

November 22, 1968

Dear Congressman Wolff:

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 Lester L. Wolff
House of Representatives
Washington, D.C. 20515

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November 13, 1968

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Done

Hon. Richard M. Nixon
President-Elect
Hotel Pierre
Fifth Avenue and 61st Street
New York, New York

Dear Mr. President-Elect:

Please accept my sincere congratulations on your election to the Presidency. I realize what a great personal accomplishment this must be for you and wish you well during the next four years.

Certainly constructive cooperation between the Executive and Legislative branches is essential to the well-being of our nation and you may be certain that I am prepared to do my small part to affect that constructive cooperation.

Congratulations and best wishes.

Sincerely,

Lester L. Wolff

Lester L. Wolff
Member of Congress

Congressman Wolff

OFFICE OF THE PRESIDENT-ELECT

RICHARD M. NIXON

WASHINGTON, D. C.

December 24, 1968

Honorable Jim Wright
United States House of Representatives
Washington, D. C. 20515

Dear Jim:

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Sincerely,

Bryce N. Harlow
Assistant to the
President-Elect

BNH:kb

January 17, 1969

Honorable Wendell Wyatt
United States House of Representatives
Washington, D. C. 20515

Dear Wendell:

Thanks very much for your hearty endorsement of Mr. Floyd E. Dominy as Commissioner of the Bureau of Reclamation. Your January 9 wire to the President-Elect is a glowing accolade and will weigh heavily on those screening candidates for policy positions in the new Administration. I know Mr. Dominy will receive thoughtful consideration.

Sincerely,

William E. Timmons
Deputy Assistant

WET:kmb

Hickel
bcc: ~~Peter Flanigan~~

January 13, 1969

Honorable Wendell Wyatt
U. S. House of Representatives
Washington, D. C. 20515

Dear Wendell:

Thanks very much for forwarding the correspondence of Messrs. Gould, McManama and Dr. Leitch. You may assure them that their suggestions have been placed in the hands of our program developers and will be given serious consideration as we shape up the new Administration's programs. In addition, you may wish to tell Dr. Leitch that the President-Elect stands behind his campaign pledge to move toward an all-voluntary army as soon as circumstances permit.

With regard to Mrs. Sundeleaf's letter, I will certainly invite Mr. Nixon's attention to her comments.

I also have your request on behalf of the Lake Oswego Elks Lodge #2263 for a message of congratulations from Mr. Nixon on the opening of their new lodge. Because of the press of the transition, it may not be possible to comply at this time, but I will surely have the matter considered and we will do our best to carry out your request.

With warm regard,

Sincerely,

Bryce N. Harlow
Assistant to the
President-Elect

BNH/sr

bcc: Jim Keogh

bcc:
Dr. Martin
Anderson

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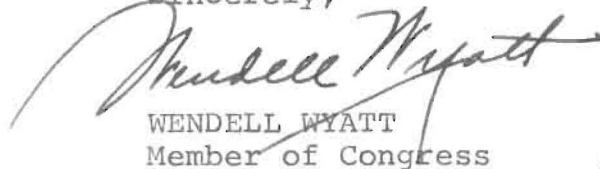
January 6, 1969

Mr. Bryce Harlow
% Office of the President-Elect
The White House
Washington, D.C.

Dear Bryce:

I will greatly appreciate your passing the
attached letter from Mrs. Richard Sundeleaf along to
Mr. Nixon for his attention.

Sincerely,



WENDELL WYATT
Member of Congress

WW/c

*Thank Mrs Sundeleaf
BCE - Wyatt*

Dear Mr Nixon -

The premise in this article
is so true. It is the
sincere hope of the people
that our next President
will use basic reason
and logic and again
assume the proper role
of leadership for our
Country.

Respectfully yours

Mildred Sundelius

(Mrs Richard Sundelius

Jan 2, 1969

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An Unfashionable View

Can the United States Really Police the World?

By GEN. THOMAS A. LANE

Mr. Nixon will face some insidious challenges to American foreign policy when he takes office in January. His own sincere friends and supporters may besiege him with the worst of errors.

