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GENERAL

PL/Goldwater, Barry  
PL/Reagan, Ronald

September 9, 1974

Dear Mr. and Mrs. Phillips:

Thank you very much for your recent message regarding the nominee for Vice President. This was a difficult decision for me.

As you know, after consideration and consultation, I have nominated Nelson A. Rockefeller, former Governor of the State of New York. His superb record of accomplishments in State and Federal government and in private endeavors is well known. He and his family have contributed significantly to the goals of America both at home and abroad. He would, above all, be able to assume the Presidency should God will it. From all the eminently qualified men and women who were considered, it was a tough call for a tough job.

I truly appreciated having your sincere recommendations and gave them my sincere attention.

With kind regards,

Sincerely,

Mr. and Mrs. Ralph Phillips  
1121 Clover Lane  
Santa Barbara, California

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GENERAL

*PL/Reagan*

September 9, 1974

Dear Mr. and Mrs. Clinton:

Thank you very much for your recent message regarding the nominee for Vice President. This was a difficult decision for me.

As you know, after consideration and consultation, I have nominated Nelson A. Rockefeller, former Governor of the State of New York. His superb record of accomplishments in State and Federal government and in private endeavors is well known. He and his family have contributed significantly to the goals of America both at home and abroad. He would, above all, be able to assume the Presidency should God will it. From all the eminently qualified men and women who were considered, it was a tough call for a tough job.

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With kind regards,

Sincerely,

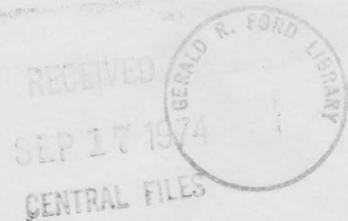
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Mr. and Mrs. Gerald Clinton  
611 Boulevard  
Revere, Massachusetts 02151

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RONALD REAGEN FOR VICE PRESIDENT ANY ONE BUT AN EASTERN LIBERAL

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GERALD AND BARBARA CLINTON 611 BOULEVARD REVERE MA 02151

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GENERAL

PH/Goldwater  
PL/Reagan

September 9, 1974

Dear Mr. Wheeler:

Thank you very much for your recent message regarding the nominee for Vice President. This was a difficult decision for me.

As you know, after consideration and consultation, I have nominated Nelson A. Rockefeller, former Governor of the State of New York. His superb record of accomplishments in State and Federal government and in private endeavors is well known. He and his family have contributed significantly to the goals of America both at home and abroad. He would, above all, be able to assume the Presidency should God will it. From all the eminently qualified men and women who were considered, it was a tough call for a tough job.

I truly appreciated having your sincere recommendations and gave them my sincere attention.

With kind regards,

Sincerely,

GERALD R. FORD

Mr. George Wheeler  
4855 Palo Drive  
Tarzana, California 91356

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GENERAL

PL/ Goldwater  
PL/ Reagan

September 9, 1974

Dear Mr. and Mrs. Young:

Thank you very much for your recent message regarding the nominee for Vice President. This was a difficult decision for me.

As you know, after consideration and consultation, I have nominated Nelson A. Rockefeller, former Governor of the State of New York. His superb record of accomplishments in State and Federal government and in private endeavors is well known. He and his family have contributed significantly to the goals of America both at home and abroad. He would, above all, be able to assume the Presidency should God will it. From all the eminently qualified men and women who were considered, it was a tough call for a tough job.

I truly appreciated having your sincere recommendations and gave them my sincere attention.

With kind regards,

Sincerely,

GERALD R. FORD

Mr. and Mrs. Duane C. Young, Jr.  
2208 Via Guadalana  
Palos Verdes Estates, California 90274



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GENERAL

*PL/Bryan Ronald*

September 9, 1974

Dear Mr. Haynes:

Thank you very much for your recent message regarding the nominee for Vice President. This was a difficult decision for me.

As you know, after consideration and consultation, I have nominated Nelson A. Rockefeller, former Governor of the State of New York. His superb record of accomplishments in State and Federal government and in private endeavors is well known. He and his family have contributed significantly to the goals of America both at home and abroad. He would, above all, be able to assume the Presidency should God will it. From all the eminently qualified men and women who were considered, it was a tough call for a tough job.

I truly appreciated having your sincere recommendations and gave them my sincere attention.

With kind regards,

Sincerely,

GERALD R. FORD

*X*  
Mr. John J. Haynes  
Space 74  
1895 West Devonshire  
Hemet, California 92343

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Hemet California  
August 11, 1974

Gerald R. Ford  
President of the United States  
White House  
1600 Pennsylvania  
Washington, D.C. 20050

Dear Mr President:

May I congratulate you on being elevated to the highest office in the land and being a Republican voter for the last fifty years I feel that I am qualified to suggest a name for you to consider for Vice President.

I realize that I am not a Senator or Congressman or a Cabinet member But I would like to suggest that you appoint Ronald Reagan the Governor of California as your Vice President.

If you do approve of my suggestion I feel that if you do not choose to be a candidate for President in 1976 that he Reagan would be the best man for to succeed you. I feel that he would be a much stronger Candidate than Rockefeller would be.

My wife and I and I am sure that I can speak for my four brothers that we will all give you our whole hearted support while you are our leader and if you or Reagan is our Candidate in 1976 we will also give our whole hearted support.

Very truly yours,

*John J. Haynes*

John J. Haynes  
1895 W. Devonshire Sp 74  
Hemet, California 92343



September 9, 1974

GENERAL

PL/Reagan, Ronald  
PL/Goldwater, Barry

Dear Mr. McAllister:

Thank you very much for your recent message regarding the nominee for Vice President. This was a difficult decision for me.

As you know, after consideration and consultation, I have nominated Nelson A. Rockefeller, former Governor of the State of New York. His superb record of accomplishments in State and Federal government and in private endeavors is well known. He and his family have contributed significantly to the goals of America both at home and abroad. He would, above all, be able to assume the Presidency should God will it. From all the eminently qualified men and women who were considered, it was a tough call for a tough job.

I truly appreciated having your sincere recommendations and gave them my sincere attention.

With kind regards,

Sincerely,

GERALD R. FORD

Mr. Don McAllister  
President  
Conservative Club of United  
Republicans of California  
4709 Rock Bluff Drive  
Rolling Hills Estates, California 90274

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PMS PRESIDENT GERALD FORD

WHITE HOUSE DC

DEAR PRESIDENT FORD. WE WOULD APPRECIATE YOUR APPOINTING AS  
VICE PRESIDENT GOVERNOR RONALD REAGAN AS OUR NUMBER ONE CHOICE,  
OR SENATOR BARRY GOLDWATER OF ARIZONA AS OUR NUMBER TWO CHOICE.

SINCERELY DON MCALLISTER PRESIDENT CONSERVATIVE CLUB OF UNITED  
REPUBLICANS OF CALIFORNIA 4709 ROCK BLUFF DR ROLLING HILLS ESTATES  
CA 90274

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GENERAL

PC/Goldwater, Barry  
PL/Reagan, Ronald

September 9, 1974

Dear Miss Hamblin:

Thank you very much for your recent message regarding the nominee for Vice President. This was a difficult decision for me.

As you know, after consideration and consultation, I have nominated Nelson A. Rockefeller, former Governor of the State of New York. His superb record of accomplishments in State and Federal government and in private endeavors is well known. He and his family have contributed significantly to the goals of America both at home and abroad. He would, above all, be able to assume the Presidency should God will it. From all the eminently qualified men and women who were considered, it was a tough call for a tough job.

I truly appreciated having your sincere recommendations and gave them my sincere attention.

With kind regards,

Sincerely,

GERALD R. FORD

Miss Mary Hamblin  
Post Office Box 253  
Atascadero, California

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GENERAL

PL/Goldwater, Barry  
PL/Reagan, Ronald

September 9, 1974

Dear Mr. Moerman:

Thank you very much for your recent message regarding the nominee for Vice President. This was a difficult decision for me.

As you know, after consideration and consultation, I have nominated Nelson A. Rockefeller, former Governor of the State of New York. His superb record of accomplishments in State and Federal government and in private endeavors is well known. He and his family have contributed significantly to the goals of America both at home and abroad. He would, above all, be able to assume the Presidency should God will it. From all the eminently qualified men and women who were considered, it was a tough call for a tough job.

I truly appreciated having your sincere recommendations and gave them my sincere attention.

With kind regards,

Sincerely,

GERALD R. FORD

Mr. E. Moerman  
6212 Berquist  
Woodland Hills, California 91364

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GENERAL

September 9, 1974

RL/Reagan, Ronald

Dear Mr. and Mrs. Markwith:

Thank you very much for your recent message regarding the nominee for Vice President. This was a difficult decision for me.

As you know, after consideration and consultation, I have nominated Nelson A. Rockefeller, former Governor of the State of New York. His superb record of accomplishments in State and Federal government and in private endeavors is well known. He and his family have contributed significantly to the goals of America both at home and abroad. He would, above all, be able to assume the Presidency should God will it. From all the eminently qualified men and women who were considered, it was a tough call for a tough job.

I truly appreciated having your sincere recommendations and gave them my sincere attention.

With kind regards,

Sincerely,

GERALD R. FORD

Mr. and Mrs. C. A. Markwith  
2527 Laughlin Lane  
Crescenta, California 91214

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PMS PRESIDENT FORD

WHITE HOUSE DC

URGENTLY REQUEST YOU NOT CHOOSE REAGAN AN UNACCEPTABLE VP OTHERWISE  
WE'RE WITH YOU 100 PERCENT

MR AND MRS C A MARKWITH 2527 LAUGHLIN LA CRESCENTA CALIFORNIA

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GENERAL

*Phyllis Water*  
*PH/Reagan*

September 9, 1974

Dear Miss Smith:

Thank you very much for your recent message regarding the nominee for Vice President. This was a difficult decision for me.

As you know, after consideration and consultation, I have nominated Nelson A. Rockefeller, former Governor of the State of New York. His superb record of accomplishments in State and Federal government and in private endeavors is well known. He and his family have contributed significantly to the goals of America both at home and abroad. He would, above all, be able to assume the Presidency should God will it. From all the eminently qualified men and women who were considered, it was a tough call for a tough job.

I truly appreciated having your sincere recommendations and gave them my sincere attention.

With kind regards,

Sincerely,

GERALD R. FORD

Miss Helen Smith  
Box 703  
Atascadero, California

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GENERAL

*P.L. Reagan*

September 9, 1974

Dear Mr. Schmidt:

Thank you very much for your recent message regarding the nominee for Vice President. This was a difficult decision for me.

As you know, after consideration and consultation, I have nominated Nelson A. Rockefeller, former Governor of the State of New York. His superb record of accomplishments in State and Federal government and in private endeavors is well known. He and his family have contributed significantly to the goals of America both at home and abroad. He would, above all, be able to assume the Presidency should God will it. From all the eminently qualified men and women who were considered, it was a tough call for a tough job.

I truly appreciated having your sincere recommendations and gave them my sincere attention.

With kind regards,

Sincerely,

GERALD R. FORD

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Mr. Lawrence Schmidt  
403 Stanton  
Bay City, Michigan 48607

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PMS PRESIDENT GERALD FORD

WHITE HOUSE DC

IF YOU SOLEMENLY AND RESPECTIVELY BELIEVE IN THE GOOD AND WELFARE  
OF THE FUTURE OF AMERICA YOU WILL SELECT RONALD REAGAN AS YOUR  
VICE PRESIDENT PLEASE HONOR ME WITH YOUR REPLY ON THE SAME

LAWRENCE SCHMIDT 403 STANTON BAY CITY MICHIGAN 48607

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September 9, 1974

GENERAL

PH/Reagan, *Handwritten*

Dear Miss Dant:

Thank you very much for your recent message regarding the nominee for Vice President. This was a difficult decision for me.

As you know, after consideration and consultation, I have nominated Nelson A. Rockefeller, former Governor of the State of New York. His superb record of accomplishments in State and Federal government and in private endeavors is well known. He and his family have contributed significantly to the goals of America both at home and abroad. He would, above all, be able to assume the Presidency should God will it. From all the eminently qualified men and women who were considered, it was a tough call for a tough job.

I truly appreciated having your sincere recommendations and gave them my sincere attention.

With kind regards,

Sincerely,

**GERALD R. FORD**

Miss Doris J. Dant  
1058-1/4 North Oxford Avenue  
Los Angeles, California 90029

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PMS PRESIDENT GERALD FORD

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PLEASE APPOINT RONALD REAGAN AS VICE PRESIDENT

DORIS J DANT 1058 AND ONE FOURTH NORTH OXFORD AVE LOS ANGELES

90029

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September 9, 1974

GENERAL

PL/Koldwater,  
Barney  
PL/Reagan,  
Ronald

Dear Mrs. Solberg:

Thank you very much for your recent message regarding the nominee for Vice President. This was a difficult decision for me.

As you know, after consideration and consultation, I have nominated Nelson A. Rockefeller, former Governor of the State of New York. His superb record of accomplishments in State and Federal government and in private endeavors is well known. He and his family have contributed significantly to the goals of America both at home and abroad. He would, above all, be able to assume the Presidency should God will it. From all the eminently qualified men and women who were considered, it was a tough call for a tough job.

