

December <sup>17</sup>~~28~~, 1971

Dear Mr. Badillo:

I would like to acknowledge and thank you for your December 16 telegram in which you were joined by several of your colleagues in urging that the situation in Northern Ireland be an agenda item when the President meets with Prime Minister Heath.

You may be assured that your message will be called to the attention of the President at the earliest opportunity.

With warm regards,

Sincerely,

William E. Timmons  
Assistant to the President

Honorable Herman Badillo  
House of Representatives  
Washington, D.C. 20515

✓ bcc: w/inc. to Dr. Kissinger - for further appropriate handling.

WET:EF:mvm

December 29, 1971

Dear Mr. Badillo:

This will acknowledge your telegram to the President of December 28 in which you joined with a number of your colleagues in expressing your concern over the current air missions into North Vietnam. You may be assured the views expressed by you and your colleagues will be brought to the President's attention.

With cordial regards,

Sincerely,

William E. Timmons  
Assistant to the President

Honorable Herman Badillo  
House of Representatives  
Washington, D.C. 20515

bcc: w/incoming to Dr. Kissinger for appropriate handling.

WET:VO:ms

November 26, 1971

Dear Mr. Badillo:

I wish to acknowledge and thank you for your letter to the President urging that \$57 million for the Public Works Grant program of the Economic Development Program be included in the supplemental appropriations request. You may be assured your letter will be brought to the President's attention and also shared with those reviewing such budget items.

With cordial regards,

Sincerely,

William E. Timmons  
Assistant to the President

Honorable Herman Badillo  
House of Representatives  
Washington, D. C. 20515

bcc: w/incoming to Bill Gifford for appropriate handling

WET:EF:VO:amb

November 22, 1971

Dear Mr. Badillo:

This is to acknowledge and thank you for your letter to the President of November 12 in which you join with a number of your colleagues in urging the expenditure of \$900 million on the Urban Mass Transit Program during fiscal 1972.

As you are aware, the Mass Transit Assistance Act of 1970 authorized \$3.1 billion for the five-year period 1971-1975. The Act did not specify how the total amount should be allocated. It has been the view of the Department of Transportation officials that phased increases throughout the period will be most consistent with the capabilities of systems managers to absorb additional funds and to gradually expand the program. To provide \$900 million this year would necessitate a lower funding level in the future; it would be desirable to avoid this "roller coaster" effect. The \$1 billion committed to the program in 1971 and 1972 is more than has been expended during the entire history of the program. As to the backlog cited in your letter, I believe it is important to recognize that \$1.5 billion of that amount is accounted for in Chicago and New York City alone. In the case of New York, the bond issue to provide "matching" local shares in order to receive Federal funds was defeated November 2.

The Administration feels that the above considerations support the establishment of FY '72 funding at the \$600 million level and will facilitate the orderly continuation of progress of the urban mass transit program.

With warm regards,

Sincerely,

William E. Timmons  
Assistant to the President

Honorable Herman Badillo  
House of Representatives  
Washington, D.C.

bcc: Bill Gifford w/incoming - FYI

WET:McF:rks

November 20, 1971

Dear Mr. Badillo:

This is in further response to your letter of October 4 in which you and some of your colleagues in the House commented on various aspects of the proposed plan to reform the present welfare system.

The President's request for a one-year postponement in the implementation of the plan has been misinterpreted by some as a move to put welfare reform on the "back burner." This is definitely not the case. Rather, the request for a later effective date reflects the need for a reasonable period for administrative preparation after enactment and prior to the effective date if implementation is to be achieved effectively, efficiently, and humanely. The effective dates now in H.R. 1 were based on the assumption that final action would be taken on the bill sometime in this calendar year. Although the President continues to urge the Congress to act as soon as possible, and we are hopeful that it will, even enactment this November would leave less than 1 year in which to put in place a major part of the new program. Considering that the implementation of welfare reform will be one of the most massive and difficult administrative tasks ever undertaken, it is now an administrative necessity that the effective dates be deferred. It will require the formation of a complex data system, recruitment and training of personnel, and the establishment of a network of welfare offices throughout the country. As a result of this great task, the impetus for enactment of welfare reform is now greater than ever before since each day's delay in enactment retards implementation one day.

In regard to your concern that States might reduce payment levels, there is no encouragement in H.R. 1 for the States to do so. On the contrary, there are strong incentives built into the "hold harmless" provision of the bill for benefit increases. States can provide the full cash value of food stamps even if they do not now participate in the food stamp program. It will not be easier for States to cut benefits under the new program than under current law.

