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The Honorable Stanley Scott
Special Assistant To The
President of The United States
The White House
Washington, D.C.



Dear Stan:

Congratulations on your confirmation. The President's choice was certainly a wise one and reflects great credit upon his understanding of our needs at this time.

It seems essential as you consider priorities to consider ways of counter acting some of the negative publicity forthcoming from various Black leaders and organizations around the country. As you are aware, the same old people are mouthing the same old pontifications with respect to the effectiveness of many social programs that are being cut back or eliminated. Similarly, the press is doing an excellent job of distorting the president's real intentions as I see them regarding the Black community and an improved way of life for all people. Frankly, I don't know what steps ought to be taken immediately, but certainly every effort should be made to get concrete information in the hands of key Black publications as well as in the hands of other writers on papers like the Chicago Tribune who are inclined to think favorably toward us.

I also want to bring my own personal problem to your attention in your official capacity. The major question being raised in the Black community is: "Why is the Nixon Administration doing nothing to assist Dr. Hurst at a time when Daley is obviously gaining political retribution for Hurst's Republican activities during the 1972 campaign?" I think that even moral support in the form of a statement would be very, very helpful; otherwise, it leaves me in an extremely embarrassing position. Not on a personal basis but in terms of my relationships with other people in the Black community who had faith in my assertions that supporting the Republican party and its presidential candidate was not only an honorable position to take but a wise one also. If there is anything that would shatter more effectively what we have been able to achieve in the Black community thus far than a complete ignoring of my

situation by Washington Republicans, I can't think of what it is. Already I am aware of several stories that are being considered or prepared for local and national publication that say in essence that "Hurst was taken by the Republicans". I happen not to believe this to be true. On the other hand, admittedly, it has been almost impossible to get the kind of response from Washington that would enable me to offset these rumors.

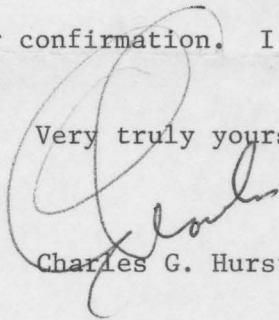
Realizing that the plans for the inauguration and changes within the administration made it difficult to communicate properly, I have waited until this time to put anything into writing. Now, however, it seems appropriate that some definite word be given me as to what the intentions are, if any.

Remembering that I am a tough-skinned realist, I would want you to respond to me as directly and objectively as possible. My personal desire is not for a position in Washington, neither do I want a Federal appointment of any kind in a region. I would like to continue broadening my effectiveness in the national Black community. I would also like to assist you in responding to the Vernon Jordans, Jesse Jacksons and others who are raising many questions but providing no solutions. As indicated in my telephone discussion with you, I think this could best be done through some type of designation as a Special Consultant, Advisor, or what have you, to the White House on Urban Affairs. Announcement of such a post would neutralize all of what Daley has attempted in order to destroy my effectiveness in Chicago and would give the feeling to Black people all over the country that a Black man of outspoken views, thoroughly committed to the Black community, has been selected by the White House as a means of keeping close communication with the White House.

There are other alternatives that may not be as attractive, but would certainly be acceptable. I hope you will consider this entire matter with your utmost seriousness and let me hear from you as soon as possible.

Again, my congratulations on your confirmation. I know you will perform outstandingly.

Very truly yours,


Charles G. Hurst, Jr.

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