

December 26, 1969

Dear Ted:

I have suggested that the President of the Air Transport Association, Mr. Stuart Tipton, be in touch with you regarding the Postal Reform Bill. Tipton and his members have some grave reservations about the transportation section of the bill.

I think it is important that we not allow them to be an obstacle to passage. They can't hurt us in the Post Office and Civil Service Committee but the Commerce Committee of the House can raise serious objections when the Reform Bill gets to the floor. If we could find some common ground with ATA, I think it would remove one other possible roadblock to our reform package -- at least I think it is worth exploring.

I have suggested to Tipton that he call you and get together with you as soon as you return from the holidays. He is a very reasonable guy although he is tough. I do think it would be worthwhile to at least explore with him whether there is anyway that we can satisfy some of their objections and thereby remove their opposition once the bill clears the House Committee.

Best personal regards.

Sincerely,

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Charles W. Colson  
Special Counsel to the President

Honorable E. T. Klassen  
Deputy Postmaster General  
Post Office Department  
Washington, D. C. 20260

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THE PRESIDENT

THE WHITE HOUSE

DEAR MR PRESIDENT:

THE NATIONAL ALLIANCE OF POSTAL AND FEDERAL EMPLOYEES

3 DESERVE AN EXPLANATION OF WHY IT WAS OMITTED FROM

THE GROUP OF POSTAL LABOR UNIONS THAT WERE INVITED

TO THE WHITE HOUSE ON DECEMBER 19 TO DISCUSS THE

2 ADMINISTRATIONS POSTAL REFORM POSTAL PAY PACKAGE THE



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MUCH CONCERN TO THE MEMBERS OF OUR UNION AS TO THE  
INVITED UNIONS MOST OF WHICH ARE BOTH YOUNGER  
AND SMALLER THAN THE ALLIANCE. COULD THE PREDOMINANTLY  
BLACK AND BROWN COMPOSITION OF OUR MEMBERSHIP ACCOUNT  
FOR OUR EXCLUSION?

3 ASHBY G SMITH PRESIDENT NATIONAL ALLIANCE OF POSTAL  
AND FEDERAL EMPLOYEES.

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THE POSTMASTER GENERAL  
WASHINGTON, D. C. 20260

April 21, 1970

Dear Chuck:

Thank you very much for sending me the April issue of Association Management, containing the article about the Post Office Department. I am pleased with this coverage and appreciate your bringing it to my attention.

With kindest regards, I am

Sincerely,

  
Winton M. Blount

The Honorable Charles W. Colson  
Special Counsel to the President  
The White House  
Washington, D. C. 20500

April 17, 1970

Mr. H. M. Wymbs  
100 Hoyce Road  
Hartsdale, New York

Dear Mr. Wymbs:

The President has asked me to reply to your telegram of March 18, 1970, concerning the work stoppage in the post office and the status of various Federal pay proposals.

I trust that you are pleased by the outcome of the negotiations between the several AFL-CIO unions and representatives of the Administration. For your information, I am enclosing a copy of the President's message to the Congress. We are hopeful of prompt action on the recommendations arising from the agreements which have been reached.

The President was pleased to receive your suggestions.

Best wishes.

Sincerely,

Charles W. Colson  
Special Counsel to the President

Enclosure

The White House  
Washington

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THE PRESIDENT

THE WHITE HOUSE

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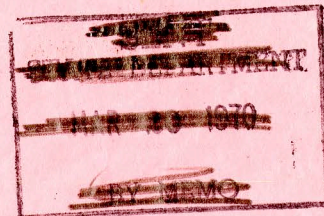
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April 17, 1970

Mr. Jerry Wurf, International President  
American Federation of State, County, and Municipal  
Employees AFL-CIO  
Washington, D. C.

Dear Mr. Wurf:

The President has asked me to reply to your telegram of March 23, 1970, concerning the work stoppage in the post office and the status of various Federal pay proposals.

I trust that you are pleased by the outcome of the negotiations between the several AFL-CIO unions and representatives of the Administration. For your information, I am enclosing a copy of the President's message to the Congress. We are hopeful of prompt action on the recommendations arising from the agreements which have been reached.

The President was pleased to receive your suggestions.

Best wishes.

Sincerely,

Charles W. Colson  
Special Counsel to the President

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Washington

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THE PRESIDENT

THE WHITE HOUSE

ON BEHALF OF THE AMERICAN FEDERATION OF STATE, COUNTY  
AND MUNICIPAL EMPLOYEES, AFL-CIO, I WISH TO STATE MY

<sup>3</sup> FIRM CONVICTION THAT USING FEDERAL OR NATIONAL GUARD  
TROOPS IN THE POSTAL DISPUTE WOULD BE AN UNCONSCIONABLE  
ACT OF COERCION TO SMASH A THOROUGHLY JUST STRIKE BY

<sup>2</sup> AGRIEVED AMERICAN CITIZENS.



THE REAL CULPRITS IN THIS SITUATION ARE NOT THE WORKERS  
BUT THOSE RESPONSIBLE FOR THE INCREDIBLE DELAYS AND  
FRUSTRATIONS WHICH HAVE THWARTED THE PATIENT EFFORTS OF  
THE POSTAL WORKERS TO OBTAIN A JUST RESOLUTION OF THEIR GRIEVANCES.  
THE REAL ISSUE IS NOT THE STRIKE OF THE WORKERS - THE  
REAL ISSUE IS THE UNFORTUNATE, FRUSTRATING MACHINERY  
3 THAT BROUGHT ABOUT THIS SITUATION.

I URGE THAT YOU, THE PRESIDENT, PERSONALLY CALL IN THE  
LEADERS OF THE POSTAL UNIONS TO WORK OUT APPROPRIATE  
2 RECOMMENDATIONS FOR SOLVING THE URGENT GRIEVANCES OF

THE POSTAL WORKERS.

LET ME EMPHASIZE THAT THIS PROBLEM CANNOT BE SOLVED BY  
FORCE BUT BY REASON. THE POSTAL WORKERS ARE WITHOUT ANY  
OTHER REMEDY BUT TO STRIKE.

JERRY WURF INTERNATIONAL PRESIDENT AMERICAN FEDERATION OF  
STATE COUNTY AND MUNICIPAL EMPLOYEES AFL-CIO.

*WASH DC*

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ROBERT T. GORDON  
*President*

April 13, 1970

Mr. Charles W. Colson, Special  
Counsel to the President  
The White House  
Washington, D. C.

Dear Mr. Colson:

I was very pleased to receive your reply and that our position was made known to the President. I have read the release President Nixon gave and I have but one little comment to add, and I believe that the attached copy of an editorial appearing recently in a Detroit newspaper will make my position clear.

We are very much in favor of having junk mail pay its way. I believe there is one part of that memo I have attached which I think commands a lot of respect -- "Folly reaches its summit when the public subsidizes junk mail and then, because of the nature of this mail, must take on the added burden of transporting it from the mailbox to the trash can".

Sincerely,



Robert T. Gordon  
President

RTG/apl  
enc.

