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1	Letter	Rose Mary Woods to Better Homes and Gardens Books re: [Return of invoice for Mrs. Nixon]	10/24/69	G IP
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3	Tel Con Memo	Harold H. Saunders to Bert Bigler re: [Middle East situation]	2/14/69	Possible B
4	Postcard	Gustav [Brytaovsky?] to Rose Mary Woods re: [Thank you message on card of Rio de Janeiro and Botafogo Beach]	3/18/73	B G

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April 13, 1971

Dear Mr. Berch:

I have your letter telling us that you have acquired a number of the limited editions of the Boehm birds which are no longer available. I note that you have been told that the President is interested in presenting this type of object as a gift to dignitaries of foreign countries. Because of this, I am forwarding your letter to the staff of the Protocol Office who purchase these gifts. I am sure if they are interested in the objects mentioned someone will be in touch with you.

With every good wish,

Sincerely,

Rose Mary Woods
Secretary to the President

Mr. Wallace P. Berch
Antiques by Wallace, Inc.
4912 Cordell Avenue
Bethesda, Maryland 20014

bc: The Honorable Emil Mosbacher w/copy of incoming
✓ Lucy Winchester w/ copy of incoming

*Send to Mrs N.
L.W.*

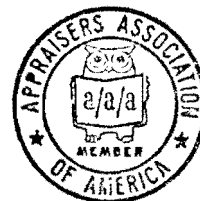
*We can get
Boehm birds
directly from
Mrs. Boehm*

*They are
exquisite
for gifts*

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4912 CORDELL AVENUE
BETHESDA, MD. 20014



President Richard M. Nixon

March 26, 1971

c/o Miss. Rosemary Woods

1600 Pennsylvania Avenue, N. W.

Washington, D. C. 20016

Dear Miss. Woods,

I understand that the President is interested in the Edward Marshall Boehm sculptures. Mr. Nixon has expressed an interest in presenting these magnificent objects to the various dignitaries of foreign countries as an example of the finest in the American art of ceramics.

I am very fortunate to have obtained a number of the limited editions of the birds which are no longer available.

I should be most happy to be of service to you concerning this matter.

Yours most respectfully,

Wallace P. Berch
Wallace P. Berch

WB/nb

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BERKELEY HOUSE, 120 CENTRAL PARK SOUTH, NEW YORK, N. Y. 10019 • TELEPHONE: CO 5-0326

New York
June 12
1972

Miss Rose Mary Woods
The White House
Washington, D.C.

Dear Miss Woods :

This is just to say that I shall be
in Washington Thursday in connection with
a new Magazine assignment and for next Friday's
Press Club luncheon for Mexico President Luis
Echeverria.

As I would like to see you and give you
a print of the drawing I made of you, I ask you
kindly leave word at the STATLER-HILTON (EX 3-1000)
when you can spare me a moment Thursday afternoon
or Friday morning?

Trusting to hear from you soon,
with kind regards,

Yours sincerely,

Oscar Berger

*Remind
Said 4:30
~~2:30~~
Thursday
6/15/72
W-618*

[Signature]
Oscar Berger

RMW

Mar 1

4:15 PM

Oscar Berger reports he will be in
the White House for a Press Briefing
from 11:00 to 12:00 Noon tomorrow.

Hopes to speak with RMW.

393-1000, W-612 until 5:15 PM today.

McP

Mr. Berger will call after the briefing to see if there is any
chance that he could stop by to see you

M

*Could see him & turned him
over to Ron J as he wanted,
a picture taken with the President.*

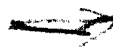
Mr. Berger will be in town tomorrow and Friday
AM... if RMW could see him he would be very
pleased. I told him her schedule was so full
I was not too optimistic, but we would call if
we could work something out.

2/28/73

Will you see him ^{this} ~~tomorrow~~ afternoon?
2/28/73

Yes

No



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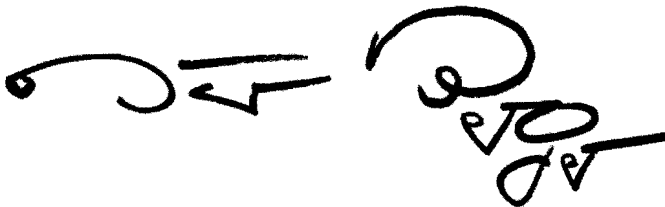
New York
February 26
1973

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

Dear Miss Woods :

As I am going to be in Washington from
Wednesday noon, in connection with a Washington
Feature, I wonder if I can see you during the
afternoon? Please, kindly leave word at the
STATLER-HILTON Hotel, where I can be reached .
With best regards,

Yours sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Oscar Berger", with a large, stylized flourish at the end.

February 28, 1969

Dear Mr. Berke:

Your letter to Miss Woods has arrived while she is in Europe. However, I wanted to let you know that your letter will be forwarded to the committee working on recommendations for all of the Ambassadorial posts.

Miss Woods, I am sure, would want me to extend her best wishes to you.

Sincerely,

Marjorie Acker
Personal Secretary
to Rose Mary Woods

Mr. Nathan R. Berke
Severson, Werson, Berke & Bull
433 California Street
San Francisco, California 94104

bcc: Peter J. Flanigan with incoming

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February 26, 1969

TELEPHONE
AREA 415
982-2780

Miss Rose Mary Wood
Secretary to the President
The White House
Washington, D. C.

Dear Rose Mary:

I wonder if you would be good enough to bring to the attention of the President my desire to serve him and his administration.

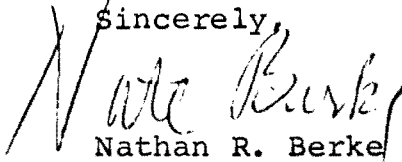
I am leaving for Europe and the Middle East on March 5. I expect to be in Jerusalem and will be meeting with some government officials and the President of Hebrew University, where I have established a scholarship in memory of my parents.

There is a report in today's press of the sudden passing of Premier Levi Eshkol of Israel. This will mean that a new Premier will be selected very shortly. If the President would like me to act as his courier to deliver a personal message to either the President or the new Premier of Israel, I will be happy to do so. Commencing with March 6 and until March 13, I will be staying at the Excelsior Italie in Florence, Italy. Then I leave for Rome where I will be at the Cavalieri Hilton until the 14th and then to Tel Aviv where I will be at the Hilton.

What I would like to do in assisting the President is to either act at times as a personal emissary for him in the field of international relations or as ambassador to either France, Italy, Switzerland, The Netherlands, Israel, or the Pan American Union. If I can be helpful in some capacity at the United Nations, I will be most happy to be available. If you will bring this to the President's attention, I will be grateful. Just as a reminder, I met you some years ago in Washington when I accompanied the late Win Caldwell to the office of the then Vice President.

With best personal regards, I remain

Sincerely,


Nathan R. Berke

NRB:jer

MEMORANDUM

THE WHITE HOUSE
WASHINGTON

May 22, 1973

FOR: DAVID PARKER

FROM: STEPHEN BULL *SB*

Irving Berlin will be coming to town on Wednesday, May 23rd. We need a good color Press photograph for noon Thursday and Rose Woods came up with an inspiration. Two months ago Irving Berlin sent to the President a hand-written manuscript of the song "God Bless America". We can have Mr. Berlin present it personally to the President, either in the Oval Office or out in the Rose Garden with the tent in the background. This story would make the Thursday P.M. 's and the evening news, thus plugging the evening POW event which ABC will be carrying at 11:30 p.m. Thursday night.

If you see no problem with this, I will go ahead and present this to the President since he asked for a color event on Thursday.

cc: *✓* R. Woods

*Late note -
I talked to the President and he
has already agreed - enthusiastically!
He raised the subject of the event.*

Anne

East Berliners Remember President as Piano Player

EAST BERLIN (UPI) — On the Communist side of the wall, East Berliners still remember President Nixon as a man who played the piano for them six years ago.

"He sat right there and used that same piano," said Petre, head waiter at the Budapest Cafe, pointing to a black grand on a platform in the restaurant's main dining room.

Other East Berliners tell Western visitors the man who now is president of the world's leading non-Communist nation played at the cafe at 91 Karl Marx Allee, one of the city's oldest and most popular restaurants.

Nixon spent a day and an evening in East Berlin July 24, 1963, less than a year after his unsuccessful campaign for the governorship of California. His wife, Pat, and daughters Julie and Tricia accompanied him on the trip.

HE PLAYED THE "Missouri Waltz" at the Budapest, dedicating it to former U.S. President Harry S. Truman, and conceded afterward the patrons were as unimpressed with him as he was with the Budapest's food.

"There was no demand for an encore. The food went down and did not come up, so I guess it wasn't bad," Nixon told a news conference in West Berlin the next day.

The food and wine at the Budapest, as well as the city itself, are not the same today.

The Budapest now features an excellent pepper steak and a

Hungarian red wine for \$3.25. The piano player does not know the "Missouri Waltz," but he and the strolling violinists play a medley of old European waltzes and Hungarian gypsy tunes for dinner guests.

Outside, the city's principal thoroughfare bears little resemblance to the Karl Marx Allee Nixon saw under construction in 1963. Block-long, 15-story apartment complexes stretch out along both sides of the street, all of them white and almost identical in construction.

Elsewhere, construction of new buildings and restoration of much of the old are under way.

DESPITE AN OBVIOUS construction boom and a regime-proclaimed "economic miracle," however, the streets of East Berlin remain almost barren of human life.

A few strollers window-shop along Karl Marx Allee, the pride of the Communist regime, and also on Berlin's principal pre-war thoroughfare, the Unter Den Linden.

Except during the morning and evening weekday rush hours, the streets are so quiet traffic controls are unnecessary. Traffic lights are turned off altogether on weekends, when all businesses and factories are closed. The U-Bahn, or subway, is the most popular means of transportation.

"If they are not at their jobs, East Berliners are in their homes unless they have specific reasons to go out or specific

places to go."

THIS IS A STOCK answer in East Berlin to queries about the whereabouts of the city's 1,072,000 inhabitants.

It offers a sharp contrast to West Berlin, where all of that city's 2.2 million seem to gather daily along their equivalent of Karl Marx Allee, the Kurfurstendamm.

East Berlin's shop windows offer an abundance of merchandise. All but food and clothing are expensive.

The average East Berliner earns \$160 per month, compared with his West Berlin counterpart's \$195, government statistics from both sides of the wall reveal.

