

Leakless code of ethics

ONE OF THE tightest codes of ethics yet noted in Government operations has just been devised by the Civil Service Commission for the new Postal Rate Commission and its employees.

In brief, the rules prohibit "outside" discussions of the rate commission's business, accepting gifts valued at more than \$2 and any involvement whatever which could result in a conflict of interest. If anyone at all attempts to exert "undue influence," it must be immediately reported and officially recorded. Rate commissioners and top employees may not hold any outside job, paid or unpaid.

The purpose, CSC says, is to compel conduct which at all times is "unques-

tionably free from taint or suspicion of partiality, favoritism, or any indicia of conflicting interest." In short, strictly on the up and up.

President Nixon is reported to have insisted on this strict code for the new agency (which will fix postal rates) because he is aware of the intense pressure applied to Congress in the past when the rate-making authority rested there. The code at once provides a warning to the pressure boys and a protection for the rate commission and its staff.

The President knows Washington well, and he and the CSC have done a smart thing.

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October 29, 1971

MEMORANDUM FOR:

CLARK MAC GREGOR

FROM:

JOHN DEAN

Could you give me an update on the status of the House Subcommittee hearings regarding the Postal Service's proposed arrangements for underwriting its first bond issue. Is Udall still pursuing this matter, and can we expect more publicity on the subject?

Thank you, Clark.

POSTAL RATE COMMISSION
Washington, D.C. 20268

June 10, 1971

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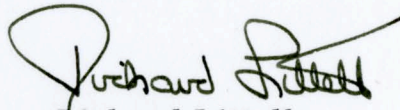
Dear Mr. Dean:

As you know, the Commission's Standards of Conduct require Commission employees to prepare a written report of ex parte communications and to submit copies of the report to the parties in pending proceedings (36 F.R. 5419). In keeping with the regulations, the Commission has developed PRC Form 10, a monthly report of routine communications, and individual reports for other communications.

In view of your interest in the Standards of Conduct, I am enclosing the June 1 copy of PRC Form 10, covering ex parte communications received between March 22 and May 29. All communications are registered on PRC Form 10 within 2 days after they are received. The Commission's Secretary keeps the master copy of PRC Form 10 available for public inspection and, hereafter, will mail copies to the parties at the end of each month.

I am also enclosing Examiner Wenner's April 29 report of an ex parte communication from a party to the proceeding. The latter is typical of individual reports made for non-routine communications.

Sincerely,


Richard Littell
General Counsel

Enclosures

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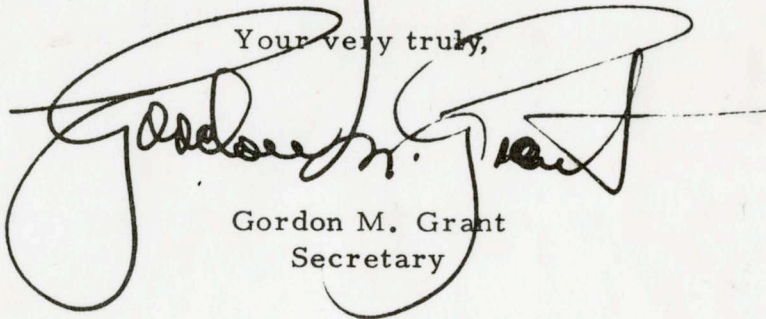
Re: Docket No. R71-1
U.S. Post Office
Department
June 1, 1971

To the Party Addressed:

Pursuant to Section 3000.735-502 of the Commission's Standards of Conduct (39 CFR 3000.735-502), there is enclosed a copy of the report of communications received by this Commission from March 22, 1971 to and including May 29, 1971 relating to the pending contested proceeding in Docket No. R71-1.

Within two days after receipt, such communications are recorded on PRC Report Form 10. At the end of each month, a copy of the report containing all communications received during that month will be submitted to each party to the proceeding. The reports, incoming communications and the replies thereto are available for public inspection in the Reading Room of the Office of the Secretary.

Your very truly,

A large, stylized handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Gordon M. Grant', is written over the typed name and title.

Gordon M. Grant
Secretary

cc: All Parties

POSTAL RATE COMMISSION REPORT OF COMMUNICATIONS RECEIVED IN A CONTESTED PROCEEDING				DOCKET NO. R71-1
DATE OF RECEIPT	SENDER	RECIPIENT	CIRCUMSTANCES AND SUBSTANCE OF COMMUNICATION AND ITS RELATIONSHIP TO A MATTER AT ISSUE	DATE OF ANSWER
3/22/71	City of Lisle, Illinois	Commission	Resolution in opposition to proposed postal increases for first class mail	3/24/71
3/22/71	Miss Georgiene Picciano	Commission	Letter in opposition to proposed postal increases	3/24/71
3/22/71	Mrs. Paul O. Klueber	Commission	Letter in opposition to proposed postal increases	3/24/71
3/22/71	Miss L. E. Schlund	Commission	Letter in opposition to proposed postal increases	3/24/71
3/22/71	Miss Kathryn Garzan	Commission	Letter in opposition to proposed postal increases	3/24/71
3/22/71	Mr. Leon Thompson	Commission	Letter in opposition to proposed postal increases	3/24/71
3/22/71	Mrs. Julia Sammon	Commission	Letter in opposition to proposed postal increases	3/24/71
3/22/71	Miss Anna DeRighter	Commission	Letter in opposition to proposed postal increases	3/24/71
3/22/71	Mrs. Cletus J. Like	Commission	Letter in opposition to proposed postal increases	3/24/71
3/24/71	Hon. T. J. Dulski	Commission	Phone request for copy of letter from PRC to Mr. Morse concerning inspection of POD installations	3/24/71
3/24/71	Mr. & Mrs. M. Dunn	Commission	Letter in opposition to proposed postal increases	3/25/71
3/23/71	Hon. Robert Taft, Jr.	Chm. Crowley	Transmitting Mr. Stark's letter in opposition to proposed postal increases	3/25/71
3/22/71	Miss Margaret Allemeier	Commission	Letter in opposition to proposed postal increases	3/25/71
3/24/71	Mr. & Mrs. L. Allemeier	Commission	Letter in opposition to proposed postal increases	3/25/71
3/23/71	Mrs. H. W. Hamilton	Commission	Letter in opposition to proposed postal increases	3/25/71
3/24/71	Mr. & Mrs. F. H. Hoegler	Commission	Letter in opposition to proposed postal increases	3/25/71