# Make junk mail pay its way

The sympathy the public lavished on the postal workers' demand for higher wages has turned to outrage over paying the costs. Surely, the public is not so naive that it believed a pay raise package of some 17 percent would be "for free."

President Nixon put the facts on the line in proposing an increase in postage to "pay as we go" for the new postal workers' pay scale. Translating those costs into a 10-cent rate for first class mail and increases in other postal rates was something of a shock but no more so than the shock of the pay raise on an already tight federal budget. There was no "petty cash drawer" the government could tap to cover the wage boost, no convenient surplus to make the pay increase painless.

Perhaps the President's bold decision to link the "pleasure" of granting higher wages to the "pain" of paying for them teaches all of us a needed lesson. Public opinion has too often supported demands for higher wages, no matter how exorbitant, without facing up to the effect on costs and prices.

Later, when costs and prices rise, the public is indeed outraged and rightly so. But the time lapse and the indirection of some wage and subsequent price boosts obscure the basic relationship between the two. The postal situation, on the other hand, delivers a very clear message: There is no such thing as a "free lunch"!

But as long as someone must pick up the tab for the postal workers' new pay raise, it may as well be the right party. And on this point we believe the President made a mistake in tapping first class mail as hard as he did. Under his proposals, the first class rate is increased by 67 percent while bulk third class mail (junk mail) is increased by only 5 percent, the smallest price increase for any class of mail.

Thus first class mailers would pay 10 cents per letter; junk mailers would pay 4.2 cents per piece. While there are some differences in handling costs, we cannot believe they amount to anything like 5.8 cents per piece. The last thing this nation needs is a postal subsidy for junk mailers and many people would go further, arguing the last thing we need is junk mail, period.

It seems ridiculous that the Post Office Department subsidizes junk mail at the very time it is swamped by rising mail volume. It seems more ridiculous that it takes days on end to move first class mail at a proposed rate of 10 cents while junk mail clogs the system at proposed rates of 4.2 cents. Folly reaches its summit when the public subsidizes junk mail and then, because of the nature of this mail, must take on the added burden of transporting it from the mailbox to the trash can.

The tab for the postal workers' "free lunch" should be paid by increasing all mail class rates to the point of covering estimated handling costs in proportion to the volume of mail they create. If the charges then result in first class rates that are "too high," rates for less desirable classes such as junk mail should be raised enough to reduce their volume substantially. This would permit cost reductions which could be applied to cut the first class rate.

Then, the postal service should be reorganized to improve all mail service and, if and when additional volume can be accommodated within high service standards, any discriminatory postal rates charged on junk mail can be repealed.

The public should insist that everyone pay his fair share of the postal tab and if a tip is required to insure good service, it should be paid by junk mail—the uninvited guest who always fumbles when the check arrives.



COLUMBIA, S.C.  
STATE  
D. 101,506 — S. 115,271  
COLUMBIA METROPOLITAN AREA

MAR 28 1970

*Postal Strike*

## Postal Reform, Postal Pay

MAYBE they would have struck anyway. It seems clear, nonetheless, that the President's attempt to combine postal reform and a postal pay increase led to that sense of alarm among postal workers which has resulted in illegal wildcat walkouts.

It was this White House strategy that House Majority Leader Carl Albert had in mind when he rebuked the Administration for provoking a strike by introducing the "extraneous" reform issue into the pay bill. Mr. Albert's complaint would be easier to buy had his party in Congress not done everything possible to prevent postal reform.

The fact is, the President was correct in saying that "if the postal reform had become law, we wouldn't have the current crisis." He was correct because, under the Administration's reform bill, the Post Office Department would be transformed into a government-owned corporation, with the power to negotiate with the postal unions on wages and other matters. In short, the sensible reform bill would put an end to congressional—that is to say political—involvement in postal affairs.

Congress has failed to enact the reform measure for reasons that are apparent. The postal unions are not really unions at all. They are lobbies, and among the most potent lobbies on the Hill. As a consequence, the swapping of favors between Congress and the postal unions constitutes, in the *Washington Post's* well-chosen phrase, "the biggest back-scratch in town."

It was Mr. Nixon's attempt to remedy this unwholesome arrangement and put the Post Office Department on some sensible basis that has created the present misfortunes. Undoubtedly he miscalculated. The desire for the postal pay bill was insufficient to overcome the hostility of the postal unions (with the exception of the National Association of Letter Carriers) to reform.

But it is rather a far leap from the admission that the White House miscalculated to the conclusion, reached by Sen. Gale McGee, among others, that the President was "cruelly unfair" to link postal reform to a wage increase. What is cruelly unfair is to block reform, thereby putting the taxpayers and postal employes alike at the mercy of a system that functions, to the degree that it functions at all, in what is almost the exclusive interest of politics.

What the eventual solution to the present muddle will be no one knows. Probably the postal workers will get some of what they ask in the way of wages. But this will offer no solution at all to the much larger problems that have dogged the Post Office for years and will continue to dog it as long as the public is content to see an insufferable system perpetuated. What is required is reform, and anything less than that will be no more than a Band Aid on the crippling malignancy of postal politics.

April 9, 1970

Dear Mr. Heiskell:

The President has asked me to reply to your telegram of March 22nd.

As I am sure you know, the President took those steps which he felt to be prudent to bring the stoppage to an end as soon as possible.

We are most hopeful that the Congress will act quickly on the recommendations which the President has made arising from the agreements negotiated with the union leaders. Of particular importance is the recommendation for postal reform. It provides a mechanism, not only for improving postal service, but for meeting the legitimate needs of postal employees through a collective bargaining process. The enactment of postal reform is the best insurance against future stoppages.

For your information I am enclosing a copy of the recommendations which the President has made to the Congress which we hope will be acted upon promptly.

With the President's best wishes,

Sincerely,

Charles W. Colson  
Special Counsel to the President

Mr. Andrew Heiskell  
Chairman of the Board  
Time, Incorporated  
Time-Life Building  
New York, New York

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THE PRESIDENT

THE WHITE HOUSE

THE CURRENT ILLEGAL STRIKE OF POSTAL WORKERS IS APPARENTLY SPREADING,  
AND INDEED THREATENS TO ENGULF THE ENTIRE NATION. WE WISH TO  
CONVEY TO YOU, MR. PRESIDENT, OUR DEEP CONCERN FOR WHAT MAY BECOME  
A HINDRANCE TO THE DAILY AFFAIRS OF GOVERNMENT, SERIOUS SOCIAL  
DISRUPTION AND AN ECONOMIC DRAIN AT A TIME WHEN THE COUNTRY CAN  
LEAST TOLERATE IT. IN TERMS OF OUR OWN ENTERPRISE, TIME INCORPORATED

