

THE WHITE HOUSE
WASHINGTON

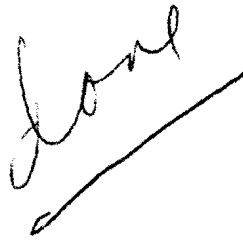
April 23, 1969

Miss Woods:

This is the matter I discussed with
you on the phone today.

Catherine Mallardi
Secretary to Dr. Burns

Enclosure -- Copies of
Correspondence with
Dr. Vincent J. Fontana
Director
Department of Pediatrics
St. Vincent's Hospital
153 West 11th Street
New York, N. Y. 10011

A handwritten signature, possibly reading "Lone", is written in cursive. A long, straight horizontal line is drawn beneath the signature.

MEMORANDUM

THE WHITE HOUSE
WASHINGTON

February 6, 1969

MEMORANDUM FOR: ROSE WOODS

You will be delighted to know that Arthur Burns left the attached letter with the President, and the President wants an autographed photograph sent to Dr. Fontana.

Attachment

Font

H
H. R. HALDEMAN

*new
official
picture*

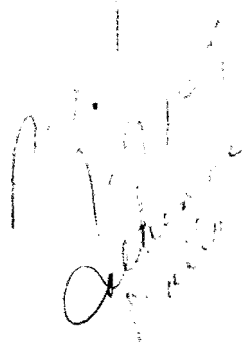
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Dr. Burns

I believe this request for an autographed picture came from your office. If you have an address for Dr. Fontana would you be good enough to have your secretary type up the label and send this on.

Many thanks.

Marje Acker

A handwritten signature in dark ink, appearing to read "Marje Acker", is located to the right of the typed name. The signature is written in a cursive, flowing style.

December 17, 1968

President-elect Richard M. Nixon
Hotel Pierre
5th Avenue and 61st Street
New York, New York

My dear Mr. Nixon:

I am writing to you to express my delight in your election to the Presidency. Having been personal physician to our late, great Cardinal Spellman for 15 years, I knew of his great admiration for you. During my tour of duty with the Navy, I was stationed at the National Naval Medical Center and was fortunate to have met Bob Anderson and cared for him and his family through the years. During one of your visits to New York, Bob Anderson suggested that I see you and I was privileged to be of some service to you. Your letter, of which a copy is enclosed, was most gratifying to me and my family.

I wish to assure you of my deep interest in the medical welfare of our people and in seeing your term in the Presidency being one of greatness and success in helping to alleviate the problems we now face. If I could be of any assistance to you and your staff in the future, please let me know. I have enclosed a Curriculum Vitae for your staff records.

Hoping my request for an autographed photograph is not an imposition since it will be greatly appreciated.

Respectfully,

Vincent J. Fontana, M. D.

VJF:amd
Enc.

February 7, 1969

Dr. Vincent J. Fontana, Director
Department of Pediatrics
St. Vincent's Hospital
153 West 11th Street
New York, New York 10011

Dear Dr. Fontana:

It was so kind of you to take the time and trouble to write me about my new post. Your message of encouragement means a great deal to me.

When I was with the President yesterday, I showed him your letter. He was eminently pleased and asked his secretary to send you an autographed photograph. You should receive it soon.

It was good to hear from you. Helen joins me in best wishes.

Sincerely yours,

Arthur F. Burns
Counselor to the President

ST. VINCENT'S HOSPITAL
AND MEDICAL CENTER OF NEW YORK

153 WEST 11TH STREET
NEW YORK, N. Y. 10011

PARTMENT OF PEDIATRICS

VINCENT J. FONTANA, M. D.
DIRECTOR

February 3, 1969

Dr. Arthur F. Burns
Counselor to the President
White House
Washington, D. C.

My dear Arthur:

I wish to congratulate you on your new appointment and wish you the best of all things. I know your dedication will assure your success.

I am enclosing a copy of a letter I sent on to the President and I know full well he has not been given the opportunity to see it, in view of the thousands that come in. It would be appreciated if you would bring my letter to his attention.

I hope Helen is well and I do look forward to hearing from you. With best regards,

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in dark ink, appearing to be 'VJF', with a long horizontal stroke extending to the right.

