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THE WHITE HOUSE
WASHINGTON

November 30, 1976

MEMORANDUM FOR:

RON NESSEN

FROM:

JIM CONNOR *JEC*

The attached copy of a letter from Robert J. Molinan was returned in the President's outbox with the following notation:

"Hate ask - but - can you get original? "

Please follow-up with appropriate action.

cc: Dick Cheney



THE WHITE HOUSE
WASHINGTON

Ron Nessen

Hate me - but -
can you get beyond.

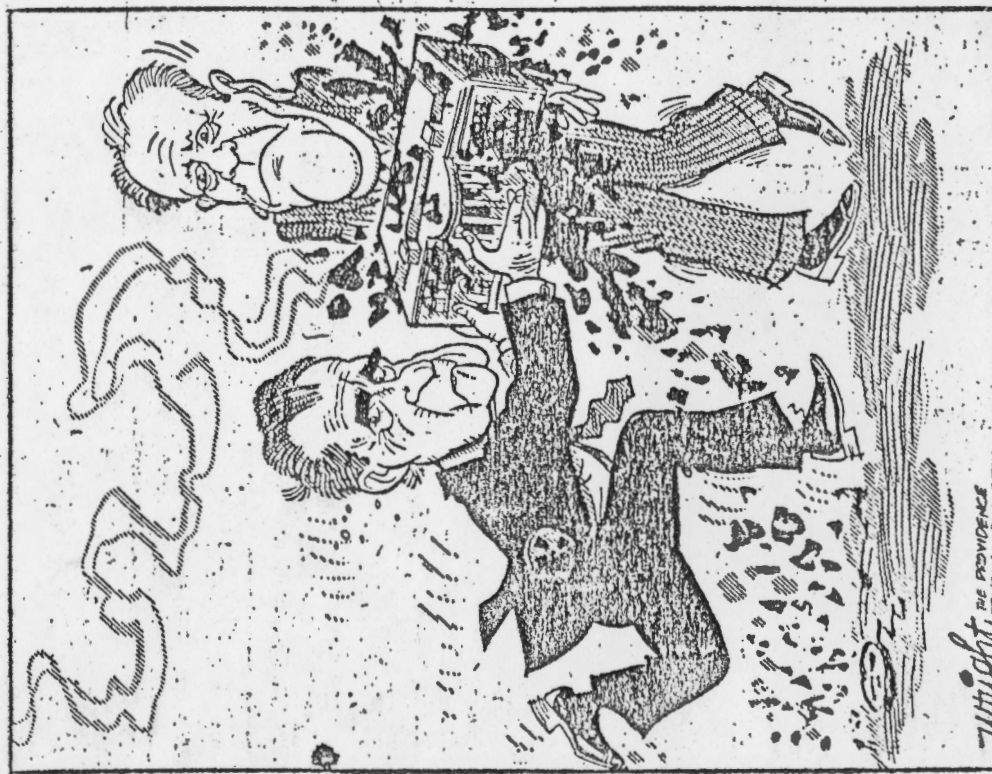
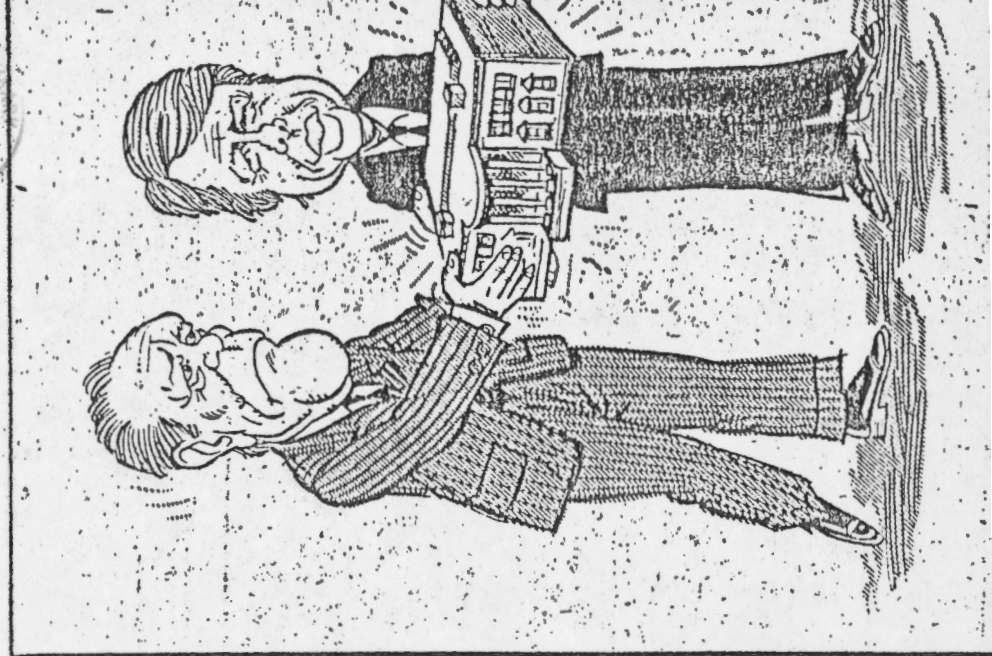


Nov. 7, 1976

Dear President Ford,

I believe the enclosed political cartoon in the Providence Journal-Bulletin perhaps may be one of the major accomplishments of your Presidency. The office of chief executive was virtually thrust upon you at a time in which the executive branch of the government suffered through its most dismal period. With your characteristic and unswerving decency, you single-handedly returned that entire branch of the government to the good graces of the American people.

Although I am a lifelong democrat (that is, in all three elections since I turned 18), I must applaud your vetoes aimed at keeping a spend-thrift Congress in line. The hard decisions you made throughout the course of the economic recovery have allowed us to enjoy steady growth, without ~~the~~ overstimulation of an inflation-prone economy. I vehemently disagree with some of your policies, in particular, your veto of various tough strip-mining bills. (I come from the anthracite region of Penna.)



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But in every case of policy decision, I feel assured that you are acting not in the interests of special groups, but in ~~the~~ your honest perception of the interest of the American people. Such excellent decisions as your blatantly non-political Supreme Court appointment have reassured me that not only competency, but honesty, has been returned to the White House.

I crossed party lines and voted for you, ^{and} many Democrats, in the recent election. I was deeply disappointed by your defeat, but I am nevertheless, thankful to you personally, (and your admirable leadership), that the White House and the Presidency ~~is~~ once again has a tradition and reputation of which I, as a citizen, can be proud.

Mr. Carter is indeed privileged to have had such a predecessor.

Sincerely yours,

Robert J. Molinari
(Research assistant)