--WHICH PUBLISHES AND DISTRIBUTES BY MAIL SOME 13 MILLION MAGAZINES  
IN THE UNITED STATES EACH WEEK--THE ECONOMIC CONSEQUENCE OF THE  
POSTAL STRIKE CANNOT BE MINIMIZED. MILLIONS OF READERS WITH  
PRE-PAID SUBSCRIPTIONS WILL NOT RECEIVE THEIR MAGAZINES WHEN THEY  
ARE ENTITLED TO. ADVERTISERS WHO HAVE INVESTED MILLIONS OF DOLLARS  
IN OUR MAGAZINES WILL SEE THEIR MARKETING AND COMMUNICATIONS CAMPAIGNS  
DISRUPTED. BUT MORE IMPORTANT, AS OUR MAGAZINES CONSTITUTE A  
SIGNIFICANT SOURCE OF NATIONAL NEWS INFORMATION, MILLIONS OF  
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OUR MAGAZINES HOLDS TRUE FOR THE ENTIRE MAGAZINE INDUSTRY.  
IRRESPECTIVE OF THE MERITS OF THE POSTAL WORKERS' COMPLAINTS,  
WE BELIEVE THERE CAN BE NO RATIONAL JUSTIFICATION FOR THE PRESENT  
POSTAL TIE-UP. IN THE OF THIS GRAVE EMERGENCY, WE THEREFORE  
RESPECTFULLY URGE YOU TO TAKE WHATEVER ACTIONS ARE POSSIBLE TO  
SPEEDILY END THE POSTAL PARALYSIS.

ANDREW HEISKELL CHAIRMAN OF THE BOARD TIME INCORPORATED.

*Postal Strike*

April 8, 1970

Mr. Conrad N. Hilton  
9990 Santa Monica Blvd.  
Beverly Hills, California

Dear Mr. Hilton:

The President has asked me to express his appreciation to you for your very reassuring telegram of March 21, 1970. In times of strain and difficulty, it is indeed reassuring to have the support of responsible citizens like yourself.

With the President's best wishes, I am,

Sincerely,

Charles W. Colson  
Special Counsel to the President

The White House  
Washington

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THE PRESIDENT

THE WHITE HOUSE

MR PRESIDENT I JUST HEARD YOUR REMARKS REGARDING POST OFFICE  
DIFFICULTIES THIS WILL GO DOWN IN HISTORY AS ONE OF THE FINEST  
STATEMENTS MADE BY A PRESIDENT OF THE UNITED STATES DURING  
TIMES OF ECONOMIC CRISIS AND WHAT YOU PROPOSE TO DO TO STOP  
THIS DISASTROUS AND UNBELIEVABLE EMERGENCY THAT HAS CONFRONTED  
THIS GOVERNMENT DURING PEACEFUL TIMES. CONGRATULATIONS



CONRAD N HILTON.

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April 9, 1970

Mrs. Ruth Munden, President  
N F F E Local 1436  
Grangeville, Idaho

Dear Mrs. Munden:

The President has asked me to reply to your telegram of March 20, 1970, concerning the work stoppage in the post office and the status of various Federal pay proposals.

I trust that you are pleased by the outcome of the negotiations between the several AFL-CIO unions and representatives of the Administration. For your information, I am enclosing a copy of the President's message to the Congress. We are hopeful of prompt action on the recommendations arising from the agreements which have been reached.

The President asked me to express his appreciation to you for your responsible decision not to join in the wildcat work stoppage. It was the loyalty and dedication of many employees like yours that prevented the stoppage from becoming a major crisis.

Best wishes.

Sincerely,

Charles W. Colson  
Special Counsel to the President

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The White House  
Washington

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THE PRESIDENT

THE WHITE HOUSE

WE, THE MEMBERS OF LOCAL 1436, GRANGEVILLE, IDAHO OF THE NATIONAL  
FEDERATION OF FEDERAL EMPLOYEES HEREBY REAFFIRM OUR OATH OF  
OFFICE FOR FEDERAL EMPLOYEES IN WHICH WE WILL NOT ASSERT THE  
RIGHT TO STRIKE AGAINST THE GOVERNMENT OF THE UNITED STATES  
OR ANY AGENCY THEREOF WE ABIDE BY ARTICLE 11, SECTION 2 OF  
THE CONSTITUTION OF THE NFFE WHICH STATES IN PART THAT UNDER

NO CIRCUMSTANCES SHALL THIS FEDERATION ENGAGE IN OR SUPPORT  
STRIKES AGAINST THE UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT. COPIES TO SENATOR  
FRANK CHURCH, SENATOR LEN JORDAN, REPRESENTATIVE JAMES A MCCLURE,  
DR NATHAN WOLKOMIRE  
RUTH MUNDEN PRESIDENT NFFE LOCAL 1436.

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April 9, 1970

Mr. Thomas M. Riordan  
National Association of Postal Clerks  
Local 2354  
P. O. Box 1953  
Olympia, Washington 98501

Dear Mr. Riordan:

The President has asked me to reply to your telegram of March 21, 1970, concerning the work stoppage in the post office and the status of various Federal pay proposals.

I trust that you are pleased by the outcome of the negotiations between the several AFL-CIO unions and representatives of the Administration. For your information, I am enclosing a copy of the President's message to the Congress. We are hopeful of prompt action on the recommendations arising from the agreements which have been reached.

The President was pleased to receive your suggestions.

Best wishes.

Sincerely,

Charles W. Colson  
Special Counsel to the President

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Washington

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THE PRESIDENT

THE WHITE HOUSE

MY DEAR MR PRESIDENT

LIVING INDEX CONTINUES TO RISE INFLATION STILL WITH US ON  
3 MEAGER WAGES OF POSTAL EMPLOYEES WE CANNOT CONTINUE LIVING  
ON PROMISES WAITING YOUR IMMEDIATE ACTION AND REPLY SINCERELY  
YOURS

2 LOCAL 2354 NATIONAL ASSN POSTAL CLERK PO BOX 1953



OLYMPIA WASH 98501 THOMAS M RIORDAN.

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April 9, 1970

Mr. Thomas J. Fleming, President  
N A S D M 23  
2523 30th Avenue  
San Francisco, California

Dear Mr. Fleming:

The President has asked me to reply to your telegram of March 21, 1970, concerning the work stoppage in the post office and the status of various Federal pay proposals.

I trust that you are pleased by the outcome of the negotiations between the several AFL-CIO unions and representatives of the Administration. For your information, I am enclosing a copy of the President's message to the Congress. We are hopeful of prompt action on the recommendations arising from the agreements which have been reached.

The President was pleased to receive your suggestions.

Best wishes.

Sincerely,

Charles W. Colson  
Special Counsel to the President

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The White House  
Washington

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THE PRESIDENT

THE WHITE HOUSE

SIR: DUE TO THE POSSIBILITY OF PHYSICAL RECRIMINATION, VERBAL HARRASMENT  
THAT MIGHT ALLOW EGRESS TO MENTAL PRESSURES I AM ASKING THE  
MEMBERS OF N A S D M LOCAL 23 TO REFRAIN FROM CROSSING ANY  
POST OFFICE PICKET AREA

THOMAS J. FLEMING PRESIDENT N A S D M 23.

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April 9, 1970

Seattle Postal Union  
Seattle  
Washington

Gentlemen:

The President has asked me to reply to your telegram of March 22, 1970, concerning the work stoppage in the post office and the status of various Federal pay proposals.

