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Do not know if the President has seen -
Received from Dick Cheney on 8/30/76.

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THE SECRETARY OF THE TREASURY
WASHINGTON

August 3, 1976

Dear Mr. President:

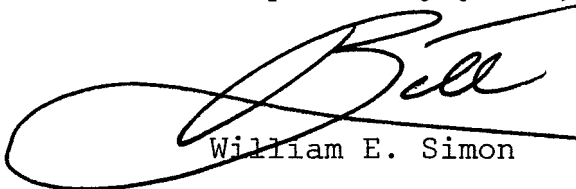
I was sorely distressed at the Evans and Novak article on Saturday.

As I discussed with you, Mr. President, Novak called me to question my involvement with the Reagan people and also to mention the allegations that had been made relative to my "under-cutting" you for the past year, with the obvious intention of doing a newspaper article. He later asked me if I had spoken to you relative to these allegations. I responded I most certainly had (without disclosing any intimacies of our conversation to him) because I did not want any suspicion in your mind that I would indeed be guilty of anything like that.

Novak had been well aware of what had occurred in the White House two years ago, the subject episode culminating in your "Bill Simon Stays" statement. In fact I did not allege in either my conversation with you or he, that Don Rumsfeld was the source of the problem, but was just relating to you the facts (albeit some of them circumstantial) as I knew them.

Mr. President, as I said to you in the Oval office last Thursday, my only desire between now and November 2nd is to spend all my waking hours working for your reelection, which is so critical for the future of our country, and at that time, return to my home in New Jersey.

Respectfully yours,


William E. Simon

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