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THE WHITE HOUSE

WASHINGTON

May 31, 1976

MEMORANDUM FOR:

BILL NICHOLSON

FROM:

JIM CONNOR *JEZ*

The attached was returned in the President's outbox. It is forwarded to you for appropriate action.

cc: Steve McConahey

Attachments:

Two Letters from Mayor Ralph J. Perk dated 5/26/76  
of Ohio



# City of Cleveland

RALPH J. PERK  
MAYOR

May 26, 1976

The President  
The White House  
Washington, D.C.

Dear Mr. President:

You will recall that during my last visit to the White House, when we were in the Rose Garden, you informed me that you planned to be in Cleveland at the National Conference of Christians and Jews on June 6th to honor your former colleague in Congress, the Honorable Frances P. Bolton, who will be given the annual Human Relations Award that day.

You also informed me that you were sending a personal note through your scheduling staff explaining your desire to be in Cleveland on that date to honor Mrs. Bolton.

Mr. President, I am aware that advance men have been in Cleveland making the necessary arrangements for security in the event that such a trip can be placed on your schedule.

I realize that your campaign staff is concerned at this time about the limitations of expenditures in your primary campaign, but hope that a financial accounting will permit a visit to Cleveland on June 6.

This large gathering of Clevelanders of all faiths and all political persuasions will honor one of the greatest women our country has had in public life.

Your presence, Mr. President, will honor Cleveland and reflect the high esteem you have for Mrs. Bolton who shared so many years with you in Washington.

Very respectfully yours,

  
Ralph J. Perk

RJP/bh



# City of Cleveland

RALPH J. PERK  
MAYOR

May 26, 1976

The President  
The White House  
Washington, D. C.

Dear Mr. President:

I deeply regret that I cannot be among my fellow Republican Mayors to join with you in celebrating your resounding victories Tuesday. However, Mr. President, no one is more aware than you that local obligations and commitments must be met by those elected to serve their constituencies.

I am happy, though, that I have such a distinguished Republican as Mr. Robert E. Hughes, Chairman of the Cuyahoga County Republican Organization, to attend this gathering and personally relay my regrets and congratulations.

Nothing would give me greater pleasure than to personally thank you in Columbus today for your kind words -- everyone in Cleveland is talking about your remarks on my behalf -- during an ABC interview, but I cannot in good conscience absent myself from the climax today of Cleveland's week-long World Trade Show.

I am to give the opening address at the testimonial banquet tonight and present the awards which will honor Cleveland's leaders in world trade. This, coupled with the fact that there will be day-long receptions for foreign visitors connected with the show, will keep me fully occupied.

May I continue to exercise my office so as to merit the tribute paid to me by my President and in so doing contribute to your reelection in November.

The mayors of Ohio, chaired by Mayor Stanley A. Cmich of Canton, and the mayors of the United States are indeed fortunate to have you as their champion in promoting their issues-- such as revenue sharing and block grant programs that are so helpful in maintaining the essential services in local government.



# City of Cleveland

RALPH J. PERK  
MAYOR

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I would like to reassure you at this time of my personal support and the continued support of the National Republican Mayors Conference, as expressed in the unanimous endorsement of the Executive Committee, a copy of which was communicated to you.

Very respectfully yours,

Ralph J. Perk

RJP/bh