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November 14, 1956

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Mr. Robert L. King
Assistant to the Vice President
Office of the Vice President
Washington, D. C.

Dear Bob:

As you mentioned in one of your letters in connection with explaining your delay in responding, "We are sometimes prone to take advantage of our friends."

It is not my intention to take advantage of our friendship, but I would like to urge again that you lend as much help as you possibly can in my direction in connection with the forthcoming appointment to the National Labor Relations Board. I feel somewhat frustrated in that, at this stage of the game, I'm at something of a loss to know just what should be done.

Letters of recommendation and endorsement from all the top Republican leaders of this state have been sent to Hall, Adams and Mitchell. Excellent letters of recommendation have been written by former employers. Along with a good many others, I've worked diligently to deliver the voters of this state to the proper party, and the work was successful. I guess I'll just have to hold still and see what happens in the next few weeks.

Bob, I know that you have many things of much greater importance to you on your mind, so don't bother to answer this note, unless you have some specific suggestion as to something that I should do. However, without visiting with you personally, I doubt if I could adequately express the importance to me of this appointment at this time. Both my family and I will be forever grateful for any assistance you render.

Sincerely yours,

Jim
James T. Rasbury

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July 26, 1956

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Mr. Robert L. King
Assistant to the Vice President
Office of the Vice President
Washington, D. C.

Dear Bob:

I have just come back from having lunch with Ken Gray, a delegate to the Republican National Convention. Ken was our party candidate for the office of Lt. Governor of the State of Oklahoma in 1954 and in my opinion probably the most influential single individual in Republican circles in our state. He is a relatively young fellow who along with a few friends has personally pulled our 1st Congressional District into shape so that it is consistently Republican. The impact of our 1st District vote is felt throughout the entire state and its solid strength was tremendously important in carrying the state for Eisenhower and Nixon in 1952.

Ken and I are very close friends and you may rest assured that only the most outspoken opposition to Nixon by our President, or the withdrawal by Nixon himself, will cause the Oklahoma delegation to deviate from all out support for an Eisenhower-Nixon ticket in 1956.

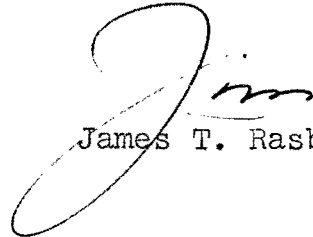
Last week--just before the Stassen faux pas--Bailie Vinson, our National Committeemen, had a number of us to lunch for the purpose of discussing political strategy for this fall and in particular the campaign of Douglas McKeever, our Senatorial candidate, against Mike Monroney. At that meeting the sentiment expressed was that it is a foregone conclusion that the ticket will be Eisenhower and Nixon with harmony in all quarters.

The only party opposition I have ever heard voiced against Nixon is his tendency to function through groups and organizations outside the Republican Party. If this is true it is probably due to a carry over from good California politics where their laws permit a candidate to be nominated

on either or both of the major party tickets. It may be well to keep in mind that our party has individuals that are just as rabid in their feelings as members of the opposition party can be; and therefore feel that nothing is any good unless it comes out of the official Republican Party organization.

Tell your boss to stop worrying about 1956 and lets start building and planning for an organization in 1960 that will put him in the White House.

Sincerely,



James T. Rasbury

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July 9, 1956

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Mr. Robert L. King,
Assistant to the Vice President
Office of the Vice President
Washington, D. C.

Dear Bob:

Thanks very kindly for your letter of June 26th, at which time you indicated that, in spite of the fact that you had been somewhat delayed in responding to my earlier letters, you nevertheless were doing whatever you could to help my cause.

As of this date, I know that Mr. Charles White of the Republic Steel Corporation and Mr. Charles Hook, Chairman of Armco Steel Corporation, have endeavored to assist my cause by contacting Mr. Sherman Adams at the Whitehouse. Unfortunately, the steel strike has occurred most untimely and has probably prevented their giving the attention to my problem which they might otherwise have done.

I also know that our Congressman Page Belcher is very much interested in assisting me and has discussed my availability for an appointment as a member of the National Labor Relations Board with our Secretary of Labor, Mr. James Mitchell. I have also had Mr. C. H. Wright, Chairman of the Board of the Sunray-D-X Oil Corporation, by whom I was once employed, write a very favorable letter to Mr. Mitchell. Mr. William Morris, President of the Sinclair Pipe Line Company, is likewise a good friend and former employer, who has written a very favorable letter to Mr. Mitchell. All of the usual and required letters of endorsement, insofar as the State Republican organization is concerned, have been written.

