

GENERAL

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April 1, 1970

Dear Bill:

I want to thank you for your telephone call on March 21 and helpful suggestions regarding the postal work-stoppage.

Your thoughts were conveyed to the Postmaster General and others in the White House concerned with the national crisis. I want to assure you that your recommendations were appreciated during that difficult period.

As you may know, negotiations are continuing between government officials and leaders of the major unions involved. We're hopeful a reasonable solution will be forthcoming soon. Your own experience in similar situations could well serve as a worthwhile guideline to meeting future problems of this nature.

With best regard,

Sincerely,

William E. Timmons
Assistant to the President

Honorable C. W. "Bill" Young
Security Federal Building
2600 Ninth Street, North
St. Petersburg, Florida.

GENERAL

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April 3, 1970

Dear Barber:

Thank you for your letter with which you enclosed a copy of your letter to Postmaster General Blount concerning the suggestion that the ^XLincoln Rochester Trust Company be designated as the main depository for the Rochester Post Office account. I will be pleased to bring this to the attention of the appropriate staff people so that they may be informed of your views on this matter. You may be assured they will receive careful consideration.

With warm regard,

Sincerely,

Bill

William E. Timmons
Assistant to the President

Honorable Barber B. ^XConable, Jr.
House of Representatives
Washington, D.C. 20515

bcc: POD (Paul Carlin w/incoming FYI & request a copy of PMG's reply to Mr. Conable for Mr. Timmons)

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BARBER B. CONABLE, JR.
NEW YORK, 37TH DISTRICT

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

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ROCHESTER, NEW YORK 14614

March 25, 1970

Mr. William E. Timmons
Assistant to the President
The White House Office
Washington, D. C.

Dear Bill:

I realize this is not quite the appropriate time to raise any additional postal problems, but I do have an issue with the Department which I would like to bring to your attention.

The enclosed letter to the Postmaster General explains the situation.

I think the Department should change its present position on matters of this kind.

Very truly yours,

Barber B. Conable, Jr.

Barber B. Conable, Jr.

C/ne

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March 17, 1970

Honorable Winton E. Blount
Postmaster General
Post Office Department
Washington, D. C.

Dear Mr. Blount:

I recently suggested to the Department that Lincoln Rochester Trust Company be designated as the main depository for the Post Office account in Rochester. The response was that depositories are not being changed for political considerations, but only for reason of poor service or unacceptable requirements by the present depository.

I urge you to reconsider my request more carefully on the basis of numerous valid considerations.

Lincoln Rochester purchases approximately \$500,000 of postal services annually, ranking third behind Eastman Kodak Company and Xerox Corporation as a customer of the Rochester Post Office. It is a full service bank which plays a major role in supporting the development of economic and civic resources in the community. The bank is currently very active in the urban renewal of the city through both financial loans and technical advice.

Lincoln Rochester was the Department depository until 1960 when this account was transferred with the change of Administration to the smallest commercial bank in the city. This depository bank is now being split up by a holding company, raising the question of whether its assets will be utilized in the local Rochester area.

I believe all of these circumstances justify a change in depository for the Rochester Post Office and I would appreciate your careful consideration of this request.

Very truly yours,

Barber B. Conable, Jr.

C/ne

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WASHINGTON OF
1405 LONGWORTH HOUSE
WASHINGTON, D.C.
(202) 225-55

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(405) 233-1400

Congress of the United States

April 4, 1970

Washington, D.C. 20515

March 26, 1970

Dear Happy:

Thank you very much for your letter
enclosing correspondence from Dr. Scott
Tuxhorn who has recommended Dr. George
McCutchan for the position of Director
of the Postal Education Center at the
University of Oklahoma.

I have checked into this matter and
have been advised that appointments
to positions of this type are not within
the jurisdiction of the White House.
Since it is not a Presidential appoint-
ment, I have taken the liberty of
forwarding Dr. McCutchan's biographical
data and Dr. Tuxhorn's endorsement to
the Post Office Department for appropriate
handling. I regret that we were unable
to be of direct assistance in this matter.

With warm regard,

I don't know Dr. McCutchan, but as stated, can
completely rely on the recommendation of Dr. Tuxhorn.

Sincerely,

Bill

Sincerely,

William E. Timmons
Assistant to the President
Happy Camp
Member of Congress

Honorable John N. Happy Camp
House of Representatives
Washington, D.C.

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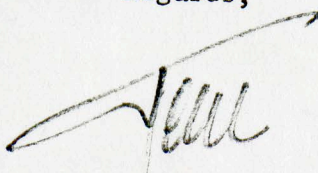
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Dear Dan---

CF-NRN

My congratulations on the Post Office situation.
Everyone handled themselves with dignity, reserve,
and scholarly wisdom. Beautifully done, with potentially
great consequences for the nation and the people.

Regards,



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H. Thomas Lawland
New York University

Joe L. Frost
Univ. of Texas at Austin

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Allentown Pa
PR 13/ST 38
April 7 1970

President Richard M. Nixon
Washington DC

The undersigned are unalterably opposed to your proposed unequal postal rate hike. A 67% hike in first class rates versus a 5% increase in bulk (junk) rates is unfair. The same percentage rate for all classes of mail would be considerably more palatable.

Yours Truly

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|----------------------|--------------------|---------------------|
| George Waddiscombe, | 325 8 18 St | Allentown Pa 18104 |
| George A. Ziegenfuss | 960 E Fairview St. | Allentown Pa 18103 |
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| Edward M. Matka | 3106 S 5th Avenue | Whitehall Pa 18154 |
| Cornie Dantzer | 785 Mohant St | Allentown, Pa 18102 |
| Donald J. Reher | 305 Mary St. | Kutztown, Pa 19540 |

GENERAL
FG18

April 8, 1970

Dear Bill:

(William N. Harsha)

This is in further response to your letter concerning the operation of the Post Office Department.

Last year, after a thorough study of the situation, the President announced that reorganization of the Post Office Department was essential. At the same time, he said that Postal Reform is not a partisan political issue, but an urgent national requirement.

Traditional institutions are difficult to abandon, but tradition is no substitute for performance, and if our postal system is to meet the expanding needs of the 1970's, it is vital that changes be made. The case for a non-partisan approach is summarized on page 3 of the Kappel Commission Report of 1968:

"Providing the nation with a superb mail service is not a partisan issue: postal purposes do not change with the national administration. The postal system deserves the best talent available and all employees deserve career opportunities based on ability and performance. The present patronage system cuts off the opportunities of many potential managers among career employees and inevitably has an adverse effect upon morale. Moreover, it is an unwarranted drain on the time and energy of members of Congress and officials of the Executive Branch."

The President is convinced that any meaningful postal reform must entail the elimination of political involvement. Let me review briefly the mechanics of the new system as explained to me by officials of the Post Office Department.

Under the new postmaster appointment procedures announced last year by the President and the Postmaster General, employee records are reviewed to determine whether or not

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there is a well-qualified career employee for the position. Qualification standards approved by the Civil Service Commission are applied in making this determination. The review is done by a management official assigned by the Regional Director and includes an investigation by a postal inspector as to character, experience, and suitability. The official submits three names to a management selection board for selection and recommendation to the Postmaster General. In addition to this submission, the Regional Director is authorized to add not more than three names to the list if he believes qualified persons have been overlooked.