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3/24/71	Mrs. N. E. Bowers	Commission	Letter in opposition to proposed postal increases	3/25/71
3/24/71	Miss G. A. Ranker	Commission	Letter in opposition to proposed postal increases	3/25/71
3/24/71	Mrs. J. C. Collins	Commission	Letter in opposition to proposed postal increases	3/25/71
3/23/71	Mr. G. E. Massie, Jr.	Commission	Letter in opposition to proposed postal increases	3/25/71
3/23/71	Hon. H. W. Cannon	Commission	Transmitting Mr. J. St evinson's request for official service list	3/25/71
3/26/71	Mr. Keikki Leesment Estonian Am. National Council	Commission	Letter in opposition to proposed postal increases & its effect on small newspaper publications	3/26/71
3/26/71	Mr. L. Mason, Jr.	Commission	Letter in opposition to proposed postal increases	3/26/71
3/26/71	Mr. & Mrs. D. Wimmer	Commission	Letter in opposition to proposed postal increases	3/26/71
3/25/71	Miss M. Weidenbach	Commission	Letter in opposition to proposed postal increases	3/26/71
3/25/71	Mrs. E. Kundert	Commission	Letter in opposition to proposed postal increases	3/26/71
3/25/71	Mr. & Mrs. Ralph Ward	Commission	Letter in opposition to proposed postal increases	3/26/71
3/25/71	Mrs. Helen Squier	Commission	Letter in opposition to proposed postal inc reases	3/26/71
3/25/71	Mr. W. J. Welter	Commission	Letter in opposition to proposed postal increases	3/26/71
3/29/71	Mr. V. A. Dandrea	Commission	Letter in opposition to proposed postal increases	3/29/71
3/29/71	Mr. E. S. Harris	Commission	Letter requesting information concerning postal rates	3/29/71

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3/29/71	Miss Alice Blackstock	Commission	Letter in opposition to proposed postal increases	3/29/71
3/29/71	Miss Grace E. Faurote	Commission	Letter requesting information concerning postal rates	3/29/71
3/29/71	Mr. & Mrs. Clem Smith	Commission	Letter in opposition to proposed postal increases	3/29/71
3/29/71	Mr. James Beveridge	Commission	Letter in opposition to proposed postal increases	3/29/71
3/29/71	Mr. J. F. Stephenson	Chm. Crowley	Letter requesting Rules of Practice and mailing address of public's representative	3/31/71
3/31/71	Miss Suzanne Miller	Commission	Letter in opposition to proposed postal increases	3/31/71
3/30/71	Mrs. Edna Kinnaman	Commission	Letter in opposition to proposed postal increases	3/31/71
3/31/71	Miss M. A. O'Shea	Commission	Letter in opposition to proposed postal increases	3/31/71
3/29/71	Mrs. C. Carney	Commission	Letter in opposition to proposed postal increases	3/30/71
3/30/71	Mr. & Mrs. C. W. Anderson	Commission	Letter in opposition to proposed postal increases	3/30/71
3/30/71	Mrs. H. Holland	Commission	Letter in opposition to proposed postal increases	3/31/71
3/29/71	Hon. Mark Andrews	Chm. Crowley	Letter concerning second class mail and its effect on newspapers in North Dakota	3/31/71
3/29/71	Hon. Quentin N. Burdick	Chm. Crowley	Letter concerning second class mail and its effect on newspapers in North Dakota	3/31/71
3/30/71	Hon. D. W. Riegle, Jr.	Chm. Crowley	Transmitting Mr. Burch's letter in opposition to proposed postal increases	4/1/71