For example, it is currently fashionable for authorities to assert without fear of contradiction that "the United States cannot police the world." Critics from left to right accept the proposition that the United States must be selective in determining where it will fight in the future.

This generalization is advanced as the barrier to future Viet Nams. It implies that our involvement in Viet Nam is a mistake of judgment, that we should never have become involved in so remote a land, and that we can avoid such commitment in the future.

The argument that we cannot police the world is the alibi of those who think that we have done everything practicable in Viet Nam and that the conflict is simply unmanageable. It really means that we cannot defend the free world. It is a wail of defeat couched in a superficially plausible proposition.

The consequence of that conclusion is the surrender of free countries to communism—and that is precisely the judgment which these defeated souls have reached. They cannot excuse our expenditure of blood and treasure in Viet Nam to defend one small corner of the free world. They reason that we must let these remote areas go and concentrate our defense in the Atlantic Littoral—except Cuba, of course.



The U.S. involvement in Viet Nam has shown the need for our allies to help themselves rather than be straitjacketed by misdirected American policies.

If we accepted the premise that U.S. power had been effectively employed in Viet Nam, the other conclusions would follow. But the premise is wrong and so also is the entire train of reasoning. The American involvement in Viet Nam has been a tragic misuse of power triggered by leadership incapable of facing the reality of conflict. This is the war which never should have been.

If Mr. Nixon fails to recognize that the war in Viet Nam grew upon the errors of the Kennedy and Johnson Administrations, he may be persuaded that countries like South Viet Nam cannot be defended from Communist aggression. That would be a disastrous misjudgment

for the free world. Communism would move confidently against the borders of the free world, except in Europe.

If, however, Mr. Nixon realizes that U.S. restraints on the war made the defense of South Viet Nam impossible, he will take appropriate measures to correct U.S. policy. He will make it clear that the United States supports full response by its allies to Communist aggression, including defeat of the aggressor. This had been U.S. policy until President Kennedy restrained South Viet Nam in the mistaken notion that he was limiting the war. He protected North Viet Nam from counterattack. He assured expansion of the aggression.

The United States can protect all allies covered by its treaties as long as those allies fulfill their own commitment to repel Communist aggression. The role of the United States in these compacts is to neutralize the influence of the Soviet Union and Red China so that our allies may with confidence exercise their own rights of self-defense. The United States becomes directly involved in local defense only when, as in Viet Nam, U.S. policy has first crippled the capacity of an ally to defend itself.

The United States must not concede any part of the free world to Communist conquest. The policy enunciated by President Harry Truman in 1947 is as valid today as when it was uttered. And Eisenhower and Dulles applied that policy through a system of regional treaties. Kennedy renounced the doctrine and reneged on the treaties. Richard Nixon has only to restore the sound principles of earlier policy to end Communist aggression and restore peace in the world.

The free world does not require policing. It does require security; and it can provide security for all its members when the United States resumes its proper role of leadership.

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Nixon and the Draft

The Young Must Keep the Pressure On

By JOHN CHAMBERLAIN

The young, so I deduce from the mail, are going to give Richard Nixon his chance as President. But they are going to watch him closely. Says one of them, "Do you really believe that Nixon will abolish the draft? I doubt that he will do anything except respond to pressure."

Actually, in the young man's doubt there is all the hope in the world. For the pressure will be there, and it will be good to have a man in the White House who is willing to consider the forces that are quarreling for possession of the mind and heart of the nation. If the young want to get rid of the draft once the Vietnamese war is under control, it is up to them to make Nixon redeem his promise to them.

The anti-draft movement suffers from the misguided behavior of the likes of the Rev. William Sloane Coffin and Dr. Benjamin Spock, who think they can persuade people to change the law by pushing protest into extra-legal channels. Nevertheless, in spite of the fact that the anti-draft movement has a bad name in patriotic circles simply because of the draft card burnings, it has a most impressive non-partisan or bipartisan support.