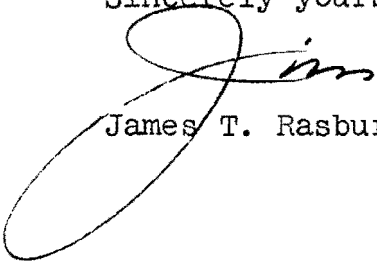
At the present time, I'm more or less just waiting for developments. If you should learn the "direction the wind is blowing" or know of any key personnel in Washington or elsewhere that might have a vital voice in making the recommendation

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to the President, I would sincerely appreciate hearing from you so that he might likewise be contacted.

My sincerest appreciation for all your efforts and my warm personal regards to both you and your family.

Sincerely yours,



James T. Rasbury

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June 26, 1956

Mr. James T. Rasbury
Oil Capital Building
Tulsa, Oklahoma

Dear Jim:

Your letters of May 1 and 28 certainly did not go unnoticed, nor did they fail to receive the attention they deserved.

We are sometimes prone to take advantage of our friends and I plead guilty in this instance. The last several weeks have found me completely occupied with the President's Conference on Fitness of American Youth, which was held at Annapolis on Monday and Tuesday of last week, but I do want to assure you that everything I can do has been done in connection with the subject of your letters.

As you undoubtedly realize, the "Boss" is not in a position to take direct action in such matters, but I have seen to it that word about you has reached some of the right people.

Should you be coming here either on this business or any other, I surely hope you will give me a ring to see if we can arrange to get together. In the meantime, you might let me know just what the current status is. If you have any other suggestions, please send them along and I am sure you know I will do what I can.

With all best wishes,

Sincerely,

Robert L. King
Assistant to the Vice President

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May 28, 1956

Mr. Robert L. King,
Assistant to the Vice President
Office of the Vice President
Washington, D. C.

Dear Bob:

I sincerely trust that I am not unnecessarily and without justification imposing on you in asking your assistance in my own personal campaign. However, we are pulling out all stops in an effort to obtain an appointment as a member of the National Labor Relations Board, and if either you or Vice President Nixon can and will aid me in any way, it will be sincerely appreciated.

All of the normal and routine Party endorsements have been placed with Mr. Leonard W. Hall, our National Chairman, and I know that our one and only Republican Congressman from Oklahoma is making his very best effort.

Mr. Belcher advised by letter dated May 23 that in his opinion our Secretary of Labor, Mr. Mitchell, will probably be the key man in recommending the individual to be named by President Eisenhower. Anything which your office can do by way of getting Mr. Mitchell to give my application consideration will, I know, be extremely beneficial.

Sincerely yours,


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May 1, 1956

Mr. Robert L. King
Assistant to the Vice President
Office of the Vice President
Washington, D. C.

Dear Bob:

Enclosed you will find a copy of a letter from me to Mr. Charles White, Executive President of the U. S. Republic Steel Corporation. Mr. White recently visited Tulsa; and, in the course of his talk to a group of Republican leaders, he indicated his strong feelings with regard to the influence the labor unions are exercising in this country.

For sometime now, I have given considerable thought to launching a serious campaign for an appointment as a member of our National Labor Relations Board. Believing that Mr. White can exercise considerable influence in the selection of the appointee to be named to the Board in the near future, I seized upon the occasion of his visit here to start my campaign.

Bob, I am most seriously interested in obtaining this appointment and will sincerely appreciate anything and everything which you might be able to do to assist me. Wholehearted support from Oklahoma Republican Party leaders can be easily obtained at the desired time. My problem is one of gaining the attention and consideration of the Party leaders at a National level.

If you can assist me in any way or have any suggestions as to how best to proceed in order to secure favorable consideration for this forthcoming appointment to the Board, I would sincerely appreciate hearing from you.

As ever,


James T. Rasbury

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May 1, 1956

Mr. Charles White, Executive President
U. S. Republic Steel Corporation
Cleveland, Ohio

Dear Mr. White:

As you requested on the occasion of your recent visit to Tulsa following our brief conversation, I am writing this letter to remind you of my interest and desire to serve as a member of the National Labor Relations Board. The term of office of Mr. Ivar H. Peterson, currently a Board member, will expire August 27, 1956, and undoubtedly his replacement will be named some time this late summer.

There is attached to this letter a brief biographical sketch that reflects my educational training and work experience, which I feel will indicate to you the adequacy of my qualifications for such a position as I now seek. The Republican Party appointees to this Board have made remarkable improvements in the administration of our Federal labor laws; however, I feel that in addition to naming someone to this Board who has some knowledge of the technical or judicial aspects of what is involved, that our great business men of this country are entitled to have someone named that has had the practical experience of dealing directly with labor unions and their leaders. My background has provided such experience.