In many States the Federal benefit levels will be such that the State itself will have virtually a 100-percent savings in current welfare costs and the costs of administration. Such States would, we believe, have strong incentives to use some of this money to provide State supplements to the Federal benefit level.

The requirement in H.R. 1 that recipients reapply for benefits every two years is not intended to be demeaning or harassing for beneficiaries. Rather, biennial reapplication is required in order to help families avoid continued dependency. In fact, current data show that a great many families do not remain on the welfare rolls for as long as two years under the current program. If a family remains on assistance for more than two years, the family situation would be reassessed at that point to determine what further steps might be taken to help that family get off the welfare rolls and become self-supporting.

Further, we do not believe that requiring recipients to submit quarterly statements of income can be considered a demeaning or costly investigation. Any broad income maintenance program such as the proposed Welfare Reform plan must periodically check on events affecting eligibility for and amount of payments. It does not seem unreasonable to ask participants to make at least minimal efforts to assist in efficient and prompt administration. Timeliness of reporting is, in our view, a reasonable and small obligation of recipients. Just as recipients count on regular and prompt receipt of benefits, so the administrators must rely on recipients' information to achieve this.

As far as the establishment of durational residency requirements by the States is concerned, this provision (which would permit States to include such requirements in State supplemental plans) was not endorsed by the Administration. Such requirements would, of course, not apply to the Federal benefits. As Secretary Richardson testified before the Senate Finance Committee, we believe that the provision is of doubtful constitutionality, and if it is included in the final bill, we would expect an early test case.

In addition, the provisions in H.R. 1 relating to the legal rights of recipients are designed specifically to afford them every opportunity for equal protection and due process. An individual is given 30 days in which to request a hearing regarding determinations of eligibility and benefit amount with which he disagrees. A decision would be rendered by the Secretary

within 90 days. The decision would be subject to judicial review in Federal district courts except in determinations as to fact.

It is true that H.R. 1 does not include the concept that payments to welfare recipients be based on current needs. Rather, the accounting period language of the bill employs what welfare economists call a "carryover" concept of income. The Administration recognizes that the "carryover" does lose some responsiveness to immediate need especially to low paid seasonal workers, such as migrant laborers, but only those with annual incomes over \$5520 would have a three month wait for benefits, and only those with annual incomes of \$6720 or more would wait six months. The real issue is to design a plan which concentrates the Federal dollars available on those who need them the most. While other methods will no doubt be considered in the Senate, the provisions in H.R. 1 thus far seem to present the best approach to achieving both equity and responsiveness.

It is not difficult to argue that \$2400 is an inadequate income for a family of four in most areas of the country. However, this level does offer increased income in the 22 States where \$2400 exceeds the current State payment level. Also, it provides a significant step forward for the 5 million children of the working poor who live in families in which inadequate earnings will be supplemented by Federal assistance for the first time. The exclusion of this group from Federally financed benefits has been a long-standing inequity which has seemed to be injurious to stable family life.

Given the need for fiscal responsibility, a hard choice has to be made between substantially increasing benefits to those already covered or broadening coverage and raising benefits for the poorest of the current recipients. We believe the former strategy would constitute no reform, and would only aggravate existing inequities between those covered and those not covered. Thus, we have opted for genuine structural reform which will benefit those most in need and those heretofore excluded from assistance coverage.

The \$2400 benefit level for an adult couple eligible for assistance as well as for a family of four is not as inequitable as it may appear on the surface. Because the welfare reform provisions of H.R. 1 seek to encourage work, the benefit levels for adults and families were established with an eye to the employment and earnings potential of those in the two categories.

In comparison with the earnings potential of families, the majority of adult recipients have relatively little earnings potential to supplement their benefits because of their age, blindness, or disability.

The Administration is sympathetic to considerations that underlie proposals to provide cost-of-living adjustments to their welfare benefit payments. In addition to certain technical questions and considerations of cost, there is also a question whether it might be desirable, at this point, for the Congress to retain control of payment levels. As you know, the net impact of the bill is to provide more Federal money to poor people, while at the same time affording the States a considerable saving. It is reasonable to assume that the States may use some of their savings to provide necessary supplements and other welfare services to the needy.

The Administration strongly supports an expansion in child care opportunities. However, we believe that the provision in H.R. 1 for 875,000 child care slots is as rapid an expansion as can possibly occur during the first year of the program.