The average East Berliner spends from 50 to 75 per cent of his salary for food, rent and clothing, depending on the size of his family.

WITH THE REMAINDER, he can buy such items as a black and white television set with a 17-inch screen for \$500, or an automobile for \$5,000. A no-frills, low-the-knee suit for his wife goes for \$31 at a leading women's shop. A small can of hair spray costs \$2.50.

In the face of such prices, only 10 per cent of the families in East Berlin have managed to purchase a car or a television set. A third have refrigerators and washing machines.

But most of the luxury items known to the West are available here.

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April 10, 1969

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

Dear Miss Woods:

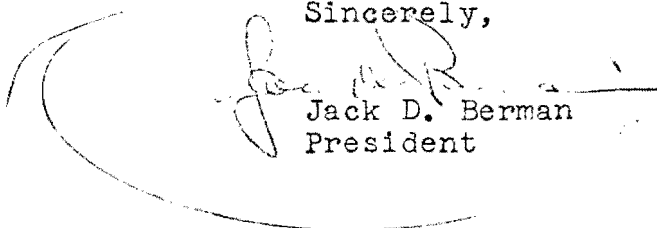
Please advise the President that this is an 'exact reproduction' of a letter and signature to acknowledge receipt today of his photo with an 'exact reproduction' of his signature.

I believe this picture was sent in response to a good humored letter I sent to Mr. Nixon at 810 Fifth during the interengum period.

Tell the President that his portrait with the 'exact reproduction' of his signature will take its place besides photos with real, authentic signatures of Presidents Truman, Eisenhower, Kennedy and Johnson.

Respectfully, and still in good humor, I remain

Sincerely,



Jack D. Berman
President

JDB:ja



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1-18-71

Miss Rose Mary Woods
Secretary to the Pres.
Office of Pres of U.S.A.
White House
Washington, D.C.

Dear Miss Rose Mary Woods:

I believe that a woman of such great public and political stature is also an aware individual.

As the sister of Illinois ex-sheriff Joseph Woods - the state of Illinois is more than just another state. In that regard ... of states, I am enclosing a copy of a letter I received most recently. I hope you agree.

Sincerely,
D.V. Berning

This is a chain letter. It began in Chicago, Illinois in 1971 where, according to a popular myth, on a clear day you can see about half a mile.

The problem of air and water pollution in the United States has reached monumental proportions. Something must be done now to curtail this poisoning of man's environment.

By way of this chain letter, you are asked to write a letter of your own to the President of the United States during this year of 1971 in support of pollution control, i.e. stricter enforcement of such existent laws, and requests for more definite corrective and preventive legislation in this direction. If you feel unable to compose your own letter, sign your name to the bottom of this letter, and send it to the President in support of the cause stated above.

In any case, you are requested to add your name to the bottom of the list, and send a copy of this letter to three other people. You can do something about pollution. If everyone who receives this writes to the President, and passes this chain letter to just three other people, during the course of this year millions of letters will reach the White House. That has to move someone to action (besides the postman).

If you break this chain letter, bad luck will not come to you in four days, nor will a thousand lice descend upon your flesh, but in the next few years you might choke to death on the water you drink, the food you eat or the air you breathe.

J. William Hall
Linda A. Berning
Bud Berning

LOREN M. BERRY
3170 KETTERING BOULEVARD
P.O. BOX 6000
DAYTON, OHIO 45401

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Spl.*

March 9th, 1969

Miss Rose Mary Woods,
Secretary to President Richard M. Nixon,
White House,
Washington, D. C.

Dear Rose Mary:

Will you kindly give the enclosed
letter to President Nixon?

Thanking you, and with best wishes,

I am

Sincerely yours,

Loren M. Berry

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President Richard M. Nixon,
White House,
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Dear Dick:

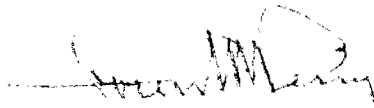
Enclosed is copy of a letter, in duplicate, from Mr. Hal Dumas, a former President of The American Telephone and Telegraph Company, New York City, and a long time friend of mine, who is now retired.

While his opinions were given to me in this personal letter, I have known for a long time of his interest in you, and I am certain he would have no objection to my sending this personal letter to you, because he would like to help you in any way he could.

Mr. Dumas is qualified to talk about the South since he spent all of his life there with the Southern Bell Company and was operating Vice President of that Company and later President before he was called to New York as President of the Bell System.

With sincere best wishes, as always,
I am

Yours sincerely,

A handwritten signature in dark ink, appearing to read "Loren M. Berry", with a stylized flourish at the end.

Loren M. Berry

LMB:ge

Copy of hand-written letter

H. S. (Hal) Dumas
945 Hibiscus Lane
Delray Beach, Florida 33444

Dear Loren:

You are the most influential Republican I know and for that reason I am addressing this to you.

As you may surmise I admire greatly Mr. Nixon's courage which, of course, is a prime ingredient for a great President. There are however two matters about his conduct of his office which concern me.

I think he should have refused the doubling of his salary. It would have put an immediate brake on the inflation which is truly our greatest internal threat if he had taken the statesman like stance that others could do as they choose but he was refusing to add gasoline to the inflation fire. Who now can say no to a union which demands a doubled wage?

The other matter is the treatment of the South in the school matter. I know he is hiding now behind the "law" but after all there are many interpretations of the law beside the one @hrinchy Finch is promulgating. The reason I'm writing about this is because I believe it is essential to the good of our country that Nixon be reelected in '72. I do not believe he can be reelected without the South. If the present school ruling stands Nixon will lose the South as surely as '72 comes.

The Republican Party has a great opportunity to sweep the South. I think three fourths of its leaders in Congress could be persuaded to run as Republicans if they are handled right.

On the other hand if Nixon thinks the Negroes and left wingers are going to vote for him in '72 then he just hasn't sense enough to be President.

I hope I have not burdened you unduly with my views.

With warm regards,

s/ Hal

945 HIBISCUS LANE
DELRAY BEACH, FLORIDA 33444

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With warm regards
H. S. DUMAS

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April 24, 1969

Dear Mr. Berry:

Thank you for your recent letter in which you bring to my attention an error in our correspondence.

Due to the large amount of mail received, my staff does occasionally err in replying to incoming correspondence - such was the case with your telegram. We certainly owe you an apology and hope that you have not been put to a great deal of inconvenience.

We hope that we will continue to hear from you in the future.

Sincerely,

Harry S. Flemming
Special Assistant
to the President

Mr. Loren M. Berry
Surf Club Apartments
9133 Collins Avenue
Miami Beach, Florida 33154

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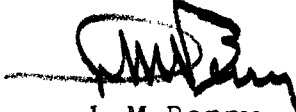
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LOREN M. BERRY
Chairman of the Board

April 20th, 1969

Dear Rose Mary:

For the personal information
of the President.



L.M. Berry

April 20th, 1969

Dear Mr. Flemming:

Enclosed is copy of a letter which I received from you, dated March 3rd, 1969. I did not write President Nixon regarding Secretary Hickel. Therefore, I had my office in Dayton investigate to see if anyone there had written such a letter, perhaps on our Company's stationery, but noone seems to know anything about it. Of course, it could have been a telephone call, with somebody fraudulently using my name.

If you can furnish me any further information I will appreciate it.

Sincerely yours,

Loren M. Berry,
Surf Club Apts.,
9133 Collins Ave.,
Miami Beach, Florida 33154

Mr. Harry S. Flemming,
Special Assistant to the President,
The White House,
Washington, D. C.



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

MEMORANDUM

THE WHITE HOUSE
WASHINGTON

May 12, 1969

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MEMORANDUM FOR: MISS WOODS

The President wanted to be sure that Loren Berry was on an early guest list, if he is not already included.

H
H. R. HALDEMAN

attended by Jory Hinner

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LOREN M. BERRY
Chairman of the Board

June 9, 1969

*Ltr sent
to Dwight
Chapin
6/24/69*

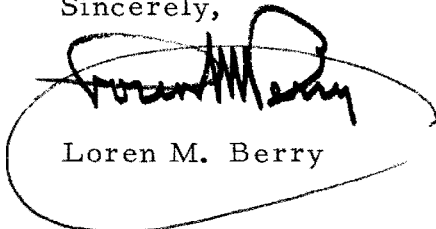
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Secretary to the President
The White House
Washington, D. C.

Dear Rose Mary:

I will greatly appreciate it if you will see that
President Nixon receives the enclosed letter
as promptly as possible.

Thanking you, and with best personal regards,
as always, I am

Sincerely,


Loren M. Berry

LMB/lm

Encl.

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SPS
Loren Berry to rmw:

"Feeling better -- never had pneumonia before. Doctors have given an embargo on my leaving town until we leave for Florida for the winter.

"The reason I called you - I have had in the last month or two a rather unusual number of complaining letters about the Administration. I have kept some for my own use - I haven't bothered to pass them along to you people.

"Lawrence J. Miesel has just written me a three page letter - it is a copy of a letter he sent to Jerry Milbank. He is a former member of the National Committee and I know was helpful in the 1968 campaign. I just wondered now - this letter - he said he helped in the 1968 campaign. As of now he could not again support Mr. Nixon.

"William McKnight - since Mr. Nixon did not take his plan for price controls he has never been satisfied because ~~nothing that~~
~~xxxxxxx~~ he thinks that would have solved this inflation.

"He told me the other day that he had said several months ago that he was not going to vote for the President if he runs again.

"This inflation and loan thing will defeat him.

"I asked him that question -- who would you vote for? -- he said he didn't know. I said that is not the way you brought up 3-M,

"Try as I might -- William McKnight is still against the President.

"People do not understand ~~xx~~ economics - they only know what comes in and goes out of their own pockets. This next campaign is going to be a rough one and we have to have a lot of people who are dedicated.

"I have a lot of people lined up - I think we have enough of them if we could just get the people to ~~relax~~ realize that a lot of this talk is just that - talk - . You have a lot of smart people around - I believe some of the top people around the President will be a tremendous help to him.

I also wanted to say this - someone made a call to my office a couple of weeks ago to invite me to come to Akron for a breakfast and to Canton-- I just wanted the President to know I was not allowed to go.

L. M. BERRY AND COMPANY

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LOREN M. BERRY
Chairman of the Board

AUGUST 14TH, 1971

MISS ROSE MARY WOODS,
SECRETARY TO THE PRESIDENT,
THE WHITE HOUSE,
WASHINGTON, D. C.