I truly appreciated having your sincere recommendations and gave them my sincere attention.

With kind regards,

Sincerely,

GERALD R. FORD

Mrs. Lawrence A. Solberg  
President  
California Federation of  
Republican Women  
Madera, California 93637

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PL/Reagan, Ronald  
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September 9, 1974

Dear Mr. Frazer:

Thank you very much for your recent message regarding the nominee for Vice President. This was a difficult decision for me.

As you know, after consideration and consultation, I have nominated Nelson A. Rockefeller, former Governor of the State of New York. His superb record of accomplishments in State and Federal government and in private endeavors is well known. He and his family have contributed significantly to the goals of America both at home and abroad. He would, above all, be able to assume the Presidency should God will it. From all the eminently qualified men and women who were considered, it was a tough call for a tough job.

I truly appreciated having your sincere recommendations and gave them my sincere attention.

With kind regards,

Sincerely,

GERALD R. FORD

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Mr. William A. Frazer  
1260 Oak Grove Avenue  
Burlingame, California 94010

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William A. Frazer  
1260 Oak Grove Avenue  
Burlingame, CA 94010

August 12, 1974

The Honorable Gerald R. Ford,  
President of the United States,  
The White House,  
Washington, D. C.

Dear Mr. President:

Congratulations. Your words to the people of this country have brought a great deal of comfort and encouragement to us. May God bless you as you work to ease the many burdens now being carried by the taxpayers and citizens of our great land.

I should like to suggest for your favorable consideration the following names as your Vice-President:

1. Ronald L. Reagan. He has been a great Governor of California. He has solved many problems in the area of welfare administration, and has produced a Balanced Budget for several years in a row.
2. Senator Barry Goldwater. 'nuf sed'.
3. George Bush. He would be a tower of strength.

With all good wishes.

Sincerely,

W.A. Frazer



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PL/Reagan, Ronald  
PL/Towers, John G.  
PL/Byrd, Harry F.  
Towers, John G.  
Byrd, Harry F.

September 9, 1974

Dear Mr. Masucci:

Thank you very much for your recent message regarding the nominee for Vice President. This was a difficult decision for me.

As you know, after consideration and consultation, I have nominated Nelson A. Rockefeller, former Governor of the State of New York. His superb record of accomplishments in State and Federal government and in private endeavors is well known. He and his family have contributed significantly to the goals of America both at home and abroad. He would, above all, be able to assume the Presidency should God will it. From all the eminently qualified men and women who were considered, it was a tough call for a tough job.

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With kind regards,

Sincerely,

GERALD R. FORD

Mr. John W. Masucci  
1673 42nd Street  
Brooklyn, New York 11204

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August 13, 1974

President Gerald Ford,  
President of the United States,  
The White House,  
Washington, D.C.

Dear Mr. President:

On TV news it was stated by you that you were selecting the new Vice-President in about a week to ten days and would welcome and consider suggestions from the general public.

My first suggestion for the new Vice-President would be Gov. Ronald Reagan of California. If a man can rise from a popular movie star to governership of the State of California (one of the largest populated states of the U.S) he must have something on "the ball". He is conservative in his views which is an asset. My first selection would be him.

My second and third selection would be Sen. Towers, or Senator Byrd. Both conservative in their views and Republicans.

Lastly, Mr. President, I'm all for you as I know you do represent judgment, deliberation and integrity in the highest as I have written to you on occasions when you were Congressman, and I always received favorable replies. Thank you, and "good luck" as President of the United States,

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Respectfully yours,

*John W. Masucci*  
John W. Masucci  
1673 42nd St,  
BROOKLYN, NY 11204



September 9, 1974

GENERAL

PL/Reagan, Rosalb

Dear Mrs. Mincks:

Thank you very much for your recent message regarding the nominee for Vice President. This was a difficult decision for me.

As you know, after consideration and consultation, I have nominated Nelson A. Rockefeller, former Governor of the State of New York. His superb record of accomplishments in State and Federal government and in private endeavors is well known. He and his family have contributed significantly to the goals of America both at home and abroad. He would, above all, be able to assume the Presidency should God will it. From all the eminently qualified men and women who were considered, it was a tough call for a tough job.

I truly appreciated having your sincere recommendations and gave them my sincere attention.

With kind regards,

Sincerely,

GERALD R. FORD

Mrs. W. J. Mincks  
740 Kennebec Court  
Bloomfield Hills, Michigan 48013

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PMS PRESIDENT GERALD FORD

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MRS W J MINCKS 740 KENNEBEC CT BLOOMFIELD HILLS MI 48013

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September 9, 1974

GENERAL

PL/Reagan,  
Ronald

Dear Mr. Dollinger:

Thank you very much for your recent message regarding the nominee for Vice President. This was a difficult decision for me.

As you know, after consideration and consultation, I have nominated Nelson A. Rockefeller, former Governor of the State of New York. His superb record of accomplishments in State and Federal government and in private endeavors is well known. He and his family have contributed significantly to the goals of America both at home and abroad. He would, above all, be able to assume the Presidency should God will it. From all the eminently qualified men and women who were considered, it was a tough call for a tough job.

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With kind regards,

Sincerely,

GERALD R. FORD

Mr. C. R. Dollinger, Jr.  
District Four Committeeman  
Texas Republican Executive Committee  
Beaumont, Texas 77701

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PMS PRESIDENT GERALD FORD

THE WHITE HOUSE

WASHINGTON DC 20500

PLEASE PICK GOVERNOR RONALD REAGAN AS YOUR VICE PRESIDENT.

WHAT AMERICA NEEDS MOST IS AN ADMINISTRATION THAT WILL

ATTACK PROBLEMS HEAD ON AS A TEAM - NOT A BALANCED TICKET.

THE MANDATE OF THE 1972 ELECTION WAS THAT 6 OUT OF EVERY 10

AMERICANS WANTED NOTHING TO DO WITH THE FAR OUT IDEAS OF

GEORGE MC GOVERN. IN EIGHT YEARS AS GOVERNOR OF CALIFORNIA

RONALD REAGAN HAS SHOWN HE KNOWS HOW TO ATTACK PROBLEMS HEAD

ON AND THAT WHEN APPLIED PROPERTLY, BUSINESS METHODS AND

COMMON SENSE WILL WORK WHEN EMPLOYED BY GOVERNMENT. ASK

GOVERNOR REAGAN TO HELP YOU DO THE SAME FOR THE WHOLE



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FRIENDS", FRIDAY. IT IS COMFORTING TO KNOW THAT A CHRISTIAN  
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SEE THAT YOU DO WHAT IS RIGHT

C R DOLLINGER JR  
DISTRICT 4 COMMITTEEMAN  
TEXAS REPUBLICAN EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE

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September 9, 1974

GENERAL

*PL/Reagan, Ford*

Dear Mr. and Mrs. Morris:

Thank you very much for your recent message regarding the nominee for Vice President. This was a difficult decision for me.

As you know, after consideration and consultation, I have nominated Nelson A. Rockefeller, former Governor of the State of New York. His superb record of accomplishments in State and Federal government and in private endeavors is well known. He and his family have contributed significantly to the goals of America both at home and abroad. He would, above all, be able to assume the Presidency should God will it. From all the eminently qualified men and women who were considered, it was a tough call for a tough job.

I truly appreciated having your sincere recommendations and gave them my sincere attention.

With kind regards,

Sincerely,

GERALD R. FORD

Mr. and Mrs. Danny Morris  
14625 Kazan  
Irvine, California 92705

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PMS PRESIDENT GERALD FORD

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BEST WISHES PLEASE SELECT GOVERNOR RONALD REAGAN OR SENATOR  
BARRY GOLDWATER TO BE VICE PRESIDENT

DANNY AND CAROL MORRIS 14625 KAZAN IRVINE CA 92705

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September 9, 1974

GENERAL

PL/Reagan

Dear Mr. Duffy:

Thank you very much for your recent message regarding the nominee for Vice President. This was a difficult decision for me.

As you know, after consideration and consultation, I have nominated Nelson A. Rockefeller, former Governor of the State of New York. His superb record of accomplishments in State and Federal government and in private endeavors is well known. He and his family have contributed significantly to the goals of America both at home and abroad. He would, above all, be able to assume the Presidency should God will it. From all the eminently qualified men and women who were considered, it was a tough call for a tough job.

I truly appreciated having your sincere recommendations and gave them my sincere attention.

With kind regards,

Sincerely,

GERALD R. FORD

Mr. Richard Duffy  
401 Morning Star Lane  
Costa Mesa, California

92601

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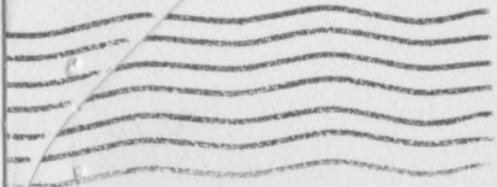
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GENERAL

September 10, 1974

PL/GOLDWATER, BARRY

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PL/REAGAN, RONALD

Dear Miss Mandella:

Thank you very much for your recent message regarding the nominee for Vice President. This was a difficult decision for me.

As you know, after consideration and consultation, I have nominated Nelson A. Rockefeller, former Governor of the State of New York. His superb record of accomplishments in State and Federal government and in private endeavors is well known. He and his family have contributed significantly to the goals of America both at home and abroad. He would, above all, be able to assume the Presidency should God will it. From all the eminently qualified men and women who were considered, it was a tough call for a tough job.

I truly appreciated having your sincere recommendations and gave them my sincere attention.

With kind regards,

Sincerely,

GERALD R. FORD

Miss Gloria Mandella  
Board of Directors  
San Luis Obispo California Republican  
Women  
1285 Rich Court  
San Luis Obispo, California 93401

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September 10, 1974

PL/REAGAN, RONALD

Dear Mr. and Mrs. Welker:

Thank you very much for your recent message regarding the nominee for Vice President. This was a difficult decision for me.

As you know, after consideration and consultation, I have nominated Nelson A. Rockefeller, former Governor of the State of New York. His superb record of accomplishments in State and Federal government and in private endeavors is well known. He and his family have contributed significantly to the goals of America both at home and abroad. He would, above all, be able to assume the Presidency should God will it. From all the eminently qualified men and women who were considered, it was a tough call for a tough job.

I truly appreciated having your sincere recommendations and gave them my sincere attention.

With kind regards,

Sincerely,

GERALD R. FORD

X  
Mr. and Mrs. Ralph Welker  
44256 11th Street, East  
Lancaster, California 93534

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PMS VICE PRESIDENT FORD

CAPITOL HILL DC

WE RECOMMEND YOU CONSIDER RONALD REGAN FOR VICE PRESIDENT WE  
ARE APPOSED TO PROSECUTING NIXON

RALPH WELKER AND LORRAINE WELKER 44256 11 ST EAST LANCASTER

CA 93534

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~~GENERAL~~

PL/REGAN, RONALD

September 10, 1974

Dear Miss Rankin:

Thank you very much for your recent message regarding the nominee for Vice President. This was a difficult decision for me.

As you know, after consideration and consultation, I have nominated Nelson A. Rockefeller, former Governor of the State of New York. His superb record of accomplishments in State and Federal government and in private endeavors is well known. He and his family have contributed significantly to the goals of America both at home and abroad. He would, above all, be able to assume the Presidency should God will it. From all the eminently qualified men and women who were considered, it was a tough call for a tough job.

I truly appreciated having your sincere recommendations and gave them my sincere attention.

With kind regards,

Sincerely,

GERALD R. FORD

Miss Minnie M. Rankin  
44256 11th Street, East  
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MINNIE M RANKIN 44256 11 ST EAST LANCASTER CA 93534

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September 10, 1974

**GENERAL**

*RL/Reagan, Ronald*

Dear Mr. and Mrs. Cowan:

Thank you very much for your recent message regarding the nominee for Vice President. This was a difficult decision for me.

As you know, after consideration and consultation, I have nominated Nelson A. Rockefeller, former Governor of the State of New York. His superb record of accomplishments in State and Federal government and in private endeavors is well known. He and his family have contributed significantly to the goals of America both at home and abroad. He would, above all, be able to assume the Presidency should God will it. From all the eminently qualified men and women who were considered, it was a tough call for a tough job.

I truly appreciated having your sincere recommendations and gave them my sincere attention.

With kind regards,

Sincerely,

**GERALD R. FORD**

Mr. and Mrs. Hardy <sup>X</sup>Cowan  
9 Woodlyn Lane  
Bradbury, California 91010

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PMS PRESIDENT GERALD R FORD

WHITE HOUSE DC 20500

PLEASE CONSIDER OUR WONDERFUL GOVERNOR RONALD REAGAN FOR VICE  
PRESIDENT FORD-REAGAN UNBEATABLE IN 1976

MR AND MRS HARDY COWAN 9 WOODLYN LN BRADBURY CA 91010

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GENERAL

PL/Rarick, John R.  
PL/Reagan, Ronald  
RARICK, JOHN R.

Dear Mr. Ferrick:

Thank you very much for your recent message regarding the nominee for Vice President. This was a difficult decision for me.