H.R. 1 also widens training and employment opportunities, and the Department of Labor will have increased funding to improve training opportunities. Among the provisions are 225,000 new training opportunities and 200,000 public service jobs, in addition to 160,000 WIN slots and 150,000 training slots under the Manpower Development and Training Act and the Economic Opportunity Act.

The statement that the proposed plan will generally require welfare recipients to accept jobs at less than the minimum wage is not accurate. Under H.R. 1, the wage rate would be the highest of the applicable Federal, State, or local statutory minimum wage for that work, the prevailing wage for similar work in that locality, or \$1.20 as an absolute floor. Thus, \$1.20 is the minimum rather than the maximum or even average wage recipients will actually receive. Moreover, the wage rate cannot be considered in isolation from the work incentive payments under the basic Federal Opportunities for Families program. The fact is that the combined effect of at least \$1.20 and work supplements will generally produce total income in excess of the level of the minimum wage alone. Also, there is a question whether many persons, particularly young persons and those in entry level positions, might be denied long-run opportunities through insistence upon a gross minimum wage.

The Administration is in full agreement with your call for reform of our present system of welfare, and we believe the provisions for welfare reform incorporated in H.R. 1 will provide the best means for attaining this goal. When enacted, the bill will help to make the lives of millions of people more secure, and it will be a major step forward in giving all people greater opportunity for a decent life.

Sincerely,

Richard K. Cook  
Deputy Assistant  
to the President

Honorable Herman Badillo  
House of Representatives  
Washington, D. C.

bcc to Under Secretary of HEW Veneman - FYI

RKC:HEW:jas

October 29, 1971

Dear Mr. Badillo:

This is a further reply to your letter to the President regarding matters of concern to the Spanish-speaking community.

The President and his Administration are giving time and effort to the solution of the problems which you raised in your letter. While much needs to be done to solve the problems of the Spanish-speaking people of the United States, the 1971 Annual Report of the Cabinet Committee on Opportunity for Spanish-Speaking People demonstrates the gains we have made already. I am enclosing a copy of the report for your use and comment, and I shall appreciate hearing from you concerning the efforts which the Committee is making.

Prior to August 5, 1971, the Committee operated under an Executive Director, who, with the assistance of the Cabinet Committee staff, was instrumental in implementing the Sixteen-Point Program which the President initiated for the purpose of employing more Spanish-speaking people in the Federal Government at higher levels.

At the second meeting of the Cabinet Committee on Opportunities for Spanish-Speaking People on August 5, 1971, the President announced the nomination of Henry Ramirez to be the new chairman of the committee. Under Mr. Ramirez' leadership we shall see even more rewarding progress in solving the problems of Spanish-speaking people. We are hopeful that Mr. Ramirez' nomination will receive early and favorable attention in the Senate.

Thank you for your interest.

Sincerely,

William E. Timmons  
Assistant to the President

Honorable Herman Badillo  
House of Representatives  
Washington, D.C. 20515

Enclosure

NET:Grassmuck:jlh

bcc: Clark MacGregor - FYI  
bcc: George Grassmuck - FYI

November 10, 1971

Dear Mr. Badillo:

This is to acknowledge and thank you for your letter in which you report on your recent activities and those of your colleagues in behalf of Spanish-speaking people. The President is particularly concerned with these very serious problems and has given his maximum support to the on-going efforts of the Cabinet Committee on Opportunities for Spanish-speaking People. I would urge that your proposals be brought to the Committee's attention. We anticipate that it will be increasingly effective under the leadership of Mr. Henry Ramirez, whose nomination to be Chairman is, as you know, pending in the Senate.

Your remarks will be brought to the President's attention and you will receive further word with regard to your request for a meeting.

Sincerely,

Richard K. Cook  
Deputy Assistant  
to the President

Honorable Herman Badillo  
House of Representatives  
Washington, D.C. 20515

bcc: w/incoming to David Parker - for further reply  
bcc: w/incoming to Henry Ramirez - for further action  
bcc: w/incoming to Grassmuck - FYI

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October 7, 1971

Dear Mr. Badillo:

This will acknowledge and thank you for your October 4 letter to the President in which you joined with a number of your colleagues in the House setting forth your position with reference to reform of the existing welfare programs.

You may be assured your letter will be brought to the President's attention and also shared with those involved in a continuing review of legislative action in this area.