The selection boards, a national one for over the 400 largest post offices and regional boards for the others, interview the candidates and select the best qualified individual primarily on the basis of experience and merit. If the board determines that no one in a particular office meets the qualifications standards, the Civil Service Commission will be asked to conduct a competitive examination open to the residents of the community in question. There will be a difference in the make-up between the national and regional management selection boards, but generally speaking its members will consist, among others, of postmasters, officials appointed by the Civil Service Commission, management consulting experts, business administration college administrators, and members of the American Arbitration Association.

All of the existing postmaster vacancies are receiving individual attention by a special task force set up by the Postmaster General and every effort is being made to fill postmaster vacancies.

As you can appreciate, we cannot expect immediate perfection when attempting to restructure a thoroughly entrenched system. However, every effort will be made to establish a system based on merit rather than on political influence.

We realize that you and other Republicans find yourselves in a difficult position on the question of patronage. Although we have received support from members of the party, we often hear the complaint that despite our efforts, local political postal dynasties will still be able to perpetuate themselves. We do not doubt that this problem will surface from time to time. However, I again reiterate the Administration's complete dedication to the elimination of such occurrences.

The President and the Postmaster General have had the public interest uppermost in their minds during the past year, and both of them appreciate the political problems involved.

Despite temporary hardships for members of the Republican Party, President Nixon and Postmaster General Blount are convinced that we will eventually gain respect and public confidence by this statesman-like reorganization. A nation which is receiving vastly improved postal service will certainly remember which Administration placed service ahead of politics.

With warm regard,

Sincerely,

Dick
Richard K. Cook
Special Assistant to
the President

Honorable William H. Marsh
House of Representatives
Washington, D.C. 20515

bcc: Paul Carlin (Post Office) FYI *and*

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POST OFFICE DEPARTMENT
THE EXECUTIVE ASSISTANT TO THE POSTMASTER GENERAL
WASHINGTON, D.C. 20260

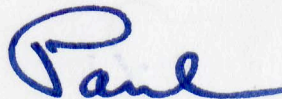
March 31, 1970

Dear Bill

Attached is a draft of a response to Congressman William Harsha in reply to his letter to the President March 9, 1970.

Please let me know if you require any additional information.

Sincerely,



Paul N. Carlin

Mr. William E. Timmons
Assistant to the President
The White House
Washington, D. C. 20500

Attachment

PP

GENERAL
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March 17, 1979

Dear Bill:

This will acknowledge and thank you for your letter to the President commenting on the operation of the Post Office Department under Postmaster General Blount. You may be assured your letter expressing your views on this matter will be brought to the President's attention at an early date.

With warm regard,

Sincerely,

William E. Timmons
Assistant to the President

Honorable William H. ^xMarsha
House of Representatives
Washington, D.C. 20515

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Congress of the United States

HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

WASHINGTON, D.C. 20515

March 9, 1970

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

Dear Mr. President:

At the outset let me say that I was disappointed with your appointment of Postmaster General but thought it only fair to give him an opportunity to prove himself. Now some twelve months later I find that my original opinions of the Postmaster General were accurate.

Mr. Blount's stated purpose to take the postal department out of politics is a miserable failure, and I am not so sure his activities have not been a cleverly devised means of promulgating and promoting Democrats in the postal department. Every change in postal department personnel of any significance in my Congressional District has been granted to a Democrat, and Republicans have not even been consulted nor have Republican applicants been given any consideration whatsoever. This certainly takes the department out of politics in so far as Republicans are concerned but deeply instills it in Democratic politics, and the Republicans in my District are continually up in arms about it and are expressing their dissatisfaction with the process.

Furthermore, I might add that the postal service and delivery in my District has deteriorated greatly under Mr. Blount and is wholly unsatisfactory. Unless the mail service improves and Mr. Blount's activities on behalf of the Democratic Party are curtailed and Republicans given consideration in these appointments, I shall find it necessary to publicly criticize Mr. Blount and his activities and the miserable demonstration of lack of public interest by the Postmaster General.

Respectfully yours,

Bill Harsha

William H. Harsha
Representative to Congress

WHH:ja

April 9, 1970

Dear Red:

I think it's a grand idea to send around
the first day covers.

I am a bit of a collector myself, and
am delighted to find myself among
these receiving the covers.

Sincerely,

Daniel P. Moynihan
Counsellor to the President

Honorable Winton M. Blount
The Postmaster General
Washington, D. C. 20260

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April 9, 1970

Dear Miss Phillips:

President Nixon has asked me to thank you for forwarding the resolution adopted by the Council of the City of New Rochelle concerning postal employee reform legislation. He appreciates your courtesy in bringing this expression of views to his attention.

Because of your special interest, perhaps you would like to have the enclosed copy of his recommendations to the Congress regarding a pay increase for all Federal employees.

With the President's best wishes,

Sincerely,

Noble M. Melencamp
Staff Assistant
to the President

Enclosure: 4/2/70 message re Federal pay increase

GMR:abp

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April 13, 1970

Dear Mr. Bogart:

I am in receipt of your letter concerning the disposal of surplus property by the Post Office Department.

I have contacted the Post Office Department and have asked for their explanation of the handling of this matter. When I have heard from them, I will let you know.

Sincerely,

Clark R. Mollenhoff
Special Counsel
to the President

Mr. Peter D. ^XBogart
Attorney and Counselor at Law
6404 Hollywood Boulevard, Suite 330
Hollywood, California 90028

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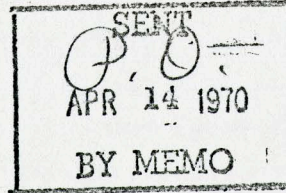
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April 7, 1970

President Richard M. Nixon
United States of America
Washington, D. C.



Dear Mr. President:

Many of the postal workers in the Royal Oak Post Office as well as thousands of postal workers throughout the United States are thoroughly disappointed in the anticipated 6% raise that also includes all Federal and Military personnel.

They are much more annoyed and upset that the 8% raise, tied to Postal Reform, does not carry a definite date or deadline for the receipt of this raise.

Whether postal workers strike again or not the mail service is being affected by discontent, indifference, disgust and frustration. If every employee spends only one-half hour a shift gathering together or stopping work to talk, complain and speculate, plus the many unnecessary absences because of so called sickness, think of the thousands of lost hours of work. This is not only a dreadful waste of money, but also a curtailment of the postal service we all want and need.

Old-time postal workers have been intimidated and restrained with antiquated traditions and philosophies that have no influence upon the thousands of "new-breed" employees, who will settle for nothing more or less than justice.

A situation as fraught with discontent and unrest as this one will not blow away in a week or a month. It will keep flaring up indefinitely until the situation is corrected.

What good will any Postal Reform Plan accomplish if the thousands of postal workers are not reasonably content?

Sincerely,

Royal Oak, Mich.
(only) 48067

Elizabeth Swayne	Alma Brown	Alice C. Linder
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April 20, 1970

Mr. Baile Dear Mr. Sterling:

The White House
Washington Thank you for your note of April 15.

Dear Mr. Patterson
We must take
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Greenland to
judgment as
President Although trade matters are not in the
primary area of responsibility of this
office, I will certainly be glad to show
your letter and the editorial from the
Greenville News to the proper people
around here.