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The President was pleased to receive your suggestions.

Best wishes.

Sincerely,

Charles W. Colson  
Special Counsel to the President

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Washington

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SEATTLE WASH 22

THE PRESIDENT

THE WHITE HOUSE

LAST NIGHT OUR UNION REPRESENTING OVER 700 EMPLOYEES IN ALL  
CATEGORIES VOTED TO PLEAD WITH YOU TO GRANT A 5.4-0/0 INCREASE  
EFFECTIVE JANUARY 10, 1970 PLUS A 5.7-0/0 COMPARABILITY INCREASE  
EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 1970. WE URGE YOU TO FOLLOW YOUR PLEDGE OF  
FEB 10, 1969 WHEN YOU TOLD RED BLOUNT NOW POST MASTER GENERAL  
THAT YOU WOULD TREAT POSTAL WORKERS AS WELL AS GARBAGE MEN



GETTING \$10,000 A YEAR. WE ALSO URGE THAT INDUSTRIAL UNIONS  
RETAIN RECOGNITION RIGHTS AND DUES CHECKOFF  
SEATTLE POSTAL UNION NPA.

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April 8, 1970

Mr. David Silvergleid, President  
National Postal Union  
Suite 1148  
425 13th Street  
Washington, D. C.

Dear Mr. Silvergleid:

The President has asked me to reply to your telegram of March 19, 1970, concerning the work stoppage in the post office and the status of various Federal pay proposals.

I trust that you are pleased by the outcome of the negotiations between the several AFL-CIO unions and representatives of the Administration. For your information, I am enclosing a copy of the President's message to the Congress. We are hopeful of prompt action on the recommendations arising from the agreements which have been reached.

The President was pleased to receive your suggestions, particularly your pledge of support for reform proposals.

Best wishes.

Sincerely,

Charles W. Colson  
Special Counsel to the President

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The White House  
Washington

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THE PRESIDENT

THE WHITE HOUSE

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3 MR. PRESIDENT, IT IS UP TO YOU TO ASSURE JUSTICE IN PRESENT POSTAL  
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DAVID SILVERGLEID PRESIDENT

2 ROBERT KEPHART SECY-TREAS

JOHN MORGEN EXEC VICE PRESIDENT



EDWARD BOWLEY LEGIS. REP.  
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NATIONAL POSTAL UNION.

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April 8, 1970

Mr. Fred J. O'Dwyer, President  
National Association of Postal Supervisors  
Post Office Box 1924  
Washington, D. C.

Dear Mr. O'Dwyer:

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The President has asked me to express his appreciation to you and to the many supervisors around the country who remained on duty during the critical days and when many workers left their jobs. Without the loyalty and dedication of many supervisors around the nation the situation would have been far more serious. I hope you will let your colleagues know how appreciative the President is of their loyalty, and dedication in time of crisis.

Best wishes.

Sincerely,

Charles W. Colson  
Special Counsel to the President

Enclosure

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THE PRESIDENT OF THE UNITED STATES

THE WHITE HOUSE WASHDC

POSTAL SUPERVISORS ARE ON DUTY AT ALL OFFICES WHERE THE WILDCAT  
STRIKES ARE OCCURRING. THEY ARE WORKING LONG HOURS AND DOING  
WHAT THEY CAN TO AVOID UTTER CHAOS.

THE NATIONAL ASSOCIATION OF POSTAL SUPERVISORS HAS ADVISED  
THE MEMBERSHIP OF OUR OBLIGATIONS AND THERE IS NO QUESTION  
AS TO THEIR LOYALTY AND DEDICATION AND THEIR RESPONSIBILITIES  
UNDER THESE TRYING CIRCUMSTANCES.

OUR CONCERN IS IN THE EVENT OF A CAPITULATION TO THOSE  
STRIKING THAT IF EITHER CONGRESS OR THE POST OFFICE DEPARTMENT  
ACCEDES TO THE DEMANDS FOR AN IMMEDIATE, RETROACTIVE ORNFUTURE  
SALARY ADJUSTMENT, THE POSTAL SUPERVISORS ARE NOT FORGOTTEN.

**IN THE INTEREST OF EQUITABLE TREATMENT FOR LOYAL AND  
DEDICATED POSTAL SUPERVISORS, WE URGE THAT IF SALARY OR ANY  
OTHER ADJUSTMENTS ARE MADE THEY EXTEND TO ALL LEVELS IN ORDER  
NOT TO FURTHER DISTORT THE PRESENT SALARY STRUCTURE.**

**YOUR INTEREST AND ADVOCACY IS RESPECTFULLY REQUESTED  
FRED J O'DWYER, PRESIDENT NATIONAL ASSOCIATION OF POSTAL  
SUPERVISORS  
(1058).**

April 8, 1970

Mr. Louis D. Alurino, President  
Chamber of Commerce of Borough of Queens  
Long Island City, New York

Dear Mr. Alurino:

The President has asked me to reply to your telegram of March 19, 1970, concerning the work stoppage in the post office and the status of various Federal pay proposals.

I trust that you are pleased by the outcome of the negotiations between the several AFL-CIO unions and representatives of the Administration. For your information, I am enclosing a copy of the President's message to the Congress. We are hopeful of prompt action on the recommendations arising from the agreements which have been reached.

The President was pleased to receive your suggestions.

Best wishes.

Sincerely,

Charles W. Colson  
Special Counsel to the President

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The White House  
Washington

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LONG ISLAND CITY NY MAR 19 1152A EST

THE PRESIDENT

THE WHITE HOUSE

INTOLERABLE POSTAL STRIKE CRIPPLING BUSINESS AND INDUSTRY BOROUGH  
OF QUEENS NEW YORK CITY. CHAMBER OF COMMERCE BOROUGH OF QUEENS  
3 INSISTS NO STRIKE LAW BE ENFORCED TO RETURN POSTAL WORKERS  
TO THEIR JOBS. WE ARE EQUALLY POSITIVE, HOWEVER, THAT POSTAL  
WORKERS LONGSTANDING PLEA FOR HIGHER LIVING WAGE IS JUSTIFIED  
2 AND CHAMBER REQUESTS IMMEDIATE ACTION ON THIS ISSUE

LOUIS D ALURINO PRESIDENT CHAMBER OF COMMERCE OF BOROUGH OF  
QUEENS.

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April 8, 1970

Mr. James Bliss, President  
National Retail Merchants Association  
100 West 31st Street  
New York, New York

Dear Mr. Bliss:

The President has asked me to reply to your telegram of March 19, 1970, concerning the work stoppage in the post office and the status of various Federal pay proposals.

I trust that you are pleased by the outcome of the negotiations between the several AFL-CIO unions and representatives of the Administration. For your information, I am enclosing a copy of the President's message to the Congress. We are hopeful of prompt action on the recommendations arising from the agreements which have been reached.

The President was pleased to receive your suggestions.

Best wishes.