Vincent J. Fontana, M. D.

VJF:amd
Enc.

PAUL N. McCLOSKEY, JR.
11TH DISTRICT, CALIFORNIA

COMMITTEE ON
GOVERNMENT OPERATIONS
AND
COMMITTEE ON
MERCHANT MARINE
AND FISHERIES

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

February 17, 1969

Honorable John Ehrlichman
The White House
Washington, D.C.

Dear John:

✓ The enclosed photograph includes your boss, my predecessor, and an assorted collection of the present dignataries of my Congressional District. If time and procedures permit, would it be possible to obtain a simple "Best regards, Dick Nixon, January, 1968" forgery by one of your accomplished penmen, if not the President himself.

If there is any problem, feel no hesitancy in returning these to me with a suitable note indicating that the non-proliferation treaty and the Viet Nam negotiations preclude its submission to the President at this time.

Respectfully,



Paul N. McCloskey, Jr.

PNMcC:i

Enclosure

done
H/8/69



Royal Hawaiian MANAGEMENT CORPORATION

Land Acquisition

WILLIAM DESMOND RYAN
President

MARK MORGAN
administrative officer

WALTER FOWARD
executive vice president

AIR MAIL

PERSONAL PLEASE

February 25, 1969

Miss Rose Mary Woods
1600 Pennsylvania Avenue
Washington, D. C.

Dear Rose Mary:

For over 20 years we have watched the development of the career of Murray Chotiner. He has known the heady experience of victory and he has tasted the bitterness of defeat. Throughout the years you know he has never wavered in his loyalty nor failed to give his full measure of devotion.

We now have a great man as our President whose success last November was the prelude to the substantial accomplishments that will be of benefit to everyone throughout the world. These accomplishments will be the product of a team effort and the presence of Murray on the team will make success all the more certain. The President can have confidence in an advisor whose trust is unquestioned to cope with responsibilities of great magnitude.

In this morning's Los Angeles Times an article appeared which seemingly indicated that Congressman Rogers C. B. Morton was out to bury our friend M. Chotiner. We must presume the Hon. Rogers C. B. Morton, M.C. is a fine man or he wouldn't be receiving consideration. However when we have a horse with an excellent track record that runs an intelligent race, why choose an unknown quantity. I've heard references to the "California Mafia" now holding forth in Washington. This amuses me after the misuse of power by the "Eastern Establishment" and the excesses of the "Texas cowboys".

For whatever value my twenty-three years in the Republican vineyards might be, I share the belief of Murray's thousands of friends who urge our President to continue to stand firmly behind Murray Chotiner. Our Country and our World will be the better for having the President continue the genius of Murray Chotiner in his Administration. Murray Chotiner has proven beyond any doubt that he knows how to elect Congressmen, Senators, Vice Presidents and Presidents. He has proven that he can build a winning party organization.

The presence of Murray Chotiner will provide a "Pillar of Strength" for our President. Murray's great talent is just the prescription needed for the Republican Party. Nobody needs or has asked for free advice. However, I'd certainly be remiss if I didn't communicate my sincere thoughts to the appropriate people. Please tell me what we can do to further solidify the Chotiner position in this Administration. Your

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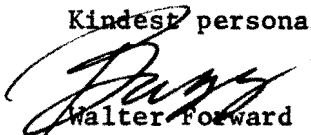
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Autographed
Picture
Buzs Forward*

suggestions, held in absolute confidence, would be most appreciated.

Now for the personal favor. Could you secure an autographed picture of President Nixon to replace my 1950 picture? I would like to frame our Inauguration invitation with the President's picture, so see what you can do.

We were sorry that it was impossible for Susan and me to say "hello" during the inauguration festivities. Hopefully, your fantastic schedule will permit us to see you in the not too distant future. In any event, our prayers are always with you.

