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THE PRESIDENT HAS SEEN. *alg.*

THE WHITE HOUSE

WASHINGTON

August 30, 1974

MEMORANDUM FOR THE PRESIDENT

This is the letter that I spoke to you about from Frank Slaughter, first Virginia legislator to publicly support President Nixon in 1972 and who now is an Independent. This action cost him his post as Party Whip and eventual chairmanship of the State Appropriations Committee.

*Jack*  
Jack Marsh

*Jack M.  
I would like to write him  
a note.*

D. FRENCH SLAUGHTER, JR.  
139 W. DAVIS STREET  
CULPEPER, VIRGINIA 22701

23 August 1974

The Honorable John O. Marsh, Jr.  
3425 N. Albemarle Street  
Arlington, Virginia 22210

Dear Jack:

Congratulations on your new job. It seems to me that this position is ideal for you and I know that you will enjoy it.

President Ford's speech to the Congress was the best speech I have ever heard or read of a President making and that goes back to Roosevelt in the Second World War days. The reaction to the speech and to the President generally has been excellent, at least in my district, for whatever that's worth!

I am particularly impressed that the President did not promise to save the country or the world within the time period of one administration. I think we have had too much rhetoric that is far beyond the capabilities of any one man or any one administration to accomplish. All of us should be content with doing the best that we can and hoping that your community and the country, in the President's case, is going to be better off for your efforts. I find his attitude very refreshing and appealing. He certainly does not seem to have the Messiah complex.

Please don't bother to answer this letter because I know that you are terribly busy and are probably overwhelmed with mail.

With kindest regards.

Sincerely,

  
D. French Slaughter, Jr.

DFS/jc

THE WHITE HOUSE  
WASHINGTON

September 8, 1974

ADMINISTRATIVELY CONFIDENTIAL

MEMORANDUM FOR: JOHN O. MARSH  
FROM: JERRY H. JONES  
SUBJECT: Frank Slaughter

Your memorandum to the President of August 30 on the above subject has been reviewed and the following notation was made:

-- I would like to write him a note.

Please prepare a suggested Presidential letter in coordination with Roland Elliott and return to the Office of the Staff Secretary for signature.

Thank you.

cc: Al Haig

THE WHITE HOUSE

WASHINGTON

September 13, 1974

Dear Frank:

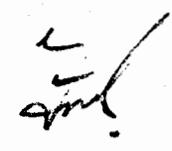
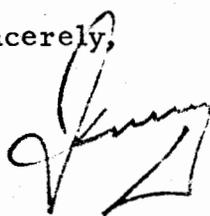
Jack shared with me your recent letter to him and I simply wanted to say how much I appreciated your comments.

You were most generous about my speech to the Congress. You ranked me in some very good company and I am humbled as well as deeply grateful for your kind words. As you indicated, though, it is going to require much more than rhetoric to take care of the problems facing us at the moment. You can be sure I will do all I can to serve our great country to the very best of my ability.

I sincerely appreciate having your support. I might add that having a person like Jack on board eases the burden considerably.

With warmest personal regards from Jack and me,

Sincerely,



Mr. D. French Slaughter, Jr.  
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