Sincerely,

Charles W. Colson  
Special Counsel to the President

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The White House  
Washington

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KR NEWYORK NY MAR 19 1223P EST

THE PRESIDENT

THE WHITE HOUSE

THE NATIONAL RETAIL MERCHANTS ASSOCIATION REPRESENTING 20,000  
STORES ACROSS THE NATION ARE DEEPLY CONCERNED ABOUT THE IMPACT  
3 OF THE MAIL STRIKE AND ITS FURTHER EXTENSION AND URRE THAT ALL  
POSSIBLE STEPS BE TAKEN TO BRING IT TO A SPEEDY CONCLUSION.  
FAILURE TO DO SO COULD HAVE SERIOUS IMPACT ON THE CONSUMER  
2 AS WELL AS THE RETAIL INDUSTRY

JAMES BLISS PRESIDENT.

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April 8, 1970

Mr. David J. Wilmott  
Editor and Publisher  
Suffolk Life  
Riverhead, New York

Dear Mr. Wilmott:

The President has asked me to reply to your telegram of March 18, 1970, concerning the work stoppage in the post office and the status of various Federal pay proposals.

I trust that you are pleased by the outcome of the negotiations between the several AFL-CIO unions and representatives of the Administration. For your information, I am enclosing a copy of the President's message to the Congress. We are hopeful of prompt action on the recommendations arising from the agreements which have been reached.

The President was pleased to receive your suggestions.

Best wishes.

Sincerely,

Charles W. Colson  
Special Counsel to the President

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The White House  
Washington

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RIVERHEAD NY 18 312P EST

THE PRESIDENT

THE WHITE HOUSE

STOPPAGE OF MAIL SERVICE A NATIONAL DISASTER STOP IT IS IMPERATIVE  
THAT STEPS BE TAKEN TO INSURE PROMPT MAIL DELIVERY STOP ALL  
3 RESOURCES OF FEDERAL GOVERNMENT MUST BE UTILIZED TO INSURE  
RESTORATION OF MAIL SERVICE INCLUDING NATIONAL GUARD IF NECESSARY  
SUFFOLK LIFE DAVID J WILMOTT EDITOR AND PUBLISHER.

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April 8, 1970

Mr. Robert T. Gordon, President  
The Unity Mutual Life Insurance Company  
636 South Warren Street  
Syracuse, New York

Dear Mr. Gordon:

The President has asked me to reply to your telegram of March 18, 1970, concerning the work stoppage in the post office and the status of various Federal pay proposals.

I trust that you are pleased by the outcome of the negotiations between the several AFL-CIO unions and representatives of the Administration. For your information, I am enclosing a copy of the President's message to the Congress. We are hopeful of prompt action on the recommendations arising from the agreements which have been reached.

The President was pleased to receive your suggestions.

Best wishes.

Sincerely,

Charles W. Colson  
Special Counsel to the President

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The White House  
Washington

1970 MAR 18 PM 11 38

WA314 (SY LLD463) MS PD

SYRACUSE NY 18 634P EST

THE PRESIDENT

THE WHITE HOUSE

WE HAVE JUST HEARD OF THE POSTAL STRIKE IN NEW YORK CITY WE  
THINK IT IS ABOUT TIME THAT THEY DID FORMALLY WHAT THEY HAVE  
3 BEEN INFORMALLY DOING FOR SO MANY MONTHS WE THINK MAIL SERVICE  
IN THIS COUNTRY IS DEPLORABLE AND WE EARNESTLY REQUEST THAT  
YOUR OFFICE BE USED NOT ONLY TO END THIS STRIKE LEGAL OR NOT  
2 BUT TO TRY TO COME TO LEGISLATION TO IMPROVE OUR MAIL SERVICE

THE UNITY MUTUAL LIFE INSURANCE CO ROBERT T GORDON PRESIDENT.

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April 8, 1970

Mr. Harold M. Lane, Jr.  
President, Lerner Stores Corporation  
460 West 33rd Street  
New York, New York

Dear Mr. Lane:

The President has asked me to reply to your telegram of March 18, 1970, concerning the work stoppage in the post office and the status of various Federal pay proposals.

I trust that you are pleased by the outcome of the negotiations between the several AFL-CIO unions and representatives of the Administration. For your information, I am enclosing a copy of the President's message to the Congress. We are hopeful of prompt action on the recommendations arising from the agreements which have been reached.

The President was pleased to receive your suggestions.

Best wishes.

Sincerely,

Charles W. Colson  
Special Counsel to the President

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~~460 West 33rd Street~~

The White House  
Washington

1970 MAR 18 PM 9 43

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NEW YORK NY 13 413P EST

THE PRESIDENT

THE WHITE HOUSE

CONTINUED WORK STOPPAGE OF POST OFFICE EMPLOYEES WILL HAVE  
DISASTROUS ECONOMIC EFFECTS NOT ONLY IN NEW YORK CITY BUT WILL  
3 HAVE SEVERE IMPACT ON BUSINESS OPERATION IN OTHER AREAS OF  
THE NATION RESPECTFULLY URGE YOU TAKE ALL MEASURES REQUIRED  
TO RESTORE POST OFFICE SERVICES

2 HAROLD M LANE JR PRESIDENT LERNER STORES CORP.

DO U HAVE A PAUL FANNIN.

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April 8, 1970

Mr. Edward L. Marks, President  
National Shirt Shops  
19 West 34th Street  
New York, New York

Dear Mr. Marks:

The President has asked me to reply to your telegram of March 18, 1970, concerning the work stoppage in the post office and the status of various Federal pay proposals.

I trust that you are pleased by the outcome of the negotiations between the several AFL-CIO unions and representatives of the Administration. For your information, I am enclosing a copy of the President's message to the Congress. We are hopeful of prompt action on the recommendations arising from the agreements which have been reached.

The President was pleased to receive your suggestions.

Best wishes.

Sincerely,

Charles W. Colson  
Special Counsel to the President

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The White House  
Washington

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NEW YORK NY 18 340P EST

THE PRESIDENT

THE WHITE HOUSE

THE MAIL STOPPAGE IS A DISASTER NOT ONLY TO OUR COMPANY BUT

TO OUR COUNTRY IMMEDIATE ACTION IMPERATIVE

NATIONAL SHORT SHOPS EDWARD L MARKS PRESIDENT.

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April 8, 1970

Mr. Wallace Johnson, President  
Commercial Credit Clearing House  
350 Fifth Avenue  
New York, New York

Dear Mr. Johnson:

The President has asked me to reply to your telegram of March 18, 1970, concerning the work stoppage in the post office and the status of various Federal pay proposals.

I trust that you are pleased by the outcome of the negotiations between the several AFL-CIO unions and representatives of the Administration. For your information, I am enclosing a copy of the President's message to the Congress. We are hopeful of prompt action on the recommendations arising from the agreements which have been reached.

The President was pleased to receive your suggestions.

Best wishes.