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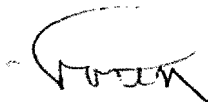
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LARGEST STOCKHOLDER OF 3-M COMPANY, ST. PAUL, MINN.
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THE REPUBLICAN NATIONAL FINANCE COMMITTEE, ALSO SERVED
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1969. I HAVE NOT MET MR. MEISEL, AND DO NOT KNOW ANY-
THING ABOUT HIM.

THE LETTERS ARE SENT FOR THE INFORMATION OR
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WITH HIGHEST REGARDS AND BEST WISHES, I AM

SINCERELY YOURS,



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March 3, 1969

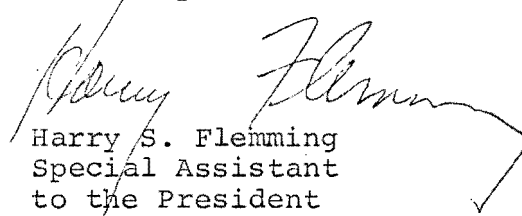
Dear Mr. Berry:

For the President, I want to acknowledge your comments concerning Secretary Hickel.

I can assure you of the President's continued confidence, and we regret you do not agree. Perhaps in time his suitability for this post will become evident to you.

Your interest in writing is, nevertheless, appreciated.

Sincerely,


Harry S. Flemming
Special Assistant
to the President

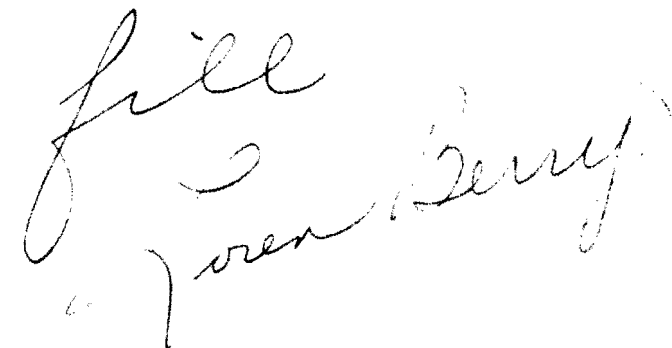
Mr. Loren M. Berry
Surf Club Apartment
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Bruce Bardwell

It was a telegram of congratulations that was mixed in with Cabinet telegrams. Marje


Bill
Loren Berry

W. L. McKNIGHT
3M CENTER
SAINT PAUL, MINNESOTA 55101

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Best wishes,

Mac

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Loren Berry to rmw

"I have a question on this book "Setting the Course" which came out recently and which the President honored me with a copy of. I would like 50 copies of that book - where do I order them - would you do it for me?

I suggested to a couple of people that it would be a great thing to get these all over the country. I suggested it to Steve Bechtel and a few other people and to Jerry Milbank.

Our company met yesterday - I promised to send each of our executives a copy of the book -- therefore would you please order 50 copies and have them and the bill for them sent to me:

Mr. Loren Berry
c/o L. M. Berry & Co.
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Dayton, Ohio 45401

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It would be great if they could be in boxes or envelopes -- then

he said "I notice this copy that I have has the President's name on it -- etc (that is on a bookmark and is also printed to ~~XXXX~~ Loren Berry -- I discouraged trying to wait for that as we would have to order the books - have them come here and hold them for the President's signature and that would delay them considerably.

He agreed that it would be better not to ask him - and so we are to order the books and have them shipped to him as soon as

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possible.

He said he mentioned the idea of getting quite a few of the men to send these books around the country both to John Mitchell and Jerry Milbank. He thinks there ought to be some way for us to get names of people who are leaders - coast to coast - and get copies of these speeches - this book - in their hands. Maybe we can get a lot of them out -- all of these people who are complaining could get their answers right there in the book.

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June 6, 1972

Dear Loren Berry:

Thanks so much for sending me the editorial from The New York Times. I agree it is great and hard to believe it came from The Times!

It was a pleasure to talk with you on Saturday, and I will look forward to seeing you some time during the summer.

With kindest regards,

Sincerely,

Rose Mary Woods
Secretary to the President

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Sun. PM

June 4

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With my highest personal regards and all best wishes,

Sincerely,

Loren /s/

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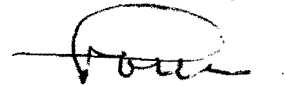
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The concrete result is that the United States now has better relations with both the Soviet Union and the Chinese People's Republic than at any time since the end of World War II. The package of agreements Mr. Nixon concluded in Moscow last month—notably the historic pacts putting the first limits on the nuclear missile race—has created islands of Soviet-American cooperation. With China, a long-interrupted dialogue has been resumed. American citizens are now again visiting that ancient land and citizens of the People's Republic are here. The ground has been cleared for further progress.

Implicit in all this has been the recognition by all involved that even Vietnam and the Middle East are side issues when compared to the imperatives of the new global equilibrium. Chairman Mao received President Nixon shortly after heavy bombing of North Vietnam had resumed; Secretary General Brezhnev received the President shortly after North Vietnam's harbors were mined. No words are needed for Hanoi to understand that the Chinese and Soviet leaders put their own interests first.

That demonstration should have a sobering effect on Hanoi's firebrands. But in Washington, too, the question must arise of a new look at Vietnam now that its secondary importance in the world strategic equation has been so abundantly exposed. The new equilibrium, after all, is dynamic rather than static, and it could be altered by future strains. Now, in the afterglow of his political and diplomatic feats this year, Mr. Nixon can afford better than ever to take another look at the world's tension areas and seek new ways in which the United States can contribute to genuine peace.

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August 2, 1973

Dear Mr. Berry:

Many thanks for sending along a piece of the "Friends of Richard Nixon" note pad you have been using. I will pass along your suggestion to others who might be able to do something about having more of them distributed. Unfortunately, as I am sure you fully appreciate, this is nothing we could put out from the White House.

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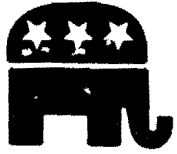
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shorts! I have received compliments
from several friends who received
letters from me written on their
stationery. I am going to have
a supply printed & send it out
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can do the same, but if you
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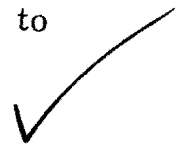
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you wish. I send my warmest
regards to all best wishes.

Friend Mary

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July 5, 1972

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Secretary to the President
The Western White House
San Clemente, California 92672

Dear Miss Woods:

Mr. Berry is going to be honored by the Board of Trustees of Rio Grande College, Rio Grande, Ohio, Thursday evening, July 13, 1972 here in Dayton. He will receive special recognition by the College for outstanding public service. For your information, the same College, in June of 1959, presented Mr. Berry with an Honorary Doctor of Laws Degree. Many of Mr. Berry's friends and associates from this part of the country will be in attendance for this outstanding affair.

This promises to be one of the highlights of Mr. Berry's long and remarkable career and, once again, we are calling upon you for a special favor. Would you be so kind as to ask the President to send a telegram to Mr. Berry on this occasion. The telegram should be addressed to Mr. Loren M. Berry, c/o Mr. Elmer Tinnerman, L. M. Berry and Company, 3170 Kettering Boulevard, Dayton, Ohio, and should be delivered (no phone) by 2:00 p.m. on Wednesday, July 12th.

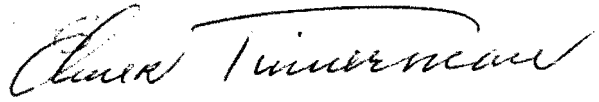
I am enclosing a Newcomen Society Address dealing with the history of L. M. Berry and Company for your information and guidance, also your files. You may enjoy reading and getting more information about Mr. Berry from this publication.

If this request is possible, it will be deeply appreciated ----
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will look forward to hearing from you.

Warm regards,

A handwritten signature in cursive script, reading "Elmer F. Tinnerman". The signature is written in dark ink and is positioned above the printed name.

Elmer F. Tinnerman

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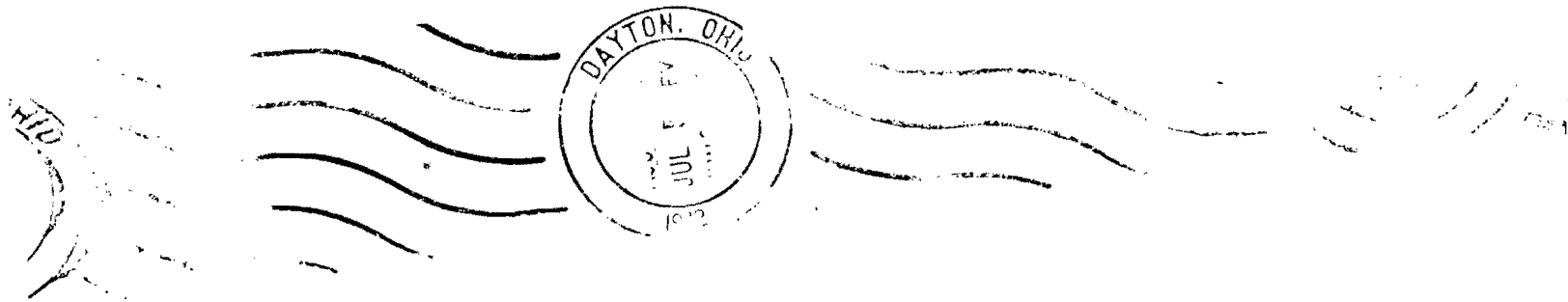


*"The roads you travel so briskly
lead out of dim antiquity,
and you study the past chiefly because
of its bearing on the living present
and its promise for the future."*

—LIEUTENANT GENERAL JAMES G. HARBORD,
K.C.M.G., D.S.M., LL.D., U.S. ARMY (RET.)
(1866-1947)

*Late American Member of Council at London
The Newcomen Society
for the study of the history of
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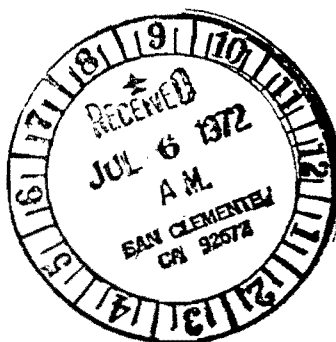
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THE WHITE HOUSE
WASHINGTON

March 11, 1970

FOR: Rose Mary Woods

FROM: N. Melencamp

While the attached letter from Joseph Bertain is really a thank you and an effort to draw himself to the President's attention, I thought you might want to glance at it and I hope you will let me know if there is anything special which should be included in a reply.