With cordial regards,

Sincerely,

William E. Timmons  
Assistant to the President

Honorable Herman Badillo  
House of Representatives  
Washington, D. C. 20515

bcc: w/incoming to Mr. John G. Veneman  
Under Secretary - HEW for DRAFT REPLY  
at earliest.

bcc: to Ed Morgan - FYI

WET:EF:VO:jj

**August 19, 1971**

**Dear Mr. Badillo:**

**I would like to thank you for your August 13 letter to the President recommending Dr. Xavier Mensa for appointment as Director of the Job Corps.**

**Although this is not a Presidential appointment, I was pleased to call your endorsement of Dr. Mensa to the attention of the President's Special Assistant for personnel matters, in order that he might contact the appropriate persons responsible for this appointment.**

**With kind regards,**

**Sincerely,**

**Max L. Friedersdorf  
Special Assistant to the President**

**Honorable Herman Badillo  
House of Representatives  
Washington, D. C. 20515**

**bcc: w/inc. to Dan Kingsley - for appropriate handling**

**MLF:EF:hc**

August 27, 1971

Dear Mr. Badillo:

I would like to acknowledge and thank you for your joint letter to the President suggesting that the Secretary of Interior deny permits for the construction of the proposed trans-Alaska pipeline, and further suggesting that consideration be given to the construction of a Canadian pipeline from Alaska's North Slope to the Midwest or East.

You may be assured that your interest in this matter will be called to the attention of the President at the earliest opportunity.

Sincerely,

Richard K. Cook  
Special Assistant to  
the President

Honorable Herman Badillo  
House of Representatives  
Washington, D.C. 20515

bcc: w/inc. to Nick L. Laird - for further  
DIRECT reply

RKC:EF:jj

September 9, 1971

Dear Mr. Sedillo:

I have inquired further regarding your letter of August 12 to the President about Chile's interest in acquiring three Boeing aircraft with the assistance of the Export-Import Bank.

Despite press reports to the contrary, the Export-Import Bank, far from refusing to discuss the matter with Chilean representatives, has held some discussions already and is entirely prepared and willing for these discussions to continue. The Bank has been, and remains, interested in obtaining information on Chile's intentions regarding its various international financial obligations. We believe that such information would be of legitimate interest to any potential creditor, and that the Bank is acting in a way designed to meet its responsibilities for the taxpayers' funds appropriated to it by the Congress. These normal banking and financial criteria, and not political considerations, underlie the Bank's position.

At the same time we have very much in mind the concerns you express over the state of our aerospace industry, our relations with Chile, and particular U.S. interests in that country, and you can be sure that these matters are being very carefully considered.

With kind regards,

Sincerely,

Richard K. Cook  
Special Assistant to  
the President

Honorable Herman Sedillo  
House of Representatives  
Washington, D.C. 20515

bcc: to NSC - FYI NSC Log 31894

RKC:NSC:EP:MMH

August 11, 1971

Dear Mr. Badillo:

I would like to acknowledge and thank you for your August 9 letter to the President in which you joined with Congressman Roybal in requesting a meeting with him to discuss matters of concern to the Spanish speaking community. You may be assured your letter, setting forth the items you wish to discuss, will be presented for early consideration.

With cordial regards,

Sincerely,

William E. Timmons  
Assistant to the President

Honorable Herman Badillo  
House of Representatives  
Washington, D.C. 20515

bcc: w/incoming to David Parker for further handling.  
bcc: w/incoming to Robert Finch for your consideration.

NET:EF:VO:vo

July 8, 1971

Dear Mr. Badillo:

This is in response to your letter of June 9, 1971, addressed to the President concerning enrollment levels and funding for summer youth programs in New York City.

We are pleased to inform you that there has been an increase in the 1971 Neighborhood Youth Corps summer slot allocation over the 1970 level. In 1970 New York City was allocated Federal funds for 37,232 full-time equivalent slots. This summer New York City was allocated funds for 45,045 full-time equivalent slots. All 45,045 slots will be administered by the Youth Services Agency of the Human Resources Administration of New York City.

We are also pleased to inform you that New York City is receiving the same amounts for the Summer Transportation Program and the Recreation Support Program as it received in 1970. The allocation for the 1971 Transportation Program is \$124,130. The allocation for the 1971 Recreation Support Program is \$1,836,000.

We hope this information will be of assistance to you. Thank you for your interest in Manpower programs.

Sincerely,

Richard E. Cook  
Special Assistant to  
the President

Honorable Herman Badillo  
House of Representatives  
Washington, D.C. 20515

RKC:Labor:VO:jlh

bcc: Department of Labor (Fred Webber) - FYI

July 7, 1971

Dear Mr. Badillo:

I wish to acknowledge and thank you for your letter to the President indicating you would support an application from the Chilean government for the purchase of three commercial type jets, to be financed by the Export-Import Bank. You may be assured your letter will be brought to the President's attention.