Kindest personal regards,



Walter Forward

WF/rh/bl

Prospective GOP Head Opposes Chotiner Post

Morton Would Have No Committee Job
for Nixon's Longtime Political Associate

BY THOMAS J. FOLEY
Times Staff Writer

WASHINGTON — Rep. Rogers C. B. Morton (R-Md.) said Monday he was ready to accept the GOP national chairmanship but that if he did there would be no committee staff job for Murray Chotiner, President Nixon's controversial longtime political ally.

Morton has been the odds-on favorite to succeed Ray Bliss who announced a week ago that he will resign at an April meeting of the national committee.

Asked Monday about reports that he has been offered the chairmanship, Morton replied, "I'm thinking about it."

It was widely reported at the time of Bliss' announcement that Chotiner was the White House choice for the top staff job on the committee. He was said to be in line for the post of executive director.

Will Discuss It

However, Morton said that before accepting the chairmanship, he wanted to discuss the Chotiner role and other party matters with the President following Mr. Nixon's return from Europe next week.

Morton did not spell out his specific reasons for not wanting the services of Chotiner.

Technically, the committee itself chooses the chairman upon the recommendation of its executive committee. However, by tradition, the President makes the choice.

It is known that Morton was approached about the

job two months ago when there were efforts by some of Mr. Nixon's aides to replace Bliss. However, strong pressure from GOP governors and party leaders in Bliss' behalf led the White House aides to drop their plans at that time.

Morton was approached again last week. The congressman said he did not have a chance to discuss the matter with the President himself and did not want to press him about it during the busy preparations for his European visit.

"I want to be sure the President and I are on confluent courses — that we agree on what the thrust of the national committee should be," Morton told a newsman by telephone from Ohio where he is on a speaking trip.

Chotiner's place in the committee picture has been one of controversy over the past several weeks. He has had an office five floors above the chairman's at the national committee headquarters. Ostensibly he was been doing inaugural and post-inaugural chores for Mr. Nixon.

However, it was reported last week that it was White House insistence that Bliss accept Chotiner as his deputy that led to Bliss' resignation.

Chotiner has been quoted as saying he would conduct the committee's national operations under a part-time chairman who would be the party spokesman.

Asked if that were the



Rep. Rogers C. B. Morton
(AP photo)

way he envisioned Chotiner's role, Morton said Monday: "It doesn't look like that way to me."

The congressman said anyone who takes the job of chairman must have the complete loyalty of everyone on the staff.

"Any setup where the chairman is only a front or is little more than window dressing would result in a great injustice to the party," Morton said.

He said "it would be a little difficult for me" to envision any role that Chotiner might play on the committee staff if Morton were to be chairman.

He said he did not know what commitment the Administration had made to Chotiner. The Californian, who was Mr. Nixon's election campaign chairman in his early rise to national prominence, was called in last fall to serve as special assistant to John N. Mitchell, the President's law partner who was Mr. Nixon's campaign manager and is now attorney general.

Pledges Loyalty

Morton said "I want to contribute to the success of the Nixon Administration in any way I can. If it works out that this is something other than national chairman, I'd fully understand."

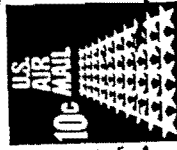
Chotiner said Monday that "until some kind of an announcement is made by the White House, I can't say whether I will or will not take a job with the committee."

Asked whether he wanted the job, Chotiner said only "I'm not a shrinking violet." He has been a partner in a Los Angeles law firm but recently signed a year's lease on a Washington apartment.

Morton said he believed a chairman must have "carte blanche" authority over the committee's operations and that the chairman must be the party's representative in relations with the President and the White House.

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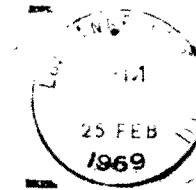


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PERSONAL PLEASE

MEMORANDUM

THE WHITE HOUSE
WASHINGTON

March 25, 1969

*Put pictures
with these*

MEMORANDUM FOR MISS ROSE WOODS

Rose

Attached are two requests for autographed photographs of the President. The first is from the Chief of Police at Independence who requested the picture when I was in the Truman Library. His card is attached.

Done.

The second is the one that I would like to see done whenever it is possible. The troops in Korea really feel like they're at the end of the line. I would appreciate anything my favorite Presidential secretary can do.