We very much appreciate hearing from
you again.

I wish to call your attention to the editorial in the
Daily "Shirking" and the editorial in the
Greenville News. The editorial in the Greenville News
is a very good one.

I hope to see Mr. Sterling in the near future.
I am very glad to hear that you are
one who feels that the United States
is a part of the world.
Cordially,
Bradley H. Patterson, Jr.
Executive Assistant
to Mr. Garment

Mr. Charles X Sterling
Secretary
The Greenville News-Piedmont
P. O. Box 1688
Greenville, South Carolina 29602

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Pauline Hart
1636 N. Curson Ave.
Hollywood, Calif. 90046

Los Angeles, Calif. 90046

April 21, 1970

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

Dear Mr. President,

We are, respectfully, appealing to you to intervene, personally, in shaping of Postal legislation and oppose bill H.R. 4 which is wholly inconsistent with your campaign pledges, and the Republican Party's 1968 platform.

As free Americans, one and all should have the right to join or not to join without coercion or penalty. Once forced unionization of Postal employees, all other public employees could follow. Witness-the power of unions in what is happening to our air-lines service.

May I humbly suggest, if all the services now performed by Postal employees (which are many: list is enclosed), that have nothing to do with mail service, be put in departments they belong too. I believe the postal department will pay it's way with better management, or as a privately operated business. Six (6) cents to mail a letter now, is extremely high. Need it go higher? We think not.

Furthermore-let's have Sea Based Anti Ballistic System S.A.B.M.I.S., AND OTHER PROTECTIONS WE SO VITALLY NEED. Keep our Panama Canal. Do not lower the voteing age. Let our men fight to win in Vietnam and end the war. Help Israel. All of this, and more is needed or our beloved AMERICA will not be a FREE AMERICA.

SINCERELY YOURS,

Pauline M. Hart

Paul G. Hart
1636 N. Curson Ave.

Wrlin
1646 N. Curson Ave.

Mrs. Anna M. Thomas
1629 N. Curson Ave.

Grace L. Thomas

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Robert Mueller

1636 N Curson Ave

Christa Mueller

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April 24, 1970

GENERAL

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Dear Mr. Foran: WALTER

On behalf of President Nixon, I would like to reply to your recent letter, in which you enclosed a petition signed by the residents of Pittstown, New Jersey in behalf of Mr. Thomas Hodulik, a substitute rural carrier seeking appointment as a regular rural carrier.

Since Mr. Hodulik is a substitute rural carrier, he does not by virtue of that employment, acquire a career or competitive Civil Service status and, therefore, is not automatically eligible for direct appointment to a regular rural carrier position.

Mr. Hodulik's ineligibility to be considered with career employees is simply because of his lack of career status and is no reflection upon his work. We appreciated the fine assistance given by substitutes when a regular carrier is on leave or a position is vacant.

Neither the President nor the Postmaster General has the authority to include substitute rural carriers for promotion or direct appointment as regular rural carriers. Only Congress has this right. In past sessions of Congress, legislation has been introduced which would permit consideration of substitute rural carriers; however, this legislation has never been enacted.

In the interest of eliminating politics and patronage from the rural carrier appointments system, and to afford career employees an opportunity to advance to more desirable positions, the Post Office Department has established new procedures for filling rural carrier vacancies.

Under the present procedures for filling rural carrier vacancies, first consideration is given to the senior qualified career employees

in the vacancy-holding office, based upon total continuous career postal service within that installation; next to senior rural carriers within the county, then to other senior career employees in the same area.

If this does not result in securing a qualified career postal employee, the area of consideration is extended to rural carriers serving routes from any post office in the State having a ZIP code with the same first three digits as those of the office with the vacancy. If this does not produce a qualified rural carrier, then the Civil Service Commission will be requested to hold an open competitive examination.

Since Mr. Hodulik is not a career postal employee, the only way in which he could be considered for appointment would be by participating in an open competitive examination and attaining a rating sufficiently high to have his name included among the top three eligibles certified.

The attached excerpts taken from Postal Bulletins outline the present procedures for filling rural carrier vacancies. Note that an open competitive examination will be held only after all other means of consideration have been exhausted.

The Post Office Department is referring Mr. Hodulik's case to its Regional Office in Philadelphia with the request that assistance be given to determining other possible employment for him. It is possible that Mr. Hodulik could participate in an open competitive examination for clerk-carrier and if he attained an eligible rating would be placed on a register from which selection could be made.

With the President's best wishes,

Sincerely,

Noble M. Melencamp
Staff Assistant
to the President

Enclosure: P.O. Regs excerpt

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HONORABLE ROBERT A. ROE
U.S. HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

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Congress of the United States

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Washington, D.C. 20515

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U.S. HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

WASHINGTON, D.C. 20515

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Dear Mr. Roe:

Thank you for your courtesy in forwarding the letter to the President from Mr. Vincent J. Vigorito which he had directed through your office. I will be pleased to bring his letter regarding his service as a postal employee to the President's attention at the earliest opportunity. Washington, D.C.

With cordial regard,

I have been asked by my constituent, Mr. Vincent J. Vigorito, to send you the enclosed letter which he wrote to the President.

I will appreciate your seeing that he receives some acknowledgment.
Kenneth E. Belieu
Deputy Assistant to the President
Thank you.

Sincerely,

Robert A. Roe
Robert A. Roe
Member of Congress

Honorable Robert A. Roe
House of Representatives
Washington, D.C. 20515

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THE WHITE HOUSE OFFICE

REFERRAL

To: Mr. James Holland
Special Assistant
Post Office Department

Date: 4/25/70

ACTION REQUESTED

- ☐ Draft reply for:
☐ President's signature.
☐ Undersigned's signature.
- ☐ Memorandum for use as enclosure to reply.
- ☒ Direct reply.
☒ Furnish information copy.
- ☐ Suitable acknowledgment or other appropriate handling.
☐ Furnish copy of reply, if any.
- ☐ For your information.
- ☐ For comment.

NOTE

Prompt action is essential.

If more than 48 hours' delay is encountered, please telephone the undersigned immediately, Code 1450.

Basic correspondence should be returned when draft reply, memorandum, or comment is requested.

REMARKS:

Description:

x ☐ Letter: ☐ Telegram: Other:
To: The President
From: T. Ballard Watters
Date: 4/21/70
Subject: Postal workers union.

By direction of the President:

(Mrs.) Margita E. White
Assistant Deputy Director
of Communications

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April 25, 1970

Dear Senator:

Thanks very much for your letter of April 22nd and the enclosed material.

I'm sending them on to the Postmaster General with a request that he write directly to you outlining our pending legislation and explaining in more depth the enforcement problems confronting him.

Thanks very much for the additional information you provided.

Yours sincerely,

John D. Ehrlichman
Assistant to the President
for Domestic Affairs

Honorable Harry B. Lewis
2019 Clairemont Circle
Olympia, Washington 98501

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GENERAL

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April 28, 1970

Dear H. R.:

This will acknowledge and thank you for your letter to the President regarding H.R. 17070 and your intention to offer a "right to refrain" amendment. Your letter, commenting on this bill, will be brought to the President's attention at the earliest opportunity.

