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

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January 6, 1970.

Mr. Bryce N. Harlow
Counsellor to the President
The White House
Washington, D. C.

Dear Bryce:

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Always with warm regards,

Sincerely,

H. R. Gross

HRG/d

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JANUARY 6, 1970

THE HONORABLE RICHARD M. NIXON
President of the United States
Winter Executive Mansion
San Clemente, California

Dear Mr. President,

We are postal workers working in the Terminal Annex in Los Angeles, California 90054. We have handled the immense volume of mail during this holiday season and have found a situation that may be of interest to you and the majority of our fellow Americans.

It distresses us to see that an great deal of letters sent to our servicemen overseas is unsolicited advertising for smut mailings. We have found that some firms dealing on material bordering on pornography, mail huge amounts of solicitation to APO and FPO addresses. It seemed to us at the time this mail was being distributed that it even exceeded the quantity of mail from home.

Our opinion is that a great deal of our fighting men are under the age of twenty one, which this material is being directed. It was therefore that we have felt that it was important that you be apprised of the hereinaforesaid matter.

Thanking you for your interest in the hereinabove context and your efforts to stamp out smut, We are,

very respectfully yours,

Ernest A. Quan
ERNEST A. QUAN

1745 W. 43rd Street
Los Angeles, California 90062

Phillip L. Outman
13521 Cohasset St.
Van Nuys, Calif. 91405

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Saturday Review

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^x
William D. Patterson
Publisher

January 14, 1970

Mr. Daniel P. Moynihan
Executive Office of the President
The White House
Washington, D. C. 20025

Dear Mr. Moynihan:

The postal reform bill recently failed to move to the floor of Congress, as you know, because of the tie vote in the House Post Office Committee.

This excellent measure is not, however, a dead issue. Far from it, the consensus of newsmen and other observers on The Hill is that it will pass eventually, in one form or another.

In this connection, I should like to call your attention to a provocative editorial in the enclosed January 17th issue of Saturday Review entitled "Patronage, Privilege, and Postal Service," by SR's Communications Editor, Richard L. Tobin. We believe you will find his reasoning sound and that it may help move this vital bill toward a new vote where the tie will be broken and full debate can at last begin on the floor of House.

With cordial regards,

Sincerely,

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GENERAL EDITOR

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January 17, 1970

Dear Mr. Hetrick:

John Ehrlichman has asked me to express his appreciation for your letter of January 15th regarding your proposal for revamping the postal system.

Mr. Ehrlichman most appreciates having your views and has asked that your letter be forwarded to the appropriate staff members for their interest and consideration.

Thank you for bringing this to our attention.

Sincerely yours,

Tod R. Hullin
Administrative Assistant to
John D. Ehrlichman

Mr. Harry Hetrick^x
1874 Lincoln Street
Bethlehem, Pennsylvania 18017

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UNIVERSAL MAILING PLAN.

All mailing addresses or plot plans of all Zip Code Districts shall be assigned a permanent number. The numbers shall be duplicated in every Zip Code district. Mail shall be addressed to the number; not the person. If a person moves from that number, they shall adopt the number into which they moved. Mail can be addressed to the person, department, apartment etc. along the bottom edge of the envelope.

All mail shall be addressed in the following manner. Eight spaces from the top edge of an ordinary letter shall be the State number. Eight spaces directly below that shall be the home or business address number. Eight spaces directly below that shall be the Postal Facility number; and eight spaces directly below that shall be the Zip Code number. All of these numbers shall be written or typed in magnetic ink. Your return address on the reverse side of the envelope shall be placed as above.

Every State shall be assigned a number in the sequence they entered the union. If the Postal authorities should wish to extend this part of the system; they could issue regulations that all foreign countries be given a number to expedite the flow of foreign mail.

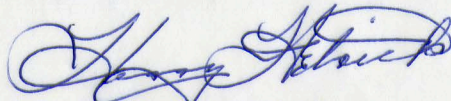
When a letter is received in any Postal Handling Centre it shall be run through the State machine/Then thru a machine that will separate the mail by Postal Facility number. On arriving at the Postal facility it shall be run thru the Zip Code machine. Then into the home addressing sorter that will not only sort the mail but shall put into sequence for delivery. When one Zip Code district is cased. The machine can be given new shuttles to handle another district. In our postal facility they handle about a dozen Zip Code districts. It is known as the Lehigh Valley Postal Facility.

This plan will reduce the number of people handling mail by thousands. It will expedite the flow of mail, so that perhaps we can again receive two daily deliveries.

Rules and regulations must be established for the type of envelopes permitted in relation to size. All addresses must be within a space of forty spaces from the bottom edge of the envelope. Because when the mail is passing thru the scanning shuttles everything is shielded from the electric eyes but the State, home, postal facility, or the Zip Code number. The spacing of eight spaces apart permits human error some degree of error.

The postal system has machines that can read Philadelphia spelled forty different ways. With this system the post man would not have to decipher anymore handwriting. All the machine needs to do is read figures. Banks have machines that sort our checks. This system can be applied to the postal system and we all shall benefit greatly.

In my proposal I stated that I expect to be paid a FINDERS FEE for this idea if adopted. To be paid to me or my estate.



Harry Hetrick

1874 Lincoln St.
Bethlehem Pa. 18017

JAN 17 1970

Hon. John D. Ehrlichman
Asst. to the President
White House
Washington D.C.

Jan. 15/70
1874 Lincoln St
Bethlehem Pa 18017

My Dear Sir;- Attached to this letter is correspondence that is self explanatory. This is in regard to a mailing system, enclosed, that shall revamp the postal system. This is one of the Presidents ambitions, and as a good Republican I can do all I can to help achieve that ambition. What I am afraid of is that the Bureaucrats in the Postal System will not give this plan proper consideration, because it will greatly reduce the number of employees in the system. I sent the plan to the Postmaster General, and told him I had sent it to Philadelphia. An underling replied telling me he sent it to Philadelphia also. So around we go.

When you give this plan proper study. Would you please call it to the attention of the President. I know it will work, because the machinery exists today to make it work. Thanking you in advance for any courtesy shown, and for your time in reading this. I am

Respectfully yours,



Harry Hetrick

5 State Number

60 Home number

7 Postal Facility number

18017 Zip Code number

UNITED STATES POST OFFICE
Bethlehem, Pa. 18016

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IN REPLY REFER TO
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September 12, 1969

Mr. Harry Hetrick
1874 Lincoln Street
Bethlehem, Pa. 18017

Dear Mr. Hetrick:

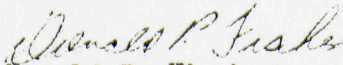
Thank you for your suggestion dated, September 10, 1969.

We are required to forward patron suggestions through our Philadelphia Regional Office, this has been done today.

You should hear from them in the near future. They will keep you informed of the progress and decision reached as a result of the evaluation of this suggestion.

Thank you for your interest in the Postal service.

Sincerely yours,


Donald P. Fischer,
Postmaster

POST OFFICE DEPARTMENT
PHILADELPHIA REGIONAL OFFICE
GENERAL POST OFFICE BUILDING
PHILADELPHIA, PA. 19104

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September 17, 1969

Mr. Harry Hetrick
1874 Lincoln Street
Bethlehem, Pa. 18017

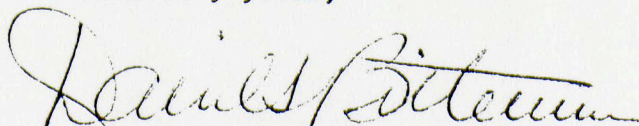
Dear Mr. Hetrick:

Your letter of September 10, 1969, addressed to the Postmaster, Lehigh Valley Facility, Post Office Department, has been referred to this office for study.

We have presented your proposal to the appropriate postal officials for their review and comments.

We will advise you any decisions just as soon as we are informed.

Sincerely yours,



David S. Bitterman
Suggestions and Awards Administrator

POST OFFICE DEPARTMENT

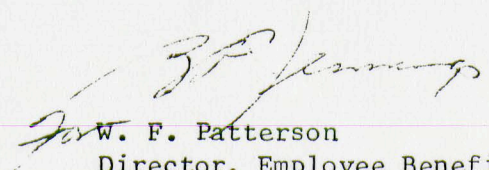
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ATTN OF: P:EB&S:HM: jr
SUBJECT: Suggestion

P O. CL:

TO: Mr. Harry Hetrick
1874 Lincoln Street
Bethlehem, Pennsylvania 18017

This will acknowledge receipt of your letter of December 1 addressed to the Postmaster General concerning your suggestion for a universal plan for mail addressing.

I am forwarding your letter to the Suggestions and Awards Administrator, Philadelphia, for appropriate attention. I am sure that your comments will be carefully considered.


W. F. Patterson
Director, Employee Benefits
and Services Division
Bureau of Personnel

POST OFFICE DEPARTMENT
PHILADELPHIA REGIONAL OFFICE
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PHILADELPHIA, PA. 19104

December 31, 1969

Mr. Harry Hetrick
1874 Lincoln Street
Bethlehem, Pa. 18017

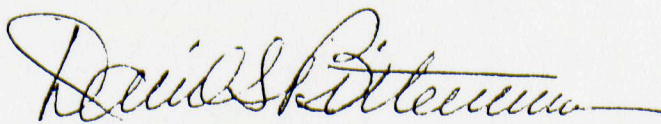
Dear Mr. Hetrick:

On September 17, 1969 I advised you that your proposal of a universal plan to expedite the flow and casing of mail by using scanning machines had been given to the postal official most familiar with your subject for his study.

Since that correspondence the Philadelphia Regional office has been reorganized and relocated, which has caused considerable delays in receiving complete studies of proposals such as yours.

We hope that in the very near future we will, once again, be operating effectively and in a position to advise you of the merits of your idea.

Sincerely yours,



David S. Bitterman
Suggestions and Awards Administrator

January 27, 1970

Dear Mr. Brooks:

On behalf of the President, permit me to thank you for your letter addressed to him of January 20, 1970.

In addition, permit me to assure you that the points you raised regarding H.R. 15439 are being carefully considered by this Administration with the objective of developing the most effective and successful postal systems in this country's history.

In the meantime, permit me to thank you for having taken the time to outline your views to the President on this vital matter and let me assure you that we appreciate your concern and assistance.

With President Nixon's best wishes, I am

Sincerely,

Harry S. Dent
Special Counsel to the President

Mr. Leslie Brooks
Leslie Brooks & Associates, Inc.
Post Office Box 4429
Tulsa, Oklahoma 74104

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January 20, 1970

Hon. Richard Nixon
President, United States of America
White House
Washington, D. C. 20500

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Mr. President, the Republican party keeps writing me for contributions to help elect a Republic Congress, but your actions make me wonder if there is any use.

The latest is your reported endorsement of a newly introduced postal reform bill H.R. 15430 which would aid in putting all post office workers under compulsory unionism.

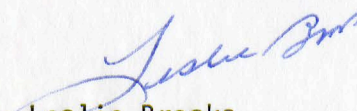
If the ultimate of the loss of freedom to join or not join a union is obtained neither the presidency nor congress elected by the people will have any say so.

Feudal lords, called Labor Union Leaders, will have the power and we the people including the workers forced to be union members will be caught in the cross fire as Unions fight among themselves.

Your endorsement conflicts with your recent executive order along the line of John F. Kennedy's which forbid compulsory Unionism. So it makes some of us in the boon docks wonder whether you stand for principle or for expediency.

Also, the Republican Party platform, which you endorsed, promised freedom of choice to join or not join a union, if I remember correctly.

What are we, who I think you believe are the silent majority, to think? Are we getting anywhere in supporting the Republican party and its candidates in an effort to conserve the Constitution and save America.


Leslie Brooks

LEB/vt

CC: Page Belcher
Henry Bellmon

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House of Representatives, U.S.

WASHINGTON, D.C. 20515

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OFFICIAL BUSINESS

J. H. P. Gross

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Bryce: As a friendly reminder, I hope you won't mind my calling your attention to the attached. I know the Congressman would be available to consult with you most any time. If you need a briefing on his current thinking re postal reform, let me know!

Bob

File/ No response needed

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January 6, 1970.

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Washington, D. C.

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HRG/d

Dear H. R.:

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But I write mainly to say thanks for sharing with me your admonitory and pungent communication to Red Blount, wherein you call for Action Now on postmaster appointments.

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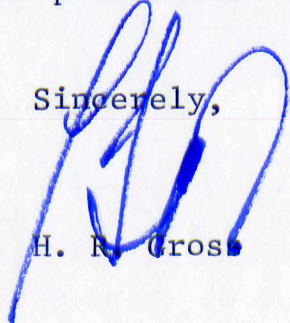
Dear Bryce:

Please note the enclosed copy of my letter to
the Postmaster General.

The situation at the Post Office Department
ought to be of concern to the White House.
Liaison between the Department and Capitol
Hill is extremely poor. It defies the imag-
ination, but I actually received better ser-
vice when the Democrats were in power!

Moreover, Republican Party leaders at the
local level (in Iowa at least) are upset,
frustrated and downright furious over some
of the appointments as officers-in-charge
which have been made. And when you look at
the makeup of the St. Louis regional selec-
tion board, I fear the situation will not
improve when permanent postmasters are final-
ly selected.

Sincerely,



H. R. Gross

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The Honorable Winton M. Blount

December 17, 1969.

either their confirmation or elimination of the requirement for confirmation.

Your personal attention to this matter will be appreciated.

Sincerely,

H. R. Gross

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✓ bcc: Mr. Bryce N. Harlow
Counsellor to the President
The White House
Washington, D. C.

January 2, 1970

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Bryce N. Harlow
Counsellor to the President

Honorable H.R. Gross
U.S. House of Representatives
Washington, D. C. 20515

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December 17, 1969.

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

Dear Mr. Blount:

Seldom does a day go by that I do not receive inquiries from concerned citizens of Iowa communities who cannot understand the "footdragging" on the part of the Post Office Department in the appointment of postmasters.

There are well over 100 postmaster vacancies in the State, and I must say that it is no credit to the Nixon administration that to date not a single permanent postmaster nomination has been submitted to the Senate for confirmation. I recall that President Eisenhower sent his first list of nominees to the Senate in June of 1953 and President Kennedy had his first list ready in April of 1961.

It is quite obvious that this holdup is deliberate; that you are awaiting the enactment of legislation to abolish Senate confirmation. My amendment to the postal reform bill (H.R. 4), which was adopted, would eliminate such confirmation, so it ought to be perfectly obvious that I favor this move.

However, I believe it is absolutely wrong for you to continue to hold up appointments, for it is apparent that congressional action to eliminate Senate confirmation is not imminent. While it is possible that some nominations would be blocked by Democrat Senators, I am confident that most would be confirmed.

Moreover, there is nothing to stop you from designating those individuals who are selected for permanent postmaster positions as officers-in-charge or acting postmasters pending

2509 N.W. 65th Avenue
Margate, Florida 33063

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February 24, 1970

The President
The White House
Washington, D.C. 20025

Mr. President:

The undersigned residents of Margate, Florida and environs respectfully call to your attention the fact that there is a dire need for a modern Postal Facility in this area which would serve approximately 15,000 people.

For several years, promises have been made to alleviate the almost intolerable condition that prevails but to date there is no evidence of any relief in sight.

At present we must queue up into a very small, unclean and poorly lighted partitioned area of a local merchant's establishment. During the recent yule season, the line reached out onto the sidewalk with little or no protection from the elements. Our only alternative is to drive several miles to other cities where ideal postal services are available but this is a definite hardship to many of our citizens.