[Signature]

COLONEL JAMES D. HUGHES
WGFP



DEPARTMENT OF THE ARMY
OFFICE OF THE CHIEF OF STAFF
WASHINGTON, D.C. 20310

24 March 1969

Dear Don:

Sorry I have been operating out of Walter Reed and have missed personal contact with you for the past several weeks. It seems that I have an insufficient number of red corpuscles, and I have baffled the doctors at Walter Reed to date in finding the reason for that deficiency.

Glowing reports of your fine support to the President have come to me all the way from California where I spent a week with General Bradley. I particularly regret that I have been unable to assist you in developing service support requirements.

Last year President Johnson autographed a photograph of himself for the Officers and Men of I Corps in Korea. LTG William P. Yarborough, CG, I Corps (Gp), has placed this picture adjacent to that of President Park, who also inscribed his picture, in a very prominent place in their headquarters. General Yarborough has written me on two separate occasions expressing the value the picture of the President has had in letting the troops know that their President is thinking of them even in far away Korea. May I request that you ask President Nixon to also autograph an 8" x 10" color picture of himself and inscribe it simply "To the Officers and Men of I Corps (Group), Korea." If you would forward the picture to my office, we will pack it suitably and see that it is in General Yarborough's hands as soon as possible.

I gained much stature at Ft MacArthur last Friday while at the retirement ceremony for General Bradley's sergeant. I called attention to Mrs. Bradley that the chopper flying overhead was that of the President, and sure enough, the papers proved my statement to be correct.

Best regards to you, Vern, and your other capable assistants.

Sincerely,

A. L. HAMBLÉN, JR.
Colonel, GS
Deputy SGS (Staff Svcs)
White House Liaison Officer

Colonel James D. Hughes
Armed Forces Aide to the President
The White House

THE WHITE HOUSE
WASHINGTON

May 19, 1969

MEMO FOR ROSE MARY WOODS

Marge, for a photograph as you
discussed with Bud.

Thank you,

Eliska Hasek

Att.

RMW

May 19, 1969

Bud Krogh's final recommendation on this is to go just with the picture and adhere to a firm policy that letters go only to Presidential appointees -- otherwise, they feel it would open a flood gate for people to request letters.

Marje

214 East Alexandria Avenue
Alexandria, Virginia 22301
May 10, 1969

Miss Rose Mary Woods
Personal Secretary to The President
The White House
Washington, D. C.

Dear Miss Woods,

I had the most pleasant telephone conversation on May 8, with Miss Dianne Tankoos an associate in your office. I indicated to her that on May 20, 1969 I was celebrating my thirty-fifth (35) anniversary with the Federal Bureau of Investigation.

On May 20th I will be presented a "Book of Memories", and I would be most happy and delighted to receive an autographed picture and letter from our good President to be made a part of this book.

She suggested that I write you this letter and was so very kind in telling me that such a request could be made.

The autographed picture and letter from our Chief Executive in this book will be cherished and treasured by me, as well as my wife Mary, daughter Mary Elizabeth and son, Gregory over the years.

I would like to tell you that I had the pleasure of working with your brother, Joe, in the FBI Washington Field Office on many assignments relating to criminal and security matters.

Thank you for being so generous in letting me infringe upon your most valuable time with this request and my most hearty thanks to you for this favor.

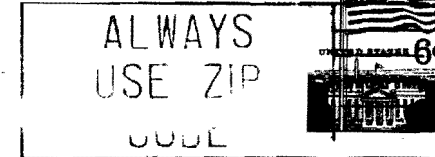
With deep appreciation, I remain,

Sincerely,

John W. Sullivan
John W. Sullivan

*picture done
5/19/69*

John W. Sullivan
214 East Alexandria Avenue
Alexandria, Virginia 22301



Miss Rose Mary Woods
Personal Secretary to The President
The White House
Washington, D. C.

