



The Postmaster General
Washington, D.C. 20260

January 14, 1970

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MEMORANDUM FOR:

Wendell E. Hulcher
Deputy Director
Office of Intergovernmental
Relations
Office of the Vice President

FROM:

Winton M. Blount *WMB*

SUBJECT:

Rocky Hill, Connecticut

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Dear Mayor Moser:

The White House has referred to this Department for reply your letter of December 5 concerning the proposed new postal facility for Rocky Hill, Connecticut.

The proposal of H. K. of Rocky Hill, Inc., to construct a new leased post office was accepted by the Department on June 30, 1967. Several matters delayed the start of construction while the costs of labor and materials increased causing the accepted bidder to advise us that it was not economically feasible to proceed on the basic contract.

After substantial negotiations, title to a site containing about 27,000 square feet at a cost of one dollar was offered to the Post Office Department by the accepted bidder. The accepted bidder made this proposal rather than be defaulted on his contract. The site, which is commercially zoned, adjoins the bank and is about 500 feet south of the old site.

A careful and complete review by the Bureau of Facilities and General Counsel and by top Regional officials in Boston was made before our official decision was given to terminate the accepted proposal and accept a deed to the new site. The termination agreement was executed by Mr. Henry J. O'Malley in his official capacity of Chief, Real Estate Branch, Boston Regional Office, at the same time that the accepted proponent executed and delivered, at a price of one dollar, the title to the new site. Plans are now being developed to publicly re-advertise for bids to lease on the new site. Of course, the date for re-advertising must be considered relative to the Federal construction cutback now in effect. Our Boston Regional Office has this project under review with respect to the construction cutback at this time.

We understand your concern for the development of Rocky Hill in your official capacity as Mayor of that community and we regret that a delay has been encountered on your community's post office. Please be assured that it is not our intention to abandon plans for construction at Rocky Hill.

With kind regards.

Sincerely,

(Signed) Winton M. Blount

Winton M. Blount

Honorable David W. Moser, M.D.
Mayor of Rocky Hill
Rocky Hill, Connecticut 06067

December 11, 1969

Dear Mayor Moser:

It is my privilege to acknowledge your letter of December 5, 1969 to the President concerning potential construction of a Post Office facility for the Town of Rocky Hill.

We are transmitting your letter to the Postmaster General for his consideration and are asking that he respond directly to you.

Best regards.

Cordially,

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Deputy Director
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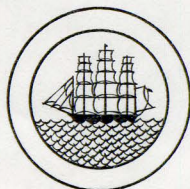
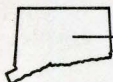
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TOWN OF ROCKY HILL

CONNECTICUT 06067

OFFICE OF
THE MAYOR

December 5, 1969

President Richard M. Nixon
The White House Office
1600 Pennsylvania Avenue
Washington, D. C. 20500

Mr. President:

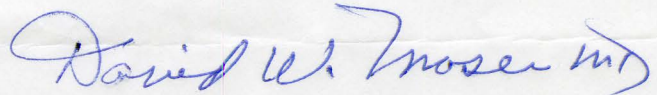
On June 30, 1967, the Post Office Department approved acceptance of a commitment by H. Konover of Rocky Hill, Connecticut, to construct a Post office facility for the Town of Rocky Hill. The Town of Rocky Hill was informed that the facility would be completed within a given number of days. During the next two years, continuation of completion dates were granted in spite of the fact that there was no attempt made on the part of the contractor to even begin construction. After repeated complaints, the matter was finally settled without the foreknowledge of the Town of Rocky Hill or the Postmaster of the Town of Rocky Hill with the decision that the Post Office Department would allow return of the 100% Performance Bond in return for a piece of land measuring 135 by 200 feet. It is of note, that if the Zoning Regulations of the Town are to be obeyed, the property accepted is unsuitable for the construction of an adequate building. We are well aware of the fact that the Federal Government has the right to disregard local Zoning Regulations but do not consider this to be a practical answer to the solution.

At present, we are informally informed that new bids will have to be put out for construction but we are unable to obtain any absolute idea as to when anything is to be done or actually by formal commitment what is to be done.