I shall not dwell on my work within and for the Republican Party because this letter is to be forwarded to you by Mr. Bailie Vinson, our National Committeeman from Oklahoma, but let it suffice to say that I am a firm believer in our Party and the principles for which it stands. While I firmly believe laboring people may be regarded as the backbone of our country, we cannot permit labor leaders, through their own selfish desires and promotion of self-perpetuation, to destroy that which has made us strong--namely, private business enterprise.

Mr. Charles White
May 1, 1956
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My sincerest appreciation for your appearance in Tulsa to aid us in our fund-raising problems and my deepest thanks for any assistance you may lend in aiding me to fulfill my personal desires.

Very truly yours,

James T. Rasbury

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April 16, 1956

Mr. Robert L. King,
Assistant to the Vice President
Office of the Vice President
Washington, D. C.

Dear Bob:

I wanted to let you know that I received your letter of January 31st and to repeat my offer of any assistance in this area.

I had hoped that by this date I could send you some very encouraging news relative to an overwhelming victory for the Republican Party in the Tulsa City Election. However, such is not the case. I don't believe I mentioned in my former letter that I am City Republican Chairman; and, although an extremely vigorous campaign was conducted in Tulsa, all of our candidates were defeated. In trying to analyze the cause, however, there is very little feeling or belief among either Democrats or Republicans that our City situation was indicative of a national trend. Rather it was an anti-vote against a group of fine candidates who refused to play politics during two years in office. During their term, they did too many things which stepped on the toes of numerous small minority groups who, combined, constituted an overwhelming anti-majority. There are also those among the local, state and national party leaders that feel for the first time the laboring vote was strong enough to influence the outcome. Heretofore, Tulsa has been a rather cosmopolitan city in which the labor vote as such has not been appealed to because it represented a rather insignificant minority.

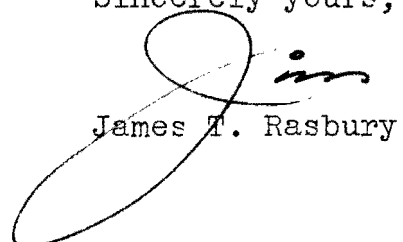
At the present time, I do not plan to attend the national convention in San Francisco; although some last minute change might occur, and conceivably we could go to San Francisco. This past week our delegates met and endorsed Eisenhower for a second term. No action was taken so far as Nixon is concerned, which to me was a personal disappointment. I have talked to some of the delegates and feel that a majority of them favor

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Nixon, but preferred to go to the convention uncommitted.

I shall continue to do local spade work on behalf of Nixon; and, if there are any particular problems which I can help solve, I sincerely trust you will let me hear from you at an early date. Our national committeeman, Mr. Bailie Vinson, is a good friend with whom I have worked closely for the last four years and who in turn will, in my opinion, exercise considerable influence over the entire delegation. Of course, many of our national delegates are good personal friends.

Sincerely yours,

A handwritten signature in cursive script, appearing to read "James T. Rasbury". The signature is written in dark ink and is positioned above the typed name.

James T. Rasbury

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Rasbury,
James

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January 31, 1956

Dear Jim:

You might suspect that I'm trying to "pay you back" in kind by not answering long ere now your good letter of November 18. It almost makes me blush to look at the date, but sometime I would like you to sit at my elbow during what might be mildly called at times this "frantic fracas"!

Seriously though, I certainly did appreciate your good letter and I hope you didn't believe all the propaganda that was printed in that article in the Grapevine. I agree with you that it hardly seems possible that twelve years have gone by since you and Black Jack" had Thanksgiving Dinner with us.

It's been a couple of years since I was out in the City with the Golden Gate but it still is the object of our affections and someday we hope to get back that way.

Bob Ladd is a real fine guy but for the past several months he has been with the Citizens Committee for the Hoover Report. I expect to see him before too long and will certainly pass along your best.

There isn't much I can report from the standpoint of my own activities other than the fact that a whole year has gone by now since I grabbed hold of this particular "brass ring". It's a mighty interesting spot and I couldn't be working for a better guy. Nobody knows right now what the next few weeks will bring but it may well be that I will take advantage of your offer to be helpful and if I do, I know you'll be there.

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Many thanks, Jim, for your letter and the time that has elapsed since it was received has only served to make me more appreciative of your thoughtfulness for picking up your pen and writing. I hope something will bring you back this way and if it should, I will surely expect a call.