PERSONAL

THE WHITE HOUSE
WASHINGTON

MEMORANDUM FROM BRYCE N. HARLOW

DATE: 7/1/69

FOR ACTION:

Rose Woods

FOR INFORMATION ONLY:

ACTION REQUESTED:

1. All necessary action, no return_____

2. Designated action, and return to me:

Comments • xx _____

Prepare agenda and Brief _____

Draft reply for
signature of _____

Other _____

MEMORANDUM

THE WHITE HOUSE

WASHINGTON

JUN 30 1969

June 28, 1969

TO: Bryce N. Harlow

FROM: Bill Timmons *BT*

Ken - I have had these reactions - not good for RN. Cannot remain in WR about it

A number of Members have approached me complaining about the inscription and autograph on their Nixon pictures. Several say they are too embarrassed to hang them on their office walls.

The inscriptions have been added by the White House calligrapher and therefore impersonal. It is pointed out that Eisenhower, Kennedy and Johnson personally wrote all over pictures for Members, making an attractive photograph to impress constituents.

Also, it is charged that the President uses an autopen for his signature -- which I stoutly denied. Seems a number of Members compared autographs.

*NOT True
RN has about 10 different ways he signs his name.*

My recommendation: The President personally autograph extra large color pictures to GOP leaders and ranking committee Members and smaller color pictures to Democrat Chairmen and special friends. All others who support surtax should receive 8x10 black and white picture personally autographed.

I recognize this is time consuming but it would greatly assist in your Capitol relations.

Some of these people already have two or three pictures now.

If you would double check with each other to see how many have complained I'll take it up with the President but I truthfully doubt that he will write the inscriptions.

MEMORANDUM

THE WHITE HOUSE

WASHINGTON

JUN 9 - 1969

June 7, 1969

TO: Bryce N. Harlow

FROM: Bill Timmons *BT*

SUBJECT: Photographs

We've encountered another picture problem. Namely, there are no official photographs of the first family, First Lady or Cabinet.

Although we do not get a great number of requests for these particular photos we do have a few pending -- about three months now. I'm rather embarrassed to say that there is no official photo of the first lady and when asked when it may be available have to say it is not contemplated in the near future.

Bryce, this is a minor point and seems silly to have to take flak over it which is imminent if something isn't done soon.

Pictures

*of Rose - I know
something about this?
Bryce*

THE WHITE HOUSE
WASHINGTON

August 8, 1969

TO: ROSE WOODS
FROM: JOHN R. BROWN

This is forwarded for your information to give you an idea of the President's current attitude towards the pictures we are distributing. I believe he will be sitting for additional pictures in California.

THE WHITE HOUSE
WASHINGTON

Rose -

Dwight inform me
he will be sitting for
a picture sometime
next week with Ollie.

Long

Marje
fyi!!!

THE WHITE HOUSE
WASHINGTON

August 7, 1969

MEMORANDUM FOR MR. H. R. HALDEMAN

Bob H
*Do we have
a new
picture?*

The President would like to review on the plane to California Saturday the best black and white portrait pictures that Ollie Atkins has available. He would like to see that the color picture of him and Mrs. Nixon taken during the campaign (Ollie knows which one I mean) is used and he also feels that the color picture of the family is fine to use.

He does not like the color portrait of himself which we are presently using. He would like to have any distribution of these ceased.

I have called Ollie and he is aware that the President would like to review the pictures on the plane Saturday.



DWIGHT L. CHAPIN

CC: Mr. Ronald Ziegler
Mr. Ollie Atkins

MEMORANDUM

THE WHITE HOUSE
WASHINGTON

March 28, 1969

MEMORANDUM FOR: MISS WOODS

I hate to even raise the subject, but it turns out that the President apparently promised Herb Kalmbach an autographed picture way back at the Maurice Stans farewell dinner.

- Herb was reluctant to even raise the point with me, but did ask if there was any possibility of his having a picture -- and I certainly think he should on the basis of his having put in a year and half, or whatever it was, of volunteer service to the cause, and because he is currently performing some very valuable services for us on a very sub rosa basis -- again as a volunteer.

done

H. R. HALDEMAN

January 15, 1969

MEMORANDUM

TO: RMW
FROM RN

Herb Kalmbach asked for an autographed picture.
Give him one of our new ones - I think he would like a larger
one. "To Herb Kalmbach with grateful appreciation for his
friendship and support through the years from Dick Nixon."