With cordial regards,

Sincerely,

William E. Timmons  
Assistant to the President

Honorable Herman Badillo  
House of Representatives  
Washington, D.C. 20515

bcc: w/incoming to Dr. Kissinger for your information.

WET:VO:vo

June 21, 1971

Dear Mr. Badillo:

This will acknowledge receipt of your June 18 letter to the President, in which you join with a number of your colleagues in the House, concerning the status of Soviet Jews, with particular reference to the forthcoming trial of nine Jews on skyjacking charges. You may be assured your views will be presented for full consideration.

With cordial regards,

Sincerely,

William E. Timmons  
Assistant to the President

Honorable Herman Badillo  
House of Representatives  
Washington, D.C. 20515

bcc: w/incoming to Dr. Kissinger for further handling.  
Xerox copy sent to Ron Ziegler - 6/19 a.m.

WET:VO:vo

April 20, 1971

Dear Congressman Badillo:

The President has requested that I acknowledge receipt and thank you for forwarding the letter of the Queens Coalition for Peace in regard to the decision in the court martial of Lieutenant Calley. Your concern for bringing this matter to his attention is appreciated.

Sincerely,

John W. Dean III  
Counsel to the President

Honorable Herman Badillo  
House of Representatives  
Washington, D. C. 20515

JWD:mtm

April 14, 1971

Dear Mr. Badillo:

In behalf of the President, I would like to thank you for your April 2 joint letter regarding the Neighborhood Youth Corps and the Recreation Support Programs. The President announced his plans for these programs on April 9, and I am enclosing a copy of his statement so that you will have the complete text.

Sincerely,

William E. Timmons  
Assistant to the President

Honorable Herman Badillo  
House of Representatives  
Washington, D.C.

Enclosure

WET:EF:nm

April 12, 1971

Dear Mr. Badillo:

In behalf of the President, I want to thank you for your letter regarding the Urban Mass Transportation program for 1971.

Director George Shultz has furnished the following information:

During the first half of fiscal year 1971 the amount of \$100 million was authorized. Congress itself set the limit on spending during that period. In addition, that Congressional limitation has an impact on the effective capability during the second half of fiscal year 1971.

The Department of Transportation estimates that \$300 million is the amount that can be effectively used in the second half of fiscal year 1971. That represents the level of projects ready for approval, meeting all the requirements of the new law. The fiscal year 1972 budget contemplates a further increase of \$600 million.

Many grant applications pending before the October enactment of the Urban Mass Transportation amendments had to be returned because they did not meet the requirements of the new law, particularly the environmental requirements.

The Department of Transportation reports a backlog of \$2.2 billion in applications for capital grants. Included in the \$2.2 billion backlog are approximately \$1.5 billion of applications solely for two cities -- Chicago and New York. Under the provisions of the substantive law, a maximum of \$388 million or 12-1/2 percent of the five year total of \$3.1 billion can be given to any one state during the five year period. Therefore, all of these applications cannot be approved since their total amounts far exceed the amounts authorized by statute for the two States.

Further, it is necessary for the Governor of each State to tell the Department of Transportation the State's priorities, so that DOT can be guided by the overall State plan and priorities.

The President's Transportation Special Revenue Sharing proposal will assist the states and communities to solve their transportation problems. The proposed Transportation Special Revenue Sharing legislation was sent to the Congress on April 6. We urge you to support this initiative by the President.

Sincerely,

William E. Timmons  
Assistant to the President

Honorable Herman Badillo  
House of Representatives  
Washington, D.C.

WET:OMB:EF:rm

bcc: Bill Gifford - FYI

MEMORANDUM  
OF CALL

TO:

DC

YOU WERE CALLED BY—  YOU WERE VISITED BY—

Paul Schosberg

OF (Organization)

Cong. Badillo

PLEASE CALL → PHONE NO. CODE/EXT. 4361

WILL CALL AGAIN  IS WAITING TO SEE YOU

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re your 2/12/71

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THE WHITE HOUSE

WASHINGTON

February 12, 1971

Dear Congressman Badillo:

In your letter of January 27, 1971, to Mr. Bruce Rabb, who has since left the White House, you expressed concern over the exclusion of the Commonwealth of Puerto Rico from the President's revenue sharing plan. The President shares your interest in the welfare of Puerto Ricans both in Puerto Rico and on the mainland.