With due respect, we most earnestly request that you deeply consider our petition for a suitable Post Office in Margate, Florida in the near future.

Respectfully submitted,

Mellie D Bone

Mrs. Malcolm^x Bone, Committee Chairman
2509 N.W. 65th Avenue
Margate, Florida 33063

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Charles Kriebel

GENERAL

PA 2-6

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PO

March 3, 1970

Dear Congressman Schadeberg:

HENRY C.

The President has asked me to respond further to your letter concerning identical House Resolutions 797 and 804, which would establish a Select Committee to study the pornography industry.

The widespread distribution of salacious materials is disturbing to many Americans. They have evidenced this concern by writing to public officials at all levels of government and by issuing complaints with the Post Office Department by the hundreds of thousands. I am sure that your constituents must have sought your advice on how to cope with companies who send filthy advertisements into their homes, and sometimes to young children.

This Administration's approach to this national problem has two aspects. First, we have placed emphasis on the enforcement of the present laws against the interstate distribution of obscenity (18 U.S.C. 1461, et seq.). This effort has resulted in indictments against major distributors at the rate of more than one a month since January, 1969. Second, we have recommended legislation to complement the present law in areas where the problem is most acute.

Following the President's Message on this subject on May 2, 1969, the Administration submitted three legislative proposals to the Congress, one by the Postmaster General and two by the Attorney General.

The Postmaster General proposed legislation to permit postal patrons to have their names, and the names of their minor children, removed from the mailing lists of all distributors of sex-oriented advertisements. This was introduced as Title II of H.R. 10877, was subsequently incorporated in H.R. 15693, and is pending before the House Post Office and Civil Service Committee.

cc: Bill Timmons

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March 5, 1970
The Outdoor Writers Association of America, Inc.

Outdoor Writers Association of America, Inc.

A non-profit professional organization

2019 Garden St., Columbia, Mo. 65201 314-442-8100

Dir. J. C. Cullmore, Executive Director

Dear Mr. Gray:

At the direction of the President, all White House mail is stamped. On occasion, insufficient postage has been affixed. Undoubtedly you received such a piece.

Your suggestion has been noted and we appreciate your writing.

Yours very truly,

Ronald L. Ziegler
Press Secretary to
The President

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Mr. Howard Gray, President
x Outdoor Writers Association of America, Inc.
9001 22nd N. W.
Seattle, Washington 98107

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March 5, 1970

Dear Mr. Tunney: *John*

We have obtained the following information in response to your inquiry on behalf of Mr. Dean R. Douglass, Executive Vice President of the California Postal Union, regarding Executive Order 11491 and his concern that it may adversely affect the National Postal Union and other industrial or independent unions. I hope the information which follows will be helpful to you in replying to Mr. Douglass.

The new Order results from intensive study and consideration of experience under Executive Order 10988. The Order reflects the recommendations of an inter-agency study group under the chairmanship of the Chairman of the Civil Service Commission. The results of the study group's review of experience are set forth in its Report and Recommendations on Labor-Management Relations in the Federal Service, a copy of which is enclosed.

The new Order provides that grants of formal recognition shall not be accorded a labor organization after October 29, 1969. But grants of formal recognition existing on that date will continue until formal recognition is terminated under regulations to be prescribed by the Federal Labor Relations Council established under Executive Order 11491. Such regulations shall be issued no later than October 1, 1970, in accordance with Section 24(c) of the new Order.

With respect to voluntary allotment of dues, the new Order provides that labor organizations which hold formal recognition will still have the same right to maintain agreements for the voluntary withholding of dues. This right will continue until such time as formal recognition is terminated under the provisions discussed above.

The provision in the Order relating to separate units and representation for guards is not dissimilar from that which prevails in the private sector. The Report points out that the requirement established by the Order would not affect existing exclusive units or representation for guards, but would be applied only to all new unit and representation determinations under Executive Order 11491.

Experience under Executive Order 10988 indicated some serious questions regarding the status of supervisors in that program such as forms of recognitions, potential conflict of interest, and possible violation of the Code of Fair Labor Practices which may occur when supervisors participate in organizations of their subordinates. While the new Order would withhold recognition for mixed units or units of supervisors, it does not preclude the formation of associations of supervisors for the purpose of affording an opportunity for consultation with higher Management officials and meaningful consideration of their problems.

Furthermore, it is intended that any supervisor who has a union dues withholding authorization in force at the time he is excluded from a formal or exclusive unit should be permitted to continue his dues authorization in effect, if he desires to do so, so long as his authorization otherwise meets the conditions of the organization's dues withholding agreement with the agency.

With cordial regard,

Sincerely,

Richard K. Cook
Special Assistant to
the President

Honorable John V. Tunney
House of Representatives
Washington, D. C. 20515

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GENERAL
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March 9, 1970

Dear Mr. Rose:

This will reply to your letter of January 11, 1970, addressed to the President, and your letter of February 14, 1970, addressed to the Postmaster General, concerning your difficulties with the Postal Service and the Acting Postmaster at Fort Dodge, Kansas. I hope this reply will satisfactorily resolve your inquiries.

We have had your basic complaints reviewed, as well as the investigations thereof by the Postal Inspectors, and have taken into account the 14 questions mentioned in your letter of November 30, 1969, addressed to the President.

Postal Inspectors interviewed various citizens in the Fort Dodge area concerning the activities of Acting Postmaster Norma C. Farley. Their interviews included Messrs. John January and Willis Steele, as you had indicated they were in possession of relevant information.

The individuals interviewed all asserted that they had no knowledge of a petition such as you described being initiated, circulated or signed by the Acting Postmaster, they had not heard the Acting Postmaster criticize the present Administration or the Kansas Soldiers Home, they had no information to indicate use of the post office as a base for political activity by the Acting Postmaster, and they had no criticism of the conduct of the Fort Dodge Post Office by the Acting Postmaster.

The husband of the Acting Postmaster is not a postal employee and his personal activities, absent some indication of a violation of the postal laws, are not, of course, properly subject to review or control by the Post Office Department.

The handling of mail addressed to you was reviewed with Acting Postmaster Farley, as well as Superintendent L. H. Johnson of the Kansas Soldiers Home. Particular inquiry was made concerning a first class letter which you stated was improperly forwarded from

Fort Dodge after having been opened by an unauthorized person. Superintendent Johnson recalled that incident and advised that he had opened this letter himself because it was addressed to Arthur Rose, Kansas Soldiers Home, Fort Dodge, Kansas. Incident to opening this letter, the envelope became torn so that it could not be re-used. Upon discovering that the letter was intended for you personally rather than the Soldiers Home, Superintendent Johnson prepared another envelope and sent the letter on to you.

A second letter addressed to Mr. Arthur Rose, Kansas Soldiers Home, Fort Dodge, Kansas, bearing no return address and mailed at Lawrence, Kansas on September 6, 1969, was received by Superintendent Johnson. Thinking this letter was also intended for the Soldiers Home, Mr. Johnson opened it and found the letter signed by you. That letter was officially sealed, marked "Opened by mistake", and returned to you on September 11.

Superintended Johnson related that six other letters similarly addressed were received at the Home about the same time and these letters included checks for patients' care.

You indicated the first class mail addressed to you at the Soldiers Home is not forwarded as promptly as third class mail. Generally, the preparation and covers of third class mail lend themselves to prompt identification as personal mail rather than mail intended for the Soldiers Home, thus permitting expeditious forwarding. We are not aware of any other complaints relative to improper forwarding of mail for former residents at Fort Dodge, Kansas.

Acting Postmaster Farley stated that she had been forwarding all your recognizable personal mail addressed to your former box number. However, because of your former official position at the Home, she has had a difficult time determining proper delivery of mail that includes your name and the Kansas Soldiers Home in the address. She has used the instructions in 154.4, Postal Manual, as a guide. These instructions read:

- .41 "Mail directed to officials or employees of a governmental or private organization at the address of the organization will be delivered to the organization when such mail is claimed both by an officer or employee and by the organization. This also applies to mail addressed in this manner to former officials or employees.

- . 42 "Mail addressed elsewhere to a public or private official by title or to the organization even though marked to the attention of a particular person or title will be delivered to the organization if it so directs. "

Your concern in regard to the possible mishandling of your mail as well as possible improper activities by the Acting Postmaster is appreciated. However, a review of the evidence did not disclose a failure on the part of the Acting Postmaster to comply with Postal Regulations, evidence that the Acting Postmaster or the Superintendent, Kansas Soldiers Home, intentionally or culpably mishandled your mail, or any actionably violations of political activity on the part of the Acting Postmaster.

Sincerely,

Noble M. Melencamp
Staff Assistant
to the President

Mr. Arthur Rose
106 West 20th
Hays, Kansas 67601

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GENERAL

PRS-11B*

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March 18, 1970

Dear Mr. Weaver:

Through the courtesy of Mr. Matthew E. Gibson, President Nixon has learned about the activities of Boy Scout Troop 186, and of the presentation of his portrait to the New Philadelphia Post Office by the members of Lunar Patrol #1. He deeply appreciates this fine tribute, and I am pleased to convey his thanks and warmest greetings to you and each member of the Troop.

The enclosed photographed copy of the President's message to the Boy Scouts of America is sent to you with the President's best wishes for the challenging years ahead.

Sincerely,

James Keogh
Special Assistant
to the President

Mr. James Weaver
Scoutmaster, Boy Scout Troop 186
United Church of Christ
Route 2
New Philadelphia, Ohio 44663

Enclosure: Photog. copy of P's 1970 Boy Scout msg.

cc: Mr. Matthew E. Gibson

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March 25, 1970

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We have observed, with interest, the Postal strike, and the efforts of yourself and your administration to coerce striking union members into returning to work.

We are interested because we are railroaders (Penn-Central Railroad, Sheet Metal Workers Local 179). We are those forgotten men who make up the rank and file working union shopcraft members who have been negotiated, legislated, put off, shut off and turned down in our every effort we have made to negotiate a fair and just contract with our company.

Mr. President, we are not hippies, yippies or members of the S.D.S., but working men with homes and families and pride in ourselves and in our abilities.

Some of us are Republicans, and others of us voted for you in the Presidential election. However, it would seem you are not at all interested in the welfare of rank and file laborers, for in every attempt by members of any union to negotiate a contract with the company for whom they work, or exercise their right to strike, you and your administration feel you must inject yourselves into the midst of it all with threats of federal injunctions, congressional acts, new labor laws, compulsory arbitration, or new negotiating committees who want to force mandatory settlements upon the workers.

Mr. President, surely you must be aware that labor is the majority, and that there are not enough business owners, bankers, doctors, lawyers, or big money men in the country who, without some support from blue-collar workers, could give any political party a clear majority in any election. You seem to be leading your administration on campaign after campaign against all organized labor, be it Postal Workers, we Railroaders, or what have you.

Do not doubt that your actions during these trying times will be remembered at election time, and don't be surprised if all union members everywhere feel the Republican administration in general, and you in particular, Mr. President, are neither friendly nor sympathetic toward the nations labor force.

And the undersigned members of
Sheet Metal Workers Local 179:

Very truly yours,

John M. Parker
Pipeshop Committeeman
1120 North Euclid Avenue
Indianapolis, Indiana 46201

Charles W. Feltman

Russell E. Parthos

E. B. Chynkott

Edward A. Dineen

, Indiana 16201
 Frank Westland
 David J. H. H.
 James E. H. H.
 J. E. H. H.

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Local Union No. 154

*United Rubber, Cork, Linoleum and Plastic
Workers of America - A.F.L. - C.I.O.*

55 West Nevada Place • Denver, Colorado 80223
Phones: 777-9354 - 777-6515



March 26, 1970

JAMES L. SMITH
L. D. CHISHOLM
JOHN LARKOWSKI
HAZEL L. MORTON

President
Vice President
Secretary
Treasurer

The President
The White House
Washington, D. C.

Mr. President,

We, the undersigned, being members of the Committee On Political Education of the United Rubber Workers, Local Union #154, ask that you give consideration for a fair and equitable settlement in the postal dispute at this time. We feel that this matter should be given Number One priority by the Joint Committee, the Congress and the President of the United States.

Respectfully yours,

James L. Smith, President, Local #154, URW
55 W. Nevada Place, Denver, Colorado 80223

Local #154's Committee On Political Education:

Harold A. Terry, Chairman
1183 So. Eaton St., Denver, Colorado 80226

James O. Hiatt, Secretary
1453 So. Navajo, Denver, Colorado 80223

Ernest Duran, Member
4700 W. 36th Ave., Denver, Colorado 80212

Pete Candelaria, Member
231 Galapago, Denver, Colorado 80223

Ralph Sandoval, Member
318 - 23rd St., Denver, Colorado 80205

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THE PRESIDENT

THE WHITE HOUSE

WHILE WE FEDERAL EMPLOYEES ARE IN SYMPATHY WITH NEED FOR PAY
INCREASE FOR NEW YORK POSTAL CARRIERS WE STRONGLY DEPLORE ILLEGAL
STRIKE. RECOMMEND MAIL SERVICE BE RESUMED IMMEDIATELY AND
APPROPRIATE DISCIPLINARY ACTION TAKEN

MINNIE SANDLIN, LEON LITTLE, MARGARET SMITH, BEVERLY GREENE,
JOYCE MARTIN, FRANCES LANATA, BETTY ROGERS, BURL SANDLIN, MARY
CARR, AUDREY RESSLER, JOHN MORLEY, CAROL JERNIGAN, BETTY DICKENS,
MARILYN MANN, ROGER HUNTER, TRUDY RUSSELL, MILDRED JERNIGAN,
MILTON FAGAN, HAROLD VANDIVER, LOYD COKENDOLPHER, JOHNNY MYERS,
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HON RICHARD M NIXON

PRESIDENT OF THE UNITED STATES WHITEHOUSE WASHDC
THE-OFFICERS OF THE^XNEWSPAPER GUILD OF NEW YORK EMPHATICALLY
PROTEST YOUR DECISION TO USE TROOPS TO DELIVER THE MAIL BECAUSE
OF THE POSTAL WORKERS STRIKE. WE REMIND THE PRESIDENT THAT
AMERICAN BOYS HAVE BEEN DRAFTED IN TO THE US ARMY FOR THE
PURPOSE OF PROTECTING THE FREEDOM AND RIGHTS OF DEMOCRATIC
PEOPLE ALL OVER THE WORLD. IT IS OUR OPINION THEY WERE NOT
DRAFTED FOR THE PURPOSE OF ENSLAVING THE LOW-PAID, UNDERPRIVILEGED,
IGNORED POSTAL WORKERS IN THE UNITED STATES, MANY OF WHOM HAVE
SONS IN THE ARMY. WE DEMAND THAT THE PROPER AUTHORITIES IN
THE GOVERNMENT AND CONGRESS SIT DOWN IMMEDIATELY AND WORK OUT
SATISFACTORY WAGE AND WORKING CONDITIONS WITH THESE LOYAL CITIZENS
OF THE U.S. THE U. S. POSTAL WORKERS

GEORGE^XMC NICKLE PRESIDENT MISS GERRY, 1ST VICE PRESIDENT
GEORGE HOLMES 2ND VICE PRESIDENT PHILIP BRENNAN 3RD VICE-PRESIDENT
THOMAS J MURPHY, EXECUTIVE VICE PRESIDENT JOHN E DEEGAN, SECRETARY-TRE
ASURER, NEWSPAPER GUILD OF NEW YORK
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THE PRESIDENT

THE WHITE HOUSE

DEAR FRIEND,

USE OF THE ARMY AND NATIONAL GUARD TO DELIVER THE MAIL WILL
3 FURTHER EMBITTER POSTAL EMPLOYEES AND WILL DEEPLY DIVIDE THE
NATION.