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G. JOSEPH BERTAIN, JR.
TIMOTHY H. FINE

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(415) 981-4938

March 6, 1970

NM
Honorable Richard M. Nixon
President of the United States
The White House
1600 Pennsylvania Avenue
Washington, D. C. 20500

Dear Mr. President:

It is my great pleasure to thank you for sending me your personally autographed picture. Bernardine and Joey are also deeply appreciative of your thoughtfulness.

We were honored to receive your invitation to attend the dedication of The Lady Bird Johnson Grove, Redwood National Park, on August 27, 1969. Joey (10) has told me time and time again that he was sure that you winked at him while he was standing on a redwood log during those impressive ceremonies.

At this time I must reminisce about the courtesies shown me by you and your staff over the years. In September 1951 I matriculated at the School of Law of The Catholic University of America in Washington, D. C. Shortly thereafter, at the behest of my father's good friend, Joseph Scott of Los Angeles, I was invited to your office. It was my privilege at that time to meet you, Rose Woods, and Dottie Cox Donnelly. Through the direction of Dottie, in particular, I became active in the Young Republican Club in the District. Since then, it has been my distinct pleasure to participate in your 1952, 1956, 1960, 1962 and 1968 campaigns.

During February 1953 you may recall that I obtained the services of approximately fifteen or twenty Young Republican college and university students to assist your greatly reduced staff in preparing a large mailing of acknowledgments incident to your election and inauguration as Vice President. I am delighted to inform you that one of the students who participated in that endeavor is Tom Melady, your Ambassador to the Republic of Burundi.

Honorable Richard M. Nixon
March 6, 1970
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I was particularly honored to serve as your Chairman of the San Francisco Lawyers' Committee for Nixon-Agnew and as a Vice President of your Northern California Finance Committee during the 1968 Presidential campaign, as well as to attend your inauguration on January 20, 1969.

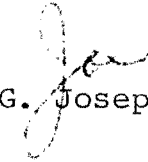
Please convey my sincere best wishes to Mrs. Nixon, Rose Woods, Marge Acker and Dottie Donnelly.

We hope that we will be able to visit you and Mrs. Nixon when you come to San Clemente this summer.

Thank you for your thoughtfulness now and in the preceding years. It has been most satisfying to work on your behalf.

We congratulate you as our President and as the leader of the free world. We shall continue to offer our prayers for your continued success.

Sincerely,


G. Joseph Bertain, Jr.

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FRANK G. SWAIN
OF COUNSEL

January 31, 1969

Rose Mary Woods
Assistant to the President
The White House
Washington, D. C.

Dear Rose:

The Inauguration of the President was indeed a great experience for me and you will never know the thrill I had in being invited to the White House on Tuesday morning. I have written a personal letter to Dick thanking him, but I also want to thank you as I have a feeling that you had a great deal to do with the guest list. I have always appreciated your friendship and help in so many ways and I want you to know that I feel very grateful, not only for your friendship but the many fine things you have done for me personally.

I congratulate you very heartily on your position there in the White House, but you have earned it and I am happy to see you rewarded in this way.

It will be a great Administration and people around Los Angeles County are becoming more enthusiastic every day about the new President and his program.

As ever,



Thomas W. Bewley

TWB/tdj

THOMAS W. BEWLEY
510 Whittier Square
Whittier, California 90602

April 22, 1971

Dear Rose:

I am planning on arriving in Washington around 4:30 on Wednesday, April 28. I thought I might call you after I get settled and maybe you would like to have dinner that evening if you have nothing else to do. I know you are busy and probably have lots of dates, so I would certainly understand if you are not free, but if you are I would enjoy the visit.

You certainly missed a lot of cool, windy weather out her the last week.

As ever,



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

File

May I see
the working
letter file

Holler

no record in letter file
as of 4-29-69 L. W.

File

any thing
more?

Holler

Nothing in file
as of 5/2/69 H.W.

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April 24, 1969

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

Dear Rose:

I just received a copy of a letter from Mr. O. M. Working, which letter is addressed to the President and in which he mentions my name. I never discussed this matter with Mr. Working and, while I know him, I certainly don't like people using my name in writing to the President. If this goes over your desk I wish you would strike out my name or put a note that I don't know a thing about the matters involved and never discussed it with anybody. I have refrained from talking to people about any such matters and if anybody asks me, I say "do not use my name in writing to the White House". I make no suggestions or recommendations. Actually, I have a hard enough time keeping track of my own without getting into trouble with other people.

I do hope to come back someday and see you in the White House and see the offices. I have been very busy this spring and haven't had time to get back there.

We had a good meeting with Mr. Morgan of your staff and I think resolved several problems.

As ever,

Thomas W. Bewley

TWB/tdj

April 21 1939

Dear Mr President:

I intend to be in Washington for the annual Navy League Convention from May 20 to the 24th.

If it is possible considering your very busy schedule, I would very much like to see you in person. I would also have with me, if he is available Vice Admiral Lawson P. Ramage, Commander of the MSTB.

Admiral Ramage is the party that was the commander of the submarine Forsche and the one in the book "Submarines in Combat" that I sent you.

I have talked to Harless Barton and Tom Bewley who are old time friends of mine and who send you their best wishes.

Yours sincerely

O. M. Working

The Honorable Richard M. Nixon
The Whitehouse
Washington, D. C.

May 19, 1972

Dear Marian:

The schedule here has been terribly hectic with preparations for the trip to Russia, but before we leave early in the morning I wanted to drop you a note to thank you for your thoughtful letter of April tenth.

I do appreciate your volunteering to help at the Convention, but now that it is being held in Florida and will only last for three days it does not look like we will be needing any volunteers. We do not anticipate a great deal of activity at the Convention - unless something unforeseen happens.

With fondest regards to you and Tom,

Sincerely,

Rose Mary Woods
Secretary to the President

Mrs. Thomas Bewley
14047 Summit Drive
Whittier, California

RMW:MA:mcp

14047 Summit Dr.
Whittier, Calif.
April 10, 1972

Dear Rose,

I know you are busy and getting ready for the trip to Russia; in fact, I don't suppose you've had time to get rested from China. But Tom and I have been talking about the difficult days you will have before and during the San Diego Convention.

I do not want to add to your problems, and, if you do not find time to answer this, I shall not be offended. But, if you would like the use of a Girl Friday anytime before and/or during the Convention, I am applying.

I am 50 and a poor typist, but energetic, willing, and have learned (after ten years of marriage to Tom) to keep completely mum regarding anything concerning inner-politics. I can pay my own expenses anywhere, anytime, have Degrees and 21 years of experience teaching and administrating in Secondary Education.

Besides that, I try to be easy, pleasant, and agreeable -- not necessarily in that order.

If you, personally, can use any such, please call Whittier 698-3246, or Tom's office 698-9771, or send a note. I would love to help.

Tom and I hope you are feeling fine and that you will take care of yourself during the hectic year coming up.

Best Wishes,

Marian Bewley

P.S. Tom just reminded me: (1) I will have the big car for use in San Clemente and San Diego; (2) I can sleep on my son-in-law's boat that will be anchored in San Diego harbor.

Miss Rose Mary Woods
The White House
Washington, D. C.

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FRANK G. SWAIN
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March 28, 1973

Dear Mr. Parker:

Thank you for your letter of March 19th concerning a ten minute appointment with the President regarding Whittier College. I did receive a communication from Don Kendall and decided we would not press you for an appointment.

Sometime ago, I thoroughly understood that the President was not going to talk about the location of the Presidential Library as that matter was left strictly to the Foundation. However, what I did want to talk to him about was certain persons we have asked to come on the Board of Trustees of Whittier College, who are also members of the Foundation. Indirectly, I was sure that the question of the library would come up and that was why I could not honestly say that it might be discussed by the President or someone from his staff.

In any event, we will proceed as we had originally intended and not take the President's valuable time.

Sincerely yours,

Thomas W. Bewley

TWB/tdj

Mr. David N. Parker
Special Assistant to the President
The White House
Washington, D. C.

THE WHITE HOUSE

WASHINGTON

May 25, 1973

MEMORANDUM

TO: David Wilson
RNFC

FROM: Rose Mary Woods

The attached from William C. Birely is
self-explanatory.

Check #1,000 - May 23, 1973 RN Associates
William C. Birely
P. O. Box 965
Silver Spring, Maryland 20910

WILLIAM C. BIRELY
SUITE 1609 TWIN TOWERS
1110 FIDLER LANE
SILVER SPRING, MARYLAND 20910

The Honorable Rose Mary Woods
The White House
Washington, D. C.

PERSONAL

THE WHITE HOUSE
WASHINGTON

August 20, 1970

MEMORANDUM FOR NOBLE MELENCA

This is the right Blair. Herb seems to recall he has been having heart trouble. He suggested you add a line recalling the great number of miles they have traveled together (as a personal touch).

Margita
Margita White

THE WHITE HOUSE
WASHINGTON

Per Terry Goode

He came up with three William Blairs:

1. William M. Blair - with the New York Times Letter dated 1961 - Dear Bill
2. ~~William McC. Blair, Jr. - Ambassador to the Phillipines - Dear Mr. Ambassador - 1967~~
3. ~~William McCormick Blair - form "thank you" letter for contribution following the election - Jan. 14, 1969 - no saluation - La Salle Street Chicago, Ill.~~

William McCormick Blair
Montgomery
Previous

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Sibley Memorial Hospital
Washington, D.C.
August 11, 1970

My dear Mr. President:

As you are aware, on the same day that you transmitted the report of the Council on Environmental Quality to Congress, the Army began moving nerve gas toward ~~an~~ Atlantic graveyard.

Certainly, our knowledge, technology and just plain awareness of the irony of this situation would stop disposal of the gas by such a method in light of the Council's cautions and list of priorities. It also runs against the grain of your own fine efforts through EPA.
Kindest personal regards.

Sincerely yours,

Bill

William M. Blair

file
no letter

June 7, 1973

Dear Mr. Blount:

Both Ed and Al Carnevale have talked with me about you since the death of our good mutual friend, Don.

Also I had a letter from Senator Helms concerning the possibility of our getting together on one of your trips to Washington. You may be sure it would be a pleasure to meet and talk with you. I hope you will let me know when you next come to Washington. If I am in town and my schedule permits I would enjoy having you come by for a visit.

