from the fact that in this morning's (Saturday) Michigan papers a story appeared concerning your appearance with a statement that the funds raised are scheduled to go to Governor Milliken's re-election campaign. Pete cited the story has appeared both in the Detroit Free Press and Detroit News and indicated that Mr. McLaughlin was the source quoted on the issue of the money.

Pete's concern, of course, is two-fold. First, that the story may not be an accurate reflection of your decision; and second, that the story undermines one of the principal purposes of this appearance, i.e., party unity in Michigan.

Pete wanted this brought either to your attention or whoever is concerned with arrangements on the Michigan trip. It is my understanding that Dean Burch is handling these arrangements so I have opted merely to transmit this message for staff discussion or any action you may want to take with Mr. Burch

Dean / Info  
Can you call Pete Secchia  
& tell him of arrangement for G.O.P.  
Commitment set-aside.  
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THE WHITE HOUSE  
WASHINGTON

September 17, 1974

ADMINISTRATIVELY CONFIDENTIAL

MEMORANDUM FOR: DEAN BURCH

FROM: JERRY H. 

The attached was returned in the President's outbox with the following notation to you:

--Information. Can you call Pete Secchia and tell him of arrangement for G.O.P. Congressional set-aside.

Please follow-up with the appropriate action.

Thank you.

cc: Al Haig  
Mildred Leonard

NOTE: Correct spelling for Senator  
Pettinger is: Pittenger.  
(Verified with Sen. Griffin's  
office.)

Hazel Fulton  
Special Files Unit  
1/24/75