Sincerely,

Charles W. Colson  
Special Counsel to the President

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The White House  
Washington

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KR NEWYORK NY 18 955A EST

THE PRESIDENT

THE WHITE HOUSE

THE STRIKE OF POSTAL EMPLOYEES IS A DISASTER SECOND ONLY TO  
A RAIL STRIKE. MY INFORMATION IS THAT IT WILL RAPIDLY SPREAD  
3 TO WASHINGTON DC AND OTHER VITAL AREAS. ENTIRE NEW YORK CITY  
METROPOLITAN AREA WILL RAPIDLY BECOME PARALYZED IN INDUSTRY,  
COMMERCE FINANCE. THE POSTAL WORKERS PAY IS A NATIONAL DISGRACE.  
2 YOUR URGENT ACTION AND ATTENTION IS NEEDED. WITH BEST WISHES

RESPECTFULLY

WALLACE JOHNSON PRESIDENT COMMERCIAL CREDIT CLEARING HOUSE.

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April 8, 1970

Mr. L. A. Burcham, Chairman  
F. W. Woolworth Company  
233 Broadway  
New York, New York

Dear Mr. Burcham:

The President has asked me to reply to your telegram of March 18, 1970, concerning the work stoppage in the post office and the status of various Federal pay proposals.

I trust that you are pleased by the outcome of the negotiations between the several AFL-CIO unions and representatives of the Administration. For your information, I am enclosing a copy of the President's message to the Congress. We are hopeful of prompt action on the recommendations arising from the agreements which have been reached.

The President was pleased to receive your suggestions.

Best wishes.

Sincerely,

Charles W. Colson  
Special Counsel to the President

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The White House  
Washington

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FAX CD NEWYORK NY 18 1221P EST

THE PRESIDENT

THE WHITE HOUSE

DEAR MR. PRESIDENT WE ARE EXTREMELY CONCERNED ABOUT THE ILLEGAL  
STRIKE BY POSTAL WORKERS IN THE NEW YORK CITY AREA WHICH WE  
3 CONSIDER TO BE DISASTROUS TO OUR ECONOMY IF IT CONTINUES FOR  
ANY LENGTH OF TIME. WE URGE YOU TO TAKE WHATEVER STEPS RE  
NECESSARY TO STOP THIS STRIKE

2 L A BURCHAM CHAIRMAN F W WOOLWORTH CO 233 BROADWAY NEW YORK

N Y 10007.

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April 8, 1970

Mr. T. R. Dreyer, President  
Brooklyn Chamber of Commerce  
26 Court Street  
Brooklyn, New York

Dear Mr. Dreyer:

The President has asked me to reply to your telegram of March 18, 1970, concerning the work stoppage in the post office and the status of various Federal pay proposals.

I trust that you are pleased by the outcome of the negotiations between the several AFL-CIO unions and representatives of the Administration. For your information, I am enclosing a copy of the President's message to the Congress. We are hopeful of prompt action on the recommendations arising from the agreements which have been reached.

The President was pleased to receive your suggestions.

Best wishes.

Sincerely,

Charles W. Colson  
Special Counsel to the President

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The White House  
Washington

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THE PRESIDENT

THE WHITE HOUSE

THE STRIKE BY POSTAL WORKERS IN BROOKLYN WILL VERY SHORTLY  
PARALYZE COMMERCE AND INDUSTRY. ITS EFFECTS WILL SPREAD TO THOSE  
3 LOW-INCOME CITIZENS RECEIVING PUBLIC ASSISTANCE IN WELFARE  
PAYMENTS AND SOCIAL SECURITY AND MANY OTHERS. FIRMS WHO DEPEND  
UPON CUSTOMER REMITTANCES AND ORDERS WILL FIND IT INCREASINGLY  
2 DIFFICULT TO MAINTAIN OPERATIONS. ACCORDING TO INFORMED SOURCES,



THE STRIKE IS IN VIOLATION OF THE FEDERAL CODE. PROMPT AND  
DECISIVE ACTION MUST BE TAKEN TO AVOID THESE CATASTROPHIC  
CONSEQUENCES

T R DREYER PRESIDENT BROOKLYN CHAMBER OF COMMERCE.

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April 8, 1970

Mr. Wilson S. Johnson, President  
National Federation of Independent Business  
San Mateo, California

Dear Mr. Johnson:

The President has asked me to reply to your telegram of March 19, 1970, concerning the work stoppage in the post office and the status of various Federal pay proposals.

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The President was pleased to receive your suggestions.

Best wishes.

Sincerely,

Charles W. Colson  
Special Counsel to the President

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The White House  
Washington

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THE PRESIDENT

THE WHITE HOUSE

CONTINUED DEFIANCE OF GOVERNMENT AUTHORITY BY POSTAL WORKERS MAKES  
MANDATORY DRASTIC GOVERNMENTAL ACTION IF GOVERNMENT IS TO BE  
PRESERVED. RECOMMEND SUBSTANTIAL MONETARY FINES AGAINST UNION AND  
LOSS OF CIVIL SERVICE STANDING FOR THOSE WHO REFUSE TO HONOR  
COURT ORDER

WILSON S JOHNSON PRES NATL FED OF INDEPENDENT BUSINESS.

April 8, 1970

Mr. Eugene Deaven, President  
United Federation of Postal Clerks  
Local 1566  
Box 3421  
Harrisburg, Pa.

Dear Mr. Deaven:

The President has asked me to reply to your telegram of March 23, 1970, concerning the work stoppage in the post office and the status of various Federal pay proposals.

I trust that you are pleased by the outcome of the negotiations between the several AFL-CIO unions and representatives of the Administration. For your information, I am enclosing a copy of the President's message to the Congress. We are hopeful of prompt action on the recommendations arising from the agreements which have been reached.

The President was pleased to receive your suggestions.

Best wishes.

Sincerely,

Charles W. Colson  
Special Counsel to the President

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PRESIDENT RICHARD M NIXON

WHITE HOUSE WASHDC

IN THE PAST YOU HAVE ASKED FOR THE SUPPORT OF THE SILENT MAJORITY.  
NOW THE SILENT MAJORITY IS ASKING FOR YOUR SUPPORT. HAVE FAIR  
AND TRUE NEGOTATIONS WITH THE UNITED FEDERATION OF POSTAL  
CLERKS THE UNION THAT HAS UPHELD THE CONSTITUTION OF THE UNITED  
STATES. SUPPORT A FAIR POSTAL REFORM SENATE BILL S3613

EUGENE DEAVEN PRESIDENT UNITED FEDERATION OF POSTAL CLERKS  
LOCAL 1566 BOX 3421 HARRISBURG PENN  
(805).

1970 MAR 23 PM 10 18

April 8, 1970

Mr. Robert E. Slaughter, Executive  
McGraw Hill  
330 West 42nd Street  
New York, New York

Dear Mr. Slaughter:

The President has asked me to reply to your telegram of March 19, 1970, concerning the work stoppage in the post office and the status of various Federal pay proposals.

I trust that you are pleased by the outcome of the negotiations between the several AFL-CIO unions and representatives of the Administration. For your information, I am enclosing a copy of the President's message to the Congress. We are hopeful of prompt action on the recommendations arising from the agreements which have been reached.