The President has asked me to relay to you his rationale behind the formulation of the revenue sharing concept. Early in the discussions and studies preceding the final plan for the program, it was decided that only governmental units representing Federal tax payers could participate in such sharing. This meant that only the 50 states, the District of Columbia, and local governments within the 50 states would be eligible.

Though Puerto Rico isn't included in the revenue sharing plan, it received a significant and increasing amount of Federal aid in ways which are more appropriate to its fiscally autonomous situation.

If you would be interested in discussing this matter further with a member of the Administration, please allow me to be of service.

Sincerely,

Richard K. Cook  
Special Assistant  
to the President

Honorable Herman Badillo  
House of Representatives  
Washington, D. C. 20510

*Mulligan draft*

February 9, 1971

MEMORANDUM FOR EDWIN L. HARPER

FROM:

RICHARD K. COOK

Bruce Rabb sent the attached to me for a reply to Mr. Badillo.

I would appreciate your having a draft reply prepared for my signature which will respond to this inquiry.

Thank you.

THE WHITE HOUSE  
WASHINGTON

January 28, 1971

MEMORANDUM FOR DICK COOK

FROM: BRUCE RABB *Bruce*

Here is the letter that I received from Herman Badillo today. Thanks for your help.

Attachment

*Ask Elson to  
send to Hanger or Treas.  
for draft response  
from BT or me.*

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

January 27, 1971

Mr. Bruce Rabb  
The White House  
Washington, D.C.

Dear Bruce:

Yesterday's New York Times carried a state-by-state breakdown of the anticipated allocations under the Administration's proposed revenue-sharing program. I'm deeply concerned over the exclusion of Puerto Rico because I believe this exclusion would seriously undermine the program's major thrust.

As I'm sure you know, the tremendous migration of unskilled Puerto Ricans to the mainland has had serious repercussions for New York and other large cities. These people, most of them young, left Puerto Rico for lack of opportunity there. But life in our cities has been equally frustrating. Inferior education, the lack of bilingual or bicultural programs, inadequate job training -- all have drawn these Puerto Ricans into the vicious cycle of poverty and deprivation which lies at the core of our urban crisis.

If this migration, and the poverty cycle it has helped to stimulate is to be checked, then the Commonwealth of Puerto Rico must be given the resources to provide hope and opportunity for its people. Revenue sharing, it seems to me, is a logical answer. I am aware of the arguments against Puerto Rico's inclusion in the program, but I don't feel they are persuasive. I would like to discuss this with the President and his advisors at the earliest

Mr. Bruce Rabb

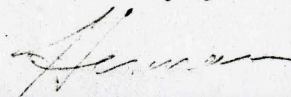
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January 27, 1971

opportunity, and would greatly appreciate your assistance in making the necessary arrangements.

With best regards, I am

Sincerely yours,



HERMAN BADILLO  
MEMBER OF CONGRESS

HB:psl

March 19, 1971

Dear Mr. Badillo:

I would like to acknowledge your letter to the President concerning the possibility of pardon being granted unilaterally, to Mr. Oscar Collazo. You may be assured your presentation on behalf of Mr. Collazo will be fully reviewed.

With cordial regards,

Sincerely,

William E. Timmons  
Assistant to the President

Honorable Herman Badillo  
House of Representatives  
Washington, D.C. 20515

bcc: w/inc. to John Dean for FURTHER REPLY as appropriate.

WET:EF:VO:jj

February 1, 1971

Dear Mr. Badillo:

This is to acknowledge and thank you for your joint letter of January 29 to the President regarding contract costs negotiations between the Department of Defense and the Lockheed Aircraft Corporation.

Your interest in this matter will be called to the attention of the President and those in the Department of Defense who are involved in the negotiations.

With cordial regards,

Sincerely,

William E. Timmons  
Assistant to the President

Honorable Herman Badillo  
House of Representatives  
Washington, D.C.

bcc w/inc to General Hughes - for further  
direct reply to Defense Dept and with  
copy to Bill Timmons  
bcc to Dick Capen - FYI  
bcc to Bill Gifford - FYI

WET:EF:ki

November 9, 1970

Dear Mr. Badillo:

In Mr. William Timmons' absence, I would like to acknowledge and thank you for your November 6 telegram to the President. I shall call it to the President's attention at the earliest opportunity as I am sure he will appreciate having your views on the Administration's program to assist Spanish-speaking American citizens who are interested in joining Federal civilian service.