WE URGE YOU NOT TO USE MILITARY POWER IN AN EMERGENCY LARGELY
2 CREATED BY LEGISLATIVE NEGLECT OF FEDERAL EMPLOYEES.

JOYCE C HAASE

TOM E CAVIN

WALTER W HAASE.

APR 14 1970

Pine Bluff, Arkansas 71601

3/30/1970

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

Dear Mr. President:

We, the undersigned, earnestly request
that you oppose H.R. 4 or any so-called postal
reform proposal which fails to prohibit all forms
of compulsory unionism for postal workers.

Sincerely,

Name	Address
1 - ^(min) Gladys Norman	1810 W 13th
2 - Mrs. Ruby B. Burns	1606 W 14th Pine Bluff, Ark.
3 - Mrs. Esther Robinson	2112 W 17 Pine Bluff, Ark.
4 - Mr. Herman Schneider	1816 W 13th " "
5 - Herman Schneider	1810 W 13th " "
6 - Mr. & Mrs. Melvin Clinton	1812 W 13th
7 - Mrs. Earnest Vaughan	3724 Fair Oaks Pine Bluff, Ark.
8 - Mrs. Don Vickers	1803 W 13th
9 - Mrs. Cliff Barnes	1805 W 13th
10 - Mrs. Michael Robinson	1715 W. Circle Dr.
11 - Mrs. D. O. Tucker	1502 W 18th Pine Bluff, Ark.
12 - John R. Henry	1709 W 13th P.B. Ark.
13 - Mrs. John R. Henry	1709 W 13 P.B. Ark.
14 - Mrs. Juanita E. Harris	1707 W 13th
15 - Mr. Marshall Blake	1220 Hechberg St.

Kay Johnston
1808 West 13th Street

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30 March 1970

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

Dear Mr. President:

A letter recently received from the National Right To Work Committee has brought to our attention a provision of the proposed postal reform bill (H.R.4) which could conceivably legalize the compulsory unionization of postal employees.

We urge you to oppose this bill in its present form and any other reform proposal which does not specifically guarantee postal workers, as federal employees, their right to refrain from joining a union as specified by Executive Order 11491.

The organization of 750,000 postal workers under a compulsory union contract would most certainly offer the necessary incentive for other federal employee unions to petition for the same rights.

Sincerely,

William C. Kapler
1716 Park Ave

Baxter Springs, Kansas

James A. DelGrasson
1309 West 22nd

Joplin, Missouri

Ben E. Johnson

524 E 15th

Carthage Mo

RAY Hudson

2410 W. Perkins

Joplin, Mo

Howard Jackson

1830 W. 11th Joplin

Robert D. Brown

45 Inger Place

Joplin, Mo.

The Undersigned:

Lee Smith

1610 W. Broadway

Walt City, Mo.

Perry Thomas Jr.

Carl Junction, Mo.

William R. Coatsby

Carl Junction, Mo.

Don Short

1110 Jefferson

Joplin, Mo.

John Schreier

302 N. Byers
Joplin Mo

Paul Heide

2202 N. St. Joe

Joplin

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Duncan, Oklahoma 73533
March 31, 1970

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

Dear Mr. President:

The Postal Reform Bill (H.R. 4) approved on March 12 by the House Post Office and Civil Service Committee would legalize the forced unionization of postal workers.

This is to inform you that we strongly oppose this or any other bill which fails to prohibit all forms of compulsory unionism for postal workers.

Very truly yours,

Wayne Eden - 1331 Normandy Rd.
DeBeers - 1411 Pine

Paul H Payne - 2010 Spruce

Richard Elkhouri, Jr. - 1906 Randall

Mary Jo Hulme - Rt. 2, Box 232.

Andrew F. Hager 707 N 1st

Alice Hause - 802 W. Cheyenne, Marlow, Oklahoma

Joyce Wells - 1806 Parkway - Duncan, Oklahoma

Leslie Lidds - 909 Cypress St Duncan, Oklahoma

Helma Wiseman 422 No 21 Duncan, Okla.

Ruth Carter - Route # 2 - Comanche, Okla.

Ans Tilley - 1901 Spruce - Duncan, Okla

Cynthia Welmath - 1202 S 9th Duncan, Okla.

Jack Hulme Route 2 Duncan, Okla.

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To: Office of the Postmaster General

Date: March 31, 1970

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- _____ 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.

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REMARKS:

No acknowledgment has been made at the W. H.

Description:

_____ Letter: ☒ Telegram: Other:

To: The President

From: A. Saxe, Special Representative, Metropolitan Life Ins. Co., 200 Park Avenue, New York, N. Y.

Date: March 25, 1970

Subject: Asks for immediate appointment to discuss better group hospital and other benefits for mailmen before President signs Postal Bill.

By direction of the President:

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

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REMARKS:

Description:

☒ Letter: ☐ Telegram: ☐ Other:

To: The President

From: Mose A. Napier, Mayor of Town of Ceredo, West Virginia

Date: 3/10/70

Subject: Enclosing Resolution opposed to proposal of Huntington Post Office to take over Ceredo Post Office as substation; requests appointment of Postmaster at Ceredo and home mail delivery in area.

By direction of the President:

Noble M. Melencamp
Staff Assistant
to the President

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March 10, 1970

Gentlemen: *President*

When the announcement was released through the newspaper that the postmaster general was going to extend home-mail delivery to small communities which had not hitherto qualified for same, it said simply that. No reference was made to extending rural delivery inside municipal boundaries to within one half mile of the post office, which would be totally unacceptable to the citizens of this municipality. As mayor of Ceredo I requested home-mail delivery for my community because Ceredo qualifies for this service in every respect except the requirement for having twenty-five hundred population. Our post office did more than five times the amount of business required by your regulations, we have concrete sidewalks on both sides of almost every street in the town, all streets are paved, proper numbers are displayed on every house and business place, street signs are on every corner in town, each block in the territory is more than 50 per cent improved, and we have entered into a period of growth and progress.

Since the original inquiry was made to your office it has come to my attention that there are other communities nearby which are smaller than Ceredo which have the service in question. In addition, the city of Kenova immediately to the west of Ceredo, with 5000 population, has three or more mail carriers within the city. Doesn't it seem reasonable to assume that Ceredo, with a population of almost 2000 should have one?

It has also come to my attention that it is the desire of the president and of the postmaster general to save money and put the postal system on a paying basis. Perhaps the goals of the federal government and those of local government are not the same. Be that as it may, it is my opinion that government is supposed to provide certain services to its citizens, and in many cases it is impossible to determine the value of those services in dollars and cents. In any case, the government of this municipality shall provide its citizens with every service that it can legally and financially provide. It is our sincere hope that the postal system will do the same.

Sincerely,

Mose A. Napier
Mose A. Napier, mayor
Town of Ceredo
Ceredo, W. Va. 25507

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13 Montrose Avenue
Fanwood, New Jersey 07023
April 1, 1970

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

Dear Mr. President:

We are appealing to you to intervene personally in the shaping of postal reform legislation. The reason: a vital principle of individual freedom is at stake.

The postal reform bill (H.R. 4) approved on March 12 by the House Post Office and Civil Service Committee would legalize the forced unionization of 750,000 postal workers.

We respectfully submit, Mr. President, that the postal reform bill as now written is wholly inconsistent with the Republican Party's 1968 platform and your own campaign pledges.

Mr. President, most Americans agree that the American workingman should have the right to join a union. But they also believe he must have the same right not to join. He should not be coerced by his factory boss, his union boss or his government. Or should we quit pretending this is still a free country?

We appeal to you, President Nixon, to recommend strongly to Congress that H. R. 4 be revised to conform to the guarantees of your Executive Order 11491.

Sincerely,

Mrs. M. R. Vail
Florence Pearce
Ruth G. Bishop
Mrs. Dudley Richardson
Louise D. Tietz
Mrs. May Rohland
Mrs. Helen L. Edwards
Mrs. R. A. Angley
Mrs. Lewis J. Stumpf
Mrs. Helen Jones
Mrs. Shirley Bandy
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To: The Secretary of State

Date: April 1, 1970

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For translation where necessary and appropriate handling.

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☐ Letter: ☐ Telegram: ☐ Other:

To:
From:
Date:
Subject:

Numerous cables to the President re postal workers walk-out.
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By direction of the President:

Noble M. Melencamp
Staff Assistant
to the President

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To: Holman Head
Executive Asst. to Postmaster General
Post Office Department
Room 3402

Date: April 1, 1970

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

REMARKS:

The reply must be checked politically.

Description:

Letter: ☒ Telegram: Other:

To: The President

From: Howard J. Samuels, 72 West 45th Street, New York, New York

Date: March 27, 1970

Subject: Activation of National Guardsmen during Postal Strike

By direction of the President:

John L. Campbell
Staff Assistant to the President

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Hubert L. Bunch

House of Representatives, U.S.

MEMORANDUM

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The attached refers to a
subject in which you are in-
terested, and is, therefore,
referred for your information.

Yours very truly

G. William Whitcomb

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CHICKASAW	MITCHELL
FLOYD	WINNEBAGO
FRANKLIN	WORTH
GRUNDY	WRIGHT

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

April 3, 1970

PA handled

Dear Bryce:

It's been a long time since I have bugged you, so I hope you won't mind if I break my silence and tell you of my good Congressman's disappointment in the latest turn of events with respect to postal affairs. (He personally wrote the enclosed newsletter item.)

How proud I was last fall when Gross led the unsuccessful fight against House passage of H. R. 13000. It was good to be on the "team." (Remember the strong letter the President wrote to the Minority Leader?)

The way we figure the agreement which has been reached with the postal unions, the administration will now be stuck with an even bigger total pay increase. What will that do to the President's budget? Of course, all we know is what we read in the newspapers, for we have not been advised in any way by the Post Office Department. Frankly, it doesn't seem right to me, Bryce, that no one would touch base with him from time to time.

Believe me, I still want to be a "team player" (about all I have to show for my efforts thus far are bruises), but it does get discouraging at times. And I can't make much headway in standing up for the administration in talking with the Congressman without some ammunition to support my arguments.

If I'm wrong on this; if I fail to see the big picture, I wish you would set me straight. I very much want to help -- but I need help!

Always with best regards.

Cordially,

Bob
Bob Case

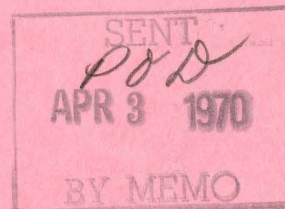
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*Wish we could sit down for
a good visit. And good luck on Currell!*

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THE PRESIDENT

THE WITE HOUSE

DEAR MR PRESIDENT

WE THE UNDERSIGNED DEFINITELY FEEL YOU SHOULD OPPOSE HR4 ON
ANY SO-CALLED POSTAL REFORM PROPOSAL WHICH FAILS TO PROHIBIT
ALL FORMS OF COMPULSORY UNIONISM FOR POSTAL WORKERS

CLARENCE SWICK DWAIN SWICK JANE JOHNSON

DOUG STEDRY LOIS LUPFER CHRIS BOMBERG

DON DAYSER GARY ARMSTRONG

HOWARD JANOUSEK MAS CARADINGER MARION ROPER.

cc/ *[handwritten initials]*

The White House
Washington

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CHARLES BEHRINGER DAVID BEHRINGER GEORGE BEHRING EMILY
BEHRINGER GUENTHER KREUGER AND ANTHONY BERODYN.

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JOHN N. HAPPY CAMP
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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 appointment, 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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THE WHITE HOUSE

ARE RUMORS TRUE THAT POSTAL REORGANIZATION HR4 INCLUDES PROVISION
THAT THE RIGHT OF POSTAL EMPLOYEES TO REFRAIN FROM UNION ACTIVITIES
MAY BE LIMITED "TO THE EXTENT THAT SUCH RIGHT MAY BE AFFECTED
BY AN AGREEMENT REQUIRING MEMBERSHIP IN A LABOR ORGANIZATION AS
A CONDITION OF EMPLOYMENT"? WE ARE FIRMLY OPPOSED TO ANY SUCH
SELLOUT OF THE PERSONAL RIGHTS OF LOYAL POSTAL EMPLOYEES AND

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The President of the United States
The White House
Washington DC 20500

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Dear Mr President

We the undersigned are
opposed to the proposed

H.R. 4.

We believe in the right to
work, with out being beholden to
Labor Union Bosses.

Respectfully

Ray J Dinehart	Rochester N.Y.
James W Dinehart	Rochester N.Y.
Robert B DeBolsa	Rochester N.Y.
Robert H Kepner	Rochester N.Y.
Nicholas Gadel	Rochester N.Y.
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REFERRAL

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To: Honorable Winton Blount
The Postmaster General

Date:

April 13, 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:

Description:

XX Letter: _____ Telegram: _____ Other: _____
To: John Ehrlichman, The White House
From: John D. Buttzalano, 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. Hallin)

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Dear Mr President
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 called postal reform proposal which fails to prohibit
 forms of compulsory unionism for postal workers
 Thank you
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Mrs. Ann Barnhart - 2728 Beech Hely, Lakewood, Mich.
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Kent Rhodes
SENIOR VICE PRESIDENT

April 16, 1970

Dear Mr. Ehrlichman:

It was great to hear today that the negotiations with the postal unions have been completed. We will read with great interest the new postal legislation that I believe you presented this afternoon.

In President Nixon's best interest (and our own), I hope these matters will now begin to move fast.

Many thanks for the time you gave me yesterday!

Sincerely,

*+
Kent Rhodes*

The Honorable John D. Ehrlichman
Assistant to the President for Domestic Affairs
The White House
Washington, D. C 20500

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Allentown Pa
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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

George Waddcombe, 325 8 18 St Allentown Pa 18104

George A. Ziegenfuss 960 E. Fairview St. Allentown Pa 18103

Lue Voyden 1217 Echo Drive Whitehall Pa 18052

Barbara M. Keller 236 N St Cloud St Allentown, Pa 18101

Stan McWilliam 43 W. Jefferson St Allentown Pa 18102

Albert Immorp 6219 Holiday Dr Weissboro Pa 18086

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The President of the United States
The White House
Washington, D.C. 205000

Dear Mr. President:

Please let it be known that the following undersigned are opposed to
H.R. 4 or any so-called postal reform proposal which fails to prohibit
all forms of compulsory unionism for postal workers.

Thank you,

Mr & Mrs. Donald Jones
640 Beau Ct.
Des Plaines, Ill. 60016

Mr. H. Wozik
640 Beau Court
Des Plaines, Ill. 60016

Mr. F. Wozik

Mrs. M. Fioravanti
640 Beau Court
Des Plaines, Ill. 60016

Mr. Mrs. W. Mack
235 Clearmont Dr
Elk Grove Ill. 60007
Mr. & Mrs. W. Deacon
517 Brothly Dr.
Des Plaines, Ill. 60016

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April 9, 1970
Walhalla, S. C.

