

OFFICE OF THE PRESIDENT-ELECT

RICHARD M. NIXON

WASHINGTON, D. C.

December 24, 1968

Honorable William H. Natcher
United States House of Representatives
Washington, D. C. 20515

Dear Mr. Natcher:

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Sincerely,

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Assistant to the
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Honorable Lucien N. Nedzi
United States House of Representatives
Washington, D. C. 20515

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January 10, 1969

MEMORANDUM

TO: John Whitaker
FROM: Bill Timmons
SUBJECT: Thank-yous to Congressman Nelsen

Rep. Ancher Nelsen inserted in the Appendix of the January 9 Congressional Record tributes to Secretaries-Designate Clif Hardin and Maurie Stans. Tear sheets are attached.

It would be an effective follow-up for Hardin and Stans to write a nice personal note of thanks to Ancher.

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United States House of Representatives
Washington, D. C. 20515

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MEMORANDUM

December 16, 1968

TO: Peter Flanigan
FROM: Bryce N. Harlow

Congressman Ancher Nelson of Minnesota, telephoned in behalf of Mr. Everett Weitzell and Charles Fain -- both for the REA, which Nelson used to head.

Nelson strongly recommends these men for the new leadership of this agency, an area in which the Republican Party has long regarded Nelson as its expert.

December 8, 1968

Dear Ancher:

George MacKinnon has just done me another favor -- reminded me of your extraordinarily competent political work in welding together a state organization and thereby making it possible to re-elect five Republicans despite my opponent's success in carrying the state.

And so, Ancher, congratulations, not for having done an unusually fine job, but rather for doing your typically fine job!

I look forward to our working together on many good causes during the 91st Congress.

With cordial regard,

Sincerely,

Honorable Ancher Nelsen
Member of Congress
U. S. House of Representatives
Washington, D. C.

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November 20, 1968

Miss Rose Mary Woods
Office of President-Elect
450 Park Avenue
New York, N. Y. 10022

Dear Rose:

The attached newspaper clipping should have been attached to my letter of November 19th.

Minnesota got turned around the last week. The phony peace move got the McCarthy dissidents coupled with the advantage that the Cowles newspapers here always gave to HHH.

Ancher Nelsen should get great credit for keeping the state organization together -- which was necessary to reelect 5 Republicans -- which was done. A letter to Ancher along these lines might be in order. After all it is no mean trick to carry a majority of Republican Congressmen in a state that went 857,000 to 658,000 for HHH. HHH had over 100,000 margin in Minneapolis and St. Paul.

The depth of John Cowles thinking is evident from a conversation at his home three weeks before the election. They were arguing the merits and demerits of HHH and RN. Cowles clinching argument was that HHH should be elected because,

"He was the best mayor Minneapolis ever had."

Sincerely,

George E. MacKinnon
George E. MacKinnon

Bryce Harlow

MONDALE SAYS:

HHH Had Money, But Not the Time

By M. W. NEWMAN
Chicago Daily News Service

Everyone has his own explanation of why Vice-President Hubert H. Humphrey didn't make it, but to one of his closest political associates there is no mystery.

"We ran out of time," said Sen. Walter Mondale, D-Minn., in Minneapolis. "What we needed was two more days.

"We were going so fast at the end that we picked up six points (in the polls) in Minnesota the last week.

"It was time we needed, not money. There seemed to be enough money at the end and it paid for television shows that helped us a lot. Of course, we'd have liked to have had the money earlier," he said.

The Humphrey camp, from the candidate down, acknowledges that he was far behind when the campaign began. He came out of the ruins of the violence-ridden Democratic convention in Chicago holding his head and wondering what had hit him.

"What set us back so much at the start was the Chicago hangover," Mondale said.

"It took a while for that to wear off." Mondale was one of the two assistant national campaign managers for Humphrey, and was at his side until the finish.

Agriculture Secy. Orville Freeman, another top Humphrey adviser and former governor of Minnesota, toted up a series of explanations for the election loss to Richard Nixon.

"The single most devastating factor was that there was no one spokesman for the Democratic party," Freeman said.

"The Vice-President couldn't or he would have been looked upon as a stooge for the administration."

"Dissension and the shambles in the party" also was ruinous, Freeman said.

"It wasn't just personalities," he said. "It ran deep. Vietnam hurt us. And there was simply too darned much grouching.

"But I'd say the place to look for explanations is in the Democratic organizations in New Jersey and California."

Humphrey's failure to carry those two states hurt him badly.

Like other Humphrey aides, Freeman dwelled on the tremendous gap the Vice-President closed. Humphrey himself has cited the turning point as mid-September. One man close to him believes it came Sept. 30, when the candidate announced he would accept a bombing pause in Vietnam.

"That's when the money started coming in," said this man. "I think we wrote a page of history to do as well as we did."