With warm regard,

Sincerely,

William E. Timmons
Assistant to the President

Honorable H. R. Cross
House of Representatives
Washington, D.C. 20515

bcc: w/incoming to POD (Paul Carlin) FYI

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GENERAL

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April 29, 1970

Dear Huck:

I appreciate very much your sending me a copy of Reed Larson's letter concerning the postal reform proposal.

I will ask the Postmaster General to give you an elaboration of the Administration's viewpoint on this.

With cordial regard,

Sincerely,

Dear Bryce:

You will note in Bryce M. Harlow's letter attached that he is the
Counsellor to the President
State Department

Honorable McDill Boyd
Republican National Committee
251 F Street
Phillipsburg, Kansas 67661

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April 30, 1970

Dear Mr. DeMoss:

This is to thank you, on behalf of the President, for your letter of April 12, expressing his gratitude for your commendation of him and his Administration. He is indeed grateful to you and your family for your confidence in him.

The President very much appreciated, too, your suggestion regarding the Post Office Department and this is being brought to the attention of those working here with him who would be most concerned.

Unfortunately, his heavy commitments preclude the possibility of the President attending your niece's baptism on May 17. He wants you to know, though, he warmly thanks you for asking him to be present on this joyous occasion for your family and that he sends his warm felicitations to Dianne and her parents along with his best wishes.

With the President's very best wishes to you,

Sincerely,

Hugh W. Sloan, Jr.
Staff Assistant
to the President

Mr. James C. DeMoss
3322 Holmes Avenue South
Minneapolis, Minnesota 55408

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THE WHITE HOUSE OFFICE

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To: Mr. James Holland
Special Assistant
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- _____ Furnish copy of reply, if any.
- _____ For your information.
- _____ For comment.

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Letter: _____ Telegram: _____ Other: _____

To: ^x The President

From: John W. Boler

Date: 4/23/70

Subject: P.O. employees unionism

By direction of the President:

(Mrs.) Margita E. White
Assistant Deputy Director of
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Dear Bryce:

As always, it was good to see you at the Sioux City steak dinner last night. Only wish I could have had an opportunity to sit down for a serious visit with you on matters of mutual interest.

Attached is a copy of the letter my good Congressman mentioned. In view of the Blount-Meany agreement, I recognize you folks can't actively support us on the right to work issue. Hopefully, however, you won't actively oppose us!

As a friend and team player, I still stand ready to perform any service for the administration whenever called upon.

Best regards.

Sincerely,

Bob
Bob Case

Re our letter to the President, we have received note from Bill Timmons and I discussed the matter with him.

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Mr. John D. Butzzalano
138 Louisiana Street
Buffalo, New York 14202

Dear Mr. Butzzalano:

Your letter of April 6 to Mr. John Ehrlichman proposing the elimination of all distribution scheme study and scheme examinations has been referred to me for reply.

In your letter to Mr. Ehrlichman, you comment on a portion of an interview with him which was carried in a local newspaper relating to the recent work stoppage in the post office at New York City and the use of military personnel to perform essential mail processing activities.

As you know, the efficient utilization of mail processing personnel in the distribution and delivery of mail to business and residential street addresses requires the development and use of city distribution schemes. Accuracy in scheme distribution requires scheme study and knowledge, and for most distributors, periodic examinations.

There are alternative distribution procedures, however, which can be utilized in an emergency to provide continuity of some essential services. This might, and in many cases would involve costly, multiple piece handlings.

In the interest of efficiency in our normal day-to-day postal operations, distribution schemes will continue to be necessary in the foreseeable future. We have no immediate plans to eliminate periodic scheme examinations for employees assigned to this distribution.

Sincerely,

/s/
F. J. Nunlist

cc: (Mr. Ehrlichman - WH)

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THE WHITE HOUSE OFFICE

REFERRAL

To: Honorable Winton Blount
The Postmaster General

Date: April 13, 1970

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- _____ Draft reply for:
_____ President's signature.
_____ Undersigned's signature.
- _____ Memorandum for use as enclosure to reply.
- XX Direct reply.
XX Furnish information copy.
- _____ Suitable acknowledgment or other appropriate handling.
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XX Letter: _____ Telegram: _____ Other: _____
To: John Ehrlichman, The White House
From: John D. Buttzalero, 138 Louisiana Street, Buffalo, New York 14204
Date: April 6, 1970
Subject: Scheme study in the Post Office

By direction of the President:

John D. Ehrlichman (by Tod R. Hullin)

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April 6, 1970

Mr Ehrlichman, 13742

I would like
to comment on the
enclosed article.

Since the
soldiers sorted the
mail without scheme
study, then why is
it necessary for a
regular clerk to
learn and throw his
schemes, once every
nine (9) months, plus
his station scheme
every three years and

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by your own words
it seems very
unnecessary, therefore
another step would
be eliminated for
our clerks.

also how
long did it take
Mr Nixon and other
greedy senators to
vote themselves a
41-100% raise ????

The 6% we are
supposed to receive
was promised to us
in Mr Johnson's
administration, effective

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in Oct of 1969 which
Mr Nixon failed
to keep faith with.

We are urging
all clerks who know
study and learn
schemes upon your
advice that the
soldiers could perform
equally as well
without a scheme
knowledge or study
to write to Mr
Blount asking that
all scheme study
be removed from
the postal service

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I am sure he will
find our advice
very useful!

An underpaid clerk

John D. Buttzalano
138 Louisiana St.
Rf6, N.Y.
14264

June 10, 1970

GENERAL

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Dear Mr. Postmaster General,

Your recent letter to the President has been brought to my attention for acknowledgment.

We have made special note of your suggestion that Dr. ^{Quilley}McDavid be considered as a minister for a future White House Worship Service. Your personal recommendation is greatly appreciated and we are also pleased to have the interesting biographical sketch you so thoughtfully enclosed. Although we are unable to make plans at this time to have Dr. McDavid conduct a service, we will certainly keep him in mind.

With every good wish,

Sincerely yours,

Lucy Winchester
Social Secretary

Honorable Winton M. Blount
The Postmaster General
Washington, D. C. 20260

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RESOLUTIONS

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1970 Convention of the Indiana Chapter

X NATIONAL ASSOCIATION OF POSTMASTERS OF THE UNITED STATES

The Resolutions Committee submits the following resolutions to the Indiana Chapter of the National Association of Postmasters of the United States, duly assembled in its 35th annual convention May 13, 14, 15 and 16, 1970 at the Sheraton Hotel in French Lick, Indiana 47432.

Richard Inoyer
Richard Inoyer

George K. Bills
George K. Bills

Robert Spencer
Robert Spencer

Arthur E. Healy
Arthur E. Healy

Matthew J. Kuznicki
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Whereas the President of the United States, Richard M. Nixon, has shown great interest in the Post Office Department, and

Whereas he has proposed and endorsed many measures aimed at increasing the efficiency of the Post Office Department and the welfare of postal workers, therefore, be it

Resolved that the Indiana Chapter of the National Association of Postmasters of the United States assembled in convention in French Lick, Indiana May 13, 14, 15 and 16, 1970, extend our appreciation and gratitude, and pledge our continued support to President Richard M. Nixon, and,

Whereas there is unrest and rioting in our time and a war to be concluded, and

Whereas we believe an appeal to Almighty God and Mr. Nixon's present course of firmness promise the only solution to our problems at home and abroad, therefore, be it

Resolved that we go on resolutely supporting the firm stand of our President.