Hon. Richard M. Nixon
President of the United States
Washington, DC

Dear Sir:

In regards to the enclosed letter sent to you earlier by our fellow citizen, Mr. Fred Neal, Jr. of Greenville, S. C. pertaining to the Junk mail we all receive daily, putting such a load on our Mail Carriers and Post Office Employee's.

We feel Mr. Neal has expressed the feelings of most of our citizens and would like to see this corrected as soon as possible.

Sincerely,
Citizens for Better Mail
Walhalla, S. C.

Jimmy E. Eggs

Paul L. Moore

Joe W. Mon

Larry A. Wood

Joe T. Rogers

Linda Cremonese

David L. White

Roger White

Clyde McCae

J. H. Bellum

Edward Anderson

Irma S. Dover

Keith Barber

Roberta Wood

Roy R. Gregory

Clyde Dover

Herb M. Lee

Ernest Cannon

Herbert C. Shoemaker

W. E. Schroeder

Robert Henderson

Marshall Ponder

Paul Taylor

Raymond Hancock

Charlie Barker

Ernest N. Cannon, Jr.

James J. Lightfoot

Paul Hall

John W. Burnside

W. E. Hancock

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April 14, 1970

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Dear Mr. Sposito:

In further response to your letter to the President of April 4, I am sure that you will be hearing from other members of the President's staff in regards to your postal suggestions. However, since I assist with the President's schedule, I wanted to respond to your cordial invitation to him.

At this point, the President and Mrs. Nixon are tentatively scheduled to be in Portland in August but, unfortunately, we foresee their schedule being too tight to allow a chance for a visit with you, as much as they would like to do this. We will certainly keep your invitation for dinner in mind, however, if another opportunity should arise.

With the President's thanks and kind regards,

Sincerely,

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

Mr. Carlo J. Sposito
National Life Insurance Company
1532 S. W. Pendleton
Portland, Oregon 97201

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April 8, 1970

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Dear Mr. Sposito:

This is just a note to acknowledge and thank you for your letter of April 4.

As you know, the Administration is vitally interested in the question of postal reform, and I have passed along your suggestions to the President and the members of his staff who have particular concern with this important issue.

With best wishes,

Sincerely,

Rose Mary Woods
Secretary to the President

Mr. Carlo J. Sposito
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THE OREGON JOURNAL, TUESDAY, APRIL 7, 1970

JOURNALTOWN

Portlander Advises Nixon On Postage

By MARTIN CLARK

That idea of the President of increasing first class mail to 10 cents has struck more than one raw nerve, among them that of Carlo J. Sposito, Portland insurance man.

Sposito thinks he has a solution.

"Give us 1½ ounce for the first stamp and then regular rates for each additional ounce. It isn't the weight of the letter that is bringing on the extra expense, it is the handling of the letter that costs money.

"Better yet," he wrote President Nixon this week, "give us the first two ounces for 10 cents and then 10 cents an ounce thereafter on first

class mail. After all, the boys who deliver the mail aren't going to pack an extra ounce more — the letters will be exactly the same weight and size and the people will be getting a break for the first time.

"My mail averages about 2½ ounces per envelope, now 18 cents. A jump to 30 cents will be a big penalty for just our agency."

This isn't a new idea with Sposito. He's been plugging the "1½ ounce for the first stamp and then regular rates for each additional ounce" since 1957 when he first proposed it to the late Sen. Richard Neuberger.

Good luck, Carlo. The people may get a break, yet.

Dear Mr. Woods

Many thanks for your nice letter - Hope the matter is truly considered and some action taken.

Am certain the 10¢ charge will go over if additional allowances made on first stamp.

Sincerely

Podio & TV love

Covered the idea well

Friday April 3, 1970

Front Page

Auto Rolls Three Times, Youth Dies

Michael J. Costanzo, 23, N2817 Ruby, was killed in a one-car accident at Thorpe and Grove Road, southwest of Spokane, at 9:09 p.m. Thursday

Washington State Trooper Richard Alm said the victim was traveling alone. The auto, the trooper said, was northbound on Grove Road at a high rate of speed and failed to negotiate a curve.

The vehicle rolled over three times, coming to rest on its wheels, the trooper said.

The body was taken to Ball and Dodd Funeral Home.

The Spokesman-Review, Saturday, April 4, 1970. 9

Michael J. Costanzo

Rosary for Michael J. Costanzo, 23, N2817 Ruby will be at 7:30 p.m. Monday at Hennessey Funeral Home. Funeral services will be at 10 a.m. Tuesday at St. Aloysius Catholic Church, the Rev. James Conyard, S.J., officiating. Burial will be at Holy Cross Cemetery

He died Thursday when the car he was driving rolled over on Thorp Road, southwest of Spokane.

He had lived here all his life. He attended Spokane schools and was a student at Eastern Washington State College.

He was a member of St. Aloysius Catholic Church and the Brotherhood of Railroad Switchmen.

Survivors include his parents, Mr. and Mrs. Robert Costanzo, at the home; three sisters, Rosanne, Teresa, Roberta and a brother, Gregory, all at the home, and his grandmother, Mrs. Albina Ferraro, Portland, Ore.

22 Spokane Daily Chronicle, Mon., April 6, 1970.

COSTANZO, Michael J. (age 23) - His home, N2817 Ruby. A lifetime resident of Spokane and a senior student at Eastern Washington State College. Member of St. Aloysius Church. Survived by his parents, Mr. & Mrs. Robert Costanzo, at the home; 3 sisters: Rosanne, Teresa and Roberta Costanzo; 1 brother, Gregory Costanzo, all at the home; grandmother, Mrs. Albina Ferraro, Portland, Ore. Rosary Mon. April 6, 7:30 p.m. in the ROSE CHAPEL of the HENNESSEY FUNERAL HOME, N2203 DIVISION ST. Funeral mass Tues. April 7, 10 a.m. at St. Aloysius Church, E402 Boone. Rev. James R. Conyard S.J. officiating. Interment Holy Cross Cemetery. Contributions may be made to the Gonzaga Prep Scholarship Fund.

THE SUNDAY OREGONIAN, APRIL 5, 1970

COSTANZO - Michael James, April 2, in Spokane; son of Mr. and Mrs. Robert Costanzo, Spokane; brother of Rosanne, Teresa and Roberta and Gregory Costanzo; grandson of Mrs. Albina Ferraro, Portland. Rosary Monday, April 6, 7:30 pm, in the Chapel of HENNESSEY FUNERAL HOME, N. 2203 Division St., Spokane. Funeral services Tuesday, April 7, 10 am, at St. Aloysius Church, Spokane. Rev. James R. Conyard, S.J. officiating. Interment Holy Cross Cemetery. Member of St. Aloysius Catholic Church and Brotherhood of Railroad Switchmen. Contributions may be made to Gonzaga Prep Scholarship Fund.

Portland, Oregon

Spokane Daily Chronicle, Saturday, April 4, 1970. 5

Victim's Services Slated

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Rosary will be at 7:30 Monday evening at Hennessey's.

The young man was a graduating senior at Eastern Washington State College and had been accepted by Santa Clara (Calif.) Law School, his family said. He was born in Spokane in 1947 and

had his education at St. Paschal's Parochial School, Gonzaga Prep School and West Valley High School, from which he was graduated in 1965.

He was employed part-time by the Great Northern Railway as a switchman and was a member of the Brotherhood of Railroad Switchmen.

Surviving are his parents, Mr. and Mrs. Robert M. Costanzo, at the home, N2817 Ruby; three sisters, Rosanne, Teresa-Kay and Roberta Lou Costanzo, all at the home; a brother, Gregory, also at the home; his grandmother, Mrs. Michael (Albina) Ferraro, Portland, and a number of aunts and uncles.

The family suggests memorial contributions may be made to

the Michael Costanzo Memorial Fund, in care of Gonzaga Prep.

File

This was our nephew and good child. Found your very nice letter when we returned on the 11th

PISCES Feb. 19 to March 20 - While things generally are very good for Pisces at this time, there may be a tendency to try and achieve just a little TOO much. This would only strain your nerves. Stick to normal procedures.



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Second Class Postage Paid At Portland, Ore

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Portland, Oregon, Friday, April 3, 1970

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By United Press International

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Moscow's surprise decision this week to appoint a new ambassador to Peking for the first time in three years is part of the same process. The sources said Moscow does not yet know whether Peking will reciprocate and send a Chinese ambassador to Moscow.

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One man was killed and two others injured Thursday near Carlisle, Pa., when a house under construction collapsed.



DAILY JOURNAL

rests of the Oregon Country and Its People

Portland, Oregon, Friday, April 3, 1970

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Weather

Portland - Vancouver —
Partly sunny Saturday.
Temperatures 35-60. High
and low Thursday, 60-40.

Pollution Haze Index,
Friday, 71 (heavy).

(Additional weather information on Page 13.)

10-Cent Rate For Letters

Increases Linked To Postal Pay Hike

WASHINGTON (UPI) — President Nixon Friday recommended increases of up to two-thirds in mail rates — including a 10-cent first-class stamp — to finance a 14 per cent raise for postal workers.

In a message to Congress, Nixon also asked for accelerated collection of federal gift and estate taxes as part of a revenue package to help meet the estimated \$3 billion overall cost of raising pay of almost all government workers.

A 6 per cent increase would be given most federal workers retroactive to last Dec. 27. An additional 8 per cent would go to postal workers alone, subject to negotiation of a reform of the nation's mail system.

NIXON ASKED for a 10-cent first class mail rate — 4 cents above the present rate and leapfrogging his already submitted request for an increase to 7 cents — as soon as possible. He said the postage increases would produce \$2.3 billion.

The 10-cent proposal was greeted with surprise in Capitol Hill where lawmakers had been stalling for a year on the 7-cent request.

Rep. Thaddeus J. Dulski, D-N.Y., chairman of the House Post Office Committee, declined immediate public comment on the proposed wage settlement or the big postal rate increases proposed to pay for it.

HOWEVER, he had said in the past he would insist on congressional action on postal reform before he would bring up the question of rate increases in his committee.

Sen. Jennings Randolph, D-W. Va., a member of the Senate Post Office Committee, said Nixon's postal rate proposal was "unrealistic as a step to be taken at one time, rather than in stages."

"The President's proposal would place an unjust burden on the great body of Americans using the mails," Randolph said in a statement.

While Nixon listed the \$2.3 billion income from a 10-cent stamp alone, Assistant Postmaster General James Hargrove told reporters later that it would also cover increases in other postal rates.

HARGROVE said rates for second class mail would be raised 12 per cent; single pieces of third class mail, 67 per cent, and bulk third class mail, 5 per cent. In addition, he said the interstate-commerce commission would be asked to raise parcel post rates by 15 per cent.

The President urged Congress to approve the 6 per cent across-the-board pay increase affecting well over 5 million civilian and military employees of the federal government.

In his message, the President also renewed his postal office reform proposal.

to wait 21 years to move from the entry to the top rate in (postal) job classification should be removed by reducing this to an 8-year period."

Hijackers Release Hostages

SEOUL (UPI) — A group of fanatical Japanese Communist students Friday released 103 hostages from 83½ hours of "pure hell" aboard a hijacked Japan Air Lines jetliner and flew to North Korea with a Japanese Cabinet minister as a hostage.

The Boeing 727 which had sat at Seoul's Kimpo Airport for 70 hours took off with nine members of the Seikigunham (Red Army) splinter group of the Communist Party who seized the plane, three weary crew members and Shinji Yamamura, 36, Japan's parliamentary vice minister of transportation.

Pyeongyang radio had announced the plane, Yamamura and the crew headed by Capt. Shinji Ishida, 47, would be immediately released. But once the plane had taken off North Korea said, "the situation has changed," and it could no longer promise the men would be released immediately.

THE STATEMENT raised the possibility the Boeing 727 would join the U.S. Navy intelligence vessel USS Pueblo and a hijacked South Korean airliner in permanent Communist custody. The North Korean Red Cross said it would not be duped by "invidious intrigues" of Japanese authorities and return the hijackers either.

The 103 persons released after their long hours of detention since the plane was hijacked Tuesday on a flight from Japan to Fukuoka were four stewards and 90 passengers, ending the longest and one of the most bizarre hijack cases in history.

Hostess Junko Kubota said life with the hijackers was "just like hell." She said they moved through the plane swinging Samurai swords and waving daggers, tied male passengers to their seats with nylon ropes and ruled with supreme authority.

SHE SAID an elaborate ruse to make the hijackers think they had landed at Pyongyang worked at first and the hijackers apologized.



PRESIDENT NIXON smiles as government postal union negotiators inform him they have reached agreement on plan for 10 per cent pay raise for all federal employees and additional 8 per cent for mailmen — dependent on reorganization of Post Office Department. At left, AFL-CIO President George Meany sips cup of coffee. He kept close watch over negotiations in capital. (UPI Photo)

Russians Pull Troops Back to Avoid Clash With China

DON (UPI) — The Soviet Union has pulled back its 31 miles from the Sino-Soviet border in a compromise to avert armed clash between the two Communist powers, the Red Chinese troops said.

THE 31-MILE Soviet pull-back was motivated by the Kremlin desire to defuse a tense situation along the Chinese border and help ease the festering Sino-Soviet conflict, the diplomats said.

They made it clear at the same time the Sino-Soviet talks — now in their fifth month — were aimed at a political settlement between the two Communist giants — remain deadlocked, with no foreseeable solution.

The Soviets see no noteworthy change in the over-all attitude of their one-time Chinese friends and expect no shift toward Moscow so long as Mao remains in power.

YET EVEN while pulling back, the Soviets are taking no chances and reportedly have been reinforcing their forward positions on the approaches to the border. Some reports have cited "massive reinforcements" of men and new material.

The Chinese, too, are reinforcing their side. The sources said there is no evidence more of Chinese evacuation of some of the nuclear installations from Sinkiang province, exposed to potential Soviet attack.

Moscow's surprise decision this week to appoint a new ambassador to Peking for the first time in three years is part of the same process. The sources said Moscow does not yet know whether Peking will reciprocate and send a Chinese ambassador to Moscow.

IN PEKING, the Sino-Soviet talks are proceeding slowly. The Chinese insist — as a first move — on a broad review of the entire contested Sino-Soviet border issue, which Moscow is firmly rejecting.

The Soviets have offered to discuss some minor frontier rectifications, the sources said, but have no intention of reopening the wider frontier issue.

THE AMENDED complaint alleges that the proposed shipment of nerve gas which has been stored on Okinawa by the U.S. Army constitutes a "danger to the health and safety of the people of the United States."

Court Order To Halt Gas Shift Amended

AMENDED complaint filed Friday in U.S. District Court by Oregon residents in Umatilla and Multnomah Counties and by the state of Oregon, to stop shipment of nerve gas from Okinawa to the Army Munitions Depot at Umatilla.

Accompanying the amendment is a request for a preliminary restraining order against Melvin Laird, secretary of defense, Stanley R. E. secretary of the Army, and Col. Charles M. ... of the Umatilla ...



J.E. (JAKE) BENNETT

Legislator Bennett Dies At 78

State Rep. J. E. (Jake) Bennett, 78, died at 8:50 a.m. Friday at the University of Oregon Medical School Hospital.

Bennett was hospitalized Wednesday after a heart attack.

The senior politician was stricken at the Oregon Auto Wrecking Co., 638 SE Clay St., police said.

Bennett, of 703 NE Tillamook St., a Democrat and seven-term veteran of the Legislature as a representative from Portland's North subdistrict, recently filed for Multnomah County Commission post No. 5 held by Mel Gordon, Republican.