With best wishes,

Sincerely,

Rose Mary Woods
Personal Secretary
to the President

Mr. Marvin K. Blount
119 West Third Street
Greenville, North Carolina 27834

BCC: Senator JHelms

RMW:mcp

June 4, 1973

MEMORANDUM

To: Jerry Jones

From: Rose Mary Woods

- Would you please let me know whether a Judge Marvin Blount of Greenville, N.C., is being considered for an appointment to either the Superior Court or a Federal Judgeship. Is there some way you can check whether Senator Helms has recommended him and let me know.

Thanks.

RMW:mcp

United States Senate

WASHINGTON, D.C. 20510

April 27, 1973

Miss Rose Mary Woods
The White House
Washington, D. C. 20500

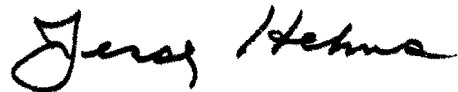
Dear Miss Rose Mary:

The 81-year-old gentleman whom I mentioned in our telephone conversation is Mr. Marvin K. Blount, Sr., Attorney at Law, Post Office Box 834, Greenville, North Carolina 27834.

Mr. Blount actively supported Mr. Nixon, and made substantial contributions to last year's campaign through Mr. Don Carnevale. He wants to meet you. It would be fine if you could drop him a note.

Mr. Blount and his family are both affluent and influential. Most of all, he's a fine old gentleman. I think you would enjoy meeting him.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, reading "Jesse Helms". The signature is written in a cursive, slightly slanted style.

JESSE HELMS:cn

HUBERT A. CARNEVALE

3302 Rockfield Drive South
Devon
Wilmington, Delaware 19810

3-5-73

Dear Rose Mary -

How time passes. It is only 90 days since Don's death, yet it seems like an eternity!

I have been staying at Don's apartment in New York a great deal since December, as Executor, getting things organized. I think I've spent too many days and nights there. I've gone through countless files, books, folders, portfolios, attache cases, drawers, boxes, and anything else that will contain, hold or otherwise support a piece of paper, and I'm still not through!

Don was absolutely incredible in so many ways ... and the retention of memorabilia going back to his teens is just one tiny facet of a

fascinating life.

Although I moved to Delaware and Doris some 20 years ago, Doris and I were as close as living next door to each other. Oh those midnight phone calls lasting to 1 in the morning! I miss them.

These months have a special significance for me. For during this time I have relived Doris' life, and my own, through the medium of Doris' papers and my recollections. Doris was 15 years older than I -- and I have always had a sharp memory going back to the time I was 2 and 3 years old. Just think, going back to the 20's in recollections! The mental exercise has been like a roller coaster.

Rose Mary, -) asked my sister Linnette
to drop you a thank you note after
the inauguration, which she did.
She and her daughter, and my wife
and children, were overwhelmed by
it all.

And I want to thank you for
seeing me at the White House the
morning of January 10. Your
mini-tour was deeply appreciated.
And the sight of the President
through the Cabinet Room windows,
scurrying along the cold, sun lit
path on his way to the Oval Room -
what a great snap-shot of life!
What a fantastic scene!

And thank you for making it
possible.

Rose Mary, I must switch now

to another subject. A very fine friend of Don's was Mr. Marvin K. Blount of Greenville, North Carolina. Don spoke of him often, and Don's files reveal a fine close relationship with the Blount family.

Attached is Mr. Blount's letter to me of February 15. There is a reference to you. The letter arrived just as I was leaving for a DuPont Textile industry meeting, in the Bahamas of all places! I phoned Mr. Blount to advise that I would contact him in March upon my return.

I am now back, and yours

his letter to you for perusal.

Although the Blounts are active in North Carolina politics, I do not know at this moment to what extent their influence is felt. Mr. Blount seems to speak with refreshing candor (see paragraph 3 of his letter).

Rose May, if you feel it useful from your points of view to meet with Mr. Blount for 15 minutes, please let me know when it is convenient for you. On the other hand if you do not see any useful purpose to

seeing him, let me know that too. I will then convey to Mr. Blount that it is not practical to meet due to the tremendous number of delicate world and national situations at this time, which place an inordinately large and constant burden on you.

How many, it just so happens that the previous sentence is so true, and I know it, and I apologize for asking for a few words of response in times like these.

My very best regards, and constant support for our President.

W

MARVIN K. BLOUNT
ATTORNEY AT LAW
119 WEST THIRD STREET
GREENVILLE, NORTH CAROLINA 27834

P. O. BOX 834

February 15, 1973

AREA CODE 919
TELEPHONE: 752-4154
752-4155

Mr. Hugh Carnevale
E. I. Du Pont de Nemours & Company, Inc.
Wilmington, Delaware 19898

Dear Mr. Carnevale:

I trust that you have been able to get all of Don's affairs straightened out. If I can assist you in any way, please let me know.

As I told you over the telephone, I had many pleasant relations with your brother and my entire family knew him well and he meant much to all of us. It was a very sad occasion when we were informed of his death. Mrs. Blount had talked to him over the phone just two nights before and we had expected him to come down and spend several days with us during Christmas.

My family worked very closely with Don in the re-election of President Nixon. Mrs. Blount and I made contributions in cash and my family, particularly my daughter, Mrs. Sellers L. Crisp and her husband, spent much time in putting across the entire Republican ticket, both national and state. I did not go all the way. I did go Republican nationally.

All that I did for the re-election of the President was done through Don. I made my contributions to him and he in turn made the contributions to the Committee for the Re-election of the President. I do not know any of these active supporters of the President. Sometime in the next month, I would like for you to meet me in Washington, if convenient, and introduce us to some of the leaders there in the Republican Party. I have reference to Rosemary Woods, whom Don told us so much about. In fact, he talked to her over the telephone many times from my residence.

I do intend to be in New York sometime within the next sixty days and at that time I will call on your brother, Ed, with Harry Winston. I have been there many times to see Don.

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If you come across any file having reference to my family, I hope that you will take note of it and preserve it so that if it is of any benefit to us we may have the opportunity of using it.

With all good wishes and hoping to meet you sometime in the near future.

Very truly yours,

M. K. Blount (A)
M. K. Blount

MKB/cwf

Dictated but not read.

THE WHITE HOUSE
WASHINGTON

August 13, 1970

TO: Al Haig
FROM: Rose Mary Woods

I had given the attached to someone else who was going to try to get an answer for this man.

As you know, this was a red hot question before. Can you get us some kind of response -- this probably should be taken to the President again.

Would you be good enough to let me know what you are going to do with this?

Thanks.

*Illan
Mr. Bliss*

THE WHITE HOUSE
WASHINGTON

Date 7/22/70

To Pat Buchanan

From Rose Mary Woods

FYI _____

Please Handle _____

*Per our conversation.
Let's see if we can
get through on this
one! Let me know,
please.*

7/22/70

Original to Pat Buchanan
Per our conversation.
Let's see if we can get through
on this one! Let me know, please.

Tony Bliss' letter for delivery to

The President

From Fred J. Russell

THE WHITE HOUSE

WASHINGTON

August 13, 1970

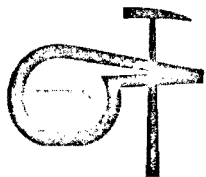
MEMORANDUM TO ROSE WOODS

I am at something of a loss as to how to get this to the President right now -- without taking it up directly; and I simply don't get in there to do that -- nor have I talked with him since San Clemente. Herewith, am returning it to you.

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PAT BUCHANAN

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FOOTE MINERAL COMPANY

Route 100, Exton, Pennsylvania 19341 (215) 363-6500

July 15, 1970

The President of the United States
The White House
Washington, D. C. 20500

Dear Mr. President:

I respectfully call to your attention a matter involving the national security, the welfare of some of our basic industries, and the severe penalization, without redress, of a publicly-held corporation.

The continued enforcement of economic sanctions against the Rhodesian government is rapidly creating a critical shortage of high grade metallurgical chromium ore, to the extent that an attack upon our stockpiles may be imminent. To deplete these stockpiles would be to place this country in a most vulnerable situation since the United States is now dependent upon the Soviet Union for 60% of its new supply of this type of ore.

It is widely accepted that this critical shortage cannot be alleviated without supplies from Rhodesia - which is acknowledged to control the world's largest reserves of high grade metallurgical chromium ore.

Since the Rhodesian government has apparently been successful, despite our embargoes, in developing outlets for its chrome ore among other nations (some of them presumably signators of the U. N. Sanctions), there is no assurance of an immediate resumption of shipments of Rhodesian chromium ore to the U. S., even if sanctions were removed

July 15, 1970

immediately. Hence, the longer the sanctions are in force, the more precarious becomes our supply position in this vitally-needed raw material.

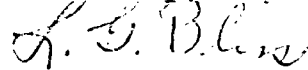
The embargo on Rhodesian chrome ore has encouraged the Russians to increase the price of metallurgical grade chrome ore to almost twice the pre-sanctions level. This increased cost must be passed on to steel producers, inflating the cost of every pound of stainless steel bought by U. S. consumers, and undermining the steel producer in his fight against foreign-made steel.

Domestic ferroalloy producers must compete with foreign-made products, some of which are undoubtedly based on low-cost Rhodesian ore. This is adding additional pressure to an industry which is already suffering from an increasing influx of imports.

Finally, the embargoes have resulted in a denial by the Government of our access to our mines and properties in Rhodesia, including some 57,000 tons of metallurgical grade ore, bought and paid for, valued at approximately \$1 million. Despite our efforts of over three years, we have been unable to secure permission to import our ore; nor have we been successful in obtaining permission to sell our Rhodesian assets. The effect is substantially that of being stripped of our assets by our own Government, without any recourse or redress.

Mr. President, we ask for your immediate consideration of the advisability of removing high grade metallurgical chromium ore from the list of materials embargoed under Executive Order 11419.

Sincerely,



L. G. Bliss,
Chairman.

April 28, 1969

MEMORANDUM FOR

THE POSTMASTER GENERAL

Blount
SpL.

Per our conversation today, would you please
"do a bit of consulting" by telephone with former
Postmaster General Arthur Summerfield.

Telephones:

Office: (313) CE 7-9697
or (313) CE 2-7411

Home: (313) CE 9-0529.