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3/31/71	Mr. A. R. Furton	Commission	Letter suggesting improvements to service & revenue (forwarded to Dept. of Planning & Marketing, Complaints & Analysis Div. of POD)	4/1/71
4/2/71	Miss Lorene Klima	Commission	Letter in opposition to proposed postal increases	4/2/71
4/1/71	Mr. M. Holstein	Commission	Letter concerning 4th Class & Special 4th Class differences (forwarded to POD)	4/2/71
3/29/71	Mr. J. F. Stephenson	Commission	Letter suggesting electronic letter separator for mail (forwarded to POD)	4/2/71
4/2/71	Mr. & Mrs. L. G. Wilfong	Commission	Letter in opposition to proposed postal increases	4/2/71
4/1/71	Mrs. F. Zegman	Commission	Letter in opposition to proposed postal increases	4/2/71
3/29/71	Mr. R. L. Faris	Commission	Letter in opposition to proposed postal increases	4/2/71
4/8/71	Mrs. L & Miss M. Hecht	Commission	Letter in opposition to proposed postal increases	4/12/71
4/7/71	Miss T. Radzimske	Commission	Letter in opposition to proposed postal increases and its effect on religious publications	4/12/71
4/8/71	Hon. Quentin N. Burdick	Chm. Crowley	Letters of opposition to proposed postal increases from four newspapers in his jurisdiction	4/14/71
4/8/71	Hon. W. F. Mondale	Chm. Crowley	Letter requesting report concerning proposed rate increases for second class mail	4/14/71
4/6/71	Mr. S. Krewson	Commission	Letter in opposition to proposed postal increases	4/14/71
4/8/71	Mr. R. E. Brown	Commission	Letter in opposition to proposed postal increases for postcards	4/15/71

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4/13/71	Mr. G. A. Nelson	Commission	Letter in opposition to proposed postal increases & commenting upon the delays suffered from postal services (forwarded to POD)	4/15/71
4/12/71	Sister Patricia Hummel	Commission	Letters (40) in opposition to proposed postal increases on books, magazines & Newspapers	4/15/71
4/13/71	Mr. L. G. Lauzen	Commission	Letter in opposition to proposed postal increases	4/15/71
4/15/71	Hon Quentin N. Burdick	Chm. Crowley	Letters of opposition to proposed postal increases from five newspapers in his jurisdiction	4/16/71
4/8/71	Sister Marie Therese	Commission	Letter in opposition to proposed postal increases for non-profit publications	4/16/71
4/7/71	Hon. James B. Pearson	Chm. Crowley	Letter in opposition to proposed postal increases & its effect on newspaper distribution to rural subscribers	4/16/71
4/12/71	Miss Iola Riedy St. Michael's Altar Society	Commission	Letter in opposition to proposed postal increases & its effect on religious, non-profit publications	4/16/71
4/6/71	Miss Corona Rholik	Commission	Letter in opposition to proposed postal increases	4/16/71
4/12/71	Mr. J. W. Kass	Commission	Letter in opposition to proposed postal increases	4/16/71
4/14/71	Mr. E. E. Heiny Hinsdale Chamber Commerce	Commission	Resolution in opposition to proposed postal increases for first class mail	4/19/71
4/19/71	Mrs. E. J. Ardis	Commission	Letter in opposition to proposed postal increases & its effect on newspapers and other publications	4/21/71
4/19/71	Mrs. R. Wittkamp	Commission	Letter in opposition to proposed postal increases & its effect on non-profit publications	4/21/71

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4/19/71	Mr. F. M. Summe	Commission	Letter in opposition to proposed postal increases	4/21/71
4/16/71	Mrs. E. T. Irwin	Commission	Letter in opposition to proposed third class mail increases	4/21/71
4/16/71	Mrs. E. J. Green	Commission	Letter in opposition to proposed third class mail increases	4/21/71
4/19/71	Mr. R. T. Mayhill	Commission	Copy of letter which was sent to Postmaster Blount in opposition to second class postal increases	4/21/71
4/6/71	Mr. D. E. Skiver	Commission	Letter concerning late filing of Petition by Mr. Fleming	4/21/71
4/21/71	Mr. Rich Port, LaGrange Chamber of Commerce	Commission	Letter in opposition to proposed postal increases for first class mail	4/22/71
4/21/71	Mr. J. Creighton	Commission	Letter in opposition to proposed postal increases	4/22/71
4/21/71	Mrs. W. R. Witmer	Commission	Letter in opposition to proposed postal increases	4/22/71
3/31/71	Prof. Leavitt O. Wright	Commission	Letter suggesting reduced rates for first class mail according to weight	4/22/71
4/2/71	Mr. H. L. Hailman	Comm. Ryan	Letter in opposition to temporary increases in rates	4/22/71
4/8/71	Mrs. F. Sterry	Chm. Crowley	Letter in opposition to proposed postal increases & enclosing unsolicited third class mail	5/5/71
4/26/71	Miss E. T. Brodes	Chm. Crowley	Letter in opposition to proposed postal increases	5/5/71
4/16/71	Mrs. E. R. Scheafer	Commission	Letter in opposition to proposed postal increases	5/5/71
4/29/71	Mrs. Mary J. Davis	Chm. Crowley	Letter in opposition to proposed postal increases	5/5/71