As Mayor of the Town of Rocky Hill, I am now requesting that an investigation be made (1) to determine if a conspiracy has not existed during the past two years which has deprived Rocky Hill of its promised post office, (2) to determine the name of the person or persons

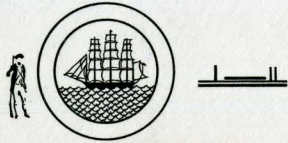
responsible for this delay and, (3) to inform the Town of Rocky Hill as to what steps are being made and when the Town can expect to have a concrete plan as to the development of this facility. As a small town, I am well aware of the fact that this matter is not considered important, however with the new Federal Highway System which has been developed in Connecticut, Rocky Hill now acts as a hub and the Town is experiencing rapid expansion of development and population and I feel that this postal facility is of utmost importance to help us to maintain our rightful position in the State of Connecticut.

Respectfully,



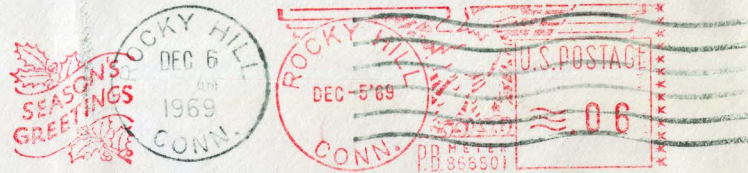
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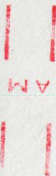
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MEMORANDUM FOR: The Honorable Winton M. Blount
The Postmaster General

FROM: Wendell E. Hulcher
Deputy Director
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May 8, 1970

MEMORANDUM FOR NILS A. BOE

Subject: Letter from Governor Warren E. Hearnes

This is in reference to your memorandum of May 5 with regard to an inquiry from Governor Hearnes concerning the location of a Post Office Department Facility in Jefferson City, Missouri.

I wrote directly to Governor Hearnes on May 7 in response to a similar and direct inquiry to me.

Winton M. Blount

File Post Office

May 5, 1970

MEMORANDUM FOR:

Honorable Winton Blount
Post Master General

FROM:

Nils A. Boe
Director
Office of Intergovernmental
Relations

I transmit herewith a copy of a letter directed to me by Governor Warren E. Hearnes of Missouri, relating to the location of a Post Office Distribution Facility in Jefferson City.

As you will note, Governor Hearnes appears to be deeply concerned with respect to this matter, and it would be appreciated if you or some other person you might designate would respond directly to Governor Hearnes with respect thereto.

NAB/las

May 5, 1970

Dear Warren:

I wish to acknowledge receipt of your letter directed to me under date of April 28, relating to plans to locate a Post Office Distribution Facility in Jefferson City, Missouri.

In conformity with your request, I am taking immediate steps to communicate your recommendation to the Post Master General.

I trust you will be hearing from him or some other appropriate person from the Post Office Department relative to this matter.

With warm personal regards, I remain

Sincerely,

Nils A. Boe, Director
Office of Intergovernmental
Relations

The Honorable Warren E. Hearnes
Governor of Missouri
State House
Jefferson City, Missouri

NAB/lis



Warren E. Hearnes
Governor

Executive Office
Jefferson City
Missouri

April 28, 1970

Mr. Nils A. Boe, Director
Office of Intergovernmental Relations
Office of the Vice President
Washington, D. C.

Dear Nils:

My good friend, Representative Richard Ichord, has been in touch with me in recent months regarding plans to locate a Post Office Distribution Facility here in Jefferson City to improve the handling of mail in central Missouri.

On behalf of the State of Missouri, I would like to go on record that such a facility is very necessary in the Capital City and should be given first priority since the Jefferson City facility handles substantially all state mailing. The local facility here is simply not adequate to handle the large volume of state mailing, and the mailing of local industry in Jefferson City has also increased to the point that the present facility simply can't take care of the needs.

Nils, it is my understanding that the site has been picked and approved by the federal government and preliminary plans are on the drawing boards. I would certainly appreciate any help you could give in placing the Jefferson City Post Office Distribution Facility high on the priority list for final approval by the Post Office Department.

Again, thank you for any assistance you can give us in this matter. Warmest personal regards.