All the best,

Sincerely,

Robert L. King
Assistant to the Vice President

Mr. James T. Rasbury
Oil Capital Building
Tulsa, Oklahoma

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November 18, 1955

Mr. Robert L. King
Chief Administrative Assistant
Vice-President's Office
Capital Building
Washington, D. C.

Dear Bob:

I've postponed writing this note for so long, I'm almost ashamed to do so at this late date. My very warmest congratulations to you in your new administrative spot with the Government and Dick Nixon. I wanted to write this note immediately after reading the February issue of the Grapevine, but intentionally waited until the first rush of mail had subsided.

It doesn't seem possible that nearly twelve years have gone by since Black Jack Norris and I--the bachelors of the S. F. office--had Thanksgiving Day Dinner with you and Gretchen, and little Bob was the newly-acquired center of attention. The picture of Gretchen and all four children in the Grapevine certainly was a fine picture of a grand family. Gretchen looked pretty as a picture, as she always did, and I'm sure your life since the Bureau days has been a happy one.

As far as I know, Jack Norris is still working out of the San Francisco office. One of our Tulsa ex-agents, who worked in San Francisco until 1952, says Jack is generally known as the Mayor of Mortinez and is still the most independent, carefree agent in the office. He's married now and has at least one little girl. But all this you probably know as Jack was always a good one to write. Being a poor correspondent myself, our mail exchange has dwindled to Christmas cards.

At the moment, I'm involved in the general practice of law after spending several years with oil companies in the field of labor law and industrial relations. We have a fine active chapter of ex-agents in Tulsa and just last

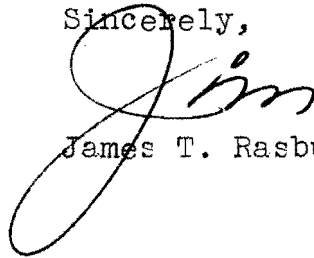
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November 18, 1955

night had dinner together and rehashed old times as two of the group reported on the Detroit Convention.

Best wishes again, Bob, for continued success in your Washington career. If Bob Ladd is still on Nixon's staff, tell him "hello" for me. He was a neighbor of mine when he lived in Tulsa.

Kindest regards to Gretchen and all the family. If the opportunity to be helpful to you, Nixon, or the Republican party should ever present itself, I hope you'll realize you have a loyal friend and supporter in Tulsa.

Sincerely,

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James T. Rasbury

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BIOGRAPHICAL DATA -- JAMES T. RASBURY

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Born: Dallas, Texas, January 21, 1915

Graduated: Michigan State Normal, A.B. Degree, 1936

Taught High School in Decatur, Michigan, 1936-1938

Taught High School in Tokyo, Japan, 1938-1939

Attended Northwestern University, Summer of 1937

Attended Michigan University, Summer of 1938, doing graduate work toward a Masters Degree in Education

Toured China, Siberia, Russia, and European Countries, Summer of 1939

Entered University of Oklahoma Law School in Fall of 1939

After completing two years in Law School, received an appointment to the Federal Bureau of Investigation, Department of Justice, and remained until June, 1944

Enlisted in the United States Marine Corps in June, 1944

Honorable Discharge as First Lieutenant, August, 1946

Returned to the Federal Bureau of Investigation as a Special Agent and worked in the Washington, D. C. Field Office while completing Law Degree at the George Washington University

LLB Degree received February 22, 1947

Admitted to practice before the courts in the District of Columbia

Employed as Director of Industrial Relations of the Western Petroleum Refiners Association, March, 1947, to April, 1948

Employed as Director of Industrial Relations for the Sunray Oil Corporation, April, 1948, to March, 1949.

Employed as Director of Industrial Relations for Sinclair Pipeline Company, March, 1949 to September, 1951.

Employed as Director of Employee relations for Deep Rock Oil Corporation, September, 1951 to date.

THE WHITE HOUSE
WASHINGTON

July 6, 1953

MEMORANDUM FOR: Mr. Robert D. Ladd
Office of the Vice President

Thank you for your memorandum of June twenty-fifth with the enclosed background data on James T. Rasbury. We are referring it on to the proper government officials, and Mr. Rasbury will be given every consideration, I am sure.



Charles F. Willis, Mr.
Special Assistant

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June 25, 1953

Memorandum

To: Charles Willis
From: Robert D. Ladd
Subject: James T. Rasbury

Attached is background information on James T. Rasbury of Tulsa, Oklahoma, who is qualified for a position with the National Labor Relations Board. He might be considered for General Counsel of the Board or for Regional Director in the Fort Worth area. I understand that this area is very badly managed at this point.

I know Jim personally and in addition, he has been recommended to the Vice President by several persons whose judgement he values highly.

The Vice President would like to see Mr. Rasbury's services utilized.