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4/16/71	Mr. W. E. Eder	Comm. Ryan	Letter in support of proposed postal increases	5/7/71
4/23/71	Mr. M. W. Jackson - Nebraska United Methodist Messenger	Commissioners	Letter in opposition to proposed postal increases & its effect on non-profit publications	5/3/71
4/22/71	Mr. C. G. Sitler	Commission	Letter in opposition to proposed postal increases (forwarded to POD)	5/3/71
4/22/71	Mr. H. S. Clark	Chm. Crowley	Letter in opposition to proposed postal increases	5/5/71
4/26/71	Mrs. M. Martell	Commission	Letter in opposition to proposed postal increases	5/5/71
4/26/71	Mr. E. B. Dart	Commission	Letter in opposition to proposed postal increases	5/6/71
4/28/71	Mrs. G. Kirkum	Commission	Letter in opposition to proposed postal increases	5/5/71
4/26/71	Rev. R. M. Charest of Queen Magazine	Chm. Crowley	Letter in opposition to proposed per-piece surcharge for second class, non-profit mail	5/10/71
4/27/71	Mrs. Irma M. Facione	Commission	Letter in opposition to proposed postal increases	5/5/71
4/27/71	H. B.	Commission	Letter in opposition to proposed postal increases	No reply necessary
4/23/71	Hon. George Aiken	Chm. Crowley	Transmitting letter from <u>Rutland Herald</u> in opposi- tion to proposed postal increases for 2nd class mail	5/7/71
4/30/71	Hon. Hale Boggs	Chm. Crowley	Transmitting Mr. D. S. Billings' letter in opposi- tion to proposed postal increases	5/6/71
4/29/71	Mrs. D. H. Vanderhill	Commission	Letter in opposition to proposed postal increases	5/13/71
5/5/71	Mr. Willis Zink	Commission	Letter in opposition to proposed postal increases & its effect on religious publications.	5/10/71

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5/3/71	Pastor C. Cockey, First Baptist Church	Commission	Letter in opposition to proposed postal increases (forwarded to POD)	5/10/71
4/30/71	Hon. George Aiken	Chm. Crowley	Transmitting letter from McClure Newspapers in opposition to proposed postal increases	5/18/71
5/4/71	Hon. E. Muskie	Chm. Crowley	Transmitting correspondence from newspapers in his constituency in opposition to proposed postal increases & its effect on deliveries to rural districts	5/14/71
5/5/71	Mr. W. Brueggemeyer, Catholic Telegraph	Commissioners	Letters in opposition to proposed postal increases & its effect on non-profit religious publications	5/7/71 & 5/14/71
5/3/71	House of Representatives of 77th General Assembly of State of Illinois	Commission	Resolution in opposition to proposed postal increases for local delivery.	5/14/71
5/6/71	Mrs. B. Reiff	Commission	Letter in opposition to the increases in postal rates for first & second class mails & the low increase in third class mail	5/11/71
5/6/71	Mrs. & Mrs. R. Crum	Commission	Letters in opposition to proposed postal increases	5/10/71
5/6/71	Mr. Mayhill	Commission	Copy of letters forwarded to Reps. Dulski & Corbett in opposition to second class postal increases	No reply necessary
5/6/71	Hon. John J. Rhodes	Chm. Crowley	Transmitting letter from Mrs. D. Feil in opposition to proposed postal increases (forwarded to POD)	5/10/71
5/10/71	Mrs. M. H. Tierney	Commissioners	Letters in opposition to proposed postal increases & its effect on non-profit publications	5/13/71
5/10/71	Mrs. M. M. Regnier	Ex. Wenner	Letter in opposition to proposed postal increases & its effect on non-profit, religious publications	5/11/71

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5/10/71	Rev. Robert E. Hungling Church of Resurrection	Chm. Crowley	Letter in opposition to proposed postal rates & its effect on non-profit, religious publications	5/11/71
5/10/71	Rev. C. B. Koverman Church of Mary, Help of Christians	Chm. Crowley	Letter in opposition to proposed postal rates & its effect on non-profit, religious publications	5/14/71
5/10/71	Rev. Blum, Sacred Heart Church	Chm. Crowley	Letter in opposition to proposed postal rates and its effect on non-profit, religious publications	5/11/71
5/10/71	Hon. J. Beall	Chm. Crowley	Transmitting postcard from Miss S. Watts in opposition to proposed postal increases for first class mail	5/19/71
5/10/71	Mrs. E. Eckerman	Commission	Letter in opposition to proposed postal increases	5/13/71
5/10/71	Czechoslovak National Council	Chm. Crowley	Letter in opposition to proposed postal increases for second class mail and its effect on non-profit weekly publications	5/13/71
5/7/71	P. W. Kelley	Commissioners	Letters in opposition to proposed postal increases & its effect on the business of small mail order collection agencies	5/19/71
5/12/71	Mrs. E. Helm	Commission	Telegram in opposition to proposed postal increases; stating that 3rd class and bulk mail only should be increased	5/19/71
5/12/71	Miss J. J. Davison	Commission	Letter in opposition to proposed postal increases	5/13/71
5/12/71	Mrs. F. E. Potts	Commission	Letter in opposition to proposed postal increases for first class mail & air mail	5/13/71

