

THE WHITE HOUSE
WASHINGTON

May 24, 1976

Dear Mr. Murphy:

I have today received the enclosed memorandum from IRS Commissioner Donald Alexander, concerning a letter purporting to be from President Ford which solicits contributions for the National Republican Congressional Committee from tax exempt philanthropic organizations.

Although this letter states it is soliciting funds for the National Republican Congressional Committee, the Committee's General Counsel, Jan Baran, has advised a member of my staff that the Committee has never authorized nor used such a letter. I can assure you that neither the President nor any other person at the White House, or the President Ford Committee, has authorized or approved a mailing of this sort. In view of the clearly fraudulent nature of this letter and violations of Sections 323 and 327 of Title 2, the United States Code, I refer this letter to you for appropriate investigation and handling.

Sincerely,



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Enclosure

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