As you know, after consideration and consultation, I have nominated Nelson A. Rockefeller, former Governor of the State of New York. His superb record of accomplishments in State and Federal government and in private endeavors is well known. He and his family have contributed significantly to the goals of America both at home and abroad. He would, above all, be able to assume the Presidency should God will it. From all the eminently qualified men and women who were considered, it was a tough call for a tough job.

I truly appreciated having your sincere recommendations and gave them my sincere attention.

With kind regards,

Sincerely,

Mr. Richard H. Ferrick  
1226 West 38th Street  
Los Angeles, California 90037

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GENERAL

PL/Reagan, Ronald  
PL/Laird, Melvin  
PL/Goldwater, Barry

Dear Mr. and Mrs. O'Hara:

Thank you very much for your recent message regarding the nominee for Vice President. This was a difficult decision for me.

As you know, after consideration and consultation, I have nominated Nelson A. Rockefeller, former Governor of the State of New York. His superb record of accomplishments in State and Federal government and in private endeavors is well known. He and his family have contributed significantly to the goals of America both at home and abroad. He would, above all, be able to assume the Presidency should God will it. From all the eminently qualified men and women who were considered, it was a tough call for a tough job.

I truly appreciated having your sincere recommendations and gave them my sincere attention.

With kind regards,

Sincerely,

GERALD R. FORD

Mr. and Mrs. Meredith O'Hara  
9801 West Suburban Drive  
Miami, Florida 33156

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PMS PRESIDENT GERALD R FORD

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WE WOULD LIKE REAGAN LAIRD OR GOLDWATER FOR VICE PRESIDENT

MR AND MRS MEREDITH H O'HARA 9801 WEST SUBURBAN DR MIAMI FL

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Dear Mr. and Mrs. Levin:

It was kind of you to express your good wishes as I begin my duties as President.

While I did not seek this great responsibility, I will not shirk it. Having the support and prayers of fine people like you is a source of strength and encouragement to me.

With kind regards and appreciation for your thoughtfulness,

Sincerely,

GERALD R. FORD

Mr. and Mrs. Henry Levin  
3674 Barham Boulevard  
Los Angeles, California 90068

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to.

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PK/Laird, Melvin  
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PK/Wallace, George  
Wallace, George



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PL/Reagan, Ronald

Dear Mr. and Mrs. Miller:

It was kind of you to express your good wishes as I begin my duties as President.

While I did not seek this great responsibility, I will not shirk it. Having the support and prayers of fine people like you is a source of strength and encouragement to me.

With kind regards and appreciation for your thoughtfulness,

Sincerely,

Mr. and Mrs. Edwin R. Miller  
Route 4, Box 212E  
Manning, South Carolina 29102

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*R. Reagan,  
Ronald*

Dear Mr. Dorsey:

It was kind of you to express your good wishes as I begin my duties as President.

While I did not seek this great responsibility, I will not shirk it. Having the support and prayers of fine people like you is a source of strength and encouragement to me.

With kind regards and appreciation for your thoughtfulness,

Sincerely,

GERALD R. FORD

Mr. Paul J. Dorsey  
169 Mountainview Road  
East Longmeadow, Massachusetts 01028

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GENERAL

R. Reagan, Lonsdale

September 10, 1974

Dear Mr. Kerr:

Thank you very much for your recent message regarding the nominee for Vice President. This was a difficult decision for me.

As you know, after consideration and consultation, I have nominated Nelson A. Rockefeller, former Governor of the State of New York. His superb record of accomplishments in State and Federal government and in private endeavors is well known. He and his family have contributed significantly to the goals of America both at home and abroad. He would, above all, be able to assume the Presidency should God will it. From all the eminently qualified men and women who were considered, it was a tough call for a tough job.

I truly appreciated having your sincere recommendations and gave them my sincere attention.

With kind regards,

Sincerely,

GERALD R. FORD

Mr. Arleigh R. Kerr, Jr.  
3747 Regal Vista Drive  
Sherman Oaks, California 91403

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WASHINGTON DC 20501

BEST WISHES. PLEASE PICK GOVERNOR REAGAN FOR VICE PRESIDENT

ARLEIGH R KERR JR 3747 REGAL VISTA DR SHERMAN OAKS CA 91403

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September 10, 1974

GENERAL

*R. Reagan,  
Ronald*

Dear Mrs. Herring:

Thank you very much for your recent message regarding the nominee for Vice President. This was a difficult decision for me.

As you know, after consideration and consultation, I have nominated Nelson A. Rockefeller, former Governor of the State of New York. His superb record of accomplishments in State and Federal government and in private endeavors is well known. He and his family have contributed significantly to the goals of America both at home and abroad. He would, above all, be able to assume the Presidency should God will it. From all the eminently qualified men and women who were considered, it was a tough call for a tough job.

I truly appreciated having your sincere recommendations and gave them my sincere attention.

With kind regards,

Sincerely,

GERALD R. FORD

Mrs. T. F. Herring<sup>X</sup>  
1501 Santanela  
Corona Del Mar, California 92625

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MY NOMINATION IS THE HONORABLE RONALD REAGAN

MRS T F HERRING 1501 SANTANELA CORONA DEL MAR, CA 92625

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**GENERAL**

*PL / Reagan, Ronald*

Dear Miss Sullivan:

Thank you very much for your recent message regarding the nominee for Vice President. This was a difficult decision for me.

As you know, after consideration and consultation, I have nominated Nelson A. Rockefeller, former Governor of the State of New York. His superb record of accomplishments in State and Federal government and in private endeavors is well known. He and his family have contributed significantly to the goals of America both at home and abroad. He would, above all, be able to assume the Presidency should God will it. From all the eminently qualified men and women who were considered, it was a tough call for a tough job.

I truly appreciated having your sincere recommendations and gave them my sincere attention.

With kind regards,

Sincerely,

**GERALD R. FORD**

Miss Doris A. Sullivan  
2277 Union  
Memphis, Tennessee 38104

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PRES VICE PRESIDENT GERALD FORD  
WHITE HOUSE DC 20501

PLEASE IF YOU DO BECOME PRESIDENT PLEASE PICK GOVERNOR REGAN  
OF CALIFORNIA  
DORIS A SULLIVAN 2277 UNION MEMPHIS TN 38104

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September 10, 1974

**GENERAL**

*Rh/Reagan, Ronald*

Dear Mr. and Mrs. Eaves:

Thank you very much for your recent message regarding the nominee for Vice President. This was a difficult decision for me.

As you know, after consideration and consultation, I have nominated Nelson A. Rockefeller, former Governor of the State of New York. His superb record of accomplishments in State and Federal government and in private endeavors is well known. He and his family have contributed significantly to the goals of America both at home and abroad. He would, above all, be able to assume the Presidency should God will it. From all the eminently qualified men and women who were considered, it was a tough call for a tough job.

I truly appreciated having your sincere recommendations and gave them my sincere attention.

With kind regards,

Sincerely,

GERALD R. FORD

Mr. and Mrs. James Eaves  
1039 Cresthaven Drive  
Los Angeles, California 90042

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CONGRATULATIONS JERRY PLEASE CHOICE OUR RONALD REGAN FOR VICE  
PRESIDENT BOTH GOOD MEN GREAT TEAM  
MR ANF MRS JAMES EAVES 1039 CRESTHAVEN DR LOS ANGELES CA 90042

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September 10, 1974

GENERAL

PL/Reagan, Ronald  
PL, Bush, Geo.

Dear Miss Toddy:

Thank you very much for your recent message regarding the nominee for Vice President. This was a difficult decision for me.

As you know, after consideration and consultation, I have nominated Nelson A. Rockefeller, former Governor of the State of New York. His superb record of accomplishments in State and Federal government and in private endeavors is well known. He and his family have contributed significantly to the goals of America both at home and abroad. He would, above all, be able to assume the Presidency should God will it. From all the eminently qualified men and women who were considered, it was a tough call for a tough job.

I truly appreciated having your sincere recommendations and gave them my sincere attention.

With kind regards,

Sincerely,

GERALD R. FORD

Miss Sarah <sup>X</sup>Toddy  
1532 Dell Drive  
Monterey Park, California 91754

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WHITE HOUSE DC 20500

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SARAH TODDY 1532 DELL DR MONTEREY PARK CA 91754

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September 19, 1974

Dear Mr. Grenier:

*John C*

President Ford has asked me to thank you for your heartwarming letter. He is especially grateful for the prayers of you and Mrs. Grenier.

Also, the President appreciated your suggestions for a nominee for Vice President. As you know, after consideration and consultation, he has nominated Nelson A. Rockefeller, former Governor of the State of New York. The President has said that there were many eminently qualified men and women. It was a tough call for a tough job. But he sincerely believes Governor Rockefeller is the best man for the job.

Concerning your interest in making a campaign contribution, President Ford appreciates your generosity. However, he is not able to accept any contributions. From the time of his inauguration on August 9, the President has determined it is inappropriate for him or any member of his staff to accept or process contributions. He trusts you will appreciate the reason for this decision.



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Nevertheless, in view of your already expressed interest, you may wish to contribute directly to the Republican National Committee, 310 First Street, S. E., Washington, D. C. 20003. Your support would be most welcome.

With best wishes,

Sincerely,

Roland L. Elliott  
Special Assistant  
to the President

Mr. John C. Grebler  
6304 East Decatur  
Mesa, Arizona 85205

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Mesa, 8-12-74

To President Ford  
Washington D.C.

I am comming to you for a little advise, also to thank you for answering my letter sometime ago, it was so much like you as we know you in Michigan.

The help I want is this, I intend to contribute \$50 to the election campain purpose, letters are comming from so many different committys, and there so many crooks that I want to send it to you.

I hate to contribute any money and any have any of it use for Rhodes, to me he is a crude impolite skate, at the dedication of the new hospital in Tempe I tried to ask him a question, he rafered me very rudely to his office in Pheonix, brushed by me to autograph the book of 14-15 year girls, at 85 I was not alluring enough for him.

A great number of people are asking <sup>for</sup> Senator Goldwater for Vice President, Please dont, We love Goldwater he is good and honest, but, to old and not strong for that post.

May I suggest Reagin, his expeereance and succes in California makes a good man, also if you wont run in 76 which I hope you will, he woul make a good Prásident.

My next one would be Lird, Next Richadson.

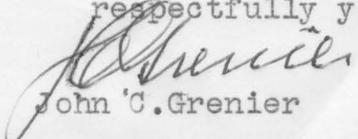
Please be carefull of friends the get jalous of each other, if they are to close to each other, and can make much trouble.

I am a member of the sociaty of humen scycology I learned much and have observed much.

We want you to know that Mrs. Grenier and I are praying for you asking that he gives you proper guidance and succesfull in your efforts With such number cow bell heads which controls the house representativas.

hoping  
May God bless you And ~~hoping~~ that you will answer this letter.

respectfully yours

  
John C. Grenier



P.S. Please forgive my Typografic Mistake I never was good at it and Now at 85 I am worse, I wonder why?

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PL/Armstrong, Anne  
PL/Baker, Howard  
PL/Brooke, Edward  
PL/Bush, George  
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PL/Laird, Melvin  
PL/Percy, Charles  
PL/Reagan, Ronald  
PL/Richardson, Elliot  
PL/Rockefeller, Nelson

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x Armstrong, Anne  
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x Percy, Charles  
x Reagan, Ronald  
x Richardson, Elliot  
x Rockefeller, Nelson



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*PL/Reagan, Ronald*  
*PL/Goldwater*

September 25, 1974

Dear Mrs. Goginat:

Thank you very much for your recent message regarding the nominee for Vice President. This was a difficult decision for me.

As you know, after consideration and consultation, I have nominated Nelson A. Rockefeller, former Governor of the State of New York. His superb record of accomplishments in State and Federal government and in private endeavors is well known. He and his family have contributed significantly to the goals of America both at home and abroad. He would, above all, be able to assume the Presidency should God will it. From all the eminently qualified men and women who were considered, it was a tough call for a tough job.

With kind regards,

Sincerely,

GERALD R. FORD

*\**  
Mrs. Marti Goginat  
7948 Noble Avenue  
Van Nuys, California 91402

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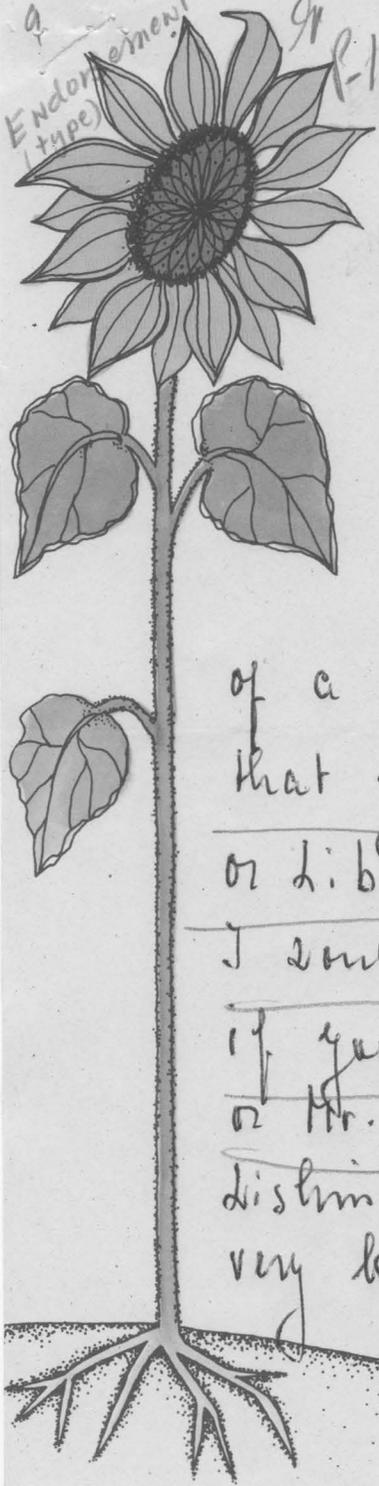
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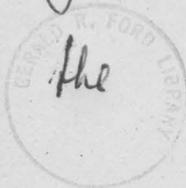


Dear Mr President,  
I would like to express my  
feeling concerning the choice  
of a Vice President. I do hope  
that you will choose a moderate  
or liberal candidate.