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GENERAL

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June 16, 1970

Dear Mr. ^XVeith: *Fred J.*

The Laingsburg Press

On behalf of the President, I want to thank you for your letter of April 10. It was thoughtful of you to take the time to write and give the President the benefit of your views and suggestions.

A coordinator, or ombudsman, for each Department or Agency of the Federal Government has often been suggested. We feel that the function this person would serve is generally already served within the existing framework of each office.

With regard to your comments on the securing of jobs with the Post Office Department, the President at the outset of his Administration abandoned the tradition of politically appointed postmasters in favor of merit selections from within the postal service.

In addition, the President's postal reorganization legislation now awaiting congressional approval should eliminate the last vestiges of politics in post office operations.

Appropos of your comments on the need for improved quality of education, with particular emphasis on educational needs of Black children,

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June 17, 1970

Dear Tom:

I have a broad charter here and a disposition ardently pro-Lankford. But I am afraid I can't treat the matter described in your June 4 letter, much as I would like to do so in view of your interest. Trouble is, there is no way to approach one of these problems from The White House level without evoking charges of pressure and influence and scandal -- so, of course, we don't touch these engineering design contracts from here.

Try me again on something else and I will endeavor to respond more favorably. With warm regard,

Sincerely,

Bryce N. Harlow
Counsellor to the President

Mr. Thomas J. Lankford
Minority Clerk
House of Representatives
Washington, D. C. 20515

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THE WHITE HOUSE OFFICE

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REFERRAL

To: The Postmaster General

Date: June 26, 1970

Attn: Mr. James R. Holland

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REMARKS:

(Please note that invitation for President to attend has already been declined.)

Description:

☒ Letter: ☐ Telegram: ☐ Other:
To: The President
From: Honorable Winton M. Blount
Date: 2/18/70
Subject: Requests President attend^X Natl. Postal Forum IV at the Washington-Hilton Hotel on October 26-27, 1970.

By direction of the President:

Eliska Hasek
Staff Assistant

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June 29, 1970

Dear Mr. Bogart:

You will find enclosed a copy of the reply which I have received from the Post Office Department in response to my inquiry on your behalf. I believe that it is quite self-explanatory, and I would suggest that you follow the procedures outlined by Mr. Cox.

I hope that this will be helpful to you.

Sincerely,

Clark R. Mollenhoff
Special Counsel
to the President

Mr. Peter Bogart
6404 Hollywood Boulevard, Suite 330
Hollywood, California 90028

Enclosure

cc: Central Files w/ original correspondence (Xerox).

Re: attempts to make agreement with POD relating to disposal of surplus assets; POD reply refused to sign open-ended contract, suggested he submit proposal with restrictive legend.

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cc/ [initials]

July 1, 1970

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Dear Mr. Northern:

President Nixon has asked me to thank you for your most recent letter expressing concern over the postal situation.

We are very much aware that there is a great deal of disagreement over the several proposals for postal reform, but the President is dedicated to reform of the postal system. As you know, legislation is now pending before the Congress, and it is anticipated that by the time this session adjourns, all of us will have a better idea of how the future of the postal system will be shaped.

The President does appreciate your concern, and thanks you for calling it to his attention again.

Sincerely,

Harry S. Dent
Special Counsel
to the President

^x Illinois ^x
Mr. R. "Hap" Northern, President
The Republican County Chairmen's
Association of Illinois
236 North 6th Street
Quincy, Illinois 62301

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June 26, 1970

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

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Re: Discrimination of the American People

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It is high time that this government considers the people that it serves rather than organized, pressurized postal employees. With 4,000 acting postmasters in the United States, 203 in Illinois, I restate my original charge. If the Postal Department is to be taken out of politics, then take it out of government and turn it over to private enterprise with each employee standing on his own ability. The practice of discrimination against the American system each time we win the Presidency must stop.

Yours very truly,

R. "Hap" Northern
R. "Hap" Northern
President

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MEMORANDUM

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THE WHITE HOUSE

WASHINGTON

July 2, 1970

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Rudolph, Berri
Whitbred, Howard T.

To: Tod R. Hullin

regarding the letter from ^X augmentation inc. i have now acknowledged it
and sent copies to runsfeld, garment and krogh

cc runsfeld
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robert podesta

Tod R. Hullin

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GENERAL

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July 7, 1970

Dear Bill:

Thank you for your letter commenting on the complaints regarding Star Route service in Mr. Hammerschmidt's district. I know that this type of service has been under review and reorganization in various areas throughout the country. However, I am asking Paul Carlin at the Post Office Department to contact you directly to see if the problems which you outline can be worked out. I do appreciate your bringing this to our attention.

COMMENT

With warm regard,

Sincerely,

William E. Timmons
Assistant to the President

Mr. C. William Cardin
Administrative Assistant to the
Honorable John Paul Hammerschmidt
House of Representatives
Washington, D. C.

bcc: w/inc to POD (Paul Carlin) for DIRECT ACTION

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RESOLUTION NO. 1

WHEREAS The Honorable Richard M. Nixon, President of the United States of America and the Honorable Winton M. Blount, our distinguished Postmaster General and his staff, have demonstrated intense concern and interest for the improvement of the Postal Service and most particularly for the welfare of all employees

THEREFORE be it resolved that the Louisiana Chapter of the National Association of Postmasters in convention assembled in New Orleans this 10th day of June, 1970 extend to President Nixon and to Postmaster General Blount and his staff most sincere gratitude for their efforts in improving and modernizing the postal service, and also for their concern for the welfare of postal employees. In order to demonstrate our appreciation we hereby pledge our continued loyalty and assistance in enhancing the policies of the Post Office Department and the welfare of these United States.

This resolution was passed unanimously by the delegation in convention at New Orleans, Louisiana June 10, 1970, and is certified to be a true copy.

Ned L. Arceneaux
Ned L. Arceneaux
Secretary-Treasurer

June 10, 1970

*Louisiana Chapter NAPWS
Lafayette, Louisiana 70501*

GENERAL

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July 15, 1970

Dear Congressman Schmitz:

I am pleased to acknowledge, on the President's behalf, your letter of recommendation for Mr. Ray Gaines, President of the Stamp Operators Association of America.

Should an Advisory Council be established, pursuant to the provisions of H.R. 17070, every consideration will be given to Mr. Gaines for appointment to the Council membership.

Mr. Gaines' qualifications will be properly evaluated pending passage of the Postal Reform Bill and subsequent creation of the Advisory Council.

Thank you for writing.

Sincerely,

William H. Timmons
Assistant to the President

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Honorable John G. Schmitz
House of Representatives
Washington, D.C. 20515

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July 17, 1970

Dear Don:

Postmaster General Winton Blount has given the attached first day cover to me and I thought perhaps you would enjoy having it. This stamp, issued on July 9, commemorates 150 years of Maine Statehood. The design for the stamp is based on Edward Hopper's painting, "The Lighthouse at Two Lights, Maine."