Done
H/11/69

MEMORANDUM

THE WHITE HOUSE
WASHINGTON

July 24, 1969

MEMORANDUM FOR

Marje Acker

Subject: Presidential Autographs on Postage Stamps

• Mrs. Virginia Brizendine, the Chief of the Philately Branch at the Post Office, called me this morning to say that there is nothing illegal in the President's signing blocks of stamps or individual postage stamps. She pointed out that stamps with any signature are legally defaced and thus no longer valid as postage.


Noble Melencamp

*Congressional
Autographed Pictures*

September 10, 1969

MEMORANDUM FOR: MR. HARLOW

At Rose's request, I talked with the President about the problem you raised regarding the personal inscriptions on autographed pictures for Members of Congress.

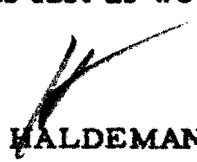
The President agrees with the recommendation that both the inscription and the signature should be in the President's handwriting.

He also agrees with your recommended program that we have him do this on a gradual basis of 20 pictures or so each week so that, over a period of time, we will get pictures to all the people who should have them.

He is very much concerned that this be limited to Members of Congress and not to Congressional staff people and that sort of thing.

Will you please set up a program for doing this ~~sort of thing~~, and I would suggest that each picture, as it comes in, have a suggested very brief inscription so that the President will have some guidance on what ought to be said in each case. Obviously, many of them will just be the standard "With best wishes" or something of that sort, but where there is a reason for something different, a card should accompany the picture with that thought.

I would suggest that we have these programmed as you recommended on the basis of 20 a week, and that you let me maintain a backlog of them to work in whenever there seems to be an appropriate moment. That way we'll try to get as many done as fast as we can.


H. R. HALDEMAN

cc: Miss Woods ✓

MEMORANDUM

THE WHITE HOUSE
WASHINGTON

November 23, 1970

FOR: LUCY FERGUSON
SANDY FOX
NOBLE MELENCAMP
DEBBY MURRAY

FROM: STEPHEN BULL 

RE: Presentation of Bibles to Clergymen Presiding at
White House Worship Services

The President has directed that a Bible appropriate to the Clergyman's individual faith be presented to each Clergyman who has presided at a White House Worship Service. The process of distribution can be effected with a minimum of effort if we follow the procedure agreed to by the addressees of this memo:

A standard inscription, supplied by Jim Keogh, will be inscribed on blank bookplates by Sandy Fox. Sandy will maintain an inventory of five signed and inscribed bookplates with only the name of the recipient left blank.

On the Monday following a White House Worship Service, Debby Murray sends a memo to Noble Melencamp giving highlights of the Worship Service, significant points in the sermon, and other significant bits of information that should be referred to in the Presidential thank-you letter.

Accompanying the copy of this memo to Noble Melencamp will be a completed bookplate provided by Sandy Fox. Lucy Ferguson, who maintains the inventory of Roman Catholic and King James Bibles, as well as copies of the Torah, will, as a matter of course, send the copy appropriate to the Clergyman's faith to Noble Melencamp on the Monday following the Worship Service. Mrs. Ferguson should be provided with a copy of the Worship Service scenario so that she will know when to send a Bible to Noble and will have enough information to send the appropriate copy.

Noble Melencamp will prepare the Presidential thank-you letter for the President's signature, affix the completed bookplate to the appropriate Bible, and then send the whole package over to Rose Woods' office for the President's signature.

cc: A. Butterfield
J. Keogh
✓ R. Woods

MEMORANDUM

THE WHITE HOUSE
WASHINGTON

December 8, 1969

(M)
*Did you know
we were doing
both?*

MEMORANDUM FOR

→ Rose Woods
Connie Stuart

SUBJECT: Pictures of the First Family for the Social Aides

I just discovered that we have been providing the social aides with two different autographed pictures, one of all the aides posed with the President and First Lady, and a second, the family picture of the President, Mrs. Nixon, Tricia, Julie and David. We were coordinating the first and Mrs. Nixon had suggested the second as a "going-away" present.

