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THE WHITE HOUSE
WASHINGTON

July 22, 1975

ADMINISTRATIVELY CONFIDENTIAL

MEMORANDUM FOR:

PHIL BUCHEN
BILL CASSELMAN

FROM:

JIM CONNOR 

SUBJECT:

Memberships

The President has reviewed your memorandum of July 19th and approved the following:

1. Honorary Chairmanship of the 1976 Bobby Jones Memorial Tournament
2. Membership in the YMCA Youth Governors' Conference
3. Honorary Membership in the Sons and Daughters of the First Settlers of Newbury, Mass.
4. Honorary membership in the Michigan High School Coaches' Association Hall of Fame.

Please follow-up with appropriate action.

cc: Don Rumsfeld

THE WHITE HOUSE

WASHINGTON

July 19, 1975

MEMORANDUM FOR THE PRESIDENT

THROUGH:

PHIL BUCHEN *P.W.B.*

FROM:

BILL CASSELMAN *BC*

SUBJECT:

Memberships

The following memberships are referred for your consideration:

1. 1976 Bobby Jones Memorial Tournament (Tab A). Jack Nicklaus has invited you to serve as Honorary Chairman of the Bobby Jones Memorial Tournament scheduled for May 26, 1976, at the Muirfield Village Golf Club near Columbus, Ohio. In addition, Warren Rustand is evaluating the possibility of your making a personal appearance at this tournament. In the meantime, we would recommend acceptance of the Honorary Chairmanship based on your association with golf and participation in similar events.

Approve *MC7*

Disapprove _____

2. YMCA Youth Governors' Conference (Tab B). This organization presented you with an honorary membership during your meeting with them in the Rose Garden June 26. We propose that you formally accept this membership after the fact of its presentation.

Approve *MC7*

Disapprove _____

3. Sons and Daughters of the First Settlers of Newbury, Mass. (Tab C). This organization has invited you to become an honorary member. Their geneological research indicates that you have family ties in Newbury. Recommend acceptance.

Approve *MC7*

Disapprove _____

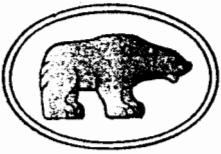
4. Michigan High School Coaches' Association Hall of Fame (Tab D). This organization has invited you to serve as an honorary member of the Hall of Fame. In light of your own past coaching activities and because this comes from Michigan, we recommend acceptance.

Approve 

Disapprove _____

Enclosures

TAB A



GOLDEN BEAR, INC.

1208 U. S. HWY. #1, NORTH PALM BEACH, FLORIDA 33408 • (305) 626-3900 • CABLE: GOLDBEAR

June 13, 1975

Major Robert E. Barrett
Army Aide to the President
The White House
Washington, D.C.

Dear Bob:

I have been requested by Jack Nicklaus to explore certain possibilities wherein President Ford might be receptive to taking an active part in a portion of Jack's Memorial Tournament to be held next year (May 24-30) at his Memorial Course of Muirfield Village Golf Club, located on the outskirts of Columbus, Ohio.

Should the President indicate interest and his availability, Jack will personally be in contact with Mr. Ford. We realize the demands on his time and this is why such advance notice is respectfully submitted.

Here is what Jack has in mind:

1. An invitation to the President to be the Honorary Chairman of the 1976 Memorial Tournament.
2. An invitation to the President to lead the Memorial tribute to Bobby Jones on the afternoon of Wednesday, May 26. Jones has been selected by the Captain's Club, made up of 18 world-respected leaders of golf, as the first honoree (release attached).
3. Immediately following the tribute, to have the President participate in a golf clinic with Jack.

As you are aware, Bob, Jack holds the President in very high esteem. Appreciating the work that goes into planning a Presidential visit, Jack thought it would be easier on the President and his people not to participate in the Pro-Am on May 25 and that he might prefer the plan covered above. This would take approximately one and one-half hours.

Should the President's schedule allow more time, Jack would be delighted to have the President attend a private dinner at the nearby Lodge located on his private property, about five minutes from the course.


Please rest assured that any arrangements made from our end will be conducted with dignity. Many thanks for your cooperation.

Sincerely,

Larry O'Brien

P.S. Should the President be in the general area for a speaking engagement or such this fall or any other time, Jack said he would like to have a round of golf with him at Muirfield.

TAB B



**National
Society
of YMCA
Youth
Governors**

PRESIDENT GERALD R. FORD
Representing The State of
UNITED STATES OF AMERICA
Through Participation in the
National YMCA Youth Governors' Conference
Is Recognized as a Member of This Society

Issued at Washington, D.C. JUNE 26, 1975

Thomas J. Hart

Chairman

George C. Lazar

Conference Director

TAB C



Anne Colman Moody, *Founder*

37 Middle Road
Newbury, Mass. 01969

July 1, 1975

President Gerald R. Ford
The White House
Washington, D. C.

Dear Mr. President:

The enclosed Xerox copy of a story in the Philadelphia Inquirer, Feb. 18, 1975, tells of Mr. Grahame T. Smallwood Jr.'s genealogical search in your behalf prior to your joining the Sons of the American Revolution.