I am enclosing a copy of the White House release on this subject in the event that you have not seen the complete text.

With cordial regards,

Sincerely,

William E. Casselman, II  
Deputy Special Assistant to  
the President

Honorable Herman Badillo  
United States Congressman-elect  
Box 50, General Post Office  
Bronx, New York 10451

Enclosure

WEC:EF:ef

December 15, 1971

Dear Lakier:

Thank you for your December 9 letter regarding Mrs. Hoyt Coffman. I will be pleased to see if it will be possible for her to receive a Christmas card from the President.

With warm regards,

Sincerely,

William E. Timmons  
Assistant to the President

Honorable Lakier Baker  
House of Representatives  
Washington, D.C. 20515

bc:w/incoming to Anne Higgins. Please put on list if possible.

WET:EF:VC:mvm

December 21, 1971

Dear LaMar:

I would like to thank you for your December 15 letter to the President, in which you were joined by the other Members of the Task Force on Transportation of the Republican Research Committee, regarding highway safety programs in 1972.

I am sure the President will appreciate the benefit of your recommendations for the development and improvement of highway safety features, and I will be pleased to call your letter to his attention at the earliest opportunity.

I have been informed that the Administration is proceeding with an increased emphasis and attention to highway safety. We recently were able to release about \$400 million of additional Federal-aid highway obligation authority for the dual purposes of increased emphasis on highway safety and alleviating unemployment. Since the release on October 1, I am advised that better than \$130 million of projects relatively minor and inexpensive improvements to the highway itself having high safety pay-offs, have been authorized for immediate construction. We also received in the 1970 Congress the positive legislation authority to proceed with the construction of preferential bus lanes and fringe parking areas. While these new types of facilities will take longer to come into being, we have every reason to think that there will be increased emphasis on them in the period immediately ahead. Certainly we need to use every device that we can contrive both to decrease congestion and to improve our highway safety record.

Please be assured that we are grateful for your pledge of support in this important area and we shall keep in touch with you as decisions are reached and planning progresses.

With warm regards,

Sincerely,

William E. Timmons  
Assistant to the President

Honorable Lamar Baker  
House of Representatives  
Washington, D.C. 20515

bcc: w/inc. to Laurence Burton - for further follow-up  
bcc: w/inc. to John Ehrlichman - FYI

WET:EF:kmt

December 2, 1971

Dear LaMar:

Thank you for your November 30 letter asking that the President autograph a photograph for Mr. Carl Levi. I am sure the President will be pleased to do this for you at his earliest opportunity.

With warm regards,

Sincerely,

William E. Timmons  
Assistant to the President

Honorable LaMar Baker  
House of Representatives  
Washington, D.C. 20515

Request to Rose Mary Woods on 12/2

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September 24, 1971

Dear LaMar:

I would like to thank you for your joint letter to the President extolling the capabilities of Congressman Richard H. Poff and urging that he be appointed to the United States Supreme Court.

You may be assured that your letter will be called to the early attention of the President.

Sincerely,

William E. Timmons  
Assistant to the President

Honorable LaMar Baker  
House of Representatives  
Washington, D.C. 20515

bcc: w/incoming to The Attorney General - for appropriate handling

WET:EF:jlh

October 21, 1971

Dear LaMar:

I would like to acknowledge and thank you for your October 14 letter to the President suggesting that the United Nations headquarters be relocated in an international area and that United States obligations to the UN be reassessed. You may be assured your letter will be brought to the President's attention at the earliest opportunity.

With warm regards,

Sincerely,

William F. Timmons  
Assistant to the President

Honorable LaMar Baker  
House of Representatives  
Washington, D.C. 20515

bcc: w/incoming to Dr. Kissinger for appropriate handling.

WET:EF:VCD:ki

October 29, 1971

Dear Lamar:

Thank you for your October 28 letter following up on our conversation regarding Dr. James Joseph Dodd, who has been recommended for appointment to the Committee on the Health Services Industry, established under the Executive Order of October 15.

I will be pleased to bring your endorsement of Dr. Dodd to the President's attention and also share it with those reviewing individuals recommended from various sectors of the health services industry, consumer interests and the public. You may be assured Dr. Dodd will be accorded every consideration.

With warm regards,

Sincerely,

William E. Timmons  
Assistant to the President

Honorable Lamar Baker  
House of Representatives  
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bcc: w/incoming to Don Rumsfeld - Director, Cost of Living  
Council - for further handling

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House of Representatives  
Washington, D.C. 20515

bcc: w/incoming to The Attorney General - for appropriate handling

NET:EF:jlh

September 15, 1971

Dear LaMar:

Thank you for sending to the President the copy of the Harding College Bulletin with the fine photograph of you conferring with the President on the cover. I am sure the President will be interested in seeing this and the article regarding your activities as a Congressman.