If the Students for a Democratic Society on the left want to get rid

Russia Threatens to Become World's Leading Sea Power



Barry Goldwater (left) and California Gov. Ronald Reagan agree that once the Vietnamese war is brought under control the draft should be phased out. President-elect Nixon has much the same idea.

of the draft, so do the Young Americans for Freedom on the right. Ronald Reagan and Barry Goldwater are poles apart from Adlai Stevenson and J. Kenneth Galbraith on most philosophic matters, yet they all agree in opposing the draft.

Says Barry Goldwater: "The most fundamental right of man is the right to his life. The use of force against that right—as in the draft law—is clearly



wrong. It would also be wrong to assume that free men have to be forced to fight for their country."

Said the late Adlai Stevenson: "Every young man knows the money that could be saved, the new efficiency that could result from a volunteer system which calls on young men not to endure two years in service because they have to, but to choose it for a longer period because it offers advantages that seem to them appealing."

The actual financial cost of the draft is largely hidden from public view because it is borne silently by the draftees themselves. But it should be apparent to anybody on reflection that the male members of a whole genera-

tion, both the young men who are impressed into the Army and the ones who because of uncertain status are unable to get congenial jobs before their mid-20s, are compelled to sacrifice the difference between basic military pay and the higher sums they might earn in steady civilian careers.

To dramatize the wastefulness caused by the draft, the Young Americans for Freedom point out that if Cassius Clay had been able to continue his pugilistic career, his annual income tax would be enough to train and equip an entire company. The cost of maintaining 4,000 draft boards is terrific. And there is a vast wastefulness in the use of conscripts to do the sort of military jobs, estimated as 80 per cent of our military effort, that could be filled by civilians who would not have to be replaced every two years.

The late Sen. Robert Taft, as good a conservative as you could find, was against the draft; he called it "far more typical of totalitarian nations than of democratic nations." His wife Martha, who always came to the point without quibbling, said the draft was unconstitutional, an infringement of the amendment that abolished "involuntary servitude." Nobody could possibly confuse the Tafts with hippies.

With Barry Goldwater back in the Senate, the young may be sure that pressure will be kept on Richard Nixon to fulfill his promise about turning to a voluntary Army. The draft will not be abolished before the South Vietnamese have taken over the defense of their own country. But its days are numbered provided the young of the U.S. remain sufficiently aware of their needs to keep prodding the new Administration.

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December 27, 1968

Suspense

Honorable Wendell Wyatt
United States House of Representatives
Washington, D. C. 20515

Dear Wendell:

Many thanks for your letter of December 16 and enclosed communication from your constituent, Mr. Gerhard Neils, requesting information on the availability of a recording of the President-Elect's speeches.

I do not know what plans are being made to produce a disc similar to the one Mr. Neils is interested in securing. I shall however, contact appropriate officers who, during this transition period, are responsible to Mr. Nixon for information services and will let you know if recorded addresses are available for sale.

Please express the President-Elect's appreciation to Mr. Neils for his interest in these memorabilia.

With cordial regard,

Sincerely,

Bryce N. Harlow
Assistant to the
President-Elect

BNH:kmb

cc- Herb Klein

*Herb-
Can you help us
draft a reply?
BT.*

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December 16, 1968

Mr. Bryce Harlow
Office of President-Elect Nixon
Pierre Hotel, Fifth Avenue
New York, N.Y.

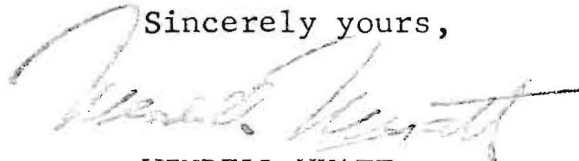
Dear Mr. Harlow:

Enclosed is a letter which I have received from one of my constituents, Mr. Gerhard Neils of Lake Oswego, Oregon, wherein he indicates his desire to purchase a package which would contain a disc with recording of excerpts of President-elect Nixon's speeches, parts of his coming inaugural address, etc.

I of course don't know what your plans are in this regard, but hope Mr. Neils' request will be accorded every consideration.

Thank you very much for your cooperation.