With best wishes,

Sincerely,

Herbert G. Klein
Director of Communications
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Mr. Donald R. Larrabee
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With best wishes,

Sincerely,

Herbert G. Klein
Director of Communications
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390 Congress Street
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Dear Cam:

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Sincerely,

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Mr. Campbell K. Niven
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Dear Mr. Murphy:

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With best wishes,

Sincerely,

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Mr. John K. Murphy
Managing Editor
Portland Press Herald
390 Congress Street
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GENERAL

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July 17, 1970

Dear Paul:

Many thanks for sharing with me Mr. *R. Harp*
Northern's very thoughtful letter con-
cerning the postal system. This has
proved to be a very sticky wicket.
But President Nixon and Mr. Northern
have the same objective: total postal
reform.

Sincerely,

Bryce

Bryce N. Harlow
Counsellor to the President

Honorable Paul ^X Findley
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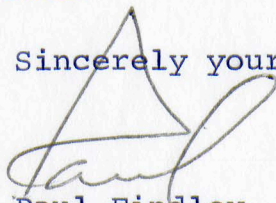
Dear Bryce:

The basic approach in postal policy still is causing heavy storms in my district. An example is the enclosed letter just received from R. Hap Northern who is not only president of the Republican County Chairmen's Association of Illinois, but also chairman of the Republican Central Committee of Adams County which has my second largest city, Quincy, in it.

It's my belief, Bryce, that few people in national leadership truly appreciate the importance of postmaster and rural carrier positions in the small communities of the United States. These jobs carry high prestige and are considered to be about the best jobs around. Such is not true, I am sure, in larger communities.

While it may well be far too late to reconsider this basic policy, I did want you to have these thoughts and those of Mr. Northern. Thanks so much.

Sincerely yours,



Paul Findley
Representative in Congress

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Enclosure



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THE REPUBLICAN COUNTY CHAIRMEN'S ASSOCIATION OF ILLINOIS

June 26, 1970

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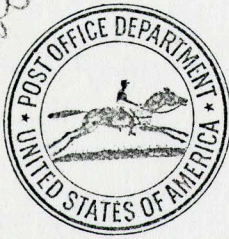
It is high time that this government considers the people that it serves rather than organized, pressurized postal employees. With 4,000 acting postmasters in the United States, 203 in Illinois, I restate my original charge. If the Postal Department is to be taken out of politics then take it out of government and turn it over to private enterprise with each employee standing on his own ability. The practice of discrimination against the American system each time we win the Presidency must stop.

Yours very truly,

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President

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THE POSTMASTER GENERAL
WASHINGTON, D. C. 20260

July 22, 1970

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Dear Pat:

Thanks for sending me the exchange which appeared in the July 18 issue of the New Republic. Your statement was beautiful. So many extremists on both sides do great damage to the issues which they espouse. It's too bad.

Sincerely,

Winton M. Blount

The Honorable Daniel P. Moynihan
Counsellor to the President
The White House
Washington, D. C. 20500

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July 22, 1970

Dear Sam:

You recently wrote regarding an article which appeared in the publication of the Buckeye Branch 78, NALC. I have just learned that this is being currently looked into in the hope that there will be no recurrence in the future. I thought you would be interested in receiving this information.

With warm regard,

Sincerely,

William E. Timmons
Assistant to the President

Honorable Samuel L. Devine
House of Representatives
Washington, D.C. 20515

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Mr. J. V. Burton, President
Laramie Warehousing Corporation
Box 749
Laramie, Wyoming 82070

Dear Mr. Burton:

The White House has asked me to acknowledge your letter to Jeremiah Milbank, Jr., which was brought directly to their attention by Rogers C. B. Morton, chairman of the Republican National Committee.

This Administration believes that the reorganization of the postal system is vital to the improvement of postal service. What has been suggested in the Administration bill, basically, is that collective bargaining 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.

As you may know, two postal reorganization proposals are now awaiting action of a conference committee in Congress. The House proposal contains a "right-to-refrain" provision. The Senate provision simply offers a provision which permits the postal commission and employees to bargain collectively over the union shop issue.

We hope to see soon the passage of an acceptable form of the postal legislation so that the important work of reorganization can begin.

Thank you for letting the Administration have the benefit of your thinking.

Sincerely,

W. J. Usery, Jr.

cc: Mr. John D. Ehrlichman
The White House
Washington, D. C.

Honorable Rogers C. B. Morton
Chairman, Republican National Committee
Washington, D. C.

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July 15, 1970

Dear Mr. Chairman:

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John Ehrlichman has asked me to reply to your note of July 6th regarding a letter received by Mr. Milbank from Mr. Burton, J.V. of the Laramie Warehousing Corporation.

Mr. Burton's letter has been referred to the Secretary of Labor for a direct reply, with an information copy to be sent to you.

Sincerely yours,

Tod R. Hullin
Administrative Assistant to
John D. Ehrlichman

Honorable Rogers C. B. Morton
Chairman, Republican National Committee
1625 Eye Street, N. W.
Washington, D. C. 20006

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THE WHITE HOUSE OFFICE

REFERRAL

To: Honorable James Hodgson
Secretary of Labor

Date: July 15, 1970

ACTION REQUESTED

- ☐ Draft reply for:
- ☐ President's signature.
- ☐ Undersigned's signature.
- ☐ Memorandum for use as enclosure to reply.
- ☒ Direct reply.
- ☐ Furnish information copy.
- ☐ Suitable acknowledgment or other appropriate handling.
- ☐ Furnish copy of reply, if any.
- ☐ For your information.
- ☐ For comment.

NOTE

Prompt action is essential.

If more than 48 hours' delay is encountered, please telephone the undersigned immediately, Code 1450.

Basic correspondence should be returned when draft reply, memorandum, or comment is requested.

REMARKS:

Please send information copy also to Hon. Rogers. C. B. Morton, Chairman, Republican National Committee

Description:

☒ Letter: ☐ Telegram; Other:

To: Jeremiah Milbank, Jr., Chairman, Republican National Finance Comm.

From: J. V. Burton, President, Laramie Warehousing Corporation, Box 749

Date: June 18 Laramie, Wyoming 82070

Subject: unionism and closed shop provision in postal reform

By direction of the President:

John D. Ehrlichman (by Tod R. Hullin)

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(Copy to remain with correspondence)

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Republican
National
Committee.

July 6, 1970

Rogers C. B. Morton, Chairman.

Mr. John Ehrlichman
Assistant to the President
for Domestic Affairs
The White House
Washington, D. C.

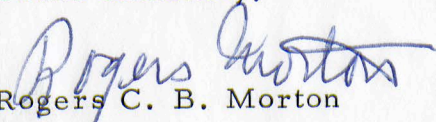
Dear Mr. Ehrlichman:

Enclosed find a copy of a letter Jeremiah Milbank, Jr., Chairman of the Republican National Finance Committee, received from J. V. Burton, President of the Laramie Warehousing Corporation in Laramie, Wyoming.

Mr. Burton's letter is self-explanatory and I would appreciate your replying directly to him.

With a sincere sense of appreciation for your always fine follow through.

Yours sincerely,


Rogers C. B. Morton

RCBM/ge
Encl.

LARAMIE WAREHOUSING CORPORATION

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June 18, 1970.

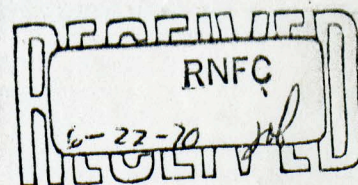
J. V. BURTON,
Pres. & Executive Mgr.