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5/12/71	Miss M. R. McDonald	Chm. Crowley	Letter in opposition to proposed postal increases & its effect on non-profit publications	5/14/71
5/12/71	Mr. & Mrs. E. Wilker	Commissioners	Letters in opposition to proposed postal increases & its effect on second class, non-profit mailings	5/20/71
5/13/71	Miss M. C. Frye	Commission	Letter in opposition to proposed postal increases & its effect on second class, non-profit mailings	5/19/71
5/12/71	Mrs. M. Baker	Chm. Crowley	Letter in opposition to proposed postal increases & its effect on non-profit, religious publications	5/14/71
5/12/71	H. C. Pocta	Chm. Crowley	Letter in opposition to proposed postal increases & its effect on non-profit mailings.	5/14/71
5/13/71	Miss M. Rist	Chm. Crowley	Letter in opposition to proposed postal increases & its effect on second class, non-profit mailings.	5/14/71
5/13/71	Rev. J. Hoying	Chm. Crowley	Letter in opposition to proposed postal increases & its effect on non-profit, religious publications	5/14/71
5/14/71	Mr. R. F. Enderle	Chm. Crowley	Letter in opposition to proposed postal increases for second class, non-profit mail	5/14/71
5/14/71	Mr. Alex Ostojka-Starzewski	Secretary	Telephone call requesting information concerning participation in the hearings	5/14/71
5/14/71	Miss L. Wilson	Chm. Crowley	Letter in opposition to proposed postal increases & its effect on non-profit, second class mail	5/14/71
5/14/71	Mrs. B. Hamilton	Chm. Crowley	Letter in opposition to proposed postal increases for second class mail	5/14/71

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5/14/71	Mr. J. T. Gillaspy of Spencer Evening World	Chm. Crowley	Letter in opposition to proposed postal increases for second class, non-profit mail	5/14/71
5/14/71	Mrs. C. Petras	Commission	Letter in opposition to proposed postal increases for first class mail	5/25/71
5/14/71	Miss C. Wursthorn	Chm. Crowley	Postcard in opposition to proposed postal increases for second class, non-profit mail	5/20/71
5/17/71	Mr. E. T. Cunningham	Commission	Letter in opposition to proposed postal increases for second class, non-profit mail	5/19/71
5/17/71	Mrs. D. Johnson	Commission	Letter in opposition to proposed postal increases for second class, non-profit mail	5/19/71
5/17/71	Mrs. T. Martini	Commission	Letter in opposition to proposed postal increases for second class, non-profit mail	5/19/71
5/17/71	Hon. Hruska	Chm. Crowley	Transmitting letter from Omaha World-Herald in opposition to proposed postal increases for second class mail	5/21/71
5/17/71	Mr. D. Easton, Director, Colorado Rural El. Assoc.	Chm. Crowley	Letter in opposition to proposed postal increases for second class, non-profit publications	5/20/71
5/17/71	Sister Virginia Huber	Commissioners	Letters in opposition to proposed postal increases for second class, non-profit, religious publications	5/20/71
5/17/71	Mrs. R. L. Litzenberger	Chm. Crowley	Letter in opposition to proposed postal increases for second class, non-profit mail	5/19/71
5/14/71	Miss M. Fischer	Commission	Letter in opposition to proposed postal increases for first class mail.	5/19/71

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5/18/71	Rev. J. F. Eisenhower of St. Teresa's Church	Chm. Crowley	Letter in opposition to proposed postal increases for second class, non-profit, religious publications	5/19/71
5/18/71	Mr. & Mrs. R. E. Dochtermann	Chm. Crowley	Letter in opposition to proposed postal increases for second class, non-profit publications	5/19/71
5/18/71	Mrs. J. Duff	Chm. Crowley	Letter in opposition to proposed postal increases for second class, non-profit, religious publications	5/19/71
5/18/71	Dr. Robert J. Anderson	Chm. Crowley	Letter in opposition to proposed postal increases for non-profit organizations	5/24/71
5/18/71	Mr. J. Macanell	Commission	Letter in opposition to proposed postal increases for first class mail	5/24/71
5/18/71	Hon. Roman Hruska	Chm. Crowley	Transmitting letter from Mr. B. H. Patterson in opposition to proposed postal increases	5/20/71
5/18/71	Hon. Hart	Chm. Crowley	Transmitting letter from Mail Club of Detroit in opposition to proposed postal increases & opposition to including third class bulk direct mail advertising mail in with delivery of books, etc.	5/21/71
5/18/71	Hon. Quentin Burdick	Chm. Crowley	Transmitting letter from North Dakota Motor Vehicle Registrar in opposition to proposed postal increases for first class mail	5/20/71
5/18/71	Hon. Roman Hruska	Chm. Crowley	Transmitting letter from United Methodist Messenger in opposition to proposed postal increases and its effect on non-profit publications	5/24/71
5/19/71	Mr. B. Baker	Secretary	Letter in opposition to proposed postal increases	5/24/71

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5/19/71	Rev. D. McNeill	Secretary	Letter in opposition to proposed postal increases for second class, non-profit, religious publications	5/19/71
5/19/71	Miss M. Regnier	Secretary	Letter in opposition to proposed postal increases for second class, non-profit, religious publications	5/19/71
5/19/71	Mr. R. D. Hooper	Commission	Letter in opposition to proposed postal increases	5/21/71
5/19/71	Miss M. Binder	Chm. Crowley	Letter in opposition to proposed postal increases for non-profit publications	5/20/71
5/19/71	Mrs. G. McQuaide	Chm. Crowley	Letter in opposition to proposed postal increases for second class, non-profit mail	5/20/71
5/20/71	Miss F. Kennedy	Secretary	Letter in opposition to proposed postal increases for second class mail	5/24/71
5/20/71	Mr. D. Boggs	Commission	Letter in opposition to proposed postal increases	5/25/71
5/19/71	Mr. J. F. Flubacher	Commission	Letter in opposition to proposed postal rate increases and suggesting that third class rates be raised	5/21/71
5/21/71	Hon. Hale Boggs	Chm. Crowley	Transmitting Mr. Ballard's letter in opposition to proposed postal increases for first class mail	5/26/71
5/19/71	Mr. R. A. Kantz	Secretary	Letter in opposition to proposed postal increases	5/24/71
5/19/71	Mr. C. Smith	Commission	Letter in opposition to proposed postal increases	5/24/71
5/21/71	Miss, M. Casper	Commission	Letter in opposition to proposed postal increases for first class mail	5/25/71
5/18/71	Hon. Frank Horton	Chm. Crowley	Transmitting letter from Mrs. V. Abrams in opposition to proposed postal increases for first class mail	5/27/71