John C. Whitaker
Secretary to the Cabinet

✓ bcc: Miss Rose Mary Woods

Rose: Red's com back
"OK- I'll call Summerfield-
but I don't believe in
rule from the grave!
a classic - made
my day - John W.

MEMORANDUM

THE WHITE HOUSE

WASHINGTON

August 14, 1973

MEMORANDUM FOR: ROSE MARY WOODS
FROM: ANNE ARMSTRONG *ARA*
SUBJECT: Bicentennial Competitions.

Thank you for your thought on arranging for various competitions at the state and local level for the Bicentennial. Several projects have recently come to my attention which would incorporate many of these ideas. Since the thrust of the Bicentennial is to be from the local level, I envision almost every grade school, high school, and college arranging competitions of this nature. We are also attempting to interest individual communities and counties in applying for official Bicentennial recognition. Many who have already been endorsed have included projects of this nature.

Thanks for this information. I'd be delighted to hear of any other suggestions you may have.

THE WHITE HOUSE

WASHINGTON

November 28, 1973

MEMORANDUM FOR: THE CABINET AND SENIOR
WHITE HOUSE STAFF

FROM: ANNE ARMSTRONG *Q&A*

SUBJECT: Chairman and Administrator of the
American Revolution Bicentennial
Administration *file*

The House-Senate Conference on the American Revolution Bicentennial Administration Bill has now given us the language with which we must work. The final bill should be sent to the President for signature within the next two weeks and we anticipate no further changes. Basically, the two Houses have compromised as follows:

1. The Administrator may not be Chairman of the eleven member policy board.
2. Each state will be given a matching grant of \$25,000.
3. A \$20 million appropriation is authorized for grants-in-aid on a matching basis with each state receiving not less than \$200,000. The remaining funds are available for matching grants to any eligible jurisdiction that presents a program found acceptable to the Bicentennial Administration. (See attachment # 1 for a description of the Conference language changes.)

The Chairman of the eleven member policy board will be elected by a majority vote of the eleven from the group and will be in a position to exert great influence on the policies of the Bicentennial and be highly visible. This is not a full-time position. It is important that this person be someone of real stature and prestige. We feel that the right person appointed to the Board can be elected Chairman. (See attachment # 2 for the composition of the Board and the authorities of the Chairman and the Administrator.)

All of the American Revolution Bicentennial Administration legal authorities are vested in the Administrator except for broad policy functions and the right to approve grants and request Presidential waivers, these all being vested in the whole board.

This person, who will be appointed by the President and serve as a Level III Executive, must be someone of stature as well as of proven administrative ability. The following attributes would also be helpful:

1. National reputation.
2. Able to operate effectively within the Federal bureaucracy.
3. Able to deal effectively with the Congress.
4. Articulate.
5. Identification with at least one Bicentennial theme area.

I would appreciate any suggestions you might have for candidates for both of these positions. I will need your recommendations by Monday, December 3, 1973.

Attachments (2)

The Conferees agreed to the language of Senate Amendment No. 1 amending Section 4 of H.R. 7446. This language is consistent with the basic principle of the legislation in encouraging State and local participation in the Bicentennial observance. The Senate language further implemented this purpose in providing that the Administrator is to coordinate his activities to the extent practicable with those being planned by State, local and private groups. He is further authorized to appoint special committees with members from among those groups to plan such activities as he deems appropriate.

The Senate amended Section 7(a)(1) of the House bill by placing a ceiling of \$10,000,000 annually for the expenses of the Administration. Included in that amount was an authorization of not more than \$2,475,000 for annual grants of \$45,000 to each State, Territory, the District of Columbia and the Commonwealth of Puerto Rico. The provision for the \$45,000 grants was contained in a parallel amendment to Section 9 of the bill which authorized the Administrator to make equal grants from appropriated funds of not more than \$45,000 to each of the recipients.

The Conferees agreed to reduce the \$45,000 figure to \$25,000 per entity and the annual authorization for this grant program to \$1,375,000.

Section 7(a)(2) as added by the Senate authorized an appropriation of not more than \$20,000,000 for grants-in-aid on a matching basis to the several states to assist them in developing and supporting

Bicentennial programs and projects as provided in the new Section 9(b) as added by the Senate, the amount to remain available until expended but no later than June 30, 1976.

The Conferees changed this date to December 31, 1976, because of the continuing celebrations and commemorations anticipated throughout the calendar year of 1976.

The language of Section 9(b) as contained in the Conference Report is the revised language agreed to by the Conferees. The Senate language provided that the amounts received under Section 9(b) by any State could not exceed \$400,000 per state on a matching basis. In Conference, it was agreed to change this language so that each recipient would be entitled to not less than \$200,000 in grants on a matching basis under the Subsection. In addition, the District of Columbia, the Territories and the Commonwealth of Puerto Rico were included as eligible recipients. The Conferees recognized that each jurisdiction would, therefore, be assured of the right to participate in this grant program up to the amount of \$200,000. The language of the Subsection makes it clear that these grants are subject to regulations prescribed and approved by the Board. The \$200,000 amount is available for grants to each jurisdiction and considered obligated for that purpose, which, if not used, would lapse. It is not intended that the unused portion of the \$200,000 minimum earmarked for each jurisdiction will be available for distribution to any other jurisdiction or for any other purpose. The remaining funds under the \$20,000,000 authorization are automatically available for grants to any eligible jurisdiction that presents a program

found acceptable to the Administration.

The Conferees retained Senate Amendment No. 4. It is merely a conforming amendment made necessary by the renumbering changes in Subsection (a) of Section 9.

The Senate Conferees receded from Senate Amendment No. 6 which would have provided that the Administrator would serve as Chairman of the American Revolution Bicentennial Board and the Vice Chairman shall be elected by members of the Board from members of the Board. The Conferees agreed to retain the original House language providing that the Chairman and Vice Chairman shall be elected by members of the Board from members of the Board other than the Administrator.

The Conferees intend that the regulations provide a reasonable period for applications for grants by eligible entities.

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November 16, 1973

AUTHORITIES OF ADMINISTRATOR AND
CHAIRMAN OF THE BOARD
OF THE
AMERICAN REVOLUTION BICENTENNIAL ADMINISTRATION
UNDER H.R. 7446

Submitted by: Gene Skora, General Counsel, ARBC

Under the provisions of H.R. 7446, as agreed to in Joint Conference and passed by the Senate, the Administrator of the American Revolution Bicentennial Administration (ARBA) is specifically excluded from serving as Chairman of the ARBA Board.

Statutory provisions pertaining to the Board and responsibilities of the Chairman and Administrator are as follows:

Chairman, ARBA Board

- The Chairman and Vice Chairman of the Board are elected by and from members of the Board other than the Administrator.
- The Board is composed of 11 members as follows:
two members of the House of Representatives, one from each party; two Senators, one from each party; the Chairman and Vice Chairman of the ARBA Advisory Council; the Secretary of the Interior; three members appointed by the President from

officers or staff of State Bicentennial Commissions; and the Administrator.

- Members serve for the duration of the Board, i.e., to June 30, 1977.
- Board shall meet monthly and at call of Chairman, the Administrator, or majority of members.
- Four members constitute a quorum.
- Board duties are to:
 - (1) receive advice and information from the Advisory Council and Administrator with respect to development of policy and guidelines;
 - (2) give final approval to grants;
 - (3) review, approve, disapprove, or ratify basic policy and guidelines, including proposed annual budget;
 - (4) make continuing study of activities of the Administration and report and make recommendations to Senate and House Judiciary Committees at least semi-annually, and final report by June 30, 1977;
 - (5) request Presidential waivers for exceptions from specified statutory prohibitions and limitations on contracting and expenditure of funds.

The only specific statutory responsibility of the Chairman is to call special meetings of the Board; the Chairman has the implicit responsibility to preside at Board meetings.

Administrator, ARBA

- The Administrator of ARBA is appointed by the President with Senate confirmation. He serves in an Executive Level III position with a salary of \$40,000.
- All of the ARBA legal authorities vest in the Administrator except broad policy functions and specific administrative functions to approve grants and request Presidential waivers vested by law in the Board.
- The Administrator is responsible for carrying out the purposes of the Act and is vested with general legal authority to do so.

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The Tampa Tribune reported that Meany's treatment of RN brought cries of outrage from across the country--including a "St. Paul local of the Intern'l Firefighters who expressed strong condemnation and shame for the treatment RN received. The Tampa union said they "were not only appalled but ashamed for the manner in which RN was received"... However P. 1 feature by the LA Times labor writer states that the RN won much public support in his confrontation with Meany the labor leader raised his stature among his labor constituents. Typical responses came from the Carpenters' Hutcheson and communication workers' Bierne who indicated that Meany united labor as its never been before The Times indicates that in fact the WH did exaggerate the snubs against RN but concludes that if RN's economic and foreign policies result in recognizable achievements, Meany will have lost the culminating battle of his career and RN will still be President.

NYC's new journalism review, More, takes on the Times as an example of all that is wrong with most financial and business press reporting. "Astonishing mediocrity," says More of the Times; "a bland, tedious, disorganized and turgidly-written rehash of the previous day's handouts and spot news events." All in all, "feckless." Advertising power and corporate secrecy are seen as main reasons for lack of top-flight business reporting.

The Stock Market closed up 1.68.... Noting the opposition of only 11 liberal Dems to Proxmire's attempt to free controls on smaller firms, Human Events says "RN's economic game plan has now gone so far to the left that it has outflanked the most liberal Dems." Proxmire's opposition to the extension of control authority is described as "reminiscent of conservative legislators in the pre-RN era".... The Firestone Tire and Rubber Co. reported net earnings 29.6% over last year's level on all-time record sales. The extraordinary gain includes sale of interest in a foreign company.... A Presidential Board of Inquiry issued an interim report on the W. Coast longshore dispute, saying direct negotiations have been resumed but a settlement is not yet within sight.



The Postmaster General
Washington, D.C. 20260

November 13, 1970

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~~Confidential~~

Dear Mr. President:

This is an interim report on my efforts to carry out your directive to assure delivery of mail and packages to our servicemen who are held as prisoners of war in Southeast Asia.

After discussion with the State Department and Henry Kissinger, I conferred with Ambassador Bruce in Paris. We agreed on a strategy and Ambassador Bruce sent a letter to Minister Xuan Thuy requesting a meeting between me and the postal authorities of North Vietnam in Hanoi or elsewhere convenient to the North Vietnamese (copy attached). We are waiting for a reply.