The "dean of the house" had served a term in the State Senate representing Multnomah County and as a Portland city commissioner but was recalled from office.

(More On Page 4)

Wind Lashes East; Ohio Floods Feared

By United Press International

A severe storm hit the East again Friday. Vicious winds whipped heavy rains and snow, sending some rivers close to flood stage.

The Ohio River was expected to crest at 24 feet, one foot below flood stage, in Pittsburgh early Friday, and should crest in West Virginia Friday night, again barely below flood stage.

HEAVY WIND warnings were issued for most of the Middle Atlantic States and New England. Winds gusted to 60 m.p.h. in New York City's Central Park Thursday night.

Cambodia Riots End

PHNOM PENH (UPI) — The government proclaimed Friday "calm has now been restored" in Cambodia after two weeks of rioting that has left 116 persons dead since the ouster of Prince Norodom Sihanouk.

Official spokesmen said there were no reports of pro-Sihanouk demonstrations or fighting with the Viet Cong Friday morning. Such reports have been known to reach Phnom Penh two days later.

The proclamation of calm appeared in a communique inviting foreign tourists to Cambodia, issued as military recruits drilled in the streets and tanks remained on the thoroughfares.

fire three dissident air traffic controllers upset the peaceful outlook in that field.

Lawyer F. Lee Bailey, executive director of the Professional Air Traffic Controllers Organization (PATCO), protested the proposed firings to the federal judge who authored a back-to-work plan.

The three controllers have been involved in a long dispute with the government over a plan to reassign them from the Baton Rouge, La., airport tower.

PATCO contended the transfer was part of a plan to break the union. The government, which allowed the men to appeal their case to the courts, said the transfers were routine.

The Federal Aviation Administration (FAA) said Friday the dismissal came after they failed to report to their new assignments Thursday. They were given 15 days to respond to the government notice.

Bailey was said to feel the agreement reached Thursday would prevent the transfer of the controllers. He met with Judge George L. Hart earlier Friday, but "got no satisfaction," a source said. Another meeting was set for later.

TEAMSTER violence was reported at Cleveland where police said the windshield of a truck was shot out near the downtown area. No injuries were reported.

National union and industry leaders, who reached agree-

were adopted nationally.

The Teamsters' acting president, Frank E. Fitzsimmons, flew to Chicago to join the talks, which affect more than 50,000 truck drivers.

The wage increase would add \$1.10 per hour to present hourly averages of \$4 per hour for 450,000 truck drivers.

A Cleveland trucker charged that "goon squads" were keeping men from returning to work.

NEGOTIATIONS between publishers of New York City's four major daily newspapers and 10 unions continued without strikes though old contracts expired Tuesday for some 13,000 employees.

But negotiations in an effort to resolve a 16-month-old rail dispute apparently have become so deadlocked that Labor Secretary George P. Shultz urged Congress Thursday to impose a settlement before the April 11 expiration of a law forbidding a nationwide strike.

Jet Raiders Again Hit Nile Delta

By United Press International

Israel sent its warplanes into Egypt's Nile Delta heartland again Friday and said they destroyed two SAM2 antiaircraft missile sites. Egypt said an armada of its planes drove off the Israeli invaders.

"All our planes returned safely to their bases and the enemy attempt caused no casualties in lives and equipment," the Egyptian announcement said without making any claims of "kills."

Israel mentioned no resistance in announcing the strikes into the delta, the third into that area in the past four days.

An announcement from Tel Aviv said the warplanes went 50 miles west of the Suez Canal to attack the sites at El Mansura, about 75 miles north of Cairo in the heavily populated delta.

All the Israeli raiders were said to have returned safely from the raids, designed to knock holes in Egypt's existing air defense system and prevent the installment of more effective SAM3 missiles.

The Israeli communiqué specified that the two sites destroyed in Friday's noon raid were SAM2s and not SAM3s. The later model is designed to knock down low-flying aircraft as far as 40 miles away.

Field Burning Accord Told

SALEM (UPI) — A program to phase out field burning in the Willamette Valley over the next three years has been agreed to by the Oregon Seed Council and the Department of Environmental Quality.

The two groups told Gov. Tom McCall Friday they have agreed to proposed new burning regulations which will be the subject of a public hearing in Salem April 23. The Environmental Quality Commission will conduct the hearing.

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LONDON (UPI) — The Soviet Union has pulled back its forces 31 miles from the Sino-Soviet border in a compromise intended to avert armed clashes with Red Chinese troops, Communist diplomats said Friday.

Moscow decided to withdraw its forces in a "unilateral move," they said. Peking in turn was understood to have quietly pulled back some of its troops from the Soviet border.

The regime of Mao Tse-tung in Peking had been demanding a Soviet troop withdrawal of 62 miles. Moscow refused.

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Court Order To Halt Gas Shift Amended

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Accompanying the complaint is a request for a temporary restraining order against Melvin Laird, secretary of defense; Stanley R. Resor, secretary of the Army, and Col. Charles Norris, commander of the Umatilla facility, to delay shipment until the complaint has been judged.

THE PLAINTIFFS also request an order directing the

defendants to show cause why they should not be prevented from shipping and storing nerve gas, and apply for convening a three-judge federal district court to consider the case.

Judge Robert C. Belloni, to whom the complaint was referred, said he had not heard from the attorney for the plaintiffs, Charles Elliott. He added that he would act on the matter when he has "a specific request."

THE AMENDED complaint alleges that the proposed shipment of nerve gas which has been stored on Okinawa by the U.S. Army constitutes a "danger clear and present" to the plaintiffs and "all others in a similar situation" and that it cannot be moved without hazard.

It claims that it is "more practicable that these agents be detoxified, either at their present location, at sea, or at an isolated location removed from proximity to valued life and property, than to transport such agents to Oregon."

Yank Deaths Take Jump In Vietnam

SAIGON (UPI) — The rate of U.S. casualties in the Vietnam War has jumped this week to its highest level in more than seven months, American military sources said Friday. They reported nearly 100 men killed and almost 500 wounded in a nationwide Communist drive.

The push, although waning, was in its fourth day, and communiques said North Vietnamese and Viet Cong troops destroyed a bridge on South Vietnam's main north-south highway, shot down an American transport plane and pounded 60 targets with mortars or rockets.

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NIXON ASKED for a 10-cent first class mail rate — 4 cents above the present rate and leapfrogging his already submitted request for an increase to 7 cents — as soon as possible. He said the postage increases would produce \$2.3 billion.

The 10-cent proposal was greeted with surprise on Capitol Hill where lawmakers had been stalling for a year on the 7-cent request.

Rep. Thaddeus J. Dulski, D-N.Y., chairman of the House Post Office Committee, declined immediate public comment on the proposed wage settlement or the big postal rate increases proposed to pay for it.

HOWEVER, he had said in the past he would insist on congressional action on postal reform before he would bring up the question of rate increases in his committee.

Sen. Jennings Randolph, D-W. Va., a member of the Senate Post Office Committee, said Nixon's postal rate proposal was "unrealistic as a step to be taken at one time, rather than in stages."

"The President's proposal would place an unjust burden on the great body of Americans using the mails," Randolph said in a statement.

While Nixon listed the \$2.3 billion income from a 10-cent stamp alone, Assistant Postmaster General James Hargrove told reporters later that it would also cover increases in other postal rates.

HARGROVE said rates for second class mail would be raised 12 per cent; single pieces of third class mail, 67 per cent, and bulk third class mail, 5 per cent. In addition, he said, the Interstate Commerce commission would be asked to raise parcel post rates by 15 per cent.

The President urged Congress to approve the 6 per cent across-the-board pay increase affecting well over 5 million civilian and military employees of the federal government.

In his message, the President also renewed his plea for post office reform. An additional 8 per cent increase in pay for postal employees was contingent on postal reform.

"Immediately upon enactment of postal reform, the process of collective bargaining will begin," Nixon said. "In recognition of improvements in postal operations, the results of such bargaining will include an increase in wages of at least 8 per cent in addition to the government-wide increase."

"It has also been agreed in negotiations this week that the inequities created by the need

hostages from 3½ hours of "pure hell" aboard a hijacked Japan Air Lines jetliner and flew to North Korea with a Japanese Cabinet minister as hostage. Pyongyang immediately reneged on its promise to return the plane.

The Boeing 727 which had sat at Seoul's Kimpo Airport for 79 hours took off with nine members of the Sekigunham (Red Army) splinter group of the Communist Party who seized the plane, three weary crew members and Shinjiro Yamamura, 36, Japan's parliamentary vice minister of transportation.

Pyeongyang radio had announced the plane, Yamamura and the crew headed by Capt. Shinji Ishida, 47, would be immediately released. But once the plane had taken off North Korea said, "the situation has changed" and it could no longer promise the men would be released immediately.

THE STATEMENT raised the possibility the Boeing 727 would join the U.S. Navy intelligence vessel USS Pueblo and a hijacked South Korean airliner in permanent Communist custody. The North Korean Red Cross said it would not be duped by "insidious intrigues" of Japanese authorities and return the hijackers either.

The 103 persons released after their long hours of detention since the plane was hijacked Tuesday on a flight from Japan to Fukuoka were four stewardesses and 99 passengers, ending the longest and one of the most bizarre hijack cases in history.

Hostess Junko Kubota said life with the hijackers was "just like hell." She said they moved through the plane, swinging Samurai swords and waving daggers, tied male passengers to their seats with nylon ropes and ruled with supreme authority.

SHE SAID an elaborate ruse to make the hijackers think they had landed at Pyongyang worked at first and the hijackers apologized to the passengers for the trouble. But when they realized they had been tricked their mood became angry.

"We were in constant tension because we could not even move or stand up," Miss Kubota said. "They would shout out right away when we made the slightest move. It was pure hell."

Passengers flying to Tokyo told of hours with foul air aboard the plane, of being intimidated by the swords, daggers, pistols and homemade bombs wielded by the hijackers. They told of stopped up toilets, no food, nothing to drink for hours, and three days almost without sleep.

Knife Attack Brings Jail

Terio Roland Gonzales, 37, transient, was booked into city jail after he allegedly swung a knife at a Catholic priest in a Skid Row mission, missed and stabbed another man in the stomach.

Target of the stab was the Rev. Gilbert N. Lulay, who operates a homeless men shelter at 208 NW Couch St. After twice asking Gonzales to leave because the mission was closing, Father Lulay threatened to call police. He said Gonzales knocked him to the floor. John Ryan, a helper, came to the priest's aid. Gonzales whipped out a small knife, swung and hit Ryan in the stomach, police said.

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Deaths Jump etnam

(PI)—The rate of deaths in the Vietnam conflict this year was not in more than 1,000 American soldiers, said Friday, nearly 100,000 and 500 wounded.

although, during the fourth day, said, North and Viet Cong killed a bridge on m's main artery, shot down an transport plane and targets with accuracy. nearly 600 American wounded since not include such as "minor" injuries and lobby, the sources

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Judge Goodwin Boosted For Supreme Court Post

WASHINGTON (AP) — U.S. District Court Judge Alfred T. Goodwin has been discussed by Sen. Mark O. Hatfield, R-Ore., with Atty. Gen. John N. Mitchell as a possible U.S. Supreme Court nominee, the senator's office said Saturday.

The names of federal judges Edward T. Gignoux of Maine

and Harry A. Blackmun of Minnesota also have surfaced as contenders for the high court seat in published reports and comments by congressional sources since President Nixon announced Thursday he will look outside the South for his next nominee.

Presidential press secretary Ronald L. Ziegler said no decision had been made on a nominee.

Hatfield's office said the senator discussed Goodwin with Mitchell Friday.

Goodwin, 46, named to the federal court last year after serving on the Oregon Supreme Court since 1960, was recommended by Hatfield last year for the U.S. Supreme Court position, the senator's office said.

Hatfield was among the Republican senators who voted against Nixon's last two nominees for the seat vacated by the resignation of Abe Fortas.

Those nominees, federal judges Clement F. Haynsworth and G. Harrold Carswell, both from the South, failed to win confirmation in the Senate.

Gignoux, 53, has been a U.S. District Court judge since 1957. Blackmun, 61, has been on the 8th U.S. Court of Appeals at St. Louis since 1959.

Additional details page 34.

Arthur is a good man.

Goodbye
Court Nominees

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T. (Ted) Goodwin, 46, with
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be in this select group," he added.

both of the President's last two choices but supported Chief Justice Warren Burger when he was nominated, said he spoke to President Nixon after the Burger selection and was told by the President, "Frankly, I'd like to go West."

Hatfield said he later sent a file on Goodwin to the President and a similar file to the cabinet, and a similar file to the White House. The senator said he believed the president is looking for younger men than were appointed by President Eisenhower.

Goodwin, when he was confirmed by the Senate Judiciary Committee, "impressed Sen. Roman Hruska, R, Neb. Hatfield said.

Approval Won
It would appear that if Goodwin were nominated he would have little trouble in the Senate Judiciary Committee which approved him last fall after examining his record.

But the senator said, "I can't make any kind of a evaluation as to what his chances of being nominated would be."

The President has indicated he would pick a "strict constructionist," or a "conservative." Hatfield said these are

Haig said the president was "impressed" with his record and back-

Goodman said he has "never thought of myself as being particularly a strict constructionist or an activist, but if I had to pick a category, I would probably be moderate." He said he could probably not "be called an activist because 'I don't believe the judicial branch was ever intended to be the cutting edge of social reform."

"I do not think legislative inaction is a mandate for judicial action."

"And do not think the ABA should try to find solutions to every problem that comes up. The court should stick more to enforcing and interpreting the law after Congress has enacted it."

"To that extent, I am a constructionist."

The Federal Bureau of Investigation has said no further investigation has been asked for in connection with Goodman's possible nomination.

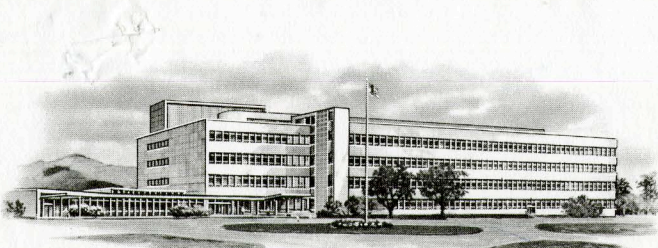
Glenn Jack, an Oregon City attorney who is a former member of the American Bar Association's Federal Judicial Committee, which also is

asked to pass on nominations, noted that both the FBI and the ABA reported favorably on Goodman last summer. Jack said the ABA gave Goodman an "exceptionally well qualified" rating—the highest possible.

FBI said he was sure the Goodman's name again. It continues to be a serious contender for appointment.

Sen. Robert Packwood, R-Ore., visiting in Portland Saturday, said Goodman is one of the most qualified of judges in the federal system. But he said that "either (Sen-

(by) Handel's and my votes don't mean too kindly against Haynsworth and Cars. anybody we might respect the seat, I'm not sure the President the Supreme Court.



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April 4, 1970

Dear Rosa Mary Woods:

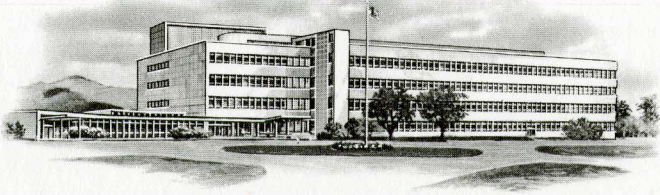
*Good if you wish and
then pass on to the President. Am
certain this idea will be a good
one for the citizens that will
select him in 1972.*

Sincerely,

Carlo J. Sposito

P.S.