The President was pleased to receive your suggestions.

Best wishes.

Sincerely,

Charles W. Colson  
Special Counsel to the President

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The White House  
Washington

1970 MAR 20 AM 3 28

WA062 CE (S LLM180) PDB

SLDX NEW YORK NY 19 352P EST

THE PRESIDENT

THE WHITE HOUSE

POSTAL STRIKE CREATING SERIOUS STRAIN ON OUR PUBLISHING OPERATIONS.  
IN ADDITION TO SHUTTING OFF REGULAR FLOW OF TECHNICAL, SCIENTIFIC,  
3 EDUCATIONAL AND BUSINESS INFORMATION TO READERS AND USERS,  
THUS IMPAIRING PROGRESS AND DEVELOPMENT IN AMERICA, MAIL EMBARGO  
HAVING PAINFUL AND OPPRESSIVE EFFECT ON OUR COSTS. URGE EMPLOYMENT  
2 ALL AVAILABLE MEANS TO RESTORE POSTAL SYSTEMS FULL ACTIVITY

ROBERT E SLAUGHTER EXECUTIVE MCGRAW HILL NEW YORK.

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April 8, 1970

Mr. John W. White, President  
District 2 National Allies of Postal  
and Federal Employees  
2025 E. North Avenue  
Baltimore, Maryland

Dear Mr. White:

The President has asked me to reply to your telegram of March 23, 1970, concerning the work stoppage in the post office and the status of various Federal pay proposals.

I trust that you are pleased by the outcome of the negotiations between the several AFL-CIO unions and representatives of the Administration. For your information, I am enclosing a copy of the President's message to the Congress. We are hopeful of prompt action on the recommendations arising from the agreements which have been reached.

The President was pleased to receive your suggestions.

Best wishes.

Sincerely,

Charles W. Colson  
Special Counsel to the President

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P BRA297 MG PDF 7 EXTRA BALTIMORE MD 23 1100A EST  
PRESIDENT M NIXON

WHITE HOUSE WASHDC

YOU ARE URGED TO REFRAIN FROM USING FEDERAL TROOPS OR THE NATIONAL  
GUARDS TO REPLACE STRIKING POSTAL EMPLOYEES YOU ARE ALSO REQUESTED  
TO INVITE NAPFE E. PRESIDENT ASHBY G. SMITH TO PARTICIPATE IN  
THE DECISION MAKING ON THE STRIKE GRIEVANCES DEALING WITH EXECUTIVE  
ORDER 11491 EQUAL EMPLOYMENT OPPORTUNITY MASSIVE ADVERSE ACTION  
AGAINST BLACK EMPLOYEES AND OUR OPPOSITION IN COMBINING POSTAL  
PAY WITH POSTAL REFORMS COULD ALSO BE DISCUSSED AT THIS TIME

JOHN W WHITE PRESIDENT DISTRICT 2 NATIONAL ALLIES OF POSTAL  
AND FEDERAL EMPLOYEES 2025 E NORTH AVE BALTIMORE MD  
(1138).

April 8, 1970

Mr. James W. Griebing, President  
Branch 471 National Letter Carriers  
Mason City, Iowa

Dear Mr. Griebing:

The President has asked me to reply to your telegram of March 22, 1970, concerning the work stoppage in the post office and the status of various Federal pay proposals.

I trust that you are pleased by the outcome of the negotiations between the several AFL-CIO unions and representatives of the Administration. For your information, I am enclosing a copy of the President's message to the Congress. We are hopeful of prompt action on the recommendations arising from the agreements which have been reached.

The President was pleased to receive your suggestions.

Best wishes.

Sincerely,

Charles W. Colson  
Special Counsel to the President

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April 8, 1970

Mr. Richard R. Sutton, President  
Local 306 United Federation of Postal Clerks  
Mason City, Iowa

Dear Mr. Sutton:

The President has asked me to reply to your telegram of March 22, 1970, concerning the work stoppage in the post office and the status of various Federal pay proposals.

I trust that you are pleased by the outcome of the negotiations between the several AFL-CIO unions and representatives of the Administration. For your information, I am enclosing a copy of the President's message to the Congress. We are hopeful of prompt action on the recommendations arising from the agreements which have been reached.

The President was pleased to receive your suggestions.

Best wishes.

Sincerely,

Charles W. Colson  
Special Counsel to the President

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The White House  
Washington

1970 MAR 24 AM 11 40

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MASON CITY IOWA MAR 22 730P CST

THE PRESIDENT

THE WHITE HOUSE

A SPECIAL MEETING OF CARRIERS AND CLERKS WAS HELD AT 4PM SUNDAY  
MARCH 22, OVER NINETY PERCENT MEMBERSHIP PRESENT. ALMOST UNANIMOUS  
3 VOTE TO "GO ALONG WITH AND HONOR THE 5 DAY MORITORIUM AGREED  
WITH THE 7 EXCLUSIVE NATIONAL POSTAL UNIONS."

WE URGE AND BEG OF YOU TO USE YOUR INFLUENCE TO EXPEDITE  
2 THE NEGOTIATIONS FOR A FAIR SALARY INCREASE. REGARDLESS OF

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WHETHER OR NOT THE WILDCAT STRIKERS RETURN TO WORK, WE THE  
WORKING EMPLOYEES SHOULD NOT BE PENALIZED FOR WILDCAT ACTIONS.  
WE HAVE NEVER STRUCK AND HAVE ALWAYS BEEN BEHIND IN COST OF  
LIVING INCREASES.

RESPECTFULLY

JAMES W GRIEBLING PRES BRANCH 471 NALC LETTER CARRIERS MASON  
CITY IOWA RICHARD R SUTTON PRES LOCAL 306 UNITED FEDERATION  
POSTAL CLERKS MASON CITY IOWA.

April 8, 1970

Mr. Jerome C. Fox, President  
Branch 100 National Association of  
Postal Supervisors  
225 West 34th Street  
New York, New York

Dear Mr. Fox:

The President has asked me to reply to your telegram of March 22, 1970, concerning the work stoppage in the post office and the status of various Federal pay proposals.

I trust that you are pleased by the outcome of the negotiations between the several AFL-CIO unions and representatives of the Administration. For your information, I am enclosing a copy of the President's message to the Congress. We are hopeful of prompt action on the recommendations arising from the agreements which have been reached.

The President was pleased to receive your suggestions.

Best wishes.

Sincerely,

Charles W. Colson  
Special Counsel to the President

Enclosure

April 8, 1970

Mr. M. Sitfin, President  
Branch 68 National Association of  
Postal Supervisors  
271 Washington Street  
Brooklyn, New York

Dear Mr. Sitfin:

The President has asked me to reply to your telegram of March 22, 1970, concerning the work stoppage in the post office and the status of various Federal pay proposals.

I trust that you are pleased by the outcome of the negotiations between the several AFL-CIO unions and representatives of the Administration. For your information, I am enclosing a copy of the President's message to the Congress. We are hopeful of prompt action on the recommendations arising from the agreements which have been reached.

