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THE WHITE HOUSE

WASHINGTON

May 21, 1976

MEMORANDUM TO: JIM CONNOR

FROM: JACK MARSH 

Jim, the President responded to this letter by phone, and, therefore, I do not feel a written response is necessary.

Congress of the United States
House of Representatives
Washington, D. C.

May 19, 1976

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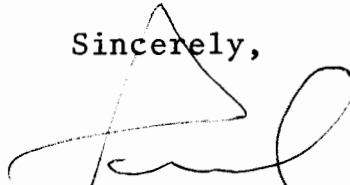
The Honorable Jack Marsh
The White House
Washington, D.C.

Dear Jack:

I hope the President will be able to read this right away. John Rhodes just read it and assured me that he concurs completely.

Really appreciate your following through yesterday in getting me together with the President. You did a superb job and I am very grateful.

Sincerely,



Paul Findley
Representative in Congress

THE PRESIDENT HAS SEEN

Congress of the United States
House of Representatives
Washington, D. C.

May 19, 1976

*President
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5:38 5/19/76
indicated his
firm desire to
stand by
Rog. you*

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

Dear Mr. President:

Thank you for telephoning me yesterday, and congratulations on your splendid victories in both Michigan and Maryland.

In the wake of these victories I urge you to name the best person available to head your campaign committee. This week is an ideal time, as Tuesday's vote gives Rog the atmosphere for a graceful exit.

The sentiments I expressed to you yesterday are shared by many of my Republican colleagues, including John Rhodes, Jack Edwards, Bill Dickinson, Don Clausen, Ed Madigan, Bob Dole, Bud Brown and Ed Derwinski. Without exception we have great affection for Rog. We recognize his great service in many ways to the Republican party. We also recognize his health situation.

But we are convinced that the weeks immediately ahead are the most critical in the history of the Republican party. Next Tuesday could be tough. Not a day should be lost in revitalizing and strengthening the campaign leadership.

All of those named except Ed Derwinski feel strongly that John Anderson would be an excellent choice. No doubt there are others who should be considered.

The fundamental point on which we all agree is that a new chairman is essential and the change must occur at once.

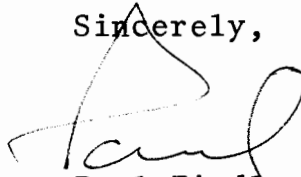
Hon. Gerald R. Ford

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May 19, 1976

As I mentioned on the phone, I believe the Republican party cannot survive as a national influence if it, through some aberration, fails to give you the nomination. The obstacles on the path to Kansas City are enormous. But with the right leadership they can be overcome.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in cursive script, appearing to read "Paul Findley". The signature is written in dark ink and is positioned above the printed name.

Paul Findley
Representative in Congress