W. B. LUDWIG,
Vice President

JACK DICKENS,
Secretary

A. R. CORSEBERG,
Treasurer

To Mr. Banks
Mr. Jeremiah Milbank, Jr. Chairman
Republican National Finance Committee
1625 Eye Street, NW
Washington, D.C. 20006



Dear Mr. Milbank:

Your splendid letter of April 30, 1970 soliciting funds "which President Nixon, so urgently needs and has so fully earned" was received and frankly if it had not been for a fast developing "wait and see attitude" caused by our Presidents not taking a stand publicly on the biggest inflation force.....UNIONISM and also the CLOSED SHOP PROVISION in Postal Reform, I would gladly have written you a check.

I am terribly disturbed by the enclosed item in Newsweek June 22nd issue page 13. I do not believe everything I read, is true BUT if it is true our President has had the audacity TO MAKE A DEAL WITH GEORGE MEANY and break faith with the Republicans contributed, worked for and supported him and our Republican Party Platform which states

"We pledge to protect federal employees in the exercise of their right freely and without fear of penalty or reprisal to form, join or assist any employee organization or to refrain from any such activities"

I travel this country from coast to coast frequently, and if the enclosed is true you can count me and millions of others....OUT OF THE PARTY....for money and assistance.

It was quite obvious that Unions could not elect Humphry and you will see voters with "anti-compulsion" convictions fight for their Constitutional Freedoms, as never before.

I look forward to your assurance that the enclosed is NOT TRUE and public evidence that our President is still in control of Postal Reform on an equal rights open shop basis.

Sincerely,

J. V. Burton
J.V. Burton, President

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THE PERISCOPE

LUNG POWER VS. HORSEPOWER

Sen. Edmund Muskie now maintains that the air in U.S. cities can and should be cleaned up enough within three years to meet minimum standards of the U.S. Department of Health, Education and Welfare. To accomplish this, Muskie and colleagues on his air and water pollution subcommittee are drawing up, behind closed doors, a bill so stringent that the only way its provisions could be carried out would be to restrict use of automobiles in the streets of America's major cities. In sharp contrast to the present law, which sets no nationwide pollution levels or deadlines, and is not geared to public health requirements, Muskie's bill would set a single U.S. ambient air standard aimed at ending air pollution as a threat to health. Muskie, who previously had taken a gradualist approach to restoring the environment, decided to draft a tough bill after he asked HEW experts when the air in American cities would reach safe levels under existing law. The answer: not before 1990.

NIXON: MEANY MEANS IT, SO DO I

President Nixon has warned Congressional leaders that he will veto postal reform legislation if Congress insists on open-shop provisions for postal workers. The reason for the President's adamant stand: AFL-CIO president George Meany helped end last March's wildcat post-office strike by agreeing to back a deal that included a union shop for postal workers if they voted for it. Said Mr. Nixon: "When George Meany makes a deal, he keeps his word, and I intend to keep mine."

HANOI NEGOTIATOR: FIELD RESEARCH?

Le Duc Tho, North Vietnam's chief strategist at the Paris peace talks, has not been seen in public for more than two months, and U.S. intelligence officers in Saigon theorize that he may be observing—or even helping to direct—Communist operations in South Vietnam or Cambodia. Tho, a member of the Hanoi Politburo and a leading party theoretician, served in both countries during the war against the French.

A MIXED MESSAGE FOR THE MEDIA

A MIXED MESSAGE FOR THE MEDIA

Contrary to earlier expectations, Washington experts now believe the Federal Communications Commission may eventually approve a controversial proposal that would require any newspaper publisher who also owns a radio or television station in his city to sell off all but one of his

The commission may, however, take some of the sting out of this requirement: it is considering the idea of allowing newspapers to acquire cable television lines in their own cities, and some television experts maintain that within ten years cable TV will be far bigger than broadcast TV

DE GAULLE: MISSION TO MAO

Former French President Charles de Gaulle has told friends that he hopes to meet China's Chairman Mao Tse-tung "before I die." Since de Gaulle is an inveterate traveler and Mao has seldom left China, the meeting, if it could be arranged, probably would be in Peking. De Gaulle has always admired Mao as a statesman of world stature.

PRO-NASSER PLOT AGAINST FAISAL?

King Faisal of Saudi Arabia, who purged his air force after a reported assassination attempt against him at Riyadh airport a year ago, is now said to be contending with an attempted coup by a dissident faction of the Saudi royal family. The princes conspiring against Faisal want their country to establish much closer ties with President Gamal Abdel Nasser of Egypt; though Saudi Arabia has been furnishing the U.A.R. and Jordan with a \$150 million annual subsidy since the 1967 war with Israel, Faisal has always kept Nasser at arm's length.

WOMANPOWER IN CONGRESS HIERARCHY

Michigan Congresswoman Martha Griffiths is actively seeking the post of Democratic whip, the third highest in the House leadership hierarchy. At present, the job is appointive, but it may become elective under a proposed rules change. In either event, Mrs. Griffiths is lining up support among her colleagues and is also asking organized labor for its endorsement. If she is successful she will become the first woman to join the House leadership.

PRIMARIES: STATUS QUO ANTE

Whatever winds of change may be blowing across the United States, the voters have been sticking to the status quo in Congressional primaries. Of the 204 incumbent congressmen involved in primaries so far, all but three have won renomination. And of the ten United States senators who so far have gone before the voters for renomination, all but one (Ralph Yarborough of Texas) have been unopposed or have

July 23, 1970

Dear Mr. Reuben:

Samuel

On behalf of President Nixon, I should like to thank you for your letter of June 16.

The postal service, as I am sure you know, is badly in need of overhaul. One of the Administration's primary domestic goals is postal reform and, after a long struggle, we appear to be on the verge of success. Both Houses of Congress have passed reform bills and the differences between the two versions are now being worked out in a conference committee.

One of the serious problems in the postal service is that wages are set by Congress and the postal unions are therefore largely political organizations. It has long been apparent that if management and unions negotiated wages and other matters directly, across the bargaining table, there could be some hope of securing from the unions productivity increases in return for wage increases. Collective bargaining is thus an important management objective, not in any sense a concession to unions.

The problems in converting a 730,000-man work force to a new relationship with management are obviously formidable. In May 1969, when President Nixon sent his postal reform proposal to Congress, he called for collective bargaining under the same general rules as in the private sector, except that in lieu of the right to strike, binding arbitration would be used to resolve impasses between the parties. One consequence of the adoption of the rules applicable to the private sector is that the question of a union shop would become a bargainable issue in the negotiations between the parties (except in the 19 states which have right-to-work laws).

Unfortunately, publicity about this issue has almost eclipsed the central question of reform of the postal service. On the one hand some union spokesmen have argued that federal employees should in no way be subject to state laws, and that a union shop, if established, should operate throughout the nation. On the other hand, those who favor a national right-to-work law have seen in postal reform a precedent which will either advance their cause or set it back, depending upon how the right-to-work issue is resolved.

As you know, the House bill contains a right-to-work provision and the Senate bill does not. The House, in naming its conferees, instructed them to insist on retention of the right-to-work provision. It would be inappropriate for me to speculate on how the conferees might resolve this difference. We are confident, however, that workable, and equitable, postal reform legislation will be enacted in the near future.

