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THE WHITE HOUSE
WASHINGTON

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October 15, 1974

MEMORANDUM FOR: AMBASSADOR DONALD RUMSFELD
FROM: DEAN BURCH *DB*
SUBJECT: Request for Presidential Communication

The background would seem to be as follows:

On July 31, 1974, the then Vice President took part in a golf tournament at the Pleasant Valley Country Club near Boston, as the guest of Majority Leader Tip O'Neill.

According to the tournament director, one Cosmo (Cuzzi) Mingolla, he "publicly" declared his intention to "come back again next year" -- which would mean the first week in August, 1975.

Mingolla is apparently (a) highly influential with the Italian community in the Massachusetts 3rd C. D.; (b) on a grand ego trip; and (c) somewhat miffed that he's never had a confirming message from the President with regard to the '75 visit.

The campaign organization for the Republican candidate, David J. Lionett, wants Mingolla's open endorsement of Lionett (who is running for Harold Donahue's open seat) and feels that a Presidential phone call is mandatory -- presumably to massage Mingolla's ego.

President tried to call Oct. 23. Unable to reach him

(1) With all deference to Lionett's people, I could not possibly recommend or even suggest that the President pick up the phone and call Mingolla.

(2) At most, a letter might go out to him -- "Dear Cuzzi" -- reiterating his pleasure over the July visit and reaffirming his hope that the pleasure might be repeated in '75 if time and circumstance should permit. Or Rustand could write such a letter. Or you could. Or I could.

(You'll find the necessary numbers and addresses in the notes attached.)

Attachments

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10/31

Called Burch's office and told them the President was unable to reach Mingolla.

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clerk - prepare memo to Rumsfeld

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October 9, 1974

MEMORANDUM FOR:

DEAN BURCH

FROM:

ED TERRILL
DIRECTOR, CAMPAIGN DIVISION

SUBJECT:

MASSACHUSETTS - 3RD CONGRESSIONAL DISTRICT
Open District, Harold Donahue retiring

Republican candidate - David J. Lionett
Democrat candidate - Joseph Early
Independent candidate - Douglas J. Rowe

We have had a request from our field representative in Massachusetts for the President to make a phone call to Mr. Mingolla.

Enclosed is the information that we have received. Please advise if President Ford will be able to comply with this request so that we may inform our fieldman.

July 31st
1st wk Aug
1975
Cosmo Mingolla

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Desmos Mangoni

owns Peasant Valley Country Club

Had the President up for golf prior to being VP. At that time, won a public acceptance by Ford to come back one year later to their annual tournament. Ford agreed publicly.

After becoming President, Ford's staff was contacted + Mangoni was told the commitment is still there subject to the current problems of the time.

A phone call from Ford is VITAL. Without Mangoni's PUBLIC SUPPORT of Lionetti, the Italian part of the Democratic machines will stay neutral rather than for Lionetti positively.

Phone Call

Date: .
To : Marcia Stark

Confirming my message about
Cosmo Mingolla -- "Cuzzi" has
played golf w/Ford and Tip
O'Neill just before Ford
became VP.

Area
Code
617-

A phone call to his private
unlisted phone number, 855-3530,
or to his business 755-3053
prior to 5 pm is vital.

A letter from Ford to Mingolla
won't have the same results.
A public declaration of support
from Mingolla will open up
the Italian pursestrings.
If necessary, a confirming
letter from Ford to Mingolla
can be sent to Malden St.,
W. Boylston, Mass. 01583.

Thanks

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