*Hopes you can make the dinner
in August.*



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The President
The White House
Washington, D. C. 20006

My dear Mr. President:

Your announcement of increasing first-class mail to 10cents was front page news here in Portland. (Copy of the Oregon Journal, Friday, April 3, 1970 is enclosed.)

It was a natural thing to do, since the postal pay hike of some \$3 billion is staring us in the face. We as business people know that it is necessary - but what can you do for us??? I have tried for the past THIRTEEN YEARS to get someone to do something with my idea but it never gets to the proper people. I began my correspondence with the late Senator Richard Neuberger clear back in 1957. Dick was working on it with Postmaster Summerfield just before he died. Just nine years ago this month (copy enclosed) I sent the entire file that I had to Senator Maurine B. Neuberger. Her reply is also enclosed. In 1967 once again took it up with the late Postmaster Albert Hodler here in Portland. He was for the idea and told me that several business people from our city were going to be in Washington in mid September and to get in touch with one of them. I followed thru and contacted George A.D. Kerr of the United States National Bank. Copy of my letter also enclosed.

Following is one paragraph from the letter that explains the idea:

"See if you can put this idea across. Have them give us 1½ ounces for the first stamp and then regular rates for each additional ounce. It isn't the weight of the letter that is bringing on the extra expense, it is the handling of the letter that costs money."

Better yet, give us the first two ounces for 10cents and then 10cents an ounce thereafter on first class mail. After all the boys that deliver the mail aren't going to pack an extra ounce more - the letters will be exactly the same weight and size and the people will be getting a break for the first time. My mail averages about two and a half ounces per envelope, now 18¢ and a jump to 30¢ will be a big penalty for just our agency.

You are doing a wonderful job Mr. President, and this move will be a good

one for EVERY CITIZEN in the United States. We are a part of this big increase and every penny counts - for the deficit the country will have if rates are not increased and for the money that you can save YOUR TAX-PAYERS by promoting the idea of the increased weight.

So much for business.

Was very happy that Mrs. Nixon got a big kick out of the birthday greeting we sent a year ago. That was the one with her picture on the envelope and addressed to Washington, D. C. Also many thanks for your very nice letter of January this year regarding the ceramic piece (family Bible) that was sent to you for Christmas. Happy that the package arrived on Rose Mary Woods's desk in one piece. Sometimes the mail gets pretty rough on packages, but that's another story.

Dwight
Chapin {

Recently the papers mentioned that you would be in Portland in August. If you can, our offer of a home cooked Italian dinner,, is still good. Naturally we would hope that Rose Mary can make it at the same time. Am still offering and who knows - one of these times the answer may be "yes".

In mentioning Albert Hodler it reminded me of the time in 1959 when one of your letters to me took a little more than usual in arriving. A copy of what appeared in the papers is enclosed for you to chuckle over.

That's it and thanks for taking the time to look this over. I know how busy you are. Maybe a chance to just visit with just every day people by letter is fun. Hope it is.

Sincerely,



Carlo J. Sposito

Dwight Chapin

See marked paragraph on second page of Mr. Sposito's letter to the President.

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April 18, 1961

PRESERVATION COPY

Mr. Carlo J. Sposito
National Life Insurance Company
214 Corbett Building
Portland 4, Oregon

Dear Carlo:

Thank you very much for your letter of April 15. I do appreciate your kindness in forwarding to me clippings from the Portland newspapers.

I believe there is a great deal of merit in your suggestions with reference to first-class postal rates. While I am not a member of the Post Office Committee, which has jurisdiction in this field, I am advising the Committee of your views. Congress, I believe, will look with a rather dim view at the proposals by the new Postmaster General for an increase in rates. At the same time, we have a three-quarter of a billion dollar annual postal deficit. First-class mail is, of course, paying its own way, whereas other classes fail to do so. There is always opposition whenever the Department proposes consolidation of small post offices, which will result in the savings of several thousand dollars each year.

With all good wishes, I am

Sincerely,

Maurine B. Neuberger
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United States Senator

Postal Forum Draws Eight From Portland

Local businessmen from Portland have made arrangements to attend the National Postal Forum in Washington, D.C., Thursday and Friday, Sept. 14 and 15.

"Superlative Postal Service - How, Why and When" is the theme of the forum, which Postmaster General Lawrence F. O'Brien has called a major attempt to identify the postal needs of individuals and groups who use the mail service.

In addition to more than a dozen question-and-answer panel sessions, more than 30 U.S. Representatives

and at least eight U.S. Senators have agreed to sit on a special Congressional panel.

Attending from Portland will be Herbert J. Darby, Mailwell Envelope Co.; John Kahel, Portland Mailing Bureau; George A.D. Kerr, U.S. National Bank of Oregon; Robert H. Short, Portland General Electric Co.; Thomas F. Mitchell, Georgia-Pacific Corp.; Robert F. Rickett, Graphic Arts Center; Fred M. Burrow, First National Bank of Oregon; and F.L. Adams, Pacific Power and Light Co.

Sept. 5, 1967

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FIRST NATIONAL INSURANCE COMPANY OF AMERICA

September 7, 1967

Dear Mr. Kerr:

I have been looking high and low for my file on the idea I mentioned over the phone. Finally realized that I had sent the entire folder to Senator Maurine Neuberger in 1961. ✓
Copy of my letter to her is attached.

See if you can put this idea across. Have them give us 1½ ounces for the first stamp and then regular rates for each additional ~~ounce~~. It isn't the weight of the letter that is bringing on the extra expense it is the handling of the letter that costs money.

I have been working on this for the past ten years. Am certain you are the one to help put it over.

Respectfully,
Carl Sposito

For Miss and Mrs.

PORTLAND, OREGON, TUESDAY, DECEMBER 14, 1954 ✓ **1

My Dear!



IT WAS a welcome change from official dinners and the typical chicken a la king for Gov. Paul Patterson, Judge

George Rossman, Judge Hail S. Lusk and their wives when they were entertained Saturday evening by Mr. and Mrs. Carl Sposito (he's Italian businessman of the year) . . . guests were treated to a complete home-made Italian dinner and spent the evening reminiscing over "the good old days" when the judges bought newspapers from Sposito at the courthouse back in 1920.

*Frances is
a pretty good cook.*

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HOMEMADE PIZZA, RAVIOLI and other Italian delicacies can't help but top memories of Carlo and Stan Sposito, right, and sister Patty, left, when they remember their mama, Mrs. Carlo Sposito. Snitching scraps as Mom rolls out ravioli with special pin, boys always take

samples back to brother Betas at U. of O. after week-ends at home. Mrs. Sposito, who has cooked authentic Italian meals for 100 guests, shares with her husband executive positions in parent organizations at Portland State College.

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PORTLAND, OREGON, TUESDAY, FEB. 24, 1959

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mill ends ♦ ♦ By DICK FAGAN

And now we have another version of how Oregon got its name. Ed Skudra, secretary of the Oregon Latvian Society Inc., says, "according to the noted Latvian writer Anslavs Eglitis (and he ought to know because he used to live in Salem, Or.) Oregon was named by an unknown Latvian (possibly a displaced person) who in search for a better country, unliberated by the Communists, that is, arrived in Oregon and seeing all the beautiful scenery and friendly people exclaimed: "Are, gana!" Which in Latvian means, "look, enough (searched)"

Well, that may be. But I still go back to my original authority, the head leprechaun in Mill Ends park, the smallest park in the world, who says that Oregon was named for Patrick O'Regon, an Irishman of considerable talent and ability. His story will be told later.

ON FEB. 9, Vice Pres. Richard Nixon, in Washington, D. C., sent a letter airmail to Carlo Sposito, Portland businessman, thanking him for information and saying he would like to see him while in Portland for the birthday celebration on Feb. 14. On Feb. 16, Sposito got the letter—just a couple of days after Nixon had left.

Sposito asked Postmaster Hodler how come the air mail wasn't doing much better than the old pony express, and got this reply in part:

"The letter represented by the attached envelope should have been received by you on Feb. 11, in no case later than Feb. 12. The only explanation we have for the excessive delay is that due to the fact the envelope was not plainly marked 'Air Mail' the distribution clerk at the office of dispatch overlooked it as an air mail letter and sent it by train.

"While the absence of such marking is not sufficient reason for not receiving the

service for which postage is paid, in the rapid distribution of mail occasionally errors are made and this appears to be one. It is for this reason that the postoffice constantly stresses the importance of conspicuously marking all special service mail so these errors will be kept to a minimum.

"Even being sent by surface means this letter should have reached you by Sat., Feb. 14. However, trains from the East have been arriving late for the past two weeks. Undoubtedly the letter was delayed en route to Portland."

It seems that someone from the post-office department is going to have to take a walk over to Vice Pres. Nixon's office and have a friendly little chat with him on how to mark his mail.

I'M ALWAYS getting in troubles—mostly not of my own making. The other day I quoted something about women wearing pantaloons around 1910, quoting something from the Centennial commission. I am told that women around these parts did not go for pantaloons at that time. Well, it's not going to keep me awake nights.

And even Rosa Green's sad tale about women's skirts isn't going to disturb my temperature. She says that back in 1911, she and her brother, living in Spokane, decided to hike up to their place near a lake there.

Their father took them to the end of the streetcar line heading in that direction. She was 17 and was wearing a pair of her brother's overalls. When they got to Post Falls, Ida., the chief of police saw them and told her if she didn't get a dress on he would arrest her or run them out of town. She borrowed a dress from friends, and went back home—taking no chance of landing in the pokey. Times seem to have changed a little.





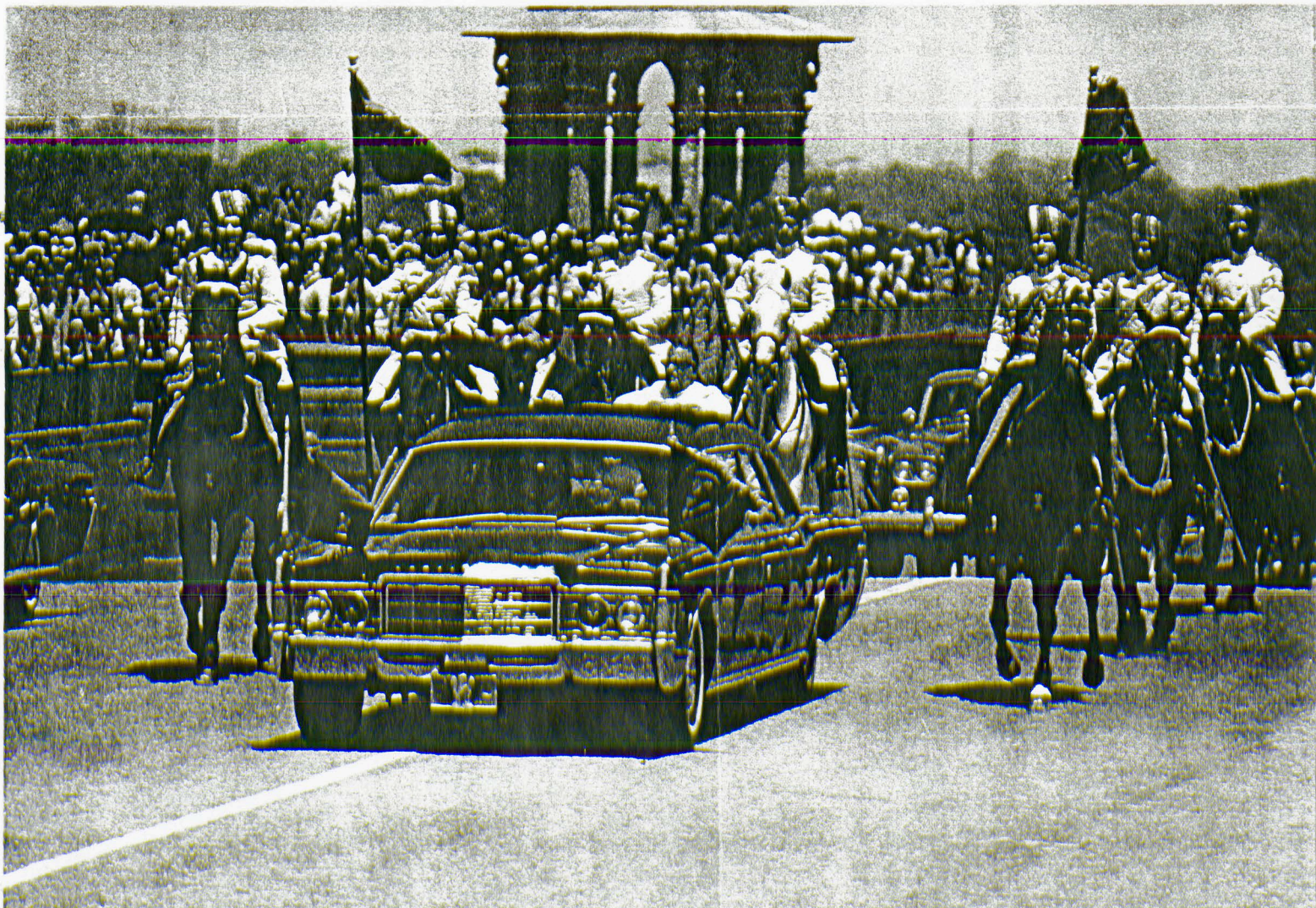
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With American infantrymen at Di An, Viet Nam.

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Pat Nixon wearing tikka mark in Indian village.



