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THE WHITE HOUSE

WASHINGTON

September 18, 1976

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MEMORANDUM FOR:

JERRY JONES

FROM:

JIM CONNOR *JEC*

The attached letter from Congressman Diggs concerning a farewell reception for Phil Hart was returned in the President's outbox with the following notation:

"If possible it would be a good gesture."

Please follow-up with appropriate action.

cc: Dick Cheney
Max Friedersdorf

THE WHITE HOUSE
WASHINGTON

Dick Cheney

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CONGRESS OF THE UNITED STATES
HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES
WASHINGTON, D. C. 20515

CHARLES C. DIGGS, JR.
THIRTEENTH DISTRICT
MICHIGAN

September 17, 1976

Personal - Unofficial

Dear Mr. President:

Pursuant to Phil Hart's retirement at the end of this Congress, I am chairman of a farewell reception in his honor, scheduled for Wednesday, September 29th, 6:00-8:00 P.M., in 345 Cannon House Caucus Room. There will be a short program between 6:30 and 7:00.

Aside from his role as our senior Senator, Phil is such a unique guy that I call this event to your personal attention in the hope that you might find it convenient to drop by -- and, of course, say a few words. You would not be listed in a formal sense -- just a "surprise guest", unless you wanted to be designated otherwise.

Rumors about Phil's most serious health problem have been confirmed, so this "farewell" takes on added significance.

Additionally, since Jim O'Hara, who came here with Phil 18 years ago, is also retiring, we are integrating his farewell tribute into the same time frame. Jim is returning to the practice of law. (With 7 kids, 3 of whom are in college, he certainly needs the extra money!) On any list of the most competent and respected Members of the House, Jim's name would be found.

A crowd of three or four hundred colleagues, associates, supporters and well-wishers are expected. All of us would be honored by your participation, however brief, as recognition is deservedly paid to these two stalwart Sons of Michigan.

Most respectfully,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "C. Diggs", written in a cursive style.

The President
The White House
Washington, D.C. 20500