Sincerely yours,

Warren E. Hearnes

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May 25, 1970

MEMORANDUM FOR: Honorable Winton Blount
Postmaster General

FROM: Nils A. Boe
Director
Office of Intergovernmental
Relations

I transmit herewith for your information
and consideration a copy of a letter directed to the
President by Mayor McAllister of San Antonio, Texas,
relating to compulsory unionization of postal employees.

NAB/las

May 25, 1970

Dear Mayor McAllister:

On behalf of the President I wish to acknowledge receipt of your letter directed to him under date of May 20, relating to the matter of compulsory unionism of federal employees.

Your comments and expressions of opinion are greatly appreciated. I am taking the liberty of making a copy of your letter available to the Postmaster General, Winton Blount, as well as to the President's congressional liaison assistant for their personal attention and consideration.

Sincerely,

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Office of Intergovernmental
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Honorable W. W. McAllister
Mayor, City of San Antonio
San Antonio, Texas 78205

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CITY OF SAN ANTONIO

SAN ANTONIO, TEXAS 78205

WALTER W. McALLISTER
MAYOR

May 20, 1970

V.P.

The Honorable Richard M. Nixon,
President of the United States
The White House
Washington, D.C.

Dear Mr President:

The proposal currently being considered by the House Post Office and Civil Service Committee contains language which could permit forced unionization of some 750,000 postal employees.

Stand firm by your Executive Order of October 29, 1969 reaffirming the policy the federal employees should be shielded against all forms of compulsory unionism.

Frankly, I'm sorry every postal clerk and every air controller didn't strike at the same time and then maybe Congress would have guts enough to curb union coercive power.

I shudder to contemplate the ultimate results if this provision is allowed to remain in the Bill.

Continue your firm and sensible course of action - all of us who care about the future of this Nation understand and support your policies

Sincerely,

Walter McAllister

W. W. McAllister
Mayor, City of San Antonio

Memorandum • POST OFFICE DEPARTMENT

SUBJECT: Compulsory Unionism

DATE: June 23, 1970

FROM: James R. Holland *JRH*
Special Assistant to the
Postmaster General for
Public Information

IN REPLY
REFER TO:
YOUR
REFERENCE:

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TO: Nils A. Boe
Director,
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Office of the Vice President

Transmitted herewith is a copy of our June 12 reply to Mayor
McAllister's May 20 letter concerning compulsory unionism.

Attachment

June 12, 1970

June 23, 1970

Dear Mr. McAllister

This is in reply to your recent letter on the union shop question as it relates to the Post Office and postal reorganization.

Neither the Administration nor the Post Office Department has ever proposed that there be a union shop in the Postal Service.

What we have proposed is simply this:

That strikes by postal employees be prohibited by law;

That collective bargaining be provided, to include impasse procedures and ultimate provisions for binding arbitration;

That labor-management relations otherwise be governed by the same basic laws that apply in the private sector of the economy.

If the postal system is to be run on a sound, business-like basis, its people are going to be working under many of the same general rules to which people in private enterprise are subject. Among these rules are the Landrum-Griffin Act and the Taft-Hartley Act.

In the private sector, the Landrum-Griffin Act has established a number of requirements that are designed to prevent improper practices of various sorts on the part of labor unions. We believe that unions representing postal employees should be subject to the same requirements, and the postal reorganization bill proposed by the Administration so provides.

Similarly, the Taft-Hartley Act has outlawed union shop agreements in the private sector, where such agreements are prohibited by state law. The Administration's postal reorganization proposal would adopt this feature, along with other provisions in the Taft-Hartley Act.

Under the Taft-Hartley Act, it is an unfair labor practice to refuse to bargain over a union shop in those states not having right-to-work laws. However, the duty to bargain does not carry with it a requirement to agree to such provisions, and we have never agreed that there should be a union shop for the Post Office Department.

All we have suggested, basically, is that collective bargaining in the Postal Service be carried on generally in accordance with the labor laws of the land, including state right-to-work laws. In no way should this be construed as a commitment to or endorsement of a union shop.

We appreciate your concern over an issue that is obviously a very important one, and we hope that you will find this explanation of our position helpful.

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