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5/21/71	M. J. B. Campbell	Commission	Letter in opposition to proposed postal increases	5/25/71
5/24/71	Miss M. Riordan	Commissioners	Letters in opposition to proposed postal increases for second class, non-profit, religious publications	5/25/71
5/24/71	Hon. J. W. Symington	Chm. Crowley	Transmitting Mr. Wolff's letter in opposition to proposed increases for second and third class mail and its effect on the printing industry.	5/27/71
5/21/71	Hon. Symington	Chm. Crowley	Transmitting letter from Dr. Doil F. Felts concerning mail classifications. Received letter from Dr. Felts and replied on 5/19/71.	5/26/71
5/20/71	Mrs. M. Raymond	Ex. Wenner	Letter in opposition to proposed postal increases for first class mail	5/25/71
5/17/71	Mr. A. N. Gerritsen	Chm. Crowley	Letter in opposition to proposed postal increases; states recommendations for local delivery at discount rates	
5/19/71	Mr. J. P. Nash	Commission	Letter in opposition to proposed postal increases	5/28/71
5/20/71	Hon. LaMar Baker	Chm. Crowley	Transmitting Mr. Hude's letter suggesting rate differentials for short distance mailing	
5/20/71	Mrs. W. Goldstein	Chm. Crowley	Letter in opposition to proposed postal increases & suggesting a rate differential for local delivery for first class mail.	
5/20/71	Mr. J. H. Auten, Office of the Secretary of Treasury	Commission	Transmitting telegram from Mr. S. C. Reed in opposition to proposed postal increases for first class mail	5/28/71
5/14/71	Mrs. Mary Rehling	Commissioners	Letters in opposition to proposed postal increases for second class, non-profit mail	5/28/71

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5/21/71	Mr. R. Ochis	Commission	Letter in opposition to proposed postal increases for first class mail	5/28/71
5/21/71	Mr. Paul F. Cummins	Secretary	Letter in opposition to proposed postal increases for first and second class mail	5/28/71
5/24/71	Mr. J. Kurtze	Commission	Letter in opposition to proposed postal increases for first class mail	
5/24/71	Mrs. M. Nixon	Ex. Wenner	Letter in opposition to proposed postal increases for first class mail	5/28/71
5/24/71	Mr. H. E. Cook & Superior Rotary Tools	Chm. Crowley	Letter in opposition to proposed postal increases for second class mail	
5/24/71	Mr. O. J. Kadlec	Chm. Crowley	Letter in opposition to proposed postal increases	
5/24/71	Mr. D. J. Washenfelter	Ex. Wenner	Letter in support of proposed postal increases for second and third class mail	5/28/71
5/26/71	E. C. McCreery	Commissioners	Letter in opposition to proposed postal increases for second class mail	5/28/71
5/27/71	Hon. John Tower	Chm. Crowley	Transmitting letter from Mr. Scott in opposition to proposed postal rate increases for first class mail	
5/27/71	Hon. John Tower	Chm. Crowley	Transmitting letter from Mr. Wickman in opposition to proposed postal rate increases for first class mail	
5/27/71	M. Pearson	Commission	Letter in opposition to proposed postal increases for first class mail	5/28/71

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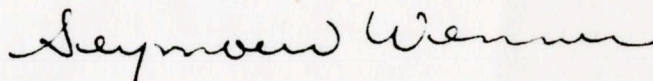
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April 29, 1971

REPORT OF EX PARTE COMMUNICATION

On April 28, 1971 the Presiding Examiner received the attached letter from Kenneth Fiester, a party to the proceeding, concerning procedural matters in Docket No. R71-1. Mr. Fiester's letter does not state that a copy was sent to other parties in the proceeding.

A copy of the Examiner's reply to Mr. Fiester which was sent to all parties in the proceeding is attached hereto. A copy of Mr. Fiester's letter is also attached. This report together with these attachments is being placed in the public file of the Commission.



Seymour Wenner
Presiding Examiner

Attachments (2)
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April 27, 1971

Mr. Seymour Wenner, Presiding Examiner
Postal Rate Commission
Washington, D. C. 20268

Docket No. R71-1

Dear Mr. Wenner:

At the proceedings on Monday morning you made clear your preference for direct, lucid presentations from the parties, with a minimum of legalistic ritual.

Because Mr. Barry and I are writers and not lawyers we are sure we can meet those qualifications. But because we are not lawyers, and our association is ill-equipped financially to retain one, we would appreciate your guidance on how to proceed.

Let me note that we, representing non-profit second class and (to a lesser extent) in-county mailers, did not fit neatly or at all into the five groupings you set up on Monday morning. I was present until recess but did not want to take the time of the hearing to make the point. Our interest is very large to the publications we represent and, we believe, important to the public interest, but is miniscule in terms of postal revenues.