I would not be able to support you  
if you should appoint Mr. Reagan  
or Mr. Goldwater.

Wishing you and your family the  
very best.

Sincerely  
U Marti Goltsmit (Mrs)



GENERAL

*PL/Reagan, Ronald*

September 25, 1974

Dear Mrs. Endsley:

Thank you very much for your recent message regarding the nominee for Vice President. This was a difficult decision for me.

As you know, after consideration and consultation, I have nominated Nelson A. Rockefeller, former Governor of the State of New York. His superb record of accomplishments in State and Federal government and in private endeavors is well known. He and his family have contributed significantly to the goals of America both at home and abroad. He would, above all, be able to assume the Presidency should God will it. From all the eminently qualified men and women who were considered, it was a tough call for a tough job.

With kind regards,

Sincerely,

**GERALD R. FORD**

<sup>x</sup>  
Mrs. Ada Endsley  
421 South Main  
McPherson, Kansas 67460

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Dear pro Ford.

congratulations to you. my prayers  
are with you, and dont let those  
blood thirsty ones who treated pro  
nixon so shamefully. They will  
give an account to God. they wont  
shoot their mouth off to Him. they  
will be speechless. can I make

a suggestion about a vice president  
I would like to see Ronald Reagan

fill that place if he would. my  
opinion. I think you & he would  
make a good team. we need

to pray for nixon. I dont think  
going by what I hear that they  
are not going to let him alone. It will  
back fire on them some day.

Mrs Ada Endley

4215 main

Mc pherson Kansas

67466

the light Capitol

GENERAL

PL/Goldwater  
PL/Reagan, Ronald

September 26, 1974

Dear Ms. Bennett:

It was heartwarming to learn about your deep devotion to our Nation. Your patriotism reminds me once more how much America needs the resources which your generation can offer -- your skills, your wisdom, your values and your faith. I admire your spirit and hope that you will continue to know the peace and fulfillment you so richly deserve.

Warmest appreciation and best wishes.

Sincerely,

GERALD R. FORD

Ms. Mary E. Bennett  
2722 San Juan Lane  
Costa Mesa, California 92626

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GENERAL

PL/Reagan, Ronald

October 1, 1974

Dear Mr. Ford:

Thank you very much for your message regarding the nominee for Vice President. This was a difficult decision for me.

As you know, after consideration and consultation, I have nominated Nelson A. Rockefeller, former Governor of the State of New York. His superb record of accomplishments in State and Federal government and in private endeavors is well known. He and his family have contributed significantly to the goals of America both at home and abroad. He would, above all, be able to assume the Presidency should God will it. From all the eminently qualified men and women who were considered, it was a tough call for a tough job.

I truly appreciated having your sincere recommendations and gave them my sincere attention.

With kind regards.

Sincerely,

GERALD R. FORD

*La.*  
The Honorable Robert H. Ford  
State Central Committee  
Republican Party of Louisiana  
Suite E  
138 McGehee Drive  
Baton Rouge, Louisiana 70815

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PMS PRESIDENT GERALD FORD

WHITE HOUSE DC

I RESPECTFULLY URGE YOU TO SELECT GOVERNOR RONALD REAGAN AS  
YOUR VICE PRESIDENTIAL CHOICE

ROBERT H FORD MEMBER STATE CENTRAL REPUBLICAN PARTY MONROE

*Committee of Louisiana*

LOUISIANA

*138 Mc Gehee Drive*

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*Suite E.*

*Baton Rouge*

*70815-*



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PL/Reagan, Ronald

October 1, 1974

Dear Mr. Bachtel:

Thank you very much for your message regarding the nominee for Vice President. This was a difficult decision for me.

As you know, after consideration and consultation, I have nominated Nelson A. Rockefeller, former Governor of the State of New York. His superb record of accomplishments in State and Federal government and in private endeavors is well known. He and his family have contributed significantly to the goals of America both at home and abroad. He would, above all, be able to assume the Presidency should God will it. From all the eminently qualified men and women who were considered, it was a tough call for a tough job.

I truly appreciated having your sincere recommendations and gave them my sincere attention.

With kind regards.

Sincerely,

GERALD R. FORD

Mr. Warren L. <sup>X</sup>Bachtel  
29000 South Western Avenue  
San Pedro, California 90732

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WARREN L. BACHTEL  
ATTORNEY AT LAW  
29000 SOUTH WESTERN AVENUE  
SAN PEDRO, CALIFORNIA 90732  
TELEPHONE 833-5297

August 9, 1974

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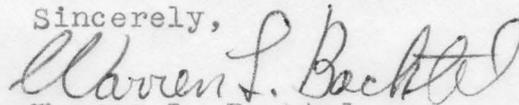
President Gerald R. Ford  
White House  
1600 Pennsylvania Avenue  
Washington, D.C.

Dear President Ford:

It is important to remember that in 1972 the American people rejected the ultra-liberal philosophy of George McGovern by what may have been the most overwhelming majority in our country's history. Although politicians of liberal persuasion may be the most outspoken at the present time, it is highly unlikely that there is any more grass roots support for their political philosophy now than there was two years ago.

I urge you, therefore, to seriously consider California's governor Ronald Reagan as your vice president.

Sincerely,



Warren L. Bachtel  
Member, Republican Central Committee  
of Los Angeles County

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P. Bush, Geo.  
P. Reagan, Ronald  
P. Percy, Charles  
P. Baker, Howard  
P. Brooke, Edward

Dear Mrs. Follingstad:

Thank you very much for your message regarding the nominee for Vice President. This was a difficult decision for me.

As you know, after consideration and consultation, I have nominated Nelson A. Rockefeller, former Governor of the State of New York. His superb record of accomplishments in State and Federal government and in private endeavors is well known. He and his family have contributed significantly to the goals of America both at home and abroad. He would, above all, be able to assume the Presidency should God will it. From all the eminently qualified men and women who were considered, it was a tough call for a tough job.

I truly appreciated having your sincere recommendations and gave them my sincere attention.

With kind regards.

Sincerely,

GERALD R. FORD

Mrs. Earl H. Follingstad  
4039 North Kildare Avenue  
Chicago, Illinois 60641

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*PL/Rockefeller, Nelson*  
*PL/Deagan, Ronald*

October 17, 1974

Dear Jimmy:

Thank you very much for your message regarding the nominee for Vice President. This was a difficult decision for me.

As you know, after consideration and consultation, I have nominated Nelson A. Rockefeller, former Governor of the State of New York. His superb record of accomplishments in State and Federal government and in private endeavors is well known. He and his family have contributed significantly to the goals of America both at home and abroad. He would, above all, be able to assume the Presidency should God will it. From all the eminently qualified men and women who were considered, it was a tough call for a tough job.

I truly appreciated having your sincere recommendations and gave them my sincere attention.

With kind regards.

Sincerely,

GERALD R. FORD

Mr. James L. Dixon  
James L. Dixon & Company  
1144 18th Street, NW.  
Washington, D.C. 20036

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PL/Williams, John  
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Boggs, Calib

October 24, 1974

Dear Mrs. Phillips:

First, let me apologise for the delay in responding to your very warm and thoughtful letter. The demands on my time during these early weeks have prevented me from giving your letter the personal attention I would have liked. I trust you will understand.

In these weeks there have been many hard decisions, among them the choice of Governor Rockefeller to be Vice President and the pardoning of former President Nixon. Each decision was made only after the most careful, thorough examination. I sincerely believe each is in the best interest of our country.

Again, I want to thank you for sharing your concern with me, and for your heartwarming good wishes and prayers for all of the Fords.

With kindest regards and appreciation.

Sincerely,

GERALD R. FORD

Mrs. R. B. <sup>X</sup>Phillips  
901 Highland Avenue  
Wilmington, Delaware 19809

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*R. Reagan,  
Ronald*

Dear Miss Sabin:

Thank you very much for your message regarding my nomination of Nelson A. Rockefeller for Vice President.

As I stated at the time, it was only after careful consideration and consultation that I submitted his nomination to the Congress. His superb record of accomplishments in State and Federal government and in private endeavors is well known. He and his family have contributed significantly to the goals of America both at home and abroad. I am confident now, as I was when I nominated him, that he would, above all, be able to assume the Presidency should God will it.

I truly appreciate your taking the time to write and give me the benefit of your views.

I am deeply grateful for your prayers.

With kind regards.

Sincerely,

GERALD R. FORD

Miss Elinor L. Sabin  
1115 Logan Street  
Los Angeles, California 90026

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Pres. Reagan,  
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December 2, 1974

Dear Dr. Ryan:

Thank you very much for your message regarding my nomination of Nelson A. Rockefeller for Vice President.

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I truly appreciate your taking the time to write and give me the benefit of your views.

With kind regards.

Sincerely,

[GERALD R. FORD]

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William E. Ryan, M.D.  
2384 Pennington Road  
Trenton, New Jersey 08638

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December 2, 1974

Dear Mr. Valentine:

Thank you very much for your message regarding my nomination of Nelson A. Rockefeller for Vice President.

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I truly appreciate your taking the time to write and give me the benefit of your views.

With kind regards.

Sincerely,

GERALD R. FORD

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Mr. J. N. Valentine  
Valentine Company  
987 South Coast Highway  
Laguna Beach, California 92651

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*Pres. Reagan, Ronald*  
*Pres. Goldwater, Barry*

December 2, 1974

Dear Dr. Clinch:

Thank you very much for your message regarding my nomination of Nelson A. Rockefeller for Vice President.

As I stated at the time, it was only after careful consideration and consultation that I submitted his nomination to the Congress. His superb record of accomplishments in State and Federal government and in private endeavors is well known. He and his family have contributed significantly to the goals of America both at home and abroad. I am confident now, as I was when I nominated him, that he would, above all, be able to assume the Presidency should God will it.

I truly appreciate your taking the time to write and give me the benefit of your views.

With kind regards.

Sincerely,

GERALD R. FORD

A. H. Clinch, D.O.  
Post Office Box 79670  
Saginaw, Texas 76079

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JAMES D. ROGERS, M.D.

December 2, 1974

Dear Dr. Rogers:

Thank you very much for your message regarding my nomination of Nelson A. Rockefeller for Vice President.

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I truly appreciate your taking the time to write and give me the benefit of your views.

With kind regards.

Sincerely,

**GERALD R. FORD**

James D. Rogers, M.D.  
120 Scott Street  
Joliet, Illinois 60431

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*R. Reagan,  
Ronald*

Dear Mrs. Drake:

Thank you very much for your letter on the proposed Human Life Amendments to the United States Constitution. I believe it would be desirable to amend the Constitution in order to change the 1973 Supreme Court decision on this matter.

While Minority Leader of the House of Representatives, I cosponsored an amendment which would restore to the citizens of each State the power to regulate abortions. I strongly support such an amendment. I appreciate your taking the time to write me on this important subject.

Sincerely,

GERALD R. FORD

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Mrs. William G. Drake  
3186 Route 27  
Kendall Park, New Jersey 08824

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R. Reagan,  
Ronald

December 10, 1974

Dear Dr. Shelton:

Thank you very much for your message regarding my nomination of Nelson A. Rockefeller for Vice President.

As I stated at the time, it was only after careful consideration and consultation that I submitted his nomination to the Congress. His superb record of accomplishments in State and Federal government and in private endeavors is well known. He and his family have contributed significantly to the goals of America both at home and abroad. I am confident now, as I was when I nominated him, that he would, above all, be able to assume the Presidency should God will it.

I truly appreciate your taking the time to write and give me the benefit of your views, and I am very grateful for your prayers.

With kind regards,

**GERALD R. FORD**

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B. Wright Shelton, M.D.  
Suite 508  
Robinson Building  
Miami, Oklahoma 74354

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Re/Reagan,  
Ronald

December 10, 1974

Dear Mr. Tilton:

Thank you very much for your message regarding my nomination of Nelson A. Rockefeller for Vice President.

As I stated at the time, it was only after careful consideration and consultation that I submitted his nomination to the Congress. His superb record of accomplishments in State and Federal government and in private endeavors is well known. He and his family have contributed significantly to the goals of America both at home and abroad. I am confident now, as I was when I nominated him, that he would, above all, be able to assume the Presidency should God will it.