Sincerely yours,



WENDELL WYATT
Member of Congress

WW/t

Dec. 12, 1968

The Honorable Wendell Wyatt
U. S. House of Representatives
Washington, D. C. 20515

Dear Mr. Wyatt:

This will be an unusual request. I have been a Nixon man ever since I had an opportunity some 16 years ago to hear him and shake hands with him at a Republican meeting at Yakima, Wash. As a Nixon admirer, it would please me more if I could buy a disc with recordings of excerpts of his speeches including parts of his coming inaugural address. The disc should also include Nixon at the piano as well as his solo dedicated to Mr. Johnson on the Tefer ranch. In the package there should be a reproduction of the famous photograph of Nixon rendering this solo. I would also like to give one of these discs to each of my children and some of my friends. Perhaps you can bring this about.

Sincerely,

Gerhard F. Neils

OFFICE OF THE PRESIDENT-ELECT

RICHARD M. NIXON

WASHINGTON, D. C.

December 24, 1968

Honorable Wendell Wyatt
United States House of Representatives
Washington, D. C. 20515

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Hope to see you soon.

Sincerely,

Bryce N. Harlow
Assistant to the
President-Elect

BNH:kb

December 18, 1968

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Anderson*

Honorable Wendell Wyatt
United States House of Representatives
Washington, D. C. 20515

Dear Wendell:

I am pleased to have your recent memoranda and enclosed correspondence from Messrs. Henry Bendenelli, Don Johnson and Fred Decker, regarding the world monetary crisis and the policies of the new Administration.

Please assure your constituents that their communications have been received by this office and their views carefully considered. The President-Elect will of course do all that he can to assure the full exploration of every avenue for resolution of the monetary crisis, and Mr. Decker's judgments are most helpful.

With cordial regard,

Sincerely,

Bryce N. Harlow
Assistant to the
President-Elect

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BRYCE HARLOW - HOTEL PIERRE

5 AVENUE AT 661ST NYK

I GIVE HIGHEST POSSBLE RECOMMENDATION TO MR MONTE MONTGOMERY FOR APPOINTMENT SECRETARY INTERIOR. MONTGOMERY HAS OUTSTANDING CREDENTIALS. I KNOW NO ONE BETTER QUALIFIED THAN MONTE AND VIGOROUSLY URGE HIS APPOINTMENT AS SSECRETARY INTERIOR CONGRESSMAN WENDELL WYATT.

December 15, 1968

M.
ANDERSON

Honorable Wendell Wyatt
United States House of Representatives
Washington, D. C. 20515

Dear Mr. Wyatt:

May I simply urge, by this letter, that you express the great appreciation of Mr. Nixon and all of us here for the extraordinarily helpful letter sent to you by Dr. Dorothy Burns, Center Director, Tongue Point Job Corps Center, University of Oregon. Please assure Dr. Burns that her thoughtful analysis of the Job Corps will be of direct and valuable assistance to Mr. Nixon and his advisers, and is warmly appreciated.

With cordial regard,

Sincerely,

Bryce N. Harlow
Assistant to the
President-Elect

BNH:ph

January 9, 1969

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Honorable Wendell Wyatt
U. S. House of Representatives
Washington, D. C. 20515

Dear Wendell:

Thanks very much for your January 6
letter.

Enroute to our office here in Washington
are glossy photos of the President-Elect, and
I will be happy to send one to you to present
to Commissioner Schumacher as soon as they
arrive.

With warm regard,

Sincerely,

Bryce N. Harlow
Assistant to the
President-Elect

BNH/sr

Congress of the United States
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Mr. Bryce Harlow
Congressional Liaison Officer
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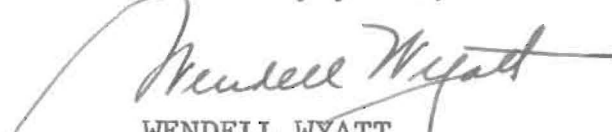
Dear Bryce:

Our new Clackamas County (Oregon) Commissioner Robert Schumacher would greatly appreciate having a picture of President-Elect Nixon for his office. It need not be autographed.

If you would be so kind as to provide me with a photograph of President-Elect Nixon to forward to Mr. Schumacher, I would be most appreciative.