We are prepared to submit a straightforward statement of our case along the lines indicated in our response to General Interrogatory No. 3 from the Post Office Department. We have assembled a number of reports from our member publications which, with other materials, would serve as exhibits.

It seems to us that these, along with the readiness of one or both of us to appear in person, should be all that you and the commission need from us to assist you in reaching a fair decision with respect to the rates affecting our members. We hope you agree, and we await your direction on procedure.

Very truly yours,

Kenneth Fiester
Kenneth Fiester
President

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ATTACHMENT A

April 29, 1971

Mr. Kenneth Flester, President
International Labor Press Association
825 Sixteenth Street, N. W.
Washington, D. C. 20006

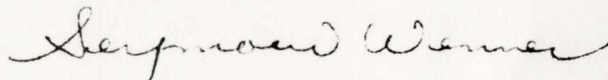
Dear Mr. Flester:

This will acknowledge your letter of April 27, 1971, in which you state that you represent non-profit second class and in-county mailers and in which you inquire about procedures to be followed at the hearing. You state that you are making this inquiry because you are not a lawyer.

If you address a letter to the Presiding Examiner connected with this proceeding, you must send a copy to all the parties. Your letter to me, which you did not serve on other parties, is what is known as an ex parte communication and is improper.

Interim hearings are scheduled for May 4, 6, 7, 11, 13 and 14 at 9:30 a.m. in room 7134 of the Post Office Building, 12th and Pennsylvania Avenue, N. W. I suggest that at one of these hearings you discuss your problem with Litigation Division counsel. However, you should state at the hearing that you wish to take this action; and in that event, an off-the-record conference can undoubtedly be arranged with Litigation Division counsel; other counsel will be permitted to attend your conference with Litigation Division counsel.

Yours truly,



Seymour Wenner
Presiding Examiner

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May 11, 1971

REPORT OF EX PARTE COMMUNICATION

On May 10, 1971, the Chief Examiner, Postal Rate Commission, received a letter from M. M. Regnier, 3031 North 36th Street, Phoenix, Arizona 85018 in which it is stated that the writer "would greatly appreciate it if you will try to hold the line on postal rates for non-profit, religious publications".

A copy of this letter is being placed in the public file of the Commission together with this report.

Pursuant to § 735.502 of the Standards of Conduct of Postal Rate Commission personnel (39 CFR 3000, 735-502) a copy of this report is being served on all parties of record in the proceeding.

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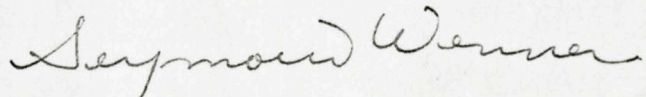
REPORT OF EX PARTE COMMUNICATION

(May 21, 1971)

On May 20, 1971, the Chief Examiner, Postal Rate Commission, received a letter from Mrs. Margaret B. Raymond, 1502 South Boulder, Apt. 12E, Tulsa, Oklahoma 74119. Mrs. Raymond protests the recent increase in mail rates, the quality of the mail service, and requests that the increase be rejected.

A copy of this letter is being placed in the public file of the Commission together with this report.

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REPORT OF EX PARTE COMMUNICATION

May 24, 1971

On May 21, 1971, the Chief Examiner, Postal Rate Commission, received a letter from Mr. Dennis J. Washenfelter, P. O. Box 443, Richland, Washington 99352. Mr. Washenfelter states that he hopes that the recent increases for second and third class mail will be maintained.

A copy of this letter is being placed in the public file of the Commission together with this report.

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On May 21, 1971, the Chief Examiner, Postal Rate Commission, received a postcard from Mrs. Melinda Nixon, Santa Monica Towers, 1233 Sixth Street, Apt. 202, Santa Monica, California 90401. Mrs. Nixon states that increased mail rates will create hardships for elderly persons.

A copy of this communication is being placed in the public file of the Commission together with this report.

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THE WHITE HOUSE
WASHINGTON

November 18, 1970

MEMORANDUM FOR THE PRESIDENT

SUBJECT: Proposed Executive Order -
Regulation of Conduct for Postal Rate Commission

Background

The recently enacted Postal Reorganization Act established the Postal Rate Commission as an independent agency in the Executive branch. The Postal Rate Commission is vested with critical duties with respect to the establishment and adjustment of postage rates, fees for postal services, and mail classification.

Past experience indicates that postal rates and related decisions, which often involve millions of dollars, are of vital concern not only to the general public but particularly to large mail users. This concern inevitably produces pressures which may have a tremendous impact on those involved in the decisional process. To insure that the activities, proceedings, and decisions of the Rate Commission are made with complete independence and impartiality within proper official channels, the proposed Executive Order sets forth special procedures for the regulation of the conduct of the Rate Commission and its employees. The proposed Executive Order is also intended to provide public confidence in the new Postal Service and the Rate Commission by guaranteeing that postal rates, fees, and classifications are determined in a fair and wholly objective manner with no improper outside influence of any kind.

Under the proposed Executive Order the Civil Service Commission would prepare and issue the initial standards of conduct regulations applicable to the Rate Commissioners and the employees of the Rate Commission. The Civil Service Commission was selected for this task by reason of its experience under the existing Standards of

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To insure that the activities, proceedings and decisions of the Rate Commission are completely independent and impartial, and to provide public confidence in the operations of the new Postal Service and the Rate Commission, it is proposed that an Executive Order be issued which will require special procedures for the regulation of conduct of the Rate Commission and its employees, in addition to the existing standards of conduct prescribed for all government officers and employees pursuant to Executive Order No. 11222.