Sincerely,

GERALD R. FORD

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Mr. Edw. G. Tilton  
65 Rheem Boulevard  
Orinda, California 94563

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PL/REAGAN, RONALD

April 21, 1975

Dear Miss Paullin:

I was glad to receive your thoughtful letter and to share your political insights. It means a great deal to me to know that I have your support and friendship.

You have my appreciation and best wishes.

Sincerely,

GERALD R. FORD

Miss Ainee Roberta Paullin  
Post Office Box 1356  
Sacramento, California 95806

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PL/Ford

PL/REAGAN,

RONALD

July 22, 1975

Dear Friends:

On behalf of President Ford I want to thank you for your recent letter. He very much appreciates your thoughtful interest in writing and has fully noted your comments about former Governor Reagan, *RONALD*

As you may know, the President has indicated on several occasions his belief that he shares a good partnership with Vice President Rockefeller. However, the President has also said that he looks forward to the coming campaign as an opportunity for each of them to submit fully to the judgment of the Republican Party Convention and the American people.

Again, I want to thank you for writing and to extend you the President's warm good wishes and appreciation for your prayers.

Sincerely,

Roland L. Elliott  
Director of Correspondence

Mr. Larry O. Toney  
Mr. and Mrs. Dave Kensinger  
HNB, 1st Battalion, 44th ADA  
APO, San Francisco 96370

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*PL/REGAN, Ronald*

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August 20, 1975

Dear Mr. Phillips,

*Paul*  
President Ford was glad to hear of your lunch with Bob List and to have the benefit of your thoughts on the announcement made by Senator Laxalt. He knows you will understand that while it may not always be possible for him to respond personally, he does appreciate your keeping him informed and advised.

The editorial you enclosed with your letter to me was a most interesting one. We will have to watch for further developments.

As you suggested, I have sent the letter you received on to the Secret Service.

Following today's telephone conversation, I have checked on the immigration matter and hope to have a report reasonably soon. I may not have the information by Friday, but will do my best.

With kind regards.

Sincerely,

(Miss) Mildred Leonard  
Personal Assistant  
to the President

Mr. Dean Phillips  
Ten Dartmouth Drive  
Reno, Nevada 89502 ✓

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Mr. Reagan,  
Ronald

REAGAN, RONALD

October 23, 1975

Dear Mrs. Burns:

The President has asked me to thank you for your letter and for your thoughtfulness in writing. Your suggestions with respect to the 1976 Republican Vice Presidential nominee are particularly appreciated.

As you may know, President Ford believes that the traditional and proper forum for choosing the Party's nominee is through the established process leading up to and including the Convention. He is confident that within this framework, the Party will make the wisest selection of candidates for a successful campaign and victory at the polls in the coming election year.

Again, thank you for your interest and best wishes.

Sincerely,

Roland L. Elliott  
Director of Correspondence

X  
Mr. Michael Eugene Burns  
4010 Gateway Court  
Indianapolis, Indiana 46254

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Mr. and Mrs. Michael Eugene Burns

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Dear President Ford,

The greatest thing you could do for our party and our nation (and most definitely for your own chances at election) would be to have Ronald Reagan as your Vice-Presidential running mate.

Sincerely - Mike Burns

BW



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PL/REAGAN, Ronald

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October 31, 1975

Dear Bill:

Thank you for your letter of October 22, inviting President Ford to appear with former Governor Ronald Reagan on WLNH in Laconia, New Hampshire.

We appreciate having your invitation and, as I mentioned on the telephone, it will be given every consideration when a future trip to New Hampshire is scheduled.

With best wishes,

Sincerely,

Margita E. White  
Assistant Press Secretary  
to the President

Mr. William W. White  
News Director  
WLNH  
Parade Road  
Laconia, New Hampshire 03246

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November 19, 1975

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PL/FORD

PL/Reagan, Ronald

Dear Mr. Kinneys:

President Ford has asked me to thank you for your thoughtful message of support. He is grateful to know he can count on your backing.

We have overcome many of the critical problems which faced our Nation this past year, but much remains to be done. The President is looking forward to the time ahead and the opportunity it will provide to encourage all our citizens to join with him in working for America.

You have the President's warm good wishes and appreciation for your prayers.

Sincerely,

Roland L. Elliott  
Director of Correspondence

Mr. Del Kinneys  
L.S. 874  
Davis, Illinois 61019



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November 20, 1975

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PH/Reagan, Ronald

PH/Richardson, Eliot

Dear Mr. Fallon:

Thank you so much for your letter of November 4 and your comments on recent events. I am deeply grateful for your interest and your support. Your special greetings for Phil Buchen are also appreciated.

You have my best wishes.

Sincerely,

Mr. John J. Fallon  
1300 Commerce Bank Building  
Kansas City, Missouri 64106

cc with cc of incoming: Philip Buchen, FYI.

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PL/Reagan

November 24, 1975

Dear Charlie:

I want you to know that I have carefully reviewed the background materials related to the Cable-TV controversy -- as well as the Helms correspondence which was enclosed with your November 11 letters.

It's good of you to keep me abreast of your thinking on the issues concerned and I appreciate it.

With my best regards,

Sincerely,

Richard B. Cheney  
Assistant to the President

Mr. Charles E. Crutchfield  
President  
Jefferson-Pilot Broadcasting  
Company  
One Julian Price Place  
Charlotte, North Carolina 28208

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November 24, 1975

GENERAL  
PL/FORD

Pu/Reagan, Ronald

Dear Mr. Krider:

On behalf of President Ford I want to thank you for your recent letter. He is grateful for your expression of concern for our country, and also for your interest in the upcoming election campaign. You may be sure your opinions are appreciated and your remarks have been fully noted.

We have overcome many of the critical problems which faced our Nation this past year, but much remains to be done. The President is looking forward to the time ahead and the opportunity it will provide to encourage all our citizens to join with him in working for America.

Sincerely,

Roland L. Elliott  
Director of Correspondence

Mr. Donald W. Krider, Jr.  
122 North Watterson Trial  
Louisville, Kentucky 40243

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November 25, 1975

GENERAL  
PL/FORD

PL/Reagan, Ronald

Dear Mr. Fornarotto:

President Ford has asked me to thank you for your thoughtful message of support. He is grateful to know he can count on your backing.

We have overcome many of the critical problems which faced our Nation this past year, but much remains to be done. The President is looking forward to the time ahead and the opportunity it will provide to encourage all our citizens to join with him in working for America.

You have the President's warm good wishes and appreciation.

Sincerely,

Roland L. Elliott  
Director of Correspondence

Mr. Joe Fornarotto  
523 Union Avenue  
Belleville, New Jersey 07109



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November 25, 1975

GENERAL  
PL/FORD

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PL/Reagan, Ronald

Dear Mr. Massaro:

On behalf of President Ford I want to thank you for your recent letter. He is grateful for your expression of concern for our country, and also for your interest in the upcoming election campaign. You may be sure your opinions are appreciated and your remarks have been fully noted.

We have overcome many of the critical problems which faced our Nation this past year, but much remains to be done. The President is looking forward to the time ahead and the opportunity it will provide to encourage all our citizens to join with him in working for America.

Sincerely,

Roland L. Elliott  
Director of Correspondence

Mr. Francis J. Massaro  
Apartment 921  
640 South Main Street  
Los Angeles, California 90014

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Dear Mr. Wylie:

President Ford has asked me to thank you for your recent letter. He welcomed your comments and expression of concern for our country. He was also pleased by your interest in the upcoming election campaign. You may be sure your opinions have been fully noted.

We have overcome many of the critical problems which faced our Nation this past year, but much remains to be done. The President is looking forward to the time ahead and the opportunity it will provide to encourage all our citizens to join with him in working for America.

Sincerely,

Roland L. Elliott  
Director of Correspondence

Mr. Rockwood Eliot Wylie  
4-Plex Realty  
Suite 102  
4100 Birch Street  
Newport Beach, California 92660



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THE WHITE HOUSE  
WASHINGTON

December 19, 1975

Dear Mr. Brazzil:

President Ford has asked me to thank you very much for your recent letter inviting him to make a joint television appearance with former Governor Reagan on WTVJ-TV next January 24th in Miami.

The President is most appreciative of your invitation to present his thoughts on key national issues to viewers in the important thirteen county area served by WTVJ-TV. Unfortunately, he has an unusually heavy schedule next month and will be spending nearly all of his time preparing the State of the Union message and the Budget Report to the Congress. As a result, there are no present plans for him to visit Florida.

We would like to keep your request under active consideration, however, in the unlikely event that the situation might change.

We sincerely appreciate your invitation, and in behalf of the President, please accept our warmest wishes to you and the staff of WTVJ-TV for a most happy holiday season.

Sincerely,



Ron Nessen  
Press Secretary  
to the President



Mr. William R. <sup>x</sup>Brazzil  
Vice President in Charge  
<sup>x</sup>WTVJ Television  
316 North Miami Avenue  
Miami, Florida 33128

GENERAL

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January 17, 1976

Dear Beau:

Bo Callaway has mentioned to us your interest in obtaining the personal finances of all the Presidential candidates including those of President Ford.

As you know, the complete financial records of the President were reviewed in detail at the time of the Vice Presidential confirmation hearings and that is on file. We would expect these records to be updated and available to the public in the very near future. --ion that probably in the next 30 days.

Best wishes,

Sincerely,

John G. Carlson  
Deputy Press Secretary  
to the President

Mr. Beau Cutts  
ATLANTA CONSTITUTION  
9004 Orange Hunt Lane  
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cc: Bo Callaway/Peter Kaye/Ron Nessen

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January 30, 1976

Dear Charlie:

It was good of you to send along the articles from the Charlotte Observer -- and to add your own insightful comments. We appreciate your interest as you know.

Best regards,

Sincerely,

*Dick*

Richard B. Cheney  
Assistant to the President

*Thanks for your help on the Williamston event!*

Mr. Charles H. Crutchfield  
President  
Jefferson Pilot Broadcasting  
Company  
One Julian Price Place  
Charlotte, North Carolina 28208

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**Charles H Crutchfield**  
President

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Broadcasting Company  
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Charlotte, NC 28208  
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January 28, 1976

**Jefferson  
Pilot  
Broadcasting**

Mr. Richard B. Cheney  
Assistant to the President  
The White House  
Washington, D. C. 20500

Dear Dick:

Here are a couple of incredible reports on Reagan's  
incredible visit yesterday.

I gave this to Margita White by telephone this morn-  
ing, but knew you would also be interested in the  
details -- particularly that statement he made re-  
ferring to how he proposed to cut \$90 billion in  
federal programs: "I never did pay any attention  
to that list. That was just some stuff the economists  
gave me. I didn't even agree with all the things on  
that list". Also, the fact that he only had 100 people  
at a Charlotte cocktail party when at least 1500 were  
expected is indicative of his standing here. I could  
have gotten 1500 people together just to have a drink,  
much less to hear a Presidential candidate.

For your information.

Cordially,



CHC:mm

Enclosures

cc: Ms. Margita White (w/enclosures)



# Reagan Less Clear On Plan

By RICHARD BERGHOLZ  
Los Angeles Times

Ronald Reagan said Tuesday he had no intention last September of providing details concerning his plan to shift \$90-billion worth of federal programs to the states.

"I simply announced a broad program last September," the former California governor said in an exclusive interview Tuesday during a campaign stop in Charlotte. "I made no pretense of fleshing it out."

As for a detailed list of federally funded programs he gave to newsmen at the time he unveiled his proposal — a list designed to show the scope of his proposal — Reagan said:

"I never did pay any attention to that list. That was just some stuff the economists gave me. I didn't even agree with all the things on that list."

HE SUGGESTED that newsmen should now discard the September list of prospective targets for the shift of programs from the federal government to the states, and he said he probably would not express his own opinion on which of the programs should be junked rather than, continued by state and local governments.

In September, when he announced the plan, Reagan talked about balancing the federal budget by cutting up to \$90 billion from federal expenditures by transferring programs to the states.

Today, he talks about the shift only in general terms.

He no longer talks about achieving a balanced budget as a direct result of the shift, or of granting an average 23 per cent personal income tax cut or of making a \$5-billion payment on the national debt.

What caused him to change his approach?

"You can't expect a man to have a plan all worked out in detail," he said. There are more than 1,000 separate programs in the social welfare field, he added, and there may be some he would want to continue under Washington's control.

The Charlotte Observer  
Wednesday, January 28, 1976

WHEN HE FIRST unveiled his program, Reagan said, his objective was "to tie spending and taxing functions together wherever feasible, so that those who have the pleasure of giving away tax dollars will also have the pain of raising them."

But today, he refuses to discuss how the states would pay for the programs now funded by Washington, except to suggest that some taxes now levied and collected by the federal government might be used at the state and local level "without making the round trip to Washington and back minus a heavy freight charge."

Last September, Reagan said, "An immediate (federal income) tax cut, some of which might have to be balanced by tax rises in the states, would only be the beginning of the savings that could be achieved."

Today, Reagan admittedly gets explosively angry when his critics suggest the Reagan plan inevitably would result in higher state and local taxes.

"That's the same kind of crap I heard when I proposed welfare reform when I was in Sacramento," he said. His critics then feared a sharp rise in local general relief costs if the welfare recipients were cut off by the state, he said, and it proved to be a groundless fear.