I next met with M. Bonvin, Federal Counsellor, Ministry of Transport, Communications and Energy in Bern, Switzerland. The Swiss handle our parcels addressed to our prisoners of war in Hanoi through Moscow. It was agreed at this meeting that the Swiss would seek a meeting with the North Vietnamese postal authorities in an effort to improve the postal arrangements for our servicemen who are prisoners of war. We will seek arrangements whereby packages not delivered to our servicemen who are prisoners of war will be returned to the sender or to get a system of "Return Receipt Requested" mail similar to the system in our country and the other countries of the world.

We are attempting to verify the delivery of parcels to our servicemen who are prisoners of war.

I then met with the President of the International Red Cross and the entire International Committee. I understand such a meeting was something of a precedent. I reviewed the entire prisoner of war question and thanked them for you and the people of our country for their efforts and sought to create new initiatives relating to the mail service to our servicemen who are prisoners of war. While they were not optimistic, I believe it fair to say that they are going to exert every effort to be helpful.

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By RRS Date 1-9-98

I witnessed the manner in which the Swiss transfer our parcels from Moscow and it is my intention to follow the route of our parcels to conclusion. Depending on the response to these moves, it is my plan to go to Moscow to confer with the Soviet postal authorities and to seek to go to Hanoi from there. We deliberately tried to avoid publicity in an effort to persuade the North Vietnamese of our sincerity and get their cooperation. We are making a record and I will make a further report as matters develop.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in dark ink, appearing to read 'W. Blount', written in a cursive style.

Winton M. Blount

The President
The White House
Washington, D. C. 20500

Enclosure

United States Delegation
Paris Meetings on Viet-Nam

American Embassy
2 Avenue Gabriel
Paris VIII^e

November 10, 1970

His Excellency
Minister Xuan Thuy

Dear Mr. Minister:

The Postmaster General of the United States, the Honorable Winton M. Blount, has come to Paris to consult me regarding the question of the exchange of mail between American prisoners held by your government and their families. As you know, this question takes on particular importance during the approaching Christmas and New Year holiday season, and he has asked me to seek your assistance in his current efforts to explore this important matter further.

The Postmaster General would be particularly interested in discussing this subject directly with your government's postal authorities. He is prepared to meet with such authorities in Hanoi or at any other convenient site.

It would be appreciated if you could arrange such a meeting at the earliest possible opportunity. If you feel it would be useful, the Postmaster General would welcome an opportunity to discuss the matter directly with you.

I look forward to your early reply to this request.

Yours sincerely,

David Bruce

MEMORANDUM OF TELEPHONE CONVERSATION February 14, 1969

PARTICIPANTS: Mr. Bert Bigler of Salt Lake City
Harold H. Saunders

At the request of Dr. Kissinger's office, I took a long distance call from Mr. Bigler in Salt Lake City. He said he has been active in party politics and personally knows Miss Rose Mary Woods. He has spent "lots of time" in the Arab world and has lived there in the course of working on several dairy projects. He is now President of the Salt Lake Council for International Visitors. He knows King Hussein and Arab leaders in Lebanon and the UAR.

He said he felt he could help us in understanding the Middle East. He made the following points:

1. The Arabs like to exaggerate. They are trying to draw us into the Middle East situation by overdrawing its seriousness.
2. We should realize this and not let the situation disturb us. We should sit back and keep everybody guessing about what we are going to do.
3. Russia is not going to take over. It will get mired down in the situation.
4. "Let the Jews handle their own problems." If they find we are not going to back them, they will not be so aggressive.

When he said he thought he could help us understand the situation and offered to come to Washington, I asked him what specific suggestions he had. His only one was that he come to Washington to explain the situation to us. I said I hated to have him make that long trip when he could just as well communicate by letter or on the phone. He said he had already written his views of the situation to Dorothy Kilgallen and suggested I get his letter to her. He asked me to call if I thought he could be of help after reading that letter.

Comment: Unless directed otherwise, I intend to let this matter stand where it is without pursuing it further.

Harold H. Saunders

cc: Dr. Kissinger
Miss Rose Mary Woods

THE GALLAGHER PRESIDENTS' REPORT, INC.
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August 15, 1973

Miss Rose Mary Woods
Executive Assistant to the President
The White House
Washington, D.C.

Dear Miss Woods:

I understand that the list of campaign contributors will be made public shortly. I also understand that The White House will be in a position to release copies at that time.

I would appreciate your sending me a copy of the list as soon as it becomes available. As you will recall from our telephone conversation, we are concerned over how the press will handle this situation. I can assure you that our coverage will be fair and honest. Our readers, who comprise chief executives of leading corporations, are concerned about what this latest development will mean to the business community. We want to be fully informed on this subject so that we may comment on it knowledgeably.

Sincerely,

Cynthia A. Billings
Cynthia A. Billings
Editor and President

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October 31, 1972

MEMORANDUM

TO: Dwight Chapin
FROM: Rose Mary Woods



The President of Whittier College - Dr. Frederick Binder - called today to say he had read in the paper that the President would be landing at Ontario at 7:00 PM on Saturday.

Needless to say - he has a wonderful idea! Saturday in homecoming day at Whittier and he said he was calling on behalf of the officials, the alumni, etc. to ask whether he could stop by on the way from Ontario to San Clemente. Their football game is that night and Binder thought he might want to ride around the track at half time or something like that.

He also added that they had a mock election among the students -- it was 54% for the President.

Please have someone call Dr. Binder at Whittier College to give him the answer on this invitation.

THANKS.

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February 25, 1969

Dear Mr. Birely:

This is just a note to let you know that your letter to Rose Mary arrived just as she was leaving for Europe.

Undoubtedly, you have noted in the press that Hillary Sandoval has been appointed Administrator of the Small Business Administration.

Rose Mary, I know, would want me to extend her very best wishes to you.

Sincerely,

Marjorie Acker
Secretary to
Rose Mary Woods

Mr. William C. Birely
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February 18, 1969

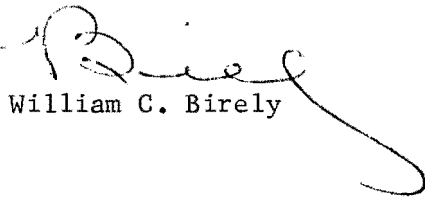
The Honorable Rose Mary Woods
The White House
Washington, D. C.

Dear Rose:

As you know, I spent quite a bit of time during the campaign in Texas advancing the President's trip to El Paso. I know Hillary Sandoval, and he enjoys an excellent reputation in Texas, particularly among the Mexican-American population. I also know that he cancelled his plans to run for Mayor of El Paso based on expectations of being appointed to the top Small Business post. The Republican organization in El Paso has strong feelings on this appointment. In fact, I was in El Paso again just recently and know this to be the case.

Don't work too hard.

Sincerely yours,


William C. Birely

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Enclosure

Rowland Evans and Robert Novak

Backstage Donnybrook Simmering Over Top GOP Small Business Post

A SMOLDERING, backstage donnybrook is about to break into the open with the appointment, not announced as of this writing, of a Chicago investment broker named Robert Podesta to head the Small Business Administration.

Podesta, a Republican Catholic who has the powerful backing of Sen. Everett M. Dirksen of Illinois, the Senate Republican leader, seems eminently qualified for the job—from both business and political standpoints. He made a spirited though losing run for Congress on Chicago's South Side last year.

Nevertheless, Podesta's appointment is likely to unloose angry protest from Texas Republicans, who believed they had a commitment from President Nixon for somebody else and who may even delay Podesta's confirmation to demonstrate a displeasure that transcends the SBA appointment and is rising among all southern Republicans.

The somebody else in the SBA affair is Hillary Sandoval, a successful, conservative Mexican-American businessman from El Paso, Tex., who actually canceled plans to run for mayor to accept the expected job of Small Business Administrator.

Sandoval's political credentials include one major exhibit: All-out support from the influential Sen. John Tower of Texas, one of Mr. Nixon's earliest presidential backers, who was asked by Mr. Nixon to become his campaign chairman last spring. Tower said no to that, but labored mightily for Mr. Nixon—both before and after Miami Beach. Consequently, he piled up considerable credit in the Nixon patronage bank.



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Moreover, intimates of the Senator say he was told on two occasions during the pre-inaugural period, by Mr. Nixon himself and by top Nixon personnel chiefs, that Sandoval definitely would be named. That would make good on a Nixon campaign pledge to name Mexican-Americans to high Federal office.

THREE WEEKS AGO, when the appointment seemed headed for the rocks, Sandoval spent several hours in Washington with Nixon patronage aides. The meeting was so satisfactory that Tower then felt Sandoval was back on the right track.

Instead, the new Administration could not make up its mind, unable either to move forward with Sandoval or to give him the coup de grace. Thus there was plenty of time for pressures to build for both Podesta and for New Yorker Irving Kirschenbaum, supported by Gov. Nelson Rockefeller and Sen. Jacob K. Javits. Kirschenbaum, a prominent Manhattan business adviser and attorney and an old friend of Javits, was in the running briefly, then faded. As of this writing, the decision on Podesta is final.

But the nomination comes before the Senate Banking Committee, where Tower is second-ranking Republican, and Tower is considering

the exercise of all his rights for extended questioning of Podesta. The final result is, of course, a foregone conclusion. Backed by Dirksen, Podesta certainly will be confirmed. But a delay caused by a prominent Republican Senator so early in the Nixon Administration would be both embarrassing and ominous.

That's because the showdown between the Tower-led Texas Republicans and the Nixon Administration over the non-appointment of Sandoval (now being urged by Nixon men to take a second-rank job at SBA) is much deeper than one job.

Southern Republicans, while saying little publicly, are becoming disillusioned. Besides Mr. Nixon's appointments, the southerners see growing evidence that, on such issues as school desegregation, the President is not living up to the advance billing of his campaign speeches.

SO FAR, this disillusionment remains under tight control, with little overt criticism of the President. But it is significant that Tower himself, a hard-liner on Vietnam and foreign policy generally, is now leading an attack on the Nuclear Non-proliferation Treaty, which Mr. Nixon wants ratified by the Senate. Tower says he will vote against the treaty unless the Senate changes it by adding an inspection procedure and other safeguards.