With the President's best wishes,

Sincerely,

Noble M. Melencamp
Staff Assistant
to the President

Mr. Samuel Reubens
806 East Monroe Circle
North Hills
Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania 15229

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July 30, 1970

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Dwyer, William F.

DEAR FRANK:

Dear Frank:

Thank you for your letter of July 10 concerning a possible ceremony in Rochester, New York for the forthcoming Woman Suffrage stamp. I have been advised by the Post Office Department that a special ceremony will be held in Rochester on August 27, 1970.

This would be a second-day ceremony, designed to recognize and pay tribute to the city where Susan B. xAnthony lived and worked for some forty years.

I understand that the Post Office Department will be contacting you directly about the details of the ceremony.

I hope that these plans are satisfactory from your standpoint.

With best wishes,

Sincerely,

Herbert G. Klein
Director of Communications
for the Executive Branch

Honorable Frank^x Horton
Congress of the United States
House of Representatives
Washington, D. C. 20515

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Dear Mrs. Sager:

President Nixon has received the resolution adopted by your organization. He asked me to send you this note of thanks and appreciation for the warm personal sentiments and the expression of confidence and support it conveys.

Sincerely,

Noble M. Melencamp
Staff Assistant
to the President

Mrs. Betty Sager
Secretary - Treasurer
National Association of Postmasters
Post Office Box 1
Powder River, Wyoming 82648

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August 4, 1970

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Dear Jack:

Sorry we were not able to get together when you were in Washington. I would have enjoyed an exchange of ideas.

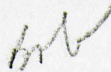
Your good wishes and kind offer of assistance are very much appreciated. As you know, I would most certainly call on you should the need arise.

I am genuinely enjoying the challenges of my broader responsibilities as Counsellor to the President. The post permits me to address a wide range of the nation's problems and hopefully work toward their solution.

Thank you also for bringing me up to date on the Post Office facility in Willowbrook.

Warmest personal regards,

Sincerely,



Robert H. Finch
Counsellor to the President

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Mr. Jack B. Beardwood
Senior Vice President
X Welton Becket and Associates
10000 Santa Monica Boulevard
Los Angeles, California 90025

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August 5, 1970

Dear Dumitru:

Many thanks for your letter of July 28 recommending Dean Murville for the position of Special Assistant to the Postmaster General for International Affairs. I will be delighted to give this one a push and hope the man and the job can be matched.

With best wishes,

Sincerely,

Herbert G. Klein
Director of Communications
for the Executive Branch

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Mr. Dumitru Danielopol
X Copley News Service
Washington Bureau
Davis Building, Suite 1200
1029 K Street, N.W.
Washington, D. C. 20006

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August 11, 1970

MEMORANDUM FOR JIM HOLLAND^X
Public Information Officer
Post Office Department

FROM: W. Richard Howard
Assistant to the Director
of Communications for the
Executive Branch

I need an answer fast (hopefully positive) to my request
that the Postmaster General drop by a reception in
Chicago, Illinois, for MacGregor on the evening of
August 20!

We did not fill this one!
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CONG. CLARK^X MAC GREGOR

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August 13, 1970

Dear Mr. Postmaster General:

Enclosed are a few of the color snapshots
of the Eisenhower stamp presentation
which I thought you might like to have for
your collection.

Best regards,

Ollie
Ollie Atkins

*
Honorable Winton M. Blount
The Postmaster General
Washington, D. C.

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The Postmaster General
Washington, D.C. 20260

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August 17, 1970

MEMORANDUM FOR JOHN D. EHRLICHMAN

I agree completely with the letter to the President from
Congressmen Udall and Henderson (copy attached). I
think this is of overriding importance and represents a
real danger that we must take into consideration.

Winton M. Blount

Enclosure

✓ CC: Honorable Peter M. Flanigan
Assistant to the President

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Dear Mr. McCarthy:

Thank you very much for your letter of August 14 regarding annuities for retired disabled civil servants.

I am forwarding your letter to the Office of the Postmaster General and am certain you will be hearing from the Department soon in answer to your questions regarding the Postal Reform.

Your expression of support is very much appreciated, however I would like to assure you of my continued confidence in Senator Murphy, as a capable Senator and a man of good health.

With all best wishes to you,

Sincerely,

Robert H. Finch

Counsellor to the President

Mr. V. P. McCarthy
250-55th Street, North
St. Petersburg, Florida

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bcc: Post Office Dept. Attention: Ken Hauseman
Bureau of Personnel
for direct reply

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August 25, 1970

Dear Mr. Keeney:

John Ehrlichman has asked me to express his appreciation for your letter of August 20 in which you recommended Mr. Edward M. Kriz as a Rate Commissioner within the postal service.

Additionally, Mr. Ehrlichman appreciates having your endorsement of Mr. William Joseph Keating as Managing Director for the Interstate Commerce Commission.

Your letter has been forwarded to Peter Flanigan and the Postmaster General for their consideration. Thanks for bringing these men to our attention.

Sincerely yours,

Tod R. Hullin
Administrative Assistant to
John D. Ehrlichman

Mr. Eugene Adams Keeney, President
American Retail Federation
1616 H Street, N. W.
Washington, D. C. 20006

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Postmaster General (with copy of incoming)
Peter Flanigan (with copy of incoming)

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EUGENE ADAMS KEENEY
PRESIDENT

August 20, 1970

John D. Ehrlichman
Assistant to the President
for Domestic Affairs
The White House
Washington, D. C.

Dear John:

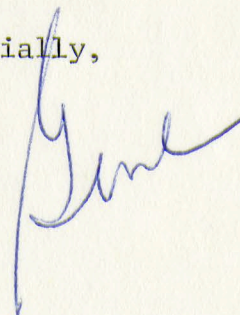
As you know, the Federation was deeply involved in the recent legislation to reform the Post Office Department. Realizing now that the positions of leadership which were outlined by the legislation will now need to be filled, I would like to offer a nomination. It is important that these positions be filled with highly qualified individuals.

I would like to bring one such individual to your attention. He is Mr. Edward M. Kriz. I believe that Mr. Kriz' expertise in postal organization, rates and classification would make him an excellent Rate Commissioner. I do hope that you will give serious consideration to Mr. Kriz.

There is another vacancy within the Executive Branch for which I would like to recommend another highly qualified individual. This vacancy exists in the Office of Managing Director of the Interstate Commerce Commission. For this position I would hope that you could consider Mr. William Joseph Keating. Mr. Keating has a diverse military background in the areas of management, planning, and organization. He is also a member of the Bar and I am sure would be an outstanding Managing Director for the Interstate Commerce Commission.

I hope these two individuals will be high on your list of considered applicants in filling the present vacancies. I will, of course, be most happy to provide you with any additional information you may require.

Cordially,





Office of the Postmaster General
Washington, D.C. 20260

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August 26, 1970

Mr. Andrew J. May
Photographic Office
The White House
Washington, DC 20500

Dear Mr. May:

It has been requested of this office by the Postmaster General's office, that we provide them with photos of the signing of the Postal Reform Bill, here in the Department on August 12, 1970.

The Photo Number is 4130, frame 11-A, 8 x 10 print 1 copy. The photograph is of President Nixon, Postmaster General Blount and his top staff.

Thanks for your help.

Sincerely,

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Carl M. Patterson
Carl M. Patterson
Chief

Photographic Branch

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