With best wishes,

Sincerely yours,


WENDELL WYATT
Member of Congress

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December 12, 1968

Honorable Walter J. Hickel
Secretary of the Interior Designate
Governor's Office
Juneau, Alaska

Dear Mr. Secretary:

First, may I extend to you my deep gratitude for accepting the very important position to the West of Secretary of the Interior. I could not be more pleased.

There are a number of things I would like the opportunity to discuss with you before decisions are finalized. Among these are the heads of the Bureau of Commercial Fisheries, and the Director of the Bureau of Land Management, Mr. Boyd Rasmussen, whom I strongly recommend be retained.

While I was on the House Interior Committee during the past four years I have specialized in the art, technique and development of desalting. I have traveled throughout the world in this regard. I am extremely interested in the Office of Saline Water. Mr. J. W. (Pat) O'Meara is one of the few Class C employees who was and has continued to be an employee as a Republican during the last eight years of Democratic rule. He has been particularly helpful so far as my studies were concerned. Mr. O'Meara by temperament, personality and by the deep technical and economic knowledge he has obtained during his service with the Office of Saline Water is probably the most all-around qualified man to serve as the Director of the Office of Saline Water, but in any event you and your staff should make careful note that he is one of our own and certainly should not be summarily dismissed. In fact, I am strongly recommending that he be given the job of Director of the Office of Saline Water.

If you know of any problems involved in the promotion of this fine man or of his retention in the Office of Saline Water, I will certainly appreciate being advised before any other decision is made.

December 12, 1968

Although during the last four years I have served as a member of the House Committee on Interior and Insular Affairs, I was promoted to the Appropriations Committee early in October just before Congressional adjournment. It appears very likely that I will be assigned to the Subcommittee handling appropriations for the Department of the Interior and I can assure you of my deep and careful cooperation during your tenure as Secretary.

Sincerely,

WENDELL WYATT
Member of Congress

WW/c

cc: Mr. Bryce Harlow
 § Office of the President-Elect
 Pierre Hotel
 New York, N.Y.

Mr. Harry Flemming
 § Office of the President-Elect
 The White House
 Washington, D.C.

VAN RENSSELAER

January 2, 1969

Honorable John W. Wydler
U. S. House of Representatives
Washington, D. C. 20515

Dear Mr. Wydler:

Thanks very much for your December 16 letter recommending Mr. Bernard S. Van Rensselaer as an adviser to the President-Elect on Aging.

I'm pleased to know of your commendation and will certainly try to work something out so that Mr. Van Rensselaer can participate in the new Administration. Your enthusiastic salute means a great deal.

With warm regard.

Sincerely,

Bryce N. Harlow
Assistant to the
President-Elect

BNH/sr

bcc: Peter Flanigan

OFFICE OF THE PRESIDENT-ELECT

Richard M. Nixon

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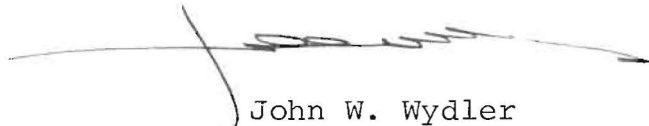
Dear Mr. Harlow:

Thank you for your very kind telegram regarding my recommendations for positions in the Nixon Administration. I was most delighted to receive this telegram and will forward to you within the next few weeks names of well qualified persons whom I think will serve the Administration well and be a credit to it.

I congratulate you on your immediate action in seeking this kind of help.

I look forward to meeting you in the near future and working with you in the 91st Congress.

Sincerely yours,



John W. Wydler
Member of Congress

JWW:hr

OFFICE OF THE PRESIDENT-ELECT

Richard M. Nixon

WASHINGTON, D.C.

December 24, 1968

Honorable Chalmers P. Wylie
United States House of Representatives
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Dear Mr. Wylie:

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December 10, 1968

Dear Chalmers:

I like a frank letter. Yours of November 29 is one.

When time allows a few weeks from now, we need a visit. I cannot agree that a President should be non-political. Clearly, if the Presidential office is above politics, your point about the President's relationship with the Party Chairman is unchallengeable. But, if the Presidency is a position of political leadership, then that premise fatally infects your argument.