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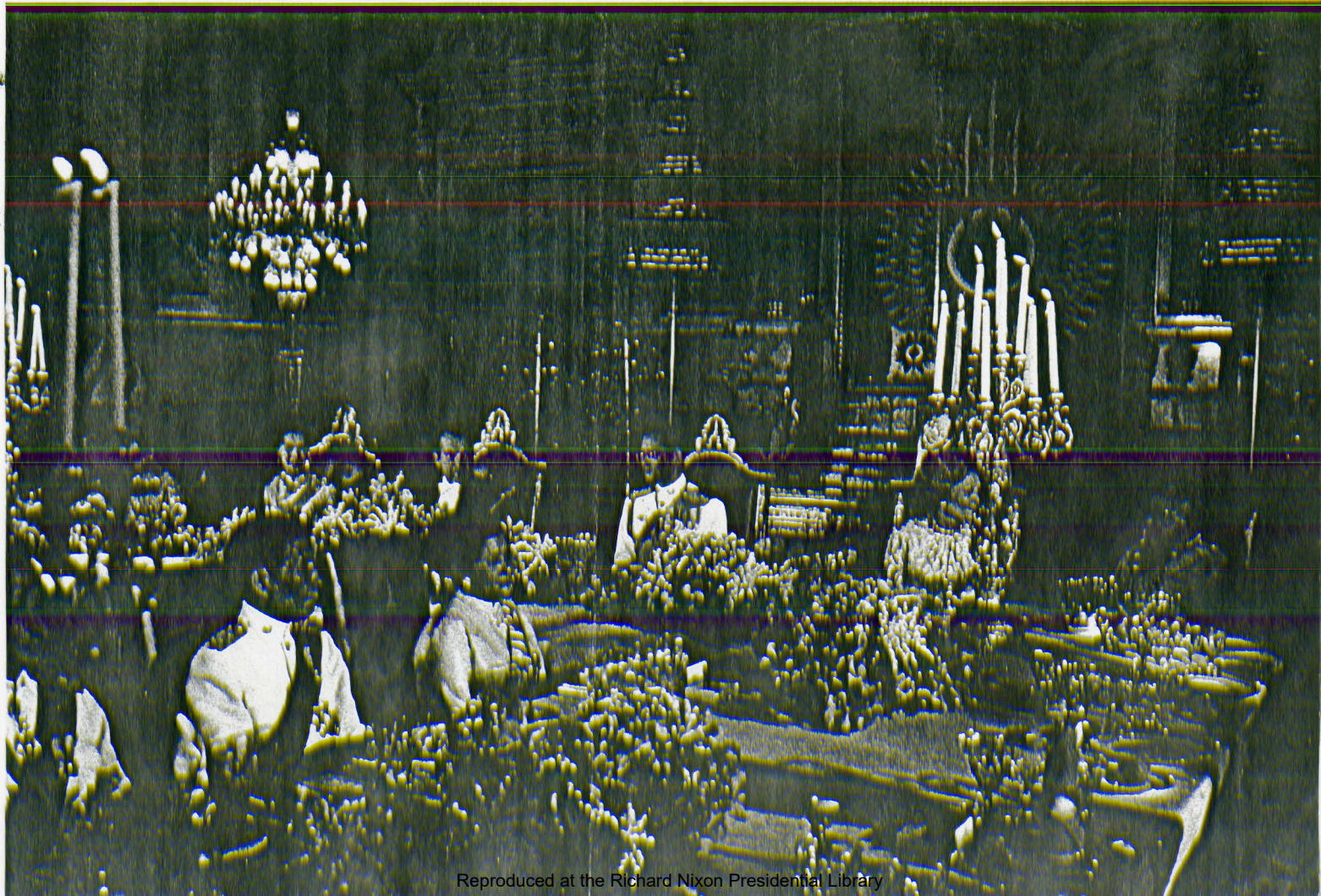
En route to Rashtrapati Bhavan, New Delhi's presidential residence.



PHOTOGRAPHS FOR TIME BY WALTER BENNETT

Javanese dancers performing for Nixon and President Suharto at the Djakarta Fair in Indonesia.

Dining with Thailand's King Bhumibol and Queen Sirikit in Bangkok's Chakri Throne Hall.



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April 17, 1970

Mrs. Matthew T. Chapman
Carstead Drive
Slingerlands, New York 12159

Dear Mrs. Chapman:

Your letter of April 2, to the President, suggesting the issuance of a stamp with the wording "God is Universal Love Here and Now, Peace be Still," has been referred to this office for reply.

We will be pleased to present your suggestion to our Citizens' Stamp Advisory Committee for consideration as future stamp programs are developed. I assure you it will be carefully reviewed by the Committee.

Your interest in this particular stamp is appreciated.

Sincerely,

Assistant Director
Division of Philately

cc: Mrs. Margita E. White
White House

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THE WHITE HOUSE OFFICE

REFERRAL

To: Mr. James Holland
Special Assistant
Post Office

Date: 4/13/70

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Edythe W. Chapman

☒ Letter: _____ Telegram: _____ Other: _____

To: The President

From: Mrs. Matthew T. Chapman

Date: 4/2/70

Subject: Proposes stamp.

By direction of the President:

(Mrs.) Margita E. White
Assistant Deputy Director of
Communications for the Executive Branch

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EDYTHE D. CHAPMAN
CARSTEAD DRIVE
SLINGERLANDS, NEW YORK 12159

April 2, 1970

President Richard Nixon,
The White House,
Washington, D. C.

Dear Mr. President:

Many years ago Wendell Phillips made this dynamic statement of truth, "One with God is a majority." Indeed, this is a very powerful statement of truth, and when we understand the true significance of the statement in the way that Jesus taught, we experience the power of the truth it contains, "I and my Father are One."

I realize that your beautiful religious background gives you the trust in God which is necessary to carry on during these perilous times and allows you to make great decisions, knowing that God is giving you orders from Headquarters.

Naturally we are all desirous of peace more than anything else in the world to-day, yet this can only be accomplished when we "get above" the problems, so to speak, and see our world from a different viewpoint.

Mr. Kenrik Wilemz, a great Holland Nuclear Physicist wrote a book, which was published in England, entitled, "The Great Answer." In this book he assures us that "A change in consciousness has to take place before the armament race can come to an end." And then he states, "It is perfectly clear a new approach must be found," and continues by saying, "We are on the verge of finding this approach."

The time is ripe, "Here and Now" Mr. President and with this in mind, I would like to have you consider one means of promoting this desired peace.

When we see our world through the eyes of God, so to speak, and acknowledge His Presence we are honoring Him and the power which belongs to God alone, so let us all pray unceasingly, "Not my will but Thine be done," in the following manner, "God is Universal Love, here and now, peace be still." This statement could be made in a message on one of our most frequently used United States postage stamps.

The enclosed sample is presented for your approval. Those who read the message on this stamp will be uttering a prayer of peace, and this prayer IS the power of God as it is spoken.

I trust you will give this suggestion your serious consideration and move with promptness.

Thanking you, I am

Yours truly,

Edythe D. Chapman

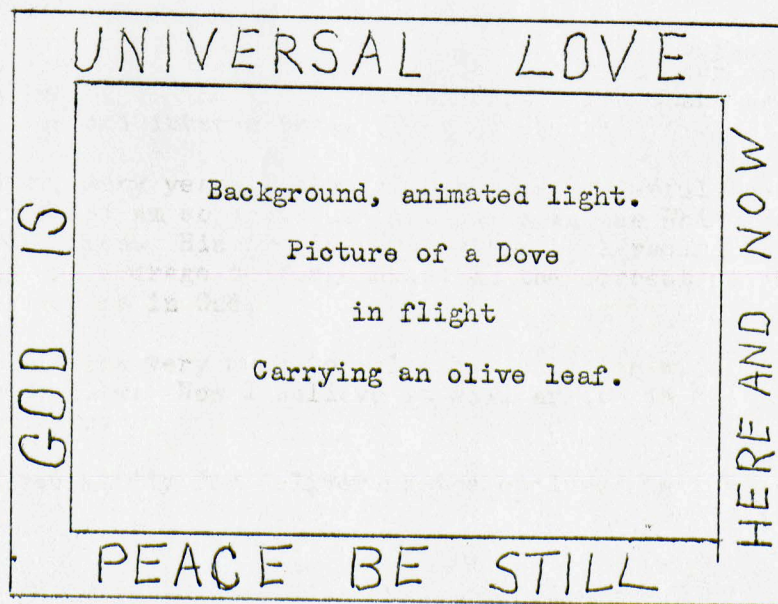
(Mrs. Matthew T. Chapman)

EDYTHE D. CHAPMAN
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A PRAYER OF PEACE AND POWER -----

"God is Universal Love Here and Now, Peace be still."

POSTAGE STAMP SHOULD BE MADE TO SIZE



EDYTHE D. CHAPMAN
CARSTEAD DRIVE
SLINGERLANDS, NEW YORK 12159

April 2, 1970

The Honorable Herbert Kline,
Director of Communications,
The White House,
Washington, D. C.

Dear Mr. Kline:

First I want to state how very much I enjoyed your conversation with Art Linkletter on the Johnny Carson Show a few weeks ago. It was very informative and interesting.

For many, many years I have admired our wonderful President Richard Nixon and I am so grateful that he is in the White House during these perilous times. His precious religious background gives him the understanding and courage to forge ahead in the correct paths, for I realize his trust is in God.

I should like very much to write him a letter which I trust he will read personally. Now I believe it will arrive in his hands through your chanel to him.

Thank you kindly for delivering the enclosed letter to President Nixon.

Yours truly,

Edythe D. Chapman

(Mrs. Matthew. T. Chapman)

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April 20, 1970

Dear Mrs. Wood:

Thank you for your March 30 letter to the President commenting on an article which appeared in the March 28 Chicago Tribune. Your views have been fully noted.

Sincerely,

John E. Nidecker
Deputy Special Assistant
to the President

Mrs. Wilburn L. Wood
201 East Chestnut Street
Chicago, Illinois 60611

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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 M. Hart
1636 N. Curson Ave.

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1646 N. Curson Ave.

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

Horace L. Thomas
1629 North Curson Ave.

Lal Fishman

7576 Hollywood Blvd

Jaye Fishman

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Ann Karol

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J. Karol

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Robert Mueller

1636 N. Curson Ave

Christa Mueller

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A FEW OF THE SERVICES, NOT ALL
SHOWING THE POST OFFICE DEFICIT
IS ACTUALLY A PHANTOM.

JUSTICE DEPT

- 1--REGISTERING 3 MILLION ALIENS
- 2--PRINTING AND DISPLAYING POSTERS
FOR LAW ENFORCEMENT DEPTS:
STATE
F.B.I.

AGRICULTURE DEPT

- 3--ISSUE FISHING & HUNTING LICENSES
MAKE WEATHER REPORTS TO FARMERS
TAKE LIVE STOCK CENSUS

COAST GUARD

- 4--REGISTER MOTOR BOATS

DEPT. OF INTERIER

- 5--TAKE ANNUAL CENSUS OF MIGRATORY BIRDS
- 6--DISTRIBUTE FORMS FOR CENSUS BUREAU
DISTRIBUTE FORMS FOR PEACE CORE (IS THIS POSTAL?)
- 7--FREE RIDE GIVEN COMMUNIST PROPAGANA GOING THROUGH
THE UNITED STATES, 20 to 30 MILLION PIECES PER MONTH
- 8--TEACHERS ORGANIZATIONS USE FREE SCHOOL MAIL
PRIVILEGES TO SEND OUT 22,000 COPIES OF ITS
NEWSPAPER, ANOTHER 23,000 WEEKLY
- 9--POSTMASTER GENERAL, IS USEING TAXPAYERS FUNDS
FOR TRAVELING AND POLITICAL SPEECHES
- 10--THE RISE IN POSTAL RATES COMPETES WITH FREE ENTERPRISE,
SUCH AS COMMON CARRIERS::RAIL ROAD EXPRESS::AIRLINES::
ETC., THIS IS SERIOUS AND UNFAIR. WHAT ABOUT POSTAL
SERVICE BUILDING POST OFFICE ETC., FOR BOLIVIA?

Saturday, Jan. 20, 1962

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Los Angeles Herald-Examiner

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Blow at U.S. Free Press**Postal Rate Bill to Aid Red Propaganda**

The Administration's postal rate increase bill will be up for action in Congress next week. A postal rate hike threatens the free press and American liberties. This is the fifth in a series analyzing the proposed bill and its impact on America.

By BARBARA KOBER

(Hearst Headline Service Special to Herald-Examiner)

WASHINGTON, Jan. 20—The Administration's postal rate bill not only blocks a prosperous and free press, it clears a wide highway for Communist propaganda to speed through the United States.

The Post Office Department

created second class mail nearly a century ago as a vehicle for disseminating "information of a public character or devoted to literature, the sciences, arts or some specialized industry."

A wise Congress then recognized the educational value of magazines and newspapers. Now it is being asked to jeopardize their existence.

At the same time, the postal bill completely ignores the free ride given to Communist propaganda through the U.S. mails.

Rep. Beermann, R-Neb., asserts it is bad enough that U.S. foreign aid "is subsidizing Communist totalitarian regimes which do not tolerate a free press."

But he asks, "must we do Mr. Khrushchev's work for him and bury our own?"

RED MAIL DELUGE

Rep. Cunningham, R-Neb., points out between 20 and 30 million pieces of Communist material comes into the U.S. every month. This mail hits U.S. ports in huge bundles, easily identifiable as Communist propaganda.

Until last March, the Post Office Department sent forms to the addressees asking them if they wanted to receive this Red propaganda. Ninety per cent usually said they did not.

Last spring, President Kennedy removed this restriction thereby increasing the delivery of the material 30 fold, according to Cunningham.

HIT U.S. PRESS

No prohibition against Communist propaganda appears in the administration bill. It should be included.

Yet, the bill now before

Congress allows for the demise of the free American press. Is this equitable?

Many foreign countries, including the Soviet Union, impressed by the successful educational functions of American magazines, have copied even the format of U.S. publications.

Elementary and secondary school teachers throughout this country testify to the importance of magazines as teaching techniques. One teacher declared she could not conduct her English classes without the aid of national magazines.

PUBLICATION PERIL

American literature flourishes today because of the contributions made by literary magazines. Children's magazines bring joy to millions of little Americans and teach them to read.

In the last 100 years the majority of families in this country spent more money on reading materials than they spent on education.

Now newspapers and magazines are in peril. The postal bill will shoot postage up \$53 million annually.

It is utter folly to weaken the American press. America needs strong, healthy newspapers and magazines to protect the interests of freedom.

A threat to the U.S. press is a threat to our liberties and to our security. By destroying the free enterprise element in the American press, we might well be generating a government-controlled press.

A 2300-YEAR-OLD theater at Epidaurus, Greece, is still packing audiences to watch the hit plays of 400 B. C.

E. F. Tompkins**'Odd Job' Costs Hike Postal Dept. Deficit**

THE U.S. Post Office is running another big deficit, largely because the Government uses it for numerous purposes that have nothing to do with collecting and delivering mail.

Congress is being asked to meet the current shortage out of tax funds, and to attempt to prevent future deficits by increasing postal rates inordinately.



TOMPKINS

Under the proposed schedule, sending a letter—which only a few years ago cost three cents—will require five cents. Other categories, including second-class mail or reading matter, will undergo similar rises. Thus taxpayers would be compelled to defray heavy losses in postal service, a great part of which are caused by the Government itself.

Congress will probably not permit this to happen. The House Committee on Post Office and Civil Service has recommended the rate increases. But Sen. Johnston, D-S.C., as chairman of the equivalent Senate committee, has refused to let his group act on such proposals unless and until other Federal departments defray the costs of services for which they are responsible and which are shunted over to the Post Office to be performed for them free of charge.

Strange Tasks

Some of the nonpostal tasks imposed upon the nation's mail handlers are curious.

The Post Office is required to sell duck-hunting

stamps to sportsmen. But the proceeds go to the Treasury Department.

The Post Office keeps a registry of 3,000,000 aliens and displays posters of "wanted men" for law-enforcement agencies. The Justice Department should pay for both services.

The Post Office makes weather reports and gives advice to farmers, clearly a Department of Agriculture function.

The Post Office has something to do with registering motor boats—although the Coast Guard would seem to be the right agency.

The Post Office makes an annual census of migratory birds. Why should not the Interior Department pay for this?

And so on to an estimated total of about a quarter of a billion dollars a year in expenses carried by the Post Office Department, accounting for more than one-fourth of its current deficit.

Solution

Sen. Johnston's solution is simple and equitable.

Postal rates should not be altered "until adequate allowance has first been made for the many nonpostal services economically performed."

Fortunately the Administration agrees with Sen. Johnston.

Charges for carrying first-class, second-class and air mail should, in the public interest, be as low as efficient service will permit. This cannot be if the Post Office is to serve as an unpaid workhorse for other departments and bureaus.

Please Read

3,000 in His Office Useless, Hodges Says

BY WILLARD EDWARDS
[Chicago Tribune Press Service]

Washington, May 23—Secretary of Commerce Luther H. Hodges told Congress today that 3,000 employees in his department were performing non-essential duties and should be fired.