The President was pleased to receive your suggestions.

Best wishes.

Sincerely,

Charles W. Colson  
Special Counsel to the President

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The White House  
Washington

1970 MAR 25 AM 1 58

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SLDX NEW YORK NY 22 115P EST

THE PRESIDENT

THE WHITE HOUSE

WE APPEAL TO YOU ON BEHALF OF THE 2500 SUPERVISORS OF  
THE MANHATTAN AND BROOKLYN POSTAL SERVICE WHO ARE ON DUTY MAINTAINING  
SECURITY OF THE MAIL AT THIS VERY MOMENT TO TAKE IMMEDIATE  
ACTION TO END THIS DEVASTATING STRIKE THAT IS PARALYZING OUR  
COUNTRY AND CAUSING A BITTERNESS THAT MAY LONG LINGER ON AFTER  
THE ISSUES ARE SETTLED WE OFFER THE FOLLOWING PROPOSAL AS A



POSSIBLE MEANS TO GET OUR PEOPLE BACK TO WORK YOU MR PRESIDENT  
ARE THE ONE TO ACCOMPLISH THIS APPEAR ON TV AND RADIO AND OFFER  
TO OUR PEOPLE A 5.4 PER CENT PAY INCREASE FOR ALL LEVELS RETROACTIVE  
TO JANUARY 1, 1970 ALSO 5.7 PER CENT FOR ALL LEVELS EFFECTIVE  
JULY 1, 1970 THESE PAY INCREASES SHOULD TAKE EFFECT IMMEDIATELY  
FRINGE BENEFITS AS WELL AS THE POSTAL AUTHORITY TO BE NEGOTIATED  
3 IMMEDIATELY ON THE RETURN TO WORK OF ALL POSTAL PEOPLE

JEROME C FOX PRESIDENT BRANCH 100 NATIONAL ASSOCIATION OF  
POSTAL SUPERVISORS AND M SITFIN PRESIDENT BRANCH 68 NATIONAL  
2 ASSOCIATION OF POSTAL SUPERVISORS BROOKLYN.

April 8, 1970

Mr. N. T. Wolkomir, President  
National Federation of Federal Employees  
1737 H. Street, N. W.  
Washington, D. C.

Dear Mr. Wolkomir:

The President has asked me to reply to your telegram of March 20, 1970, concerning the work stoppage in the post office and the status of various Federal pay proposals.

I trust that you are pleased by the outcome of the negotiations between the several AFL-CIO unions and representatives of the Administration. For your information, I am enclosing a copy of the President's message to the Congress. We are hopeful of prompt action on the recommendations arising from the agreements which have been reached.

The President was pleased to receive your suggestions.

Best wishes.

Sincerely,

Charles W. Colson  
Special Counsel to the President

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The White House  
Washington

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THE PRESIDENT

THE WHITE HOUSE

THE NATIONAL FEDERATION OF FEDERAL EMPLOYEES DEEPLY DEPLORES  
THE POSTAL STRIKE. THIS STRIKE HAS ARISEN OUT OF REPEATED AND  
3 PROLONGED FRUSTRATIONS OF VARIOUS KINDS OF WHICH YOU ARE KEENLY  
AWARE. WHILE THE NFFE HAS HAD AN UNEQUIVOCAL NO-STRIKE CLAUSE  
IN ITS CONSTITUTION SINCE OUR FOUNDING IN 1917, AND REPEATEDLY  
2 REAFFIRMED, WE ARE INTIMATELY MINDFUL AND CONCERNED OVER THE



PLIGHT OF POTAL EMPLOYEES AND FEDERAL EMPLOYEES AS THEIR PAY  
HAS FALLEN INCREASINGLY BEHIND AND AS THE GOVERNMENT OVER A  
LONG PERIOD OF YEARS HAS FAILED TO EXERCISE STRONGLY PROGRESSIVE  
LEADERSHIP AS AN EMPLOYER. MR PRESIDENT WE RESPECTFULLY URGE  
YOU TO TAKE PROMPT AND CONSTRUCTIVE STEPS LOOKING TOWARD BOTH  
A RESOLUTION OF THE POSTAL STRIKE AND TO REMOVE THE ROOT CAUSES  
WHICH HAVE LED TO SUCH EXTREME ACTION. WE SUGGEST AMONG OTHERS  
THE FOLLOWING IMMEDIATE STEPS: (1) AN ADMINISTRATION STATEMENT  
TO THE CONGRESS URGING IMMEDIATE ACTION ON THE PAY LEGISLATION  
TO IMPLEMENT FULLY THE COMPARABILITY PAY PRINCIPLE FOR ALL

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FEDERAL AND POSTAL EMPLOYEES, IN LINE WITH YOUR STRONGLY ENUNCIATED COMMITMENT TO THAT PRINCIPLE. A STATEMENT BY THE PRESIDENT TO THIS EFFECT COUPLED WITH AN APPEAL TO THE STRIKERS TO RETURN TO THEIR JOBS IN THE NATIONAL INTEREST COULD PROVE DECISIVE AND WOULD HAVE A WIDE AND SALUTARY EFFECT. (2) DISASSOCIATE THE POSTAL CORPORATION PROPOSAL FROM PAY LEGISLATION. (3) IMMEDIATE REASSESSMENT BY THE PRESIDENT OF THE CAUSES OF THE STRIKE AND PROBE THE REASONS FOR THE WIDESPREAD UNEASE AND EMPLOYEE FRUSTRATION EVIDENT IN MANY DEPARTMENTS AND AGENCIES SOME OF RECENT ORIGIN AND OTHERS WHICH HAVE DEVELOPED OVER A PERIOD OF YEARS PRIOR

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TO THIS ADMINISTRATION. (4) PROMPT RE-EXAMINATION OF EXECUTIVE  
ORDER 11491 WITH A VIEW TOWARD LIBERALIZATION OF ITS PROVISIONS  
TO MAKE IT MORE ACCEPTABLE TO EMPLOYEES AND MORE POSITIVE IN  
ITS APPROACH AS A MEANS OF IMPROVING EMPLOYEE-MANAGEMENT COOPERATION  
IN THE FEDERAL SERVICE. A STRIKE REPRESENTS A MASSIVE BREAKDOWN  
IN UNDERSTANDING. THE NATIONAL FEDERATION OF FEDERAL EMPLOYEES  
3 FOR SOME TIME HAS CALLED ATTENTION TO THE HAZARDS OF A MOUNTING  
COMMUNICATIONS GAP. WE BELIEVE THAT YOU MR PRESIDENT BY POSITIVE  
CONSTRUCTIVE AND UNDERSTANDING ACTION CAN NOW BRIDGE THAT GAP  
2 TO END THE POSTAL STRIKE AND OF PERHAPS EVEN GREATER SIGNIFICANCE



TO IMPROVE IN A VERY ESSENTIAL WAY EMPLOYEE-MANAGEMENT RELATIONS  
THROUGHOUT THE FEDERAL SERVICE. RESPECTFULLY

N T WOLKOMIR PRESIDENT.

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