In any case, I welcome your candid assessment. We will talk it out down the road.

With cordial regard,

Sincerely,

Honorable Chalmers P. Wylie
Member of Congress
U. S. House of Representatives
Washington, D. C.

CHALMERS P. WYLIE
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HAROLD K. SCHELLENGER
ADMINISTRATIVE ASSISTANT

November 29, 1968

Honorable Richard M. Nixon
President Elect
P. O. Box 1968
Times Square Station
New York, N. Y. 10036

Dear Dick:

Another story in the newspaper on Wednesday morning suggesting that you are considering replacing Ray Bliss as Republican National Chairman, prompts me to write this letter.

A similar story first appeared in The Columbus Dispatch last week. The next day, Sam Devine and I were guest speakers at a Columbus Chamber of Commerce luncheon. A question came from the audience, to Sam first then to me asking our "judgement as to the effect of these stories." I do not want to mislead so I will indicate that Sam took the position that this is the prerogative of the President and that the Republican National Chairman should be someone close to you. Sam and I do not disagree too often but we disagree on this. It was my position that this is inviting a political controversy in which you should not become involved at this point in time because it may underscore a posture of a political leader rather than that of a statesman and our national leader. It seems to me, you should be President and leave the politics to the political leaders in the Party.

I have a natural inclination not to borrow trouble. A similar situation arose in Ohio when Bill O'Neill was elected Governor. Ray Bliss was State Chairman and I was a member of the Governor's Cabinet. I was one of those who felt that the Governor should not become in a political fight with the State Chairman. He did, however, and as a result I had my personal ups and downs with the National Chairman during his tenure as State Chairman and since.

The Honorable Richard M. Nixon -

I am presumptuous enough to write this letter because I was one of the 36 Republican Congressmen who signed the petition encouraging you to be a candidate for President. I did so because I felt strongly that you are the most qualified man in the United States to be President. It is my humble judgement you have handled yourself magnificently since the election, with your statements and with your appointments. It seems to me that you have not acted precipitously but with calmness, sureness and good judgement.

We all want to continue the job of rebuilding the Republican Party. Ray Bliss is an artisan. He works hard at being National Chairman and I feel that he would not work at cross purposes with you, fully realizing that you may not have been his personal first choice as the Republican Nominee.

Whatever you do, I will continue to support you. But, it is my strong feeling that you should retain Ray Bliss as National Chairman and give him a clear mandate to "handle the politics". If substantial gains are not produced in the 1970 elections you still have time to select a new National Chairman before your own re-election in 1972.

This is a personal letter to you and a copy has not been made available to anyone, including Ray Bliss.

Warmest personal regards.

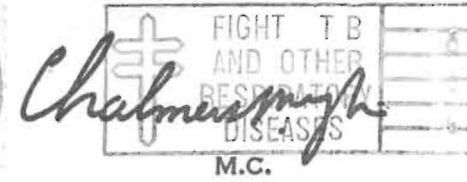
Very truly yours,

Chalmers
Chalmers P. Wylie, M.C.

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Honorable Richard M. Nixon
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THE HONORABLE AND MRS RICHARD M NIXON, DLR .75)

750 PARK AVE NYK

MARJORIE AND I EXTEND TO YOU AND PAT OUR HEARTFELT CONGRATULATIONS ON A HARD FOUGHT AND MOST DESERVED VICTORY. YOU CARRIED FRANKLIN COUNTY BY 48,000 WHICH HELPED CARRY OHIO---THANK GOODNESS. COUNT ME AS ONE WHO WILL HELP IN EVERYWAY POSSIBLE DURING THE DIFFICULT DAYS

CONGRESSMAN CHALMERS P WYLIE

(1232).

January 9, 1969

Honorable Louis C. Wyman
U. S. House of Representatives
Washington, D. C. 20515

Dear Louie:

Thanks very much for your recent letter forwarding to Richard Nixon suggestions made by one of your constituents 66 phrases which could possibly be used in the President-Elect's Inaugural Address.