Tower's break with the President on the first important of the new administration is not, itself, a major political event. But taken together with the predictable fury of the Texas Republican Party when Sandoval is formally passed over as head of SBA, it is a harbinger of possibly major unrest by southern Republicans.

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October 28, 1969

Dear Bill:

Although I appreciate your interest in sending me clippings from time to time regarding appointments, I thought I should let you know that I have absolutely nothing to do with such matters. As a matter of fact, I know nothing about who is being considered or who is finally appointed until the announcement is made.

Consequently, I would suggest that you might want to send your comments regarding appointments to Peter Flanigan, Harry Flemming or Harry Dent, since they are directly concerned in these cases.

With kindest regards,

Sincerely,

Rose Mary Woods
Personal Secretary
to the President

Mr. William Birely
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Rinehart

SAN CLEMENTE, Calif. (AP) — President Nixon has nominated D. Eldred Rinehart, longtime head of the Republican party in Maryland, as a member of the Renegotiation Board.

Rinehart, also Maryland's representative on the Republican National Committee, is a 65-year-old apple grower from Smithsburg, Washington County.

He resigned Aug. 9 as a member and chairman of the State Racing Commission. His term had expired and Democratic Gov. Marvin Mandel had offered to name him to a one-year term, instead of reappointing him to a full, five-year term.

A strong Rockefeller pre-convention Maryland leader both in 1960 and 1968.

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November 2, 1972

Bill Duncan talked with Valerie Biribin regarding the attached paper she received from someone who told her they worked at the White House.

She did not know much about the person except that she had met him on campus a couple of weeks previously -- he told her he was at the White House

• He mentioned Jerry Warren and Neal Ball -- Bill Duncan related the description she gave him to Jerry Warren and he did not recognize it -- they suspect it was a newspaper person that might have done this.

October 21, 1972

Dear Mr. Baker,

Here is the memo I received from
President Nixon — Supposedly.

I wonder if I could trouble you to
see if it is authentic or not, since it
means very much to me.

Don't thank you enough for all your time!

Sincerely,
JALÉRIE BIRDBIN

CARDINAL STATION P.O. BOX 356

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WASH. D.C. 20017

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THE WHITE HOUSE
WASHINGTON

To Valerie Burbin,
with best wishes,

Richard Nixon

~~xxx~~ 10/21/72

THE WHITE HOUSE
WASHINGTON

Obviously the attached this girl
received is not authentic.

She called the other day saying she
had been talking to a young man
who said he worked at the White
House (could not remember his
name) and then that afternoon she
received this in the mail.

She sounded like a nice sincere
girl -- I asked her to send this in
and she left it this morning when
she came on a special tour.

Shall I just tell her it is not genuine
and that we will ask the President to
autograph a picture for her -- and
ask Bob Taylor to have someone
talk with her?

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yes

*yes
J. Edgar Hoover*

October 4, 1972

Dear Burdell Bixby:

Just today a friend sent me a clipping which had appeared in the Auburn, New York paper "The Citizen-Advertiser". It was an article by Larry Simonberg entitled "Nixon's Campaign Director Not Pessimist But Worrywort!"

This note is just to say "Hurrah". I did have a chance to talk with Harry O'Donnell at the ceremony at the Statue of Liberty last week and he had, of course, told me almost the same thing. I am delighted that you are the Director of the campaign in New York and I know this is going to be one of those "winning ones".

Don't bother to answer this -- just keep plugging away so we can carry New York!

With appreciation and best personal regards,

Sincerely,

Rose Mary Woods
Secretary to the President

Mr. R. Burdell Bixby
Campaign Manager
New York Committee for the
Re-election of the President
Roosevelt Hotel
45th Street and Madison Avenue
New York, New York 10017

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File N.Y. 1972

Nixon's campaign director not pessimist but worrywart

By LARRY SIMONBERG
Associated Press Writer

NEW YORK (AP) — R. Burdell Bixby, who has had mostly winners in 35 years of helping Republican office-seekers in New York State, thinks he has another one in Richard Nixon.

Bixby, the general campaign director in the state for Nixon, says George McGovern started with a plus—the enthusiastic support of a cadre of youthful backers.

"They had an image of what they thought was a new type of national leader," he said in a recent interview. "Then they watched him at the national convention trying to find a running-mate.

"And I think they're running for the hills."

Bixby, in a recent interview, went to lengths to emphasize that he is not taking a Nixon victory in New York for granted. "I'm not sure we're going to carry it," he said. "I regard this as a very close race."

He pointed out that Nixon lost the state by 383,000 votes in 1960 and by 370,000 in 1968 and that Democrats outnumber Republicans in registration by about a million voters.

Yet Bixby, 57, whose political involvement goes all the way back to Alf Landon, declared:

"I think this time we will have the greatest crossover from Democrats to Republicans in the history of this state."

Bixby is on leave as chairman of the State Thruway Authority to run the state Nixon campaign, chaired by Gov. Nelson A. Rockefeller.

He started out in government in 1937 as a research assistant to the late Irving M. Ives, then majority leader of the State Assembly. After wartime military service, he climbed the ladder of Gov. Thomas E. Dewey's staff, becoming secretary to the governor in 1952.

Bixby later became a key operative for Rockefeller and managed the latter's landslide fourth-term win in 1970.

As he sat at his desk in the Roosevelt Hotel Nixon headquarters, in suspenders and white shirtsleeves, Bixby recalled Dewey's upset loss to Harry Truman in the presidential race of 1948 and Ives' razor-thin loss to Averell Harriman in the gubernatorial race six years later as rare setbacks.

"I've sat in this hotel two nights—once in 1948 and once in 1954—and watched us go down to defeat," he said. "I don't like election nights when I lose."

The Republicans are trying to avoid complacency—and a loss. Throughout the fourth-floor suite of offices are posted warning signs quoting Gary Hart, McGovern's manager, thusly:

"I hope the Nixon people do to George McGovern what the Democrats did...underestimate him. If they do that...we'll kill them."

Bixby said he had learned from 1948 when Dewey took New York, with the help of third-party candidate Henry Wallace, but lost the presidency.

"Take nothing for granted, don't believe in polls and get every conceivable Nixon vote to the polls," he said reflecting his 1948 lessons.

"I'm not a pessimist," he said summarizing his position. "I'm a worrywart."

The Republicans are hoping for a big turnout in traditional GOP areas upstate and in the suburbs of New York City, and Bixby promises "the most intensive grassroots activity directed toward the doorbell and the telephone."

Nixon and Vice President Spiro T. Agnew can be expected to make a number of ap-

pearances in the state, the schedule being uncertain.

Rockefeller, Lt. Gov. Malcolm Wilson and Atty. Gen. Louis Lefkowitz will lead state Republicans.

Although he conceded it will affect the Democrats, too, Bixby is concerned about one matter: the Federal Campaign spending act.

He explained that the act's restrictions on campaign spending made it necessary for major advertising, both broadcast and print, to be controlled by the national headquarters in Washington, making it difficult to "mold" the advertising pitches to New York interests.

The Nixon headquarters is a sharp contrast to the McGovern operation, where young people in jeans predominate in jolly disorder. Bixby's ship is a tight one—far more space and careful organization.

Bixby finds it hard to understand why the McGovern supporters have alienated old-line Democrats and he can't see much of a role for some of the Democratic big names, including former New York City Mayor Robert F. Wagner, who is running the McGovern state campaign.

"I don't think Bob Wagner's heart is in it," he declared. "I don't know why he took the job. Lending their names—I think that's what Bob Wagner is doing."

It's very different on the Republican side, Bixby said, pointing out that conservative Sen. James L. Buckley and liberal Sen. Jacob K. Javits are co-chairmen of the Nixon state campaign.

But the race for President will be won by Nixon himself, not the state campaigners, Bixby suggested, because "there's an image of strong, firm leadership. They may disagree, but they can't deny he's a leader."

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R. Burdell Bixby, Campaign Director

October 4, 1972

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

Dear Rose Mary:

You will be glad to know that I have conferred with Hamilton Robinson, Jr., as you suggested, and that he is engaged in several activities in support of the President's campaign for re-election:

- A. His secretary is writing friendly, casual, and general letters to her Christmas card list;
- B. He is writing to his business associates in cooperation with Jim Evans and Tom Carroll of the New York State Business and Industry Committee;
- C. He has agreed to make telephone calls raising funds for New York's Finance Committee under the direction of Harold Helm; and
- D. He has indicated that Mrs. Robinson will volunteer to participate in our telephone bank operations here at the Roosevelt.

It would appear, therefore, that your note to me was very much in the public interest and that Mr. and Mrs. Robinson are going all out for the President.

I understand that you were at Liberty Island last week, and I'm sorry that I missed you. It has been far too many years since our paths have crossed.

With warm regards and best wishes,

Sincerely,



RBB:nt

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December 20 1968

Photograph of Mr. Nixon required.

*Miss Woods. Can
R.H. West draw a photograph
for the Premier?
Thank.
In a hurry*

Dear Elmer

I couldn't get to you by 2:30 the
other day so I am responding in this way.

The Prime Minister of Italy is

Mario Rumor

He is particularly interested in
having an autographed photograph of the President-
Elect, and he would like to receive an invitation
to the Inauguration but I can't guarantee that he
would accept because I don't know what are his
commitments - but, surely he would appreciate being
asked - although I would imagine that heads of State
would be invited - not being a politician I'm at a
little loss here!

All the best to you, but more than the
best to DoDo - please get her well!

Sincerely,



Mr Elemer H Bobst
1 Sutton Place South
New York 10022

December 30, 1968

Dear Dick:

In reply to your note of December 20, after you mentioned to me the desire of the Prime Minister of Italy, Mario Rumor, to attend the Inauguration, I immediately consulted with Miss Rose Wood, personal secretary to Mr. Nixon, as you well know. Miss Wood informed me that in view of the scarcity of seats for the Inaugural affair, word had been sent to all the U. S. Embassies to the effect that no invitations could be made available.

It appears that instead of Mr. Nixon receiving 5000 seats, Congress gobbled up 3500 of his allotment, so there were only 1500 seats to cover the entire United States. You may assure Premier Rumor that you did your best to obtain the invitation and at the same time let him know the reasons why he cannot be accommodated. With regard to the photograph you requested, I shall try to get one from Miss Wood.

Best regards.

Sincerely,

Mr. R. H. West
795 Fifth Avenue
New York, New York 10021

*Pres.
gave him
a picture
on European
trip.
Feb. 1969*