I would like to coordinate all matters relating to the social aides and I propose the following:

1. Pose the aides with the President and Mrs. Nixon only as often as necessary to get each aide in the picture (dictated by turnover rate of aides). This picture would be framed and given to all aides (with no autograph).
2. Present each departing aide an autographed family picture as a going-away present. We will submit a list each month of those scheduled to depart.

As a matter of information, I write the officer evaluation reports for their official records and forward to each service. In addition, I write thank-you letters which are sent to each man who departs. These letters are either signed by me or submitted for the President's signature (in special cases). The aides have been added to the list of staff for the Christmas prints which are mailed each year.

I feel that the above will ensure good coordination and will give them the special recognition which they deserve.

JH
COLONEL JAMES D. HUGHES

Mass production

Autograph shows no personal bond



By
Clare
Crawford

IF the silent majority were living in grassroots America, perhaps here where the cynical pols pad down could be called locoweed.

A typical example of life here in Locoweed is the matter of autographed Presidential pictures. One of the first thing an aspiring pol learns is that autographed pictures:

- ✓ Are hardly worth the glossy paper they are printed on.
- ✓ Are usually not personally autographed.

✓ Do not mean the person to whom it is addressed knows, has met, shaken hands with or even seen the President in person.

And even tho most Washington hangers-on acknowledge these facts, they try harder than anyone to get a picture of the current incumbent autographed to them regardless of his or their party or creed.

This picture discussion does not include autographed pictures of the person taken with the President. Lyndon Johnson had pictures taken of nearly everyone of the thousands of people who went thru a White House receiving line. Sometimes the system went awry and say an admiral would get a picture of some

general autographed to the General. Richard Nixon junked this system.

He sends out some pictures—frankly stamped that the autograph is electronically reproduced, but this has still not stopped the flow of requests for pictures from lobbyists, politicians, janitors, etc. who want to impress their clients, constituents and families back in Grassroots.

So, Rosemary Woods, the President's personal secretary, has had to send out a memo to "all White House staff" setting up a system for getting the President's autograph.

The memo doesn't make it clear whether this is for an electronic or a valid autograph. In fact, the White House has never said that there are valid autographs. But no reporter apparently has dared to phrase or raise a question about the President's ability to write.)

Anyway the memo asks that staffers send Miss Woods 5 file card listing the name and address of the individual to receive the autograph, whether it is a picture, first day cover, bookplate, White House card or whatever to be autographed and a mailing label.

And tho, some may think it as insincere as a television commentator's eyebrow, Miss Woods also wants a "suggested inscription."

Her memo says the general inscription would be "To Mary Brown with best wishes" or "To Mary Brown with appreciation and best wishes" — but if a "more special" inscription is wanted, it should be indicated.

THREE-BY-FIVE

Another thing, on that three-by-five-card, the White House staff member re-

questing the autograph for his friend should list his name.

If Lyndon Johnson had this system, can you imagine what would have happened to the staffer who suggested he mail off that "To my good friend Billy Sol Estes" photo?

By the way those effete impudent intellectuals these days are calling the White House: "Uncle Strom's Cabin."

F. SCOTT FITZGERALD'S "The Great Gatsby" is being made into a Broadway musical.

His daughter, Scottie Fitzgerald Smith, says the show will open in the early Spring and is being produced by Artie Shaw. It's the first Fitzgerald story to be made into a musical and Mrs. Smith said at least 20 people have tried their hand at "Gatsby" before, but Artie Shaw is the first to get it into production.

"I have dreamed of it being a musical as good as 'My Fair Lady,'" Mrs. Smith said, "ever since 'My Fair Lady.'"

She and several other Washington intellectualities including publisher Walter Ridder wrote a musical of their own about culture some years ago with the idea of doing "Gatsby" next, if the first successful. "It got a good initial reception and people were talking about doing it when President Kennedy was assassinated and that sort of did in culture," Mrs. Smith said.

Yesterday while doing a television interview, Mrs. Smith met Howard Keel, star of Plaza Suite, and thinks he would be a perfect "Gatsby." She is hoping to get him and Mr. Shaw together soon — they've never met.