In particular, the proposed Executive Order requires that the standards of conduct regulations for the Rate Commission include provisions dealing with such matters as concurrent filing of employee financial

disclosure statements with the Civil Service Commission as well as the Rate Commission, strict control of all ex parte contacts with Commission personnel regarding contested matters before the Commission, and prohibitions against receipt of gifts, favors, travel expenses and things of value from persons having or likely to have business with the Rate Commission.

The initial standards of conduct regulations would be prepared and issued by the Civil Service Commission, which is particularly suited for this task by reason of its expertise and experience in handling conflicts of interest matters. These regulations would be issued within 120 days of the effective date of the Executive Order and would be in effect at the time the Rate Commission commences operations, thereby enabling it to function from inception under comprehensive regulations with protection against any involvement in conflict of interest situations or other adverse activity which might affect public confidence in the integrity of the Commission and its staff. All subsequent regulations and amendments would be promulgated by the Rate Commission.

The proposed Executive Order has been reviewed and approved by OMB, the Department of Justice, the Post Office Department and the Civil Service Commission.

Action

It is recommended that the proposed Executive Order be signed at Tab "A".

John Dean

EXECUTIVE ORDER

PROVIDING FOR THE REGULATION OF CONDUCT FOR THE POSTAL RATE COMMISSION AND ITS EMPLOYEES

Under the Postal Reorganization Act (Public Law 91-375), the Postal Rate Commission (referred to hereafter as the "Commission") is charged with the establishment and adjustment of fair and equitable rates of postage, fees for postal services, and classifications of mail. It is essential to public confidence in the United States Postal Service that the activities, procedures, decisions, and recommendations of the Commission be impartial and disinterested and free from taint or suspicion of favoritism of any kind whatsoever, both in fact and in appearance.

NOW THEREFORE, by virtue of the authority vested in me by Section 301 of Title 3, and Section 7301 of Title 5, United States Code, and the Postal Reorganization Act, it is hereby ordered as follows:

Section 101. The Commission is subject to Executive Order No. 11222 of May 8, 1965, "Prescribing Standards of Ethical Conduct for Government Officers and Employees," and Part 735 of the regulations of the Civil Service Commission (5 CFR Part 735).

Section 102. The Civil Service Commission shall prepare initial standards of conduct regulations for the Commission. The regulations shall contain such provisions as will ensure that the Commissioners and employees of the Commission are fully guarded against involvement in conflicts of interest situations, or the appearance thereof, or other conduct that may lessen public confidence. The regulations shall include provision for:

(a) concurrent filing of confidential statements of outside employment and financial interests by employees of the Commission with a designated official of the Commission and the Chairman of the Civil Service Commission;

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(c) prohibition against the receipt of honoraria, travel expenses, entertainment, gifts, loans, favors, or any thing of value by a Commissioner or employee of the Commission from an individual (other than one having a close family or personal relationship) or organization having, or likely to have, business with the Commission.

Section 103. The Civil Service Commission shall issue the initial standards of conduct regulations applicable to the Commission not later than 120 days after the effective date of this Order. Thereafter, the Commission may from time to time amend the regulations, consistent with this Order. The regulations and any amendments thereto shall be published in the Federal Register.

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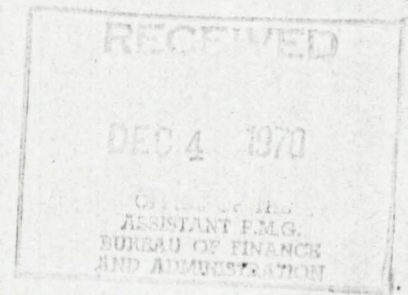
In addition to ascertaining the contents of the memorandum referred to in Hargrove's letter of Dec 2, 1970, also note the slight discrepancy between PF's memo for the files (last paragraph on p. 2) and Hargrove's letter of Aug 6, 71 to Gabusi (p. 2, last paragraph) — the question would be did PF comment on the inclusion of a commercial bank + state that Morgan was qualified — or did he merely advise that Morgan was qualified. If the former, we may want to add that to the draft letter, or soften the letter to treat it as a de minimus contact.

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December 2, 1970

Mr. James W. Hargrove
Assistant Postmaster General
Bureau of Finance and Administration
Post Office Department
1200 Pennsylvania Avenue NW
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Dear Jim:

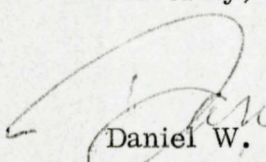
Short note to say, on behalf of Mr. Gus Levy, Mr. Henry Fowler and myself, our deep appreciation for the opportunity of visiting with Postmaster Blount and yourself yesterday.

As expressed, we are hopeful that we may be considered as part of the managing group for the possible forthcoming financing which the new Postal Service will require.

I will take the opportunity, with discretion, to talk to Peter about the problem we discussed. In the meantime, I strongly suggest you send a copy of your memo to John Mitchell as my experience has indicated he has an understanding of this problem.

Let me know if I can be of any further assistance in the future.
With best wishes,

Sincerely,


Daniel W. Hofgren
Vice President
Corporate Finance Department

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