The article states: "It is interesting to note that of 24 immigrant ancestors traced, 19 of them were settlers of Newbury, Mass. They included such early settlers as the Longfellows, Noyes, Ayers, Cuttings, Adams, Eatons, Davises, Coffins, Dummers, Sargents and Greenleafs."

Mr. Smallwood is a member of the Sons and Daughters of the First Settlers of Newbury, Mass., a society with over 400 members throughout the United States, whose Constitution states the object of the Sons and Daughters is "to preserve the traditions of the old town of Newbury and to pay tribute to its founders through association of their descendants."

At a recent meeting of the Officers and Directors of the Sons and Daughters of the First Settlers of Newbury, it was voted to offer you Honorary Membership in our society. It is sincerely hoped that you will accept. (The last United States President to be a member was William Howard Taft.)

Respectfully yours,

Edward L. Brown

Edward Leigh Brown, President
Sons and Daughter of the
First Settlers of Newbury

Ford Joins the Sons of American Revolution

By Ruth Seltzer



Grahame T. Smallwood Jr.
... genealogist



PRESIDENT FORD
... new SAR member

President Ford is now a member of the Sons of the American Revolution.

The genealogical research that made his membership possible was done by a Philadelphia — Grahame Thomas Smallwood Jr., who lives at the Union League.

This past summer, Mr. Smallwood was commissioned by the National Society, Sons of the American Revolution, to check the lineage of Gerald R. Ford, who was then Vice President of the United States.

In early August, Mr. Smallwood sent "the family proofs" to the SAR. A few days later, On Aug. 9, Gerald Ford became President of the United States.

Mr. Ford joined the Sons of the American Revolution after he became the nation's 38th President. Last September, he sent a letter on White House stationery to Grahame Smallwood in Philadelphia. The President wrote: "I want you to know how much I appreciate your thoughtfulness in sending the genealogical information along to me. As is true of many people, I do not have a complete record of my family tree, and any additional data is always most welcome. With my thanks and best wishes, Gerald R. Ford."



Ruth Seltzer

The genealogical work was on the line of President Ford's maternal grandmother, Adele Augusta Ayer.

Said Mr. Smallwood: "It's a distinguished New England lineage — the Ayers of Massachusetts. One of President Ford's ancestors served as a minute man on the alarm of April 19, 1775. It is interesting to note that of 24 immigrant ancestors traced, 19 of them were settlers of Newbury, Mass. They included such early settlers as the Longfellow, Noyes, Ayers, Cuttings, Adams, Eatons, Davises, Coffins, Dummers, Sargents and Greenleafs."

Every summer, Grahame Smallwood does genealogical research at the Library of the Church of Jesus Christ of Latter Day Saints in Salt Lake City. That is where he traced the Ayer line for Gerald Ford.

Said Mr. Smallwood: "It is one of the few libraries in the world where research can be done on vital records from all over the globe. The library has every census record ever made in the United States."

Grahame Smallwood is marshal of the Baronial Order of Magna Charta. He is a former national governor-general of the Order of the Founders and Patriots of America. He is a vestryman of Philadelphia's historic Christ Church and is chairman of its burial ground and property committees.

He is genealogist of the Philadelphia - Continental Chapter of the Sons of the American Revolution. This chapter will be having its Washington Birthday luncheon on Saturday at Old Original Bookbinder's restaurant.

TAB D



University Development

517/774-3744

July 7, 1975

RE
The Honorable Gerald R. Ford
The President
The White House
Washington, D. C. 20500

Dear Mr. President,

It is with honor and pride that I have the privilege to represent the Michigan High School Coaches' Association in requesting you to accept an honorary appointment into the M. H. S. C. A. Hall of Fame.

The M. H. S. C. A. Hall of Fame is located on the campus of Central Michigan University. Its purpose is to acknowledge those persons who have given superior service to the youth of the state of Michigan through the coaching profession for a period of 20 years or more, as well as service to their community and country. I have enclosed a copy of our most recent induction program to provide you with the names of those who have been honored to date and with whom you will share your honorary appointment if you can accept.

The M. H. S. C. A. Hall of Fame was made possible through a gift from Mr. Paul Smarks of Warren, Michigan who started the M. H. S. C. A. and is the executive Director at the present time. He has also endowed the Coaches' Hall of Fame sufficiently so that no fund raising or other promotion is necessary or acceptable.

The members of the Michigan High School Coaches' Association who have been honored to date represent both public and parochial school systems, as well as all races and creeds. Now that women are a part of the M. H. S. C. A. I'm sure you will see women represented in the future also.

May we, if you accept, get from you two 5" x 7" natural color photos from which we will make your photo plaque to place in the M. H. S. C. A. Hall of Fame and one for presentation to you personally from a representative of the association.

The Honorable Gerald R. Ford

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July 7, 1975

Mr. Ford, if you could so honor the Michigan Coaches' Association and our fine state of Michigan, we all would be most pleased. We feel you strongly represent the Association's motto which is, "May their achievements forever inspire our youth."

Should you desire more information regarding the M. H. S. C. A. Hall of Fame or our request, please advise and I would be delighted to serve you.

Sincerely,

William C. Odykirk

William C. Odykirk

M. H. S. C. A. Representative

Central Michigan University