Reagan became particularly angry when he accused Ford campaigners of preceding him (Reagan) into a state where he is campaigning and feeding local politicians with figures on what the Reagan plan allegedly would mean in each particular state.

(N.C. Gov. Jim Holshouser, who is Ford's Southern campaign chairman, had a study done this month on the potential impact of Reagan's plan in North Carolina. According to the Holshouser study, the cost to the state would be \$1.75 billion a year.)



# Reagan Ridicules Social Programs

By JERRY SHINN  
Observer Staff Writer

GASTONIA — Ronald Reagan heaped indignation and ridicule Tuesday night on federal social programs and the bureaucracies that run them.

At a money-raising dinner of

about 300 people at Gaston Country Club, Reagan repeated his proposal for turning over many federal social programs to state and local governments.

To support that proposal, he described situations such as that of a woman in Chicago who used 80 different names to collect \$150,000 a year in food stamps, veterans' benefits, Social Security and welfare.

He told the women at the \$25-a-plate dinner he was sure they had stood with their hamburger in the supermarket checkout line behind "a strapping young fellow up ahead of you buying T-bone steaks with food stamps."

REAGAN WAS WELCOMED by Gastonia's new black mayor, Theboud Jeffers, as "our distinguished next president." Jeffers was appointed last week after the death of Mayor Roland Bradley.

Jeffers, a Democrat, said later of

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## Reagan's Rejoinders Satisfy Charlotteans

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Republican Reagan, "I think he's tremendous. I've always been an admirer of his."

Asked if he'd vote for Reagan if Reagan were the Republican nominee, Jeffers said, "I'd want to see who the other party comes up with."

The Gastonia dinner was the third North Carolina stop Tuesday for the former California governor, who is seeking votes in the March 23, N.C. primary against President Gerald Ford.

Earlier in the day, he made a similar speech to an Asheville luncheon crowd estimated at 1,000. Tuesday afternoon he flew to Charlotte, where he met for 15 minutes with about 100 supporters at the Red Carpet Inn.

During the Charlotte meeting, he offered to answer questions instead of making a speech.

The brief question-and-answer session was a sort of catechism of the former California governor's political philosophy.

National health insurance?

"I'm opposed . . . You cannot socialize the doctors without socializing the patients. . ."

Making intelligence activities public?

"We shouldn't know anything about them which if made public would interfere with . . . counterin-

telligence efforts" or endanger the lives of American agents.

Abortion on demand?

Only when a pregnant woman's life is in danger; not "on demand . . . or because it would be an inconvenience, or because you did something you shouldn't have done. . ."

They pitched the questions high and soft and right over the plate and cheered as he knocked them out of the park.

THE MOST RINGING response came when Reagan was asked about capital punishment and said, "I'm in favor."

Reagan beamed as the crowd cheered. Then he added:

"I hate to smile when I say that . . . But I'm convinced it is a deterrent . . ."

The crowd also loved it when WSOC-TV reporter David Hazinsky began a question by calling Reagan "Gov. Ford," and Reagan quickly quipped:

"I didn't stumble when I came in here." *(He then added that)*

Lawyer Robert Potter, the former county commissioner who heads the Reagan campaign in Mecklenburg County, said the Charlotte visit was arranged mainly because Reagan had to fly into Charlotte for his speech in Gastonia Tuesday night.

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February 24, 1976

Dear Mr. Henderson:

Thanks for your letter of February 18th.

I know how important a decision is on the New River. Please be assured that a decision will be made in a timely fashion, and I'm confident that Secretary Kleppe will make the right decision.

Thank you for your interest.

Sincerely,

Rogers C. B. Morton  
Counsellor to the President

Mr. Douglas R. <sup>X</sup>Henderson II  
Route 7, Box 622-18  
Chapel Hill, North Carolina 27514



GENERAL

PL/Ford  
PL/Reagan

February 24, 1976

Dear Helen:

The President has asked me to respond to your letter of February 14th. I totally agree with you that the primary campaign in the Republican Party must not be divisive. The record of Mr. Reagan and the President must be fair game, however. As you know, the President has never called Mr. Reagan an extremist and I'm sure he will never do so.

Please be assured that the President wants your support now and in November, should he be the Republican nominee.

Sincerely yours,

Rogers C. B. Morton  
Counsellor to the President

Mrs. Jerry C. Martin  
602 Fruitvale Avenue  
Vacaville, California 95688



GENERAL

PL/Ford  
PL/Reagan

March 24, 1976

Dear Mr. Burton:

Mr. Morton has asked me to reply to your recent note and to thank you for your suggestion; we are having someone look into it.

We appreciate your interest and continued support.

Sincerely,

Timothy J. Austin  
Assistant to the Counsellor

Mr. John E. Burton  
6248 Green View Circle  
Sarasota, Florida 33581



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WEBSTER B. TODD  
BOX 146, OLDWICK, NEW JERSEY 08858  
TEL. 201 234-0398

March 24, 1976

Dear Rog:

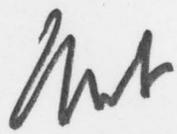
We are very sorry that the President didn't win in North Carolina -- but if you take the advice of an ignorant State Chairman, please tell those people running the campaign not to attack Reagan. We need Reagan's votes come November.

Just look at the popular vote Reagan got in all the Primaries so far. The Reagan people here are talking about a slate now in the Primary and if we are going to carry New Jersey, come November, we've got to have that crowd out working with us.

You have a tough job!

Best regards.

Sincerely yours,



Mr. Rogers Morton  
Counsel to the President  
The White House  
Washington, D. C.



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March 28, 1976

TO: MONTY STOCK

Dear Mr. Stock:

Ron Nessen has asked me to thank you for your recent letter inviting the President to appear on WLUK-TV.

I know the President would enjoy very much meeting with your staff and sharing his views on key national issues. Unfortunately the very heavy demands on the President's schedule preclude his accepting your invitation at this time. We shall be happy, however, to keep your request under active consideration when a future trip is scheduled for the President to visit the Green Bay area.

Sincerely,

Randall L. Woods  
Deputy Director of the  
Office of Communications

X  
Mr. Monty G. Stock  
Program Manager  
X WLUK-TV  
787 Lombardi Avenue  
Green Bay, Wisconsin 54303

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March 30, 1976

Dear Mr. DeLapp:

Thank you for your letter of March tenth. I share your concern about the need for all Republicans to support the Party's nominee. President Ford would be lost without the supporters of Governor Reagan and vice versa. I believe if you will look at any of the accounts of the President's speeches in March, you will see that he has in no way attacked or belittled the Governor's efforts or his candidacy. The President has stated numerous times that this nomination fight has been good for the Party. However, the President has also said that this struggle, if it drags on to the Convention, can become only more bitter if the side which is behind takes out all the stops to catch up. I hope this will not be the case.

As a loyal Republican, and former Chairman of the Republican National Committee, I recognize the need for a united front. I hope we can count on you and all of the Governor's supporters to join in support of the President should Governor Reagan decide to withdraw. If the nomination remains in doubt through the Convention, you can be sure I will work for the Republican candidate whoever he is. I only hope such a struggle will not weaken our chances for a vital victory in November.

Thank you again for your letter and your considerable efforts on behalf of our Party throughout the years.

Sincerely,

Rogers C. B. Morton  
Counsellor to the President

Mr. Sim A. DeLapp  
DeLapp, Hedrick, Harp and Smith  
Post Office Box 534  
Lexington, North Carolina 27292



GENERAL

PL Ford  
PL Reagan

April 28, 1976

Dear Mrs. Fletcher:

The simple response to your letter of April 6th is that the President has not, is not and will not ever use the powers of the Presidency to manipulate the Federal government to aid his candidacy. On the other hand, announcements which are being made, in whatever locality, will not be held up just because certain of the President's opponents will attempt to discredit him with charges of "putting the White House up for sale". Although misleading and at some points inaccurate, many of the facts noted in the ad did indeed take place. However, the President did not orchestrate these announcements, nor in some cases did he even know of them.

I realize that such charges raise doubts in the minds of Americans about our government and our leaders. I hope you will look at the President's record in office and his reputation for honesty before coming to any conclusions yourself. The President's integrity is unsurpassed as is the respect he has for the American people.

Sincerely,

Timothy J. Austin

Mrs. Roger Fletcher  
3001 State Road  
La Crosse, Wisconsin



GENERAL

*PH/Ford*  
*PH/Reagan*

May 5, 1976

Dear Mr. & Mrs. Greist:

Thank you very much for your thoughtful letter written to me about the possibility of having the President consider asking his opponent in the current primaries to accept the nomination of Vice President if it is offered.

I believe you would agree that it is premature for the President to consider at this time how he would like the Republican Convention to vote in selecting its nominee to be Vice President.

We appreciate your interest.

Sincerely,

Philip W. Buchen  
Counsel to the President

Mr. & Mrs. Darton Greist  
71 Old Toll Road, (Rt. 80)  
North Madison, Connecticut 06443



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Stephen D. Quinn  
4124 Keanu Street #2  
Honolulu, Hawaii 96816

May 14, 1976

Mr. Terrance O'Donnell  
The White House  
Washington, D. C.

Dear O'D:

The enclosed article from the local evening paper, which speaks for itself, may be of interest to the President.

I do not condone reducing a Presidential campaign to name calling and demagoguery, but apparently Mr. Reagan disagrees. The "Washington establishment" may indeed be repugnant to the voters in these times, but I wonder what voter reaction would be to exhorbitant expenditures from the public purse to memorialize one's own self-endowed grandeur.

The President is doing a good job; I only wish the country would recognize it.

Very truly yours,

*Stephen D. Quinn*  
STEPHEN D. QUINN

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## Gov. Brown Shuns

# California May Sell Mansion

SACRAMENTO, Calif. (AP) — Spacious, six-room, \$1.3 million, never-lived-in home with ver view. Rent free for caretaking services. References must be impeccable.

It's the governor's mansion that sits vacant on bluff overlooking the American River 14 miles from the state capitol.

Gov. Edmund Brown Jr. refuses to live there, calling it a "Taj Mahal." It was planned and started during the Ronald Reagan administration and finished last year. Brown tried to stop it, but was too far along when he took office in 1975.

BROWN LIVES IN a \$250-a-month apartment across the street from the capitol. He pays the rent himself.

The mansion's landlord, the Department of General Services, is working up a proposal to allow caretakers to move in rent free with all utilities paid.

The state might also sell the unappraised mansion, wanting at least the \$1.3 million investment back. Legislation to allow a sale is on the Senate floor for a vote expected next week.

"IT COSTS \$85,000 a year for guards and labor to maintain the grounds and the structure," said Greg Lipscomb, a department deputy director. A caretaker would cut that at least in half if not more.

Legislation would be required to sell or rent the 10,000-square-foot mansion, or allow anyone to live there except the governor, Lipscomb said.

If the governor moved in, the cost to watch and care for the mansion and its 11-acre site would jump to \$550,000 annually, he said.

Lipscomb said hiring a live-in couple to take care of the place could be done without approval of the legislature.

"WE'RE GETTING a flood of calls," Lipscomb said. "We're telling them to write and express their interest."

He said that details beyond a caretaker type of proposal, such as the number of people and terms, have not been determined.

If the governor were to approve the plan, he said, great care would be taken in selecting the residents.

"It's still the governor's house. This is just a means of managing it. Really, for the state it's a holding action until a governor or someone authorized by law decides to move there.

"Our purpose in exploring a caretaker is to preserve the integrity of the structure for future governors," Lipscomb said.

BROWN, A 38-year-old bachelor Democrat who is running for his party's presidential nomination, once proposed that seminars be held in the mansion. But a bill that would have allowed it died in the legislature.

Another bill that would allow other state constitutional officers, starting with Lt. Gov. Mervyn

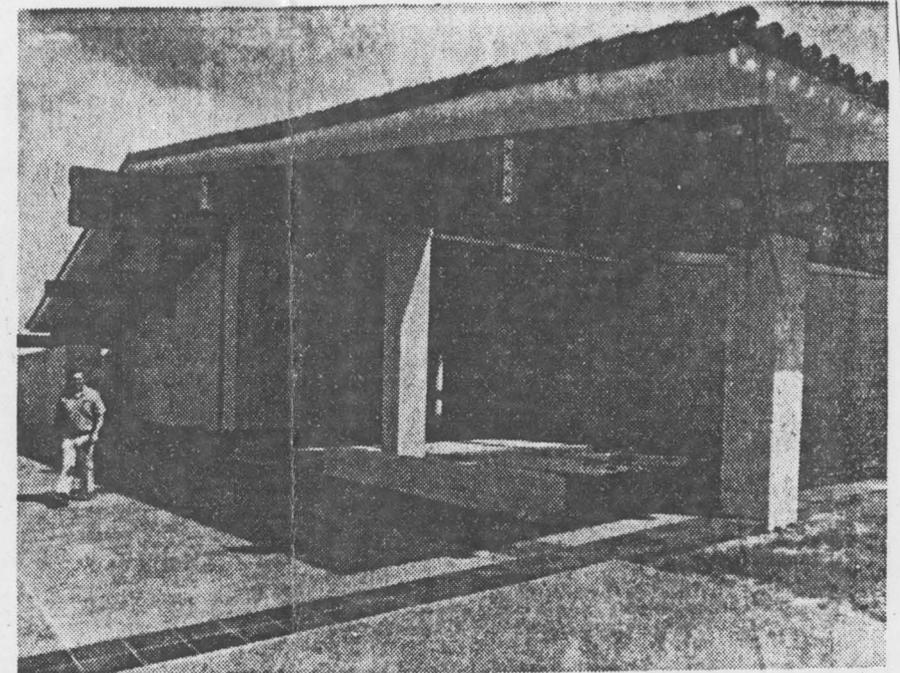
Dymally, to move in, isn't being pushed because all six constitutional officers see willingness to live there as a political liability.

