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THE WHITE HOUSE
WASHINGTON

Dick Ogilvie

- 1) 5 move at large
this Sat.
- 2) Meet with Gov.
& Ex-Gov.
(midwest)
- 3) Planned with apptat.

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D R A F T: Telegram to Senator Charles Percy for Sunday, Sept. 21, 1975

The Honorable Charles Percy

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DEAR CHUCK:

PLEASE CONVEY MY WARM GREETINGS TO ALL WHO ARE GATHERED WITH YOU TODAY. I WANTED YOU TO KNOW HOW GRATEFUL I AM TO YOU AND YOUR FELLOW ILLINOIS REPUBLICANS FOR YOUR CONTINUED SUPPORT AND ENCOURAGEMENT. THE COMMITMENT AND DEDICATION OF EACH OF YOU WILL HELP TO INSURE SUCCESS IN 1976. MY BEST WISHES FOR A MOST PRODUCTIVE MEETING.

GRF:SH:GAA:

OK
R. Cherry



THE WHITE HOUSE
WASHINGTON

Dec. 5, 1975

To: Dick Cheney

From: Owen
Anderson

For appropriate

response



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205 S. Franklin ROBINSON, ILLINOIS

October 23, 1975

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

Dear Mr. President:

First our continued appreciation for your participation in our September 30, Illinois GOP "Dinner With the President." No doubt by this time Harold Byron Smith has given you the good news. We netted over \$100,000.

And, another note in reference to the dinner: You were so besieged by enthusiastic admirers that you may not have recalled the brief conversation with Harold Byron and me just after we had left the reception room in which I mentioned that on the previous day in Ottawa Prime Minister Pierre Trudeau asked me to convey to you the message that he had challenged you to a skiing match and he would like for you to call him and say "when." He was not entirely serious about the skiing but our small group received the impression that he would enjoy hearing from you.

* [The occasion for this exchange was a luncheon which the Prime Minister hosted to the six members of the International Joint Commission in his residence and with no other guests present. I would not presume to report the substance of our informal discussion which more properly will be reported to you by the Chairman of the American Section, Mr. Henry P. Smith III, but wish to state that the visit with the Prime Minister provided some needed stature in Canada and lifted our own self-esteem and dedication to our work in behalf of the two nations. In these times the I.J.C. can be of great value in preserving historic friendly relations.

The real purpose of this letter is to have you know that I have some thoughts concerning the campaign in Illinois and rather than initially burdening you with the consideration of their value, I have mailed them to your Assistant and Chief of Staff, Don Rumsfeld with the hope that he will read them carefully and if he thinks the material will be of value he will then submit the letter to you. Although I retired from politics over two years ago I am still interested in the course of our nation and I cannot see any hope for the immediate future unless we can continue President Ford in the White House and at the helm of our Ship of State.



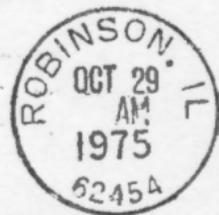
Sincerely,

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The President of the United States
The White House
Washington, D.C. 20500

THE WHITE HOUSE
WASHINGTON



Jim -

The attached letter was received in the outbox -- it did not go in thru us.

I checked with Legal Counsel's Office (Barry Roth) and this is not the correct paper for such a letter.

It must be on Gerald R. Ford paper attached or PFC paper not White House.

Bo Callaway is anxious to have the letter and Barry is checking to see if it can wait until tomorrow. Do you want to discuss this requirement with Dick Cheney or do you want me to handle with Kathie Berger?

Trudy 1/5/76

THE WHITE HOUSE
WASHINGTON

January 3, 1976

Dear Mr. Ward:

This will acknowledge receipt of your telegram dated December 29, 1975, in which you request an indication as to my intentions regarding the Illinois Presidential Primary Election on March 16, 1976.

I wish to confirm that I will be a candidate for President of the United States in the Illinois Presidential Primary. Therefore, I acknowledge the petitions filed on my behalf and herewith express my desire to be a candidate on the Illinois Presidential ballot.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in cursive script, reading "Gerald R. Ford". The signature is written in dark ink and is positioned to the right of the typed name "Gerald R. Ford".

Mr. Delmar Ward
Director of Elections
State of Illinois
1020 South Spring Street
Springfield, Illinois

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bcc: Bo Callaway

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THE WHITE HOUSE

WASHINGTON

December 29, 1975

MEMO FOR: Chairman
President Ford Committee

FROM: Roland L. Elliott
Director of Correspondence

Transmitted herewith is a telegram dated December 29 addressed to the President from Delmar Ward, Director of Elections for the State of Illinois. It is forwarded to you for your information, appropriate handling and response.

Please note that a reply is requested by return mail if the President desires to be a candidate on the Illinois Presidential ballot.

Thank you.

Attachment



P.H. M

January 5, 1976

Dear Mr. Ward:

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The White House
Washington

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PMS GERALD R FORD

WHITE HOUSE DC

PETITIONS FOR THE OFFICE OF PRESIDENT OF THE UNITED STATES HAVE BEEN
FILED ON YOUR BEHALF WITH THE STATE BOARD OF ELECTION, 1020 SOUTH
SPRING STREET, SPRINGFIELD ILLINOIS

PLEASE INDICATE BY RETURN MAIL, IF THIS IS YOUR DESIRE TO BE A
CANDIDATE ON THE ILLINOIS PRESIDENTIAL BALLOT. SINCERELY
DELMAR WARD DIRECTOR OF ELECTIONS

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President Ford Committee

1828 L STREET, N.W., SUITE 250, WASHINGTON, D.C. 20036 (202) 457-6400

Memorandum

December 31, 1975

TO: RICHARD CHENEY

FROM: BO CALLAWAY *Bo*

RE: REQUEST FROM THE DIRECTOR OF ELECTIONS, STATE OF ILLINOIS,
(DATED DECEMBER 29, 1975) FOR AN EXPRESSION OF THE
PRESIDENT'S DESIRE TO BE A CANDIDATE ON THE ILLINOIS
PRESIDENTIAL BALLOT

The Director of Elections, State of Illinois, has requested a letter from the President expressing the President's desire to appear on the Illinois Presidential Preference Primary Election ballot.

Attached is a recommended reply which, if acceptable, should be expedited. The response is based upon the President's desire to enter all primaries and our view that Illinois is a key state we feel he can win.

Peter Kaye, PFC Press Director, will issue a release covering the correspondence when we are notified it has been transmitted.

cc: Buchan
Spencer
Visser

*Type in final YES ✓
It will get NO
it signed today*



DRAFT

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This will acknowledge receipt of your telegram dated December 29, 1975, in which you request an indication as to my intentions regarding the Illinois Presidential Primary Election on March 16, 1976.

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Sincerely,

Gerald R. Ford