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September 17, 1974

President Gerald R. Ford
The White House
Washington, D. C.

Dear Mr. President:

On September 16, 1974, Representative Abzug of New York introduced a resolution of inquiry, H. Res. 1367, which has been referred to the Subcommittee on Criminal Justice of the Committee on the Judiciary. Under the Rules of the House, the Committee on the Judiciary is called upon to consider this resolution within seven legislative days of its introduction.

To assist us in the expeditious consideration of this measure, I respectfully request that you provide the Subcommittee with the following information as requested by this privileged resolution:

1. Did you or your representatives have specific knowledge of any formal criminal charges pending against Richard M. Nixon prior to issuance of the pardon? If so, what were these charges?
2. Did Alexander Haig refer to or discuss a pardon for Richard M. Nixon with Richard M. Nixon or representatives of Mr. Nixon at any time during the week of August 4, 1974 or at any subsequent time? If so, what promises were made or conditions set for a pardon, if any? If so, were tapes or transcriptions of any kind made of these conversations or were any notes taken? If so, please provide such tapes, transcriptions or notes.

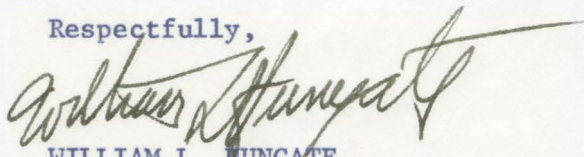
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3. When was a pardon for Richard M. Nixon first referred to or discussed with Richard M. Nixon, or representatives of Mr. Nixon, by you or your representatives or aides, including the period when you were a member of Congress or Vice President?
4. Who participated in these and subsequent discussions or negotiations with Richard M. Nixon or his representatives regarding a pardon, and at what specific times and locations?
5. Did you consult with Attorney General William Saxbe or Special Prosecutor Leon Jaworski before making the decision to pardon Richard M. Nixon and, if so, what facts and legal authorities did they give to you?

Respectfully,



WILLIAM L. HUNGATE

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Handwritten notes:
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J. Edgar Hoover