Mr. Nixon would appreciate your thanking the gentleman in his behalf.

Sincerely,

Bryce N. Harlow
Assistant to the
President-Elect

BNH/sr

bcc: Jim Keogh

OFFICE OF THE PRESIDENT-ELECT

Richard M. Nixon

WASHINGTON, D.C.

December 24, 1968

Honorable Louis C. Wyman
United States House of Representatives
Washington, D. C. 20515

Dear Louie:

I have now set up shop in the Transition headquarters, Federal Building #7, corner of 17th and H Streets, N. W., Washington, D.C. While it will be necessary for me to divide my time between the Capital and New York until January 20, my associates -- Ken Belieu and Bill Timmons, both "Deputy Assistants for Congressional Relations" -- will operate from the temporary Washington office. Ken will be concentrating on Senate matters, and Bill on House matters. Please call on them if they can be helpful in any way during this governmental hiatus.

The D. C. office switchboard is 395-2000 and the New York number is (212) 421-3100.

Hope to see you soon.

Sincerely,

Bryce N. Harlow
Assistant to the
President-Elect

BNH:kb

December 18, 1968

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Honorable Louis C. Wyman
United States House of Representatives
Washington, D. C. 20515

Dear Louie:

Thanks very much for your December 12 cheer for Mr. Eddy. He certainly seems to be an outstanding individual and I am happy to put your endorsement in the hands of those who are working most closely with Mr. Nixon on the line-up of the ~~Post~~ Office Department, including our Postmaster General Designate.

I appreciate your thoughtfulness in letting me know of your interest and concern in this particular matter.

Hope to see you ere long.

With cordial regard,

Sincerely,

Bryce N. Harlow
Assistant to the
President-Elect

BNH:ph

December 13, 1968

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Honorable Louis C. Wyman
United States House of Representatives
Washington, D. C. 20515

Dear Louis:

Thank you for your letter of December 4 urging the appointment of Jim Smith to a policy position in the new Administration.

All of us here are well aware of Jim's capabilities and desire to serve, and I am sure your good words in his behalf, as well as the numerous recommendations we have received, will be influential in all deliberations. Mr. Nixon is committed to recruiting the highest caliber personnel for the top positions, and I am sure Jim's background will be considered in this light.

Thanks very much for your interest in the formation of a sound Administration.

Sincerely,

Bryce N. Harlow
Assistant to the
President-Elect

BNH:ph

November 26, 1968

Honorable Louis C. Wyman
United States House of Representatives
Washington, D. C. 20515

Dear Louis:

Thank you for your response to my telegram; would that all approached this recommendation effort as responsibly as you.

You are very thoughtful to commend my appointment. I appreciate it very much.

With warm regard,

Sincerely,

Bryce N. Harlow
Assistant to the
President-Elect

BNH:ph



HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES
WASHINGTON, D. C.

LOUIS C. WYMAN
NEW HAMPSHIRE

November 22, 1968

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Dear Bryce:

In response to your wire concerning recommendations of qualified personnel of ability and integrity for consideration for service in the new Administration, I will of course forward recommendations when and as they can be assembled in sufficient detail to eliminate the need for repetitive correspondence.

This is a tremendously important and responsible undertaking, both in respect to origination and final decision from the top and I appreciate receiving the request. If recommendations are submitted they will be carefully screened from this end beforehand.

Incidentally, congratulations. I am delighted.

Warm personal regards,

Mr. Bryce Harlow
Special Assistant to
the President-Elect
Office of the President-Elect
The White House
Washington, D. C.

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HON RICHARD M NIXON (DLY 75)

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ODDS. THIS IS A TIME FOR GREATNESS AND YOU HAVE PROVEN THAT YOU ARE
GREAT TIME AND AGAIN. IN THE TOUGH WORK THAT LIES AHEAD COUNT ON ME
TO HELP YOU IN ANYWAY AND IN ANYTIME YOU MAY WANT ME. JANE AND I ARE
HAPPY FOR YOU. WARMEST BEST

(1012).

LOU WYMAN

The Hon. House of Representatives