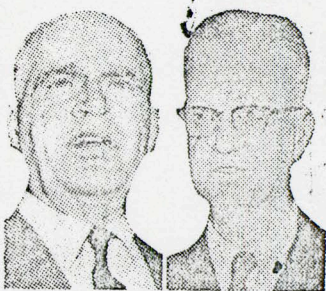
Momentarily stunned and then delighted, Chairman James C. Davis [D., Ga.] of the House postoffice and civil service committee, which heard Hodges testify, offered cooperation in a cleanup.

Veterans in Congress could not recall a similarly frank confession from a cabinet member in recent years.

To Fiscal Sanity

The commerce department, once one of the biggest government branches, no longer enjoys that lofty status, but it has 29,418 on the payroll and its annual budget is about \$563,000,000.

Hodges' statement was evoked by a question from Rep. H. R. Gross [R., Ia.] "How can the



Hodges (left) and Davis

government return to fiscal sanity?"

"The government could save all sorts of money if the civil service system was modified," Hodges said. "Why, 10 per cent of the government workers in my department alone are doing jobs started 40 years ago which just aren't needed. A system for getting rid of this deadwood should be carefully worked out with an avoidance of political partisanship."

Could Lop 250,000

Reform of the civil service system, under which it becomes almost impossible to dislodge an employee once he acquires status, was conceded by committee members to be a difficult task. But Davis and Hodges agreed that commerce department experts would get together with the staff of the House subcommittee on manpower utilization to work out a formal plan.

Applying Hodges' estimate of 10 per cent to the entire government payroll, the committee noted, would result in a conclusion that 250,000 workers could be removed without hurting efficiency. Members expressed some doubt that other federal department heads would make the same admission.

Hodges had been called to testify about the Kennedy administration's proposal for a 3.3 billion dollar pay increase for government workers. He strongly indorsed it.

Check-up Needed On Spending by Post Office Dept.

By DAVID SENTNER

Herald-Examiner Correspondent with Hearst Headline Service

WASHINGTON, Dec. 26—Speaking of cutting out bureaucratic waste—as requested by President Johnson—how about checking the spending of taxpayers' money by the Post Office Department in its information operations?

How about discovering why the department broke its rule against issuing publications by printing 5000 copies of a pamphlet in honor of the 100th anniversary of Montgomery Blair, postmaster general under President Lincoln?

These expensive 44-page pamphlets, richly illustrated, were sent to members of Congress for free distribution during the past year.

Aside from oblique glorification of the current Post Office administration about the only point to be learned from the pamphlets is that Blair was besieged by job-seekers for the Post Office Department even as are the M.C.'s of 1963.

TRIED REFORMS

There also are references in the pamphlet to reforms attempted by Blair in the politically-infested postal service.

The Post Office Department has been punishing the publishing industry by raising the latter's mailing rates on the grounds the department must operate on a pay-as-you-go basis.

The pamphletized story of Blair's attempted reforms should inspire the present P.O. regime to introduce a modern reform of its own—namely, to reduce the monumental tab it is running up in the supplying of information to members of Congress.

The caressing of Congress by the information specialists in the Post Office Department is highlighted in the replies by the department to the questionnaire on Government information operations sent out to all Federal agencies by the House Government Information subcommittee headed by Rep. John E. Moss, D-Cal.

8 LIAISON AIDES

The Post Office Department reported as follows:

There are eight employees in the office of the executive assistant to the postmaster

general, including the executive assistant.

These employees, for the most part devote full time to congressional liaison, thus accounting for 16,000 man-hours for the fiscal 1963.

Also, in the 15 regional offices around the country, the assistant to the regional director is responsible for handling congressional inquiries. These assistants devote one-third of their time to handling congressional inquiries directed to their regions "thus accounting for 2000 additional man-hours per year."

SPECIAL JOBS

Furthermore, because of the congressional interest in other Post Office functions, each specialized bureau has an executive assistant who is responsible—in addition to their other duties—for handling congressional inquiries.

These executive assistants as well as other departmental officials to whom a member of Congress might direct a request would account for approximately 12,000 man-hours each year.

The Post Office Department continued to detail how its information operations involve more of a quiz program for members of Congress than providing information for the news media and public.

"It is estimated that the office of the executive assistant to the postmaster general handles 50 congressional inquiries a day by telephone in addition to answering daily in writing another 50 congressional requests for information totaling 25,000 a year.

CONGRESS QUERIES

"It should be pointed out that one congressional inquiry—whether by phone or in writing—can often times generate several other telephone calls or memoranda prior to the answering of the inquiry. Further, it is estimated that other departmental and regional officials handle each year another 50,000 in writing and telephone."

What are the nature of these queries from members of Congress? How many of them refer to postmaster and assistant postmaster jobs that may be open?

The Post Office Department, in its replies to the Moss questionnaire, was as mysterious on this matter as

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U.S. Mail Once run By Private Enterprise

Article 1, Section 8, of the Constitution gives the government power to "establish post offices and post roads." However it does not exclude private enterprise from handling mail. In the past there have been many such companies. The best known was probably Lysander Spooner's American Letter Mail Company

These companies handled the job so well that they made the government system look bad. As a result, in 1845, a law was passed which gave the government complete control of the mails. This was the beginning of our mail system.

Rates charged by the government postal monopoly in no way reflect the true cost. The annual deficit is always huge and is covered by money taxed from the people.

I have two suggestions which it is felt will bring about a correction of the service problem and relieve the hard pressed taxpayers.

First is to remove the tax subsidy. The Post Office Department would then have to charge rates which actually reflect its costs. Also, it will have to provide for future expansion and innovation.

Second is to repeal the 1845 law which grants a postal monopoly to the government. This will allow private enterprises to handle mail. No person can foresee the results that might occur. Mail would be handled in ways of which we have never thought. The benefits to be obtained from the resulting competition can only work to our good.

ROBERT S. KENNEDY JR., Pasadena.

THE WHITE HOUSE OFFICE

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To: The Postmaster General

Date: April 21, 1970

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To: **The President**
From: **Calvin R. Thatcher, Mayor of the City of Findlay, Municipal Bldg, Findlay, Ohio**
Date: **4/14/70**
Subject: **Re recommended postal increases -- seems incongruous such wide spread between first class and bulk third class--feels "junk mail" category should carry more of the burden.**

By direction of the President:

**Noble M. Melencamp
Staff Assistant
to the President**

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CALVIN R. THATCHER
MAYOR

OFFICE OF THE MAYOR

MUNICIPAL BUILDING
FINDLAY, OHIO 45840
TELEPHONE (419) 422-1012

April 14, 1970

H.
President Richard M. Nixon
The White House
Washington, D.C. 20510

Dear President Nixon:

Recognizing the fact that we out here in Ohio are not fully cognizant of the problems faced by the United States Post Office Department, it still seems incongruous to me that recommended postal rate increases would show such a wide spread between first class and bulk third class.

It would seem more logical to let the "junk mail" category carry more of the burden.

Sincerely yours,

Calvin R. Thatcher
Mayor

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to Mrs. Mac Hugh

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April 24, 1970

Herb Klein / Speeches

Dear Mr. Sandstrom:

Many thanks for your letter of April 10. I appreciate your high marks for my talk at the National Association of Broadcasters.

It was thoughtful of you to call the WIBW editorials to my attention. I was particularly pleased to note that in the broadcast of March 22 you had emphasized the need for postal reform. Certainly, many in the Administration feel that the strike could have been avoided if the necessary reforms had been begun. I also enjoyed reading your editorial of March 29 on what is right with the United States, and I am sure your listeners felt as if they were hearing music.

With best wishes,

Sincerely,

Herbert G. Klein
Director of Communications
for the Executive Branch

Mr. Thad M. Sandstrom
Vice President-Broadcasting
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Topeka, Kansas 66601

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April 24, 1970

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.

With cordial regard,

Sincerely,

Kenneth E. Belieu
Deputy Assistant to the President

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

bcc: w/inc to Post Office Department (Paul Carlin) for
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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,

Bill

William E. Timmons
Assistant to the President

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

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POST OFFICE AND CIVIL SERVICE

HOME ADDRESS:
WATERLOO, IOWA

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

COUNTIES:
BLACK HAWK HAMILTON
BREMER HANCOCK
BUTLER HARDIN
CERRO GORDO HOWARD
CHICKASAW MITCHELL
FLOYD WINNEBAGO
FRANKLIN WORTH
GRUNDY WRIGHT

April 23, 1970

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

Dear Mr. President:

During his appearance before the House Post Office and Civil Service Committee on April 22, Postmaster General Blount admitted that the latest so-called postal reform bill, H. R. 17070, could lead to the compulsory unionization of all postal employees.

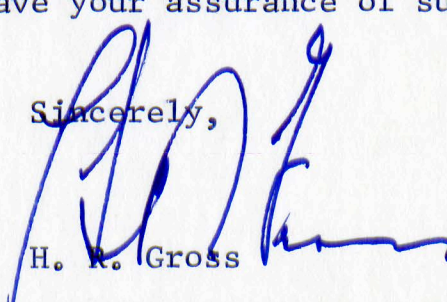
I must express deep regret, Mr. President, that you have endorsed such a proposal, for I can conceive of no justification for denying individual postal employees freedom of choice in deciding whether they shall or shall not join a union.

I would remind you that we made a solemn pledge in the 1968 Republican platform to protect federal employees in the exercise of the right freely and without fear of penalty or reprisal to form, join or assist any employee organization or to refrain from any such activities.

Moreover, your labor-management executive order clearly states: "Nothing shall require an employee to become or to remain a member of a labor organization ..."

It is my intention to offer a "right to refrain" amendment to H. R. 17070. In keeping with the Republican Party platform and Executive Order No. 11491, may I have your assurance of support for the amendment?

Sincerely,


H. R. Gross

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THE WHITE HOUSE OFFICE

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To: John D. Ehrlichman, The White House
From: Nelson M. Johnston, S-4829 Bussendorffer Road, Hamburg, New York 14075
Date: April 22, 1970
Subject: Suggestions for improving postal service

By direction of the President:

John D. Ehrlichman *by Tod R. Hullin*

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Tucson, Arizona, April 28, 1970

The President
The White House
Washington, D.C.

My dear Mr. President:

We, the undersigned, are American citizens from the State of Arizona, and wish to state, for your consideration, that we are firmly opposed to compulsory Unionism in any form.

We feel it is certainly an infringement on the rights of any American citizen to require that he join a Union in order to get and hold a job.

We would not be in favor of Legislation in any form which so provides.

Respectfully submitted

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NIGHT LETTER

April 29, 1970

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Mr. James W. Mead
Editor and General Manager
The Westfield Republican, Inc.
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Westfield, New York 14787

Reurlet April 19, sincerely regret impossible for the President to meet with you as suggested. He is appreciative of your interest in writing, though, and your letter is being forwarded to the Postmaster General for most careful consideration and further response. With the President's best wishes,

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

HWS:hc

CC and copy of incoming to PMG Blount - for further reply

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Hugh

I asked files and they do not have a copy of the previous referred to here. They think it is something Klein may have sent out.

How shall we handle this?

Pls note last para. saying he is in town at present

HCD

*wrote TD re: mty president
indicating ltr re: now
raised to follow*

*T. Post Office Dept for
further response*

Hugh-

Rather than trying to deliver this to Mead on his naval reserve assignment here, thought it best to send to his home office and am sure they will inform him. Ok?

HCD

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April 19, 1970

The Honorable Richard Nixon
President
United States
Washington, DC

Dear President Nixon:

Our newspapers supported your candidacy in 1968 and still do support you on 95% of the issues.

You were kind enough to write to us in the Spring of 1969 ~~thanking~~ us for that support and asking for constructive criticism when we felt it was necessary.

After reading of your request to Congress for a 50% increase in second class mailing costs and a 33 1/3% increase in third class costs, I had to write about the tremendous load this move will create for most of the smalltown weekly newspapers and shopping guides across the country.

We publish three second class newspapers and two shopping guides which are in effect free distribution newspapers as they carry editorial material of pertenance to the area in which they serve. The postal increase you recommend would increase my total postage bill weekly about \$140. In one publication alone the increase would be \$100. My current postal bill runs nearly \$375 a week.

The weekly newspaper industry has never opposed a fair increase but when you consider rises of 33 and 50%, I wonder if you are aware of the effects of these increases. I would predict that many of the pennysaver type publications would have to price themselves out of the advertising market in order to continue. The weekly newspapers, long the backbone of the nation's rural communication media, will suffer greatly. The dailies will be practically unaffected by the move as little of their distribution cost is created by postage.

Already in the past twelve months, four weekly newspapers in southwestern New York State have ceased publication and two others are hanging by a precarious thread. Our situation is not as critical as we have been able to, so far, combat the higher costs of labor and operation by combined operations of many publications. But no firm is immune, regardless of size, to costs increases of 50%.

Our main newspaper, The Westfield Republican, was founded in 1855 as the party itself was being formed. Horace Greeley was even involved a bit in the formation of the Republican Party in this area and certainly in the State. In fact we have the distinction of being the first Republican newspaper printed in the United States.

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My newspaper tenure dates back thirteen years when my wife and I returned to the small town of Westfield where we had grown up, to take over this weekly newspaper from her father, whose family had guided for over 65 years, through depression and recessions and good times, too.

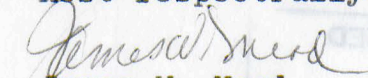
During the past 13 years, we have modernized and reshaped this enterprise to meet the changing needs of our readers and of our employees. We now have one of the most modern offset newspaper plants and commercial printing plants in this part of the state.

In recent years, however, a greater proportionate part of my time has been spent in trying to meet the rapidly increasing cost pattern, which small business is so immune to and so helpless to combat. We cannot raise our prices and stay competitive; we must reduce, therefore, costs or increase our sales to remain even in the same profit area. It is and will no doubt continue to be the most difficult challenge for the small businessman to meet.

President Nixon, you have impressed me with your great dedication to the task of managing America. Please take a long look at the effects of these proposals and others like them that will hasten the end to small business. The postal hikes are necessary to help with greater payroll needs of the mail carriers but must we as mail users bear such a heavy increase in one lump such as the 50% you have proposed?

I will be in Washington next week and the following on duty with the United States Navy Reserve. If there was any possibility that you might like to discuss this with me, and I realize how presumptuous that is, I would be available at the Navy Department, Arlington Annex where I am serving on the LT-LCDR (SC) Selection Board. It would be a privilege to discuss the smalltown newspaper business with you.

Most respectfully,



James W. Mead
Editor & General Manager

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April 30, 1970

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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April 23, 1970

The President
The White House
Washington, D. C.

Dear Mr. President:

During his appearance before the House Post Office and Civil Service Committee on April 22, Postmaster General Blount admitted that the latest so-called postal reform bill, H. R. 17070, could lead to the compulsory unionization of all postal employees.

I must express deep regret, Mr. President, that you have endorsed such a proposal, for I can conceive of no justification for denying individual postal employees freedom of choice in deciding whether they shall or shall not join a union.

I would remind you that we made a solemn pledge in the 1968 Republican platform to protect federal employees in the exercise of the right freely and without fear of penalty or reprisal to form, join or assist any employee organization or to refrain from any such activities.

Moreover, your labor-management executive order clearly states: "Nothing shall require an employee to become or to remain a member of a labor organization ..."

It is my intention to offer a "right to refrain" amendment to H. R. 17070. In keeping with the Republican Party platform and Executive Order No. 11491, may I have your assurance of support for the amendment?

Sincerely,

H. R. Gross

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