Gray Davis, Brown's executive secretary, said Brown favors the concept of cutting mansion costs, but has not seen the general services' idea. "Hopefully, the mansion is a symbol of a bygone era," Davis said, "where public officials enjoyed a level of affluence that was not warranted by their performances."

SECRETARY OF STATE March Fong Eu quickly changed her mind recently after a published report that she would be willing to live there.

About 20 letters came in critical of her pro-mansion statements and "some were pretty nasty," said her press secretary, Caren Daniels.

"You dirty rat. How do you like some rat poison," said one letter. Other writers merely promised never to vote for her again, Mrs. Daniels said, adding that a number of "kind" letters came in after she issued the statement changing her position.



**UNWANTED**—A workman walks in front of the new and vacant governor's mansion in suburban Sacramento.—AP Photo.

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Number two, our policy would guarantee minority rights for any individuals in any of those countries in Africa.

May 21, 1976

Number three, our policy is one of keeping major powers out of Africa and major powers dominating any African country in Africa.

Dear Mr. Thompson:

*Charles E.*

Thank you for taking the time to write President Ford. I welcome the opportunity your letter affords to make a few comments on our policy towards Africa.

You may recall that President Ford commented on the Rhodesian situation last March while campaigning in Illinois. He said at that time that, "We have to be on the right side morally, and the right side morally is to be for majority rule." Secretary Kissinger's Lusaka speech reflects this statement.

It is precisely because we want to avoid a bloodbath that we are pressing Rhodesia, and urging South Africa to do the same, to negotiate a speedy, peaceful change to majority rule but with protection of minority rights. We believe such an approach promises a future of shared economic prosperity, about which you are rightly concerned. Majority rule achieved only after a long and bloody guerrilla campaign would be one in which minority rights would be swept away.

Accordingly, the United States is exerting its leadership in taking a strong stand in favor of peaceful, negotiated transition to majority rule in Rhodesia. If we do not take significant action in this direction, the Soviets and Cubans will have continued pretext for intervention in southern Africa -- something we all wish to avoid.

President Ford summarized his policy regarding self-determination in southern Africa in Tyler, Texas on April 28:

Let me summarize the objectives of our program in Africa. Number one, we strongly believe today, as we have over the 200 year period of our history, in self-determination by people of a country. That is how we got our freedom -- self-determination.



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The Commonwealth Journal

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Dear George:

The President asked me to thank you for your thoughtfulness in sending him the tear sheets from the Commonwealth-Journal, reporting on Ronald Reagan's recent airport rally at London. It was most helpful to see how the opposition is doing in Kentucky.

The President also asked me to express to you his deepest regret that you were not able to come to the White House with the other Kentucky reporters yesterday.

The President looks forward to having another opportunity at some point in the future to talk to you. The President also asked me to thank you for your help and encouraging comments.

Best wishes. Sorry we could not get you here in the Republican Fifth District before the primary election here in Kentucky, but as you pointed out you had visited in the Fifth District at London last year, and several years ago you spoke at our Lincoln Republican Banquet.

Sincerely,  
Ron Nessen  
Press Secretary  
to the President

Last Wednesday, out of curiosity and also reporting for the newspaper, I attended Ronald Reagan's airport rally at London. I am sure you received reports on the subjects that he touched upon. I believe gives a pretty accurate report on the questions asked of him and his responses. We will have a good report on your Louisville visit along with pictures in our Monday's edition. We only publish Monday through Friday.

Mr. George Joplin  
NNA Vice President  
The Commonwealth-Journal  
102 North Maple Street  
Somerset, Kentucky 42501

Somerset

I received a telegram from Mrs. Margita White Saturday at your conference there at the White House. Unfortunately, I must be in Wisconsin to meet with the Wisconsin Press Association that day to make arrangements for the National Newspaper Association's fall convention and trade show, however, our assistant managing editor, [Name] will be representing us at your news conference along with our Washington correspondent, Ann Cooper.

cc: Sandy Wisniewski  
Margita White - w/incoming that I will miss being with you again, as I enjoyed the opportunity of visiting with you in March during the National Newspaper Association's Government Conference. Bill Martin is anxiously looking forward to seeing you Thursday.

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Rep. Tim Lee Carter has been campaigning for you throughout the district the past couple of months, and John Steven Cooper arrived home this past weekend to boost your campaign.

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May 27, 1976

Dear Dr. Green:

I want to acknowledge your letter to President Ford expressing concern that the television networks refused to sell air time to former Governor Reagan for a political address.

While the Federal Communications Commission was aware of Mr. Reagan's attempts to purchase air time on the three major networks, no formal complaint from Mr. Reagan or his supporters was ever received. As you know, Mr. Reagan was, in fact, afforded the opportunity to purchase a half-hour of program time on the NBC Television Network, and did appear on the network several weeks ago.

On matters involving political candidates and the fairness doctrine, the Commission generally operates on a complaint basis and, accordingly, it does not commence inquiry into these matters unless and until a complainant establishes a prima facie case of noncompliance with the Communications Act or with one of its rules or policies. I have been assured that should the Commission receive a complaint from Mr. Reagan relating to his requests for political time, it will give the matter careful consideration, and will take such action as appears appropriate under the circumstances presented.

Your interest in writing is appreciated and I trust that the above information will be helpful to you.

Sincerely,

Roland L. Elliott  
Director of Correspondence

Andrew Wilson Green, Ph.D.  
533 Lancaster Avenue  
Wynnewood, Pennsylvania 19096

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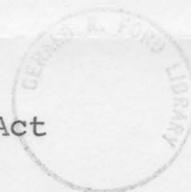
Andrew Wilson Green, Ph.D  
533 Lancaster Avenue  
Wynnewood, Pa. 19096

Dear Dr. Green:

*I want to acknowledge to President Ford*  
~~This is in reply to your letter of March 31, 1976, in~~  
which you expressed <sup>my</sup> concern that the television networks  
refused to sell air time to <sup>former</sup> Governor Reagan for a political  
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~~I have been in contact with the Federal Communications~~  
<sup>While</sup> Commission ~~concerning your letter. I was informed that while~~  
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that should the Commission receive a complaint from Mr. Reagan  
relating to his requests for political time, it will give the  
matter careful consideration, and will take such action



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as appears appropriate under the circumstances presented.

Your interest in writing is appreciated and I trust that the above information will be helpful to you.

Sincerely, ~~yours,~~

Roland L. Elliott  
Director of Correspondence

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CC: CAROL McConnon

THE WHITE HOUSE OFFICE

OFFICE OF CHIEF

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To: Chairman  
Federal Communication Commission

Date: May 3, 1976 BROADCAST BUREAU

ACTION REQUESTED

- Draft reply for:
  - President's signature.
  - Undersigned's signature.
- Memorandum for use as enclosure to reply.
- Direct reply.
- Furnish information copy.
- Suitable acknowledgment or other appropriate handling.
- Furnish copy of reply, if any.
- For your information.
- For comment.

NOTE

*Prompt action is essential.*  
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Letter:  Telegram:  Other:  
 To: The President  
 From: Andrew Wilson Green, Ph.D., 533 Lancaster Avenue, Wynnewood, Pa. 19096  
 Date: 3/31/76  
 Subject: Denial of TV time to Ronald Reagan.

By direction of the President:

  
 Roland L. Elliott  
 Director of Correspondence

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ANDREW WILSON GREEN  
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March 31, 1976

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President Gerald R. Ford  
The White House  
Washington, D. C. 20500

In Re: Denial of Television Time to Ronald Reagan

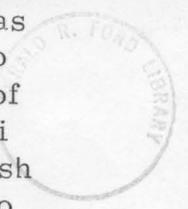
Dear President Ford:

As a lawyer and a law professor, I was very distressed at the denial of television time to Governor Reagan in order to present his views to the American public. Time on only one network after a hassle was insufficient.

I am writing you because I am sure you may want to use your influence to have the networks be a little bit more equitable. Regardless of who wins the contest between you and Ronald Reagan for the Presidency, it would very seriously impair the effectiveness of the Office of the President were it to be generally felt by the American public, or even by a small but significant portion of it, that the victory that either of you won had not been won as the result of a full and fair presentation of the issues of the campaign before the American public.

I am going to send a copy of this letter to the presidents of the three broadcasting networks, ABC, NBC, and CBS. I will also send a copy of it to my senators and congressmen and to the members of the Federal Communications Commission. I will probably also send it to the Chairman of the House and Senate committees responsible for regulation of the broadcasting networks.

I have been very concerned for many years, even thirty-five years or so, about the unfairness of regulation of public broadcasting as it applies to political activity. Although I am relatively young, in my early fifties, I still recall as a high school student the efforts of President Roosevelt and Chairman Fly to transform the broadcasting medium in the United States into an instrument of government propaganda much like what was being done in that period in Nazi Germany, Fascist Italy, Communist Russia, and, to some extent, the British BBC. In other words, the instrument of broadcasting was to be deformed so that it would present only an official and "responsible" point of view.



President Roosevelt and Chairman Fly did not succeed in their efforts in this regard. Nevertheless, certain residues of this type of thinking have still permeated the regulatory laws of the FCC.

The view that broadcasting is an monopoly and consequently that access to the



airwaves should be restricted "in the public interest" is an erroneous one. There are more broadcasting stations in the United States than there are daily newspapers, and, in fact, probably even more than there are weekly newspapers. The result has been a false regulation of the broadcasting industry under the theory that the content of its programs, particularly as regards to comment on public issues, must always be "fair" and "balanced." This is, in many ways, because of the highly competitive situation in the broadcast industry, like trying to regulate the paper pulp industry under the theory that the paper business is a monopoly and that, therefore, those who publish newspapers should have to get a license or buy their paper from licensed paper manufacturers to assure a printing of news in the public interest.

The result has been, first, a misapprehension of the industry as a monopoly, and, secondly, the enhancement of such monopolistic characteristics as it has by making it responsible to print only fair and balanced news presentation in the public interest.

This, therefore, gives official types of opinion, or at least the opinion which is favored by the dominant opinion groups in the United States who also dominate the media, an unfair advantage and opportunity to repress views and opinions which they find unsuitable.

As a result, we, in effect, have a sort of unofficial propaganda ministry in the United States through the type of regulation of the broadcast industry.

I remember, for example, about twenty years ago when one of my friends bought time on WKBO, the radio station in Harrisburg, Pennsylvania, which is owned by the Stineman family, who were influential in Pennsylvania Republican circles, that they refused to sell time to a group which was critical of President Eisenhower. This was pure repression of opinion for political purposes. Since the views of my clients at that time were unpopular, they were unable to buy radio time from any other radio station and were unable to renew their contract with WKBO.

The pretext of WKBO was that the material presented was controversial and might impair the renewal of their radio license. I did bring the matter before the Common Pleas Court in Pennsylvania and lost the case. However, this is a perfect illustration of how our existing radio regulations, with the aid of ill-informed and unsympathetic courts, are able to suppress unpopular opinions on the broadcasting media.

The present regulation of radio stations to create balanced presentation of the news or to guarantee all candidates equal time is so much hogwash. If the newspapers were to be considered as having the duty to sell time at reasonable prices



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and conditions to all who applied for it and were relieved of the responsibility of libel and slander responsibility for those who bought time for political opinion purposes, it would make a freer expression of opinion possible.

The present laws on libel and slander are just as ridiculous as making the pulp manufacturers, such as International Paper Company and Georgia Pacific, responsible for what the New York Times and the Chicago Tribune print on the paper they buy from these particular paper manufacturers.

In any event, as it applies to your particular case and to the NBC, CBS, and ABC, the refusal to sell Ronald Reagan television time, which is his most effective political weapon, just after he had done what nobody else had done for a generation, to beat an incumbent President in a state Presidential primary, smacks very much of totalitarianism and the type of official direction of the new media which would be what one might expect in countries like Fascist Italy, Nazi Germany, and Communist Russia. It is not entirely atypical of the type of monopoly of broadcasting which we get in France with its left-wing domination, albeit anti-government, media, and likewise in Great Britain with its left-wing bias in the BBC. In any event, the result has been that views which the media do not approve of, whether with the connivance of the White House or against it, simply do not have a reasonably equal opportunity to be broadcast, and so, consequently, the entire democratic process of the election of a President, which depends on uninhibited and unimpaired free speech, is frustrated.