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November 19, 1968

Hon. Richard M. Nixon
President-Elect
450 Park Avenue
New York, N. Y. 10022

Dear Dick:

The enclosed article quotes Mondale, "Humphrey had enough money". Mondale was closer to him than anybody and you can rely on this, so don't let them get away with the claim that they were without adequate funds. The story also points out that they were figuring on New Jersey and California.

Dwayne Andreas was very confident Humphrey was going to win. During the last week he said, "There is no stopping Humphrey now, he's got it made". Apropos of my earlier comments concerning Andreas, Humphrey had dinner and spent election night with him. It also came out in the last days of the campaign that Dwayne Andreas bought two parcels of land in 1965 (the year after Andreas got a national bank charter undoubtedly with Hubert's help) adjacent to Humphrey's lake home. The property had previously been sold by another friend of Humphrey's (Ray Ewald) to a Presbyterian church for over \$35,000. Dwayne Andreas' bank has a mortgage on the Humphrey land for \$30,000 (now reduced to \$26,000) placed there in 1965. The Chicago Tribune story for October 31, 1968 states that "Humphrey's place now consists of 23 secluded acres, some of which Humphrey purchased and some of which he leases". The amount he purchased is relatively small, thus leaving a larger amount to be leased, probably around 20 acres. This leased land is undoubtedly the tract bought by Andreas. Andreas would have no reason to buy land there except for Humphrey as the lake and location is chintzy and Andreas would just never be attracted to that area. Even now he doesn't use it. Possibly this is the land that the original rumor stated was leased by Andreas to Humphrey for "\$1.00 per year".

On election day I also talked with Pat O'Connor (Minneapolis lawyer, Democrat lobbyist) who was with Humphrey during the entire campaign. Humphrey sent him to Waverly to try to work out an answer to the Chicago Tribune story on the Waverly property. O'Connor was very confident that Humphrey had won the election. On election day, when I saw him in the steam room at the Minneapolis Club he said, "Well, we did you in. We've got it won." There was no question about it in his or their minds. So, if you are informed that anybody told Daley not to pull any tricks, just equate that with their thinking that they had the election in the bag -- without Illinois.

Sincerely,


George E. Mackinnon

December 5, 1968

Hon. Ancher Nelson
Member of Congress
Congress of the United States
House of Representatives
Washington, D. C.

Dear Ancher:

Thank you so much for your letter of November 28 and enclosed article from the Economic Education Bulletin of October.

As you know, this whole area of concern is under serious study by individuals in the transition organization. We are hopeful that a realistic and workable program may be developed for the new Republican Administration which will resolve some of the problems outlined in the publication. I am taking the liberty of forwarding this information to those individuals who are directly concerned with finding solutions to the slum problem.

With cordial regards, I am,

Sincerely yours,

Bryce N. Harlow
Assistant to the
President-Elect

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cc: Mr. Martin Anderson

November 27, 1968

Honorable Anchor Neilsen, MC
U. S. House of Representatives
Washington, D.C.

Dear Anchor:

For the next several weeks President-Elect Nixon will be firming up programs to be proposed to Congress by the new Republican Administration.

Mr. Nixon is much aware of your long Congressional experience and your leadership as our party's senior member on the Committee on the District of Columbia. He is very hopeful that you will offer suggestions for inclusion in the program of the new Administration and that your recommendations can be made available by mid-December. If you would supply these suggestions to me, I will see that they receive the priority attention that the President-Elect has directed.

With cordial regard.

Sincerely,

Bryce N. Harlow
Assistant to the President-Elect

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WASHINGTON, D.C.

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Honorable Gaylord A. Nelson
United States Senate
Washington, D. C. 20510

Dear Senator Nelson:

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November 22, 1968

Dear Congressman Nichols:

I warmly appreciate your congratulations and good wishes, and I certainly reciprocate those sentiments to you.

Now our nation has a new Administration. We are going to work cooperatively and, I anticipate, very constructively with the 91st Congress. From its start I am hopeful that all of us will be able to come together in the interest of good government and a better America.

With cordial regards,

Sincerely,

The Honorable Bill Nichols
House of Representatives
Washington, D.C.

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November 15, 1968

The Honorable Richard M. Nixon
President-Elect of the United States
20 Broad Street
New York, New York

Dear Mr. Nixon:

I would like to add my congratulations to the many you have received on your election to be our President. The responsibilities of this office are the greatest that any man in this world can bear. However, I know that your experience in the House and Senate and as Vice President has prepared you to undertake those responsibilities.

As a Democratic Congressman from Alabama, I know that there will be differences in our views on many pieces of legislation which come before the House. My first responsibility is to those people of my District who elected me to be their representative in the Congress, and as often as possible, my vote will be cast as those people wish it to be cast. I think that it would be safe to say that I will not support every bill your Administration proposes. But there will be times, too, when I will have a mandate from my District to support your programs.

Your post-election pledge to "Bring Us Together," if accomplished, will perhaps be the most important thing your Administration will do for America. I pledge my support of your efforts in this direction, and look forward to working with you in making our country even greater.

With kindest personal regards, I am

Sincerely,

Bill Nichols

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