Now I am a professor, as I indicated. I teach at law school and reach about three law students a year in my law school courses, and I also teach at the undergraduate level and reach another three or four hundred students. What am I to tell my students about the broadcasting laws when we come across situations where we discuss free speech? We all know about free speech in the classroom and academic freedom. But I am afraid, under the present state of our broadcasting laws, and the dominance of our media by certain types of political and social opinion, that I would have to tell them that there is an official point of view and an official type of propaganda line which is anti-democratic and that the theory of our democratic form of government is impaired and distorted by the type of media control and domination which we have. And I would be compelled to say that the recent attempt to suppress Governor Reagan's use of television is a perfect example.

Now I know that you wouldn't want to be elected President under circumstances where the democratic process was impaired and you could not say that you were elected as a result of a free and full and complete discussion of all of the relevant current issues. Consequently, I am hoping you will use the influence of your office to reform the broadcast laws and to make the entire public broadcasting system much freer. As I indicated, such a reform would have the following points principally:

- 1 - That all members of the public should have the right to buy time at reasonable prices and under reasonable terms;

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2 - That the broadcasting stations should be relieved of liability for slander and libel for the time bought for the express purpose of the expression of political and social opinions; and

3 - That the entire concept that all radio stations are obliged to present a balanced presentation of the news should be eliminated.

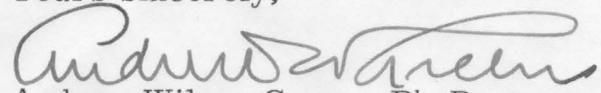
I might comment a little bit on the obligation of radio stations to present a balanced presentation of the news and fair comment. First of all, the presentation of the news by the existing networks is neither balanced nor fair, but, even assuming that it were, the obligation of radio stations and television stations to present fair comment would not be any more justified than to impose a similar obligation upon our daily newspaper press since the daily newspaper press is far less competitive and much more monopolistic than the broadcasting industry.

As a further illustration of the type of unjust oppression which occurs in the United States in repression of free speech was the hounding of the Reverend Dr. Carl McIntyre off the air on WUXR in Media, Pennsylvania. I realize Dr. McIntyre's religious, and political, and social views are offensive to many people. But the same can be said for a lot of the views, sex shows, soap operas, and contest shows on the television networks and stations which are highly offensive and certainly often of very little cultural value. Dr. McIntyre's monopoly of one station should be balanced by the fact that there are other stations in the metropolitan Philadelphia area which present different points of view. What you have done in this particular case is to hound a particular individual off because he was unpopular whereas you let other views which are offensive to many segments of the community, and just as much so as Dr. McIntyre's views, continue their broadcasting because their offensive views happen to be in accord with the particular prejudices and biases of the Federal Communications Commission, the broadcasting industry, and, I am afraid I must say, a majority of Congress and the Executive administration of the federal government.

But this is only to demonstrate that we do not have free speech in the United States.

I believe I have expressed my views at sufficient length, and I am looking for your leadership in reform of the grievous threat to our free speech and to the corruption of our democratic political institutions.

Yours sincerely,



Andrew Wilson Green, Ph. D.

Professor of Law

Professor of Business & Economics

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MR. ROBERT L. EMETT, CHAIRMAN  
UNITED REPUBLICAN FINANCE COMMITTEE  
610 SOUTH NEW HAMPSHIRE AVENUE  
LOS ANGELES, CALIFORNIA

Reurtel May 15 advising the President the Salute to Free  
Enterprise Dinner rescheduled for June 4 at Los Angeles  
Hilton, as his calendar has developed he will not be able  
to join you on this occasion. He warmly thanks you for  
your thoughtfulness and sends you and your associates  
his best wishes.

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June 16, 1976

Dear Mr. Rose:

The President has asked me to respond to your telegram suggesting a nationwide television response to Ronald Reagan's campaign charges concerning the Panama Canal.

The President asked me to express his appreciation to you for taking your time to outline this suggested response to the Reagan charges. The President also is pleased by your support and understanding for his position.

The President has and will continue to outline his own balanced and steady responsible approach to the Panama Canal negotiations, as well as other complicated aspects of foreign policy.

The President also knows that you and other publishers dedicated to the truth will be sure that your readers are given the full facts about Reagan's Panama Canal remarks and the President's responsible policy toward the Panama Canal.

Thank you for your interest and understanding. The President asked me to send you his very best wishes.

Sincerely,

Ron Nessen  
Press Secretary  
to the President

Mr. Stan Rose  
President and Publisher  
Sun Publications  
435 and Metcalf  
Overland Park, Kansas 66212

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cc: Sandy Wisniewski

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*PJ Ford*

*PJ Reagan*

June 25, 1976

Dear Gordon:

Thank you for your thoughtful letter of June 21 concerning your role as a delegate to the National Convention from Indiana. I am most appreciative of the fact that you support my candidacy but are bound by state law to cast your vote on the first ballot for my opponent. I hope very much that you will work with our team in Kansas City on matters of procedural importance, and I look forward to your continued strong support.

The PFC has worked diligently to correct tactical campaign errors made in the early going, and I assure you that our campaign would like the volunteer services of an experienced party man, like yourself. Accordingly, I have asked the PFC to follow up on this letter.

Thank you for taking the time to write to me directly, and I look forward to seeing you in Kansas City.

Sincerely,

Gordon K. Durall, Esq.  
One Indiana Square  
Suite 3300  
Indianapolis, Indiana 46204

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June 28, 1976

Dear Senator:

Thank you for your June 24 letter to the President with which you enclosed a copy of the telegram to him from Mr. Stan Rose, President and Publisher of Sun Publications.

Please be assured I shall make certain your letter reached the President at the earliest opportunity.

With kindest regards,

Sincerely,

William T. Kendall  
Deputy Assistant  
to the President

~~The Honorable Bob Dole  
United States Senate  
Washington, D. C. 20510~~

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THE WHITE HOUSE  
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TO:

FROM: Dear Mr. Burton:

The President has asked me to respond to your recent letter enclosing the petition from the Americana Young Republicans. Much as the President can understand the feelings of the Americana Young Republicans, he must respectfully decline to follow their suggestion.

In addition to the fact that President Ford received about 400,000 more votes than former Governor Reagan during the primaries, the public opinion polls indicate that the President is widely favored for election by a cross-section of Americans in all parts of the country, and of all political philosophies.

The President remains confident that he will win the Republican nomination and will go on to win the Presidency in November. In addition, the President believes that his campaign with former Governor Reagan is really healthy for the Republican Party and for the country. This campaign has presented forcefully to the voters the philosophy of the President and of former Governor Reagan and has enabled the President to demonstrate his wide appeal and ability to attract votes.

The President asked me to thank you for your interest in this matter. He is pleased to see that you and the other young Republicans are playing such an active part in the affairs of the Republican Party and of our electoral process.

As for the suggestion that the President take part in a radio interview with George Putnam, that is certainly an interesting idea which we will keep under consideration.

Sincerely,

Ron Nessen  
Press Secretary  
to the President



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Mr. Michael C. Burton  
President and Treasurer  
Americana Young Republicans  
5757 Franklin Avenue  
Los Angeles, California 90028

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THE WHITE HOUSE

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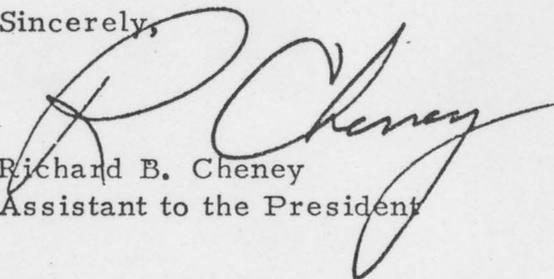
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Dear Mr. Merritt:

Thank you for your recent thoughtful letter to the President concerning E. V. Holder, a Kentucky delegate to the Republican National Convention. We certainly hope that Mr. Holder will change his mind and support the President in Kansas City, but because the Kentucky Republican Party adopted a rule of proportional representation, based on the primary results, our opponent has a near equal share of Kentucky's 37 delegates.

The President appreciates your taking the time to write to him directly, and thanks you for your personal support of his candidacy. He is confident that November 2 will be a banner day for Republicans from the courthouse to the White House.

Sincerely,

  
Richard B. Cheney  
Assistant to the President

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Mr. Chelsea A. Merritt  
Box 186  
Tollesboro, Kentucky 41189



*Chelsea A. Merritt*

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FRANKLIN GAMWELL  
333 BRIARWOOD DRIVE  
WINTER PARK, FLORIDA 32789

GENERAL

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July 24, 1976

President Gerald R Ford

Dear Mr. Gamwell:

The White House

The President has asked me to respond to your recent letter concerning the article in "Battle Line" about my remarks on the American Conservative Union's spending on behalf of Ronald Reagan.

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As I have explained on a number of occasions, I never intended to suggest that the ACU had done anything illegal or even unethical. I was merely pointing out that the spending done by the ACU on Mr. Reagan's behalf in primaries would not be reported to the Federal Election Commission until after the primary season, and would not be counted against the spending ceiling imposed by law on Mr. Reagan's campaign.

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I hope this has cleared up any misunderstanding about my remarks.

Best wishes of April-May

Best wishes, which does no credit to your press secretary, Ron Nessen. Has anyone

straightened him out on this, and has he made any sort of apology?

Ron Nessen  
Press Secretary  
to the President

Mr. Franklin Gamwell  
333 Briarwood Drive  
Winter Park, Florida 32789



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REAGAN, Ronald

August 3, 1976

Dear Mr. Stanley:

Thank you very much for your kindness in sharing your views with me on the election campaign. I appreciate your taking the time to give me the benefit of your thoughts.

As you know, there are usually good arguments on each side of an issue and seldom, if ever, are there easy solutions to the problems we face. But I am confident that, with understanding and reasonable compromise, we can all work together in a spirit of goodwill and optimism to meet the challenges ahead.

Again, thank you for writing and very best wishes.

Sincerely,

GERALD R. FORD

The Reverend Gerald L. Stanley<sup>x</sup>  
Theresa Baptist Church  
717 Henry Street  
Roxboro, North Carolina 27573

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President Gerald R. Ford  
1600 Pennsylvania Avenue  
Washington, D.C. 20001

Dear Mr. President:

Let me begin by saying that I have deeply appreciated the job that you have done in leading our country since you assumed the office of the Presidency, under trying circumstances, in August of 1974.

The one thing that I have greatly appreciated has been your honesty and moral leadership. Oh, there are areas where I have disagreed with you on stands the Administration has taken; that is just natural. You cannot necessarily agree with everyone on everything. You have exhibited on the whole good sensible conservative leadership for this nation. Therefore, let me say, thank you.

Mr. President, I am a registered Republican. Since my registration (1968), I have voted, in the main for Republican candidates, especially conservative Republicans. Since I am conservative in political persuasion, I do vote for conservative Democrats on occasion (there are too few of them around). The Republican Party, at least on the national scene, stands where I do on the issues. That, in short, is why I am a Republican.

At the writing of this letter to you, the nomination for President on the Republican ticket is still uncertain. I must admit, you and Governor Ronald Reagan are locked in a close contest. Mr. President, I am going to be quite candid with you. I personally prefer Governor Reagan in the contest for the nomination. I have nothing personal against you; it's just a personal preference. However, sir, if you do win the nomination at Kansas City next month, you can count on my support in the fall election. The reason being: you are much more conservative than Governor Carter and the Democratic Party platform on which he stands.

Let me make a suggestion, if I may. I firmly believe that if you do win the nomination in Kansas City, you're going to have to make an important choice in the selection of your Vice-Presidential running mate. I believe that the man that would insure your election in the fall is Governor Reagan. You are both very close on the issues. You are both moderate to conservative candidates. The vast majority of the American electorate is conservative. I want to see responsible leadership in Washington in January. I just believe, and am convinced, that that leadership can be provided by a Ford-Reagan ticket.

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*G. L. Stonley*  
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President Gerald L. Stonley  
1000 Pennsylvania Avenue  
Washington, D.C. 20004

Dear Mr. President:

As you might be aware, I have been appointed to the position of President of the American Baptist Churches, U.S.A. since the beginning of the year. I am pleased to have been chosen for this position and to have the opportunity to work with you and your staff.

The one thing that I have most appreciated has been your hospitality and warm leadership. It is a pleasure to have you as a leader and to have the opportunity to work with you and your staff. I am sure that your leadership will be a great asset to the American Baptist Churches, U.S.A.

As President, I am a member of the American Baptist Churches, U.S.A. and I am proud to be a part of this organization. I am sure that your leadership will be a great asset to the American Baptist Churches, U.S.A. and I am sure that your leadership will be a great asset to the American Baptist Churches, U.S.A.

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Let me make a few points, if I may. I firmly believe that it is your duty to lead the American Baptist Churches, U.S.A. and I am sure that your leadership will be a great asset to the American Baptist Churches, U.S.A. and I am sure that your leadership will be a great asset to the American Baptist Churches, U.S.A.

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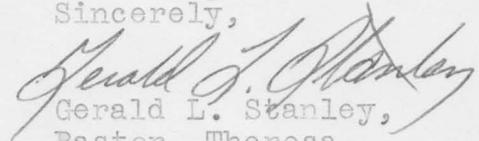
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Thank you, Mr. President, for taking your busy time to read my letter. I am grateful that I have the right to speak plainly to my President.

God bless you in your further endeavors as President of this great Republic.

Sincerely,



Gerald L. Stanley,  
Pastor, Theresa  
Baptist Church