With warm regards,

Sincerely,

William E. Timmons  
Assistant to the President

Honorable LaMar Baker  
House of Representatives  
Washington, D.C. 20515

bcc: w/incoming to Wanda Phelan for appropriate further handling.

WET:EF:VO:vo

August 24, 1971

Dear Mr. Baker:

In Bill Timmons' absence, I am taking the liberty of responding to your letter of recent date concerning your previous request that the President meet with Mr. Michael Anglin and several of his ministerial colleagues who would like to present the President with a commemorative copy of the Holy Bible.

In checking, I am advised that your request is still pending, but due to the heavy demands of the President's official schedule, it has not yet been possible to arrange such a meeting. Please be assured, we will keep you advised of any new developments.

Sincerely,

Richard K. Cook  
Special Assistant to  
the President

Honorable Lamar Baker  
House of Representatives  
Washington, D.C. 20515

bcc: John Nidecker w/incoming

RKC:NK:nfz

August 23, 1971

Dear ~~Leah~~:

The President has asked that I respond further to your joint letter of July 23rd concerning pollution abatement at Federal facilities. He shares your view that the Federal government must provide strong, effective leadership by ensuring that its facilities meet pollution control standards.

The Federal government was late in recognizing the magnitude of the Federal facilities pollution problem and slow in developing a corrective program. However, on February 5, 1970, the President issued a strong directive to all federal agencies on this matter (Executive Order 11507), and I believe we will soon be seeing the fruits of that Order.

The Order requires that Federal agencies have completed, or have underway, by December 31, 1972, remedial actions necessary to achieve compliance with air and water quality standards. Since the Order was issued, the agencies have been identifying pollution problems and planning, designing, and initiating necessary abatement measures.

One striking result of this effort is a very sizeable increase in the number of pollution abatement needs identified. The President's budget requests for 1971 and 1972 included \$113 million and \$250 million respectively for pollution abatement needs at Federal facilities. These amounts alone exceeded the \$359 million backlog identified at the time the Order was issued. In addition, the average annual appropriation for such measures for the three years prior to 1971 was only \$52 million. Regarding remaining projects subject to the deadline, all agencies with such projects have been instructed to prepare them for inclusion in their 1973 budget estimates.

I do not mean to imply that our task of controlling environmental pollution from Federal activities will be finished by December 31, 1972. Some environmental quality standards have come into effect since the Executive Order was issued and these standards will continue to evolve during the next few years. Consequently, Federal agencies must view pollution control as a continuing responsibility. In addition, in some cases it will be necessary to grant extensions to projects subject to

the deadline. In such cases, however, requested extensions will be carefully reviewed by the Environmental Protection Agency and will be granted by the Director of OMB only for compelling reasons, such as permitting a facility to participate in the sort of regional sewage treatment or solid waste disposal systems that EPA is encouraging for private industries and municipalities.

Although much remains to be done in installing abatement measures and funding remaining projects, I am confident that our intensive efforts over the last two years to get required projects ready will soon enable us to put the governments own house in order. In this regard, it is essential that Congress appropriate the funds requested for these projects if we are to accomplish this goal.

The Environmental Protection Agency has a lead responsibility in this effort to clean up Federal facilities. Mr. Ruckelshaus has recently created an Office of Federal Activities, and the director of this office, who will report directly to the Administrator and Deputy Administrator, will be named shortly. In addition, the EPA Federal facilities staff has been significantly strengthened over the past two years, giving EPA greater resources to assist other agencies with their pollution abatement programs.

In closing, let me emphasize again the President's commitment to the goal expressed in your letter of providing a strong Federal example for the nation to follow in correcting pollution problems. Thank you for your interest in this very important matter.

Sincerely,

Richard K. Cook  
Special Assistant to  
the President

Honorable LaMar Baker  
House of Representatives  
Washington, D.C. 20515

bcc: EPA (Mr. McGowan; J. Whitaker; Bill Gifford (for Glenn Schleede) FYI.

RKC:EPA/OMB:EF:jj

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ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT PROGRAMS

July 21, 1971

JUL 22 1971



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

Dear Bill:

Your cooperation in getting the President's autograph on the picture we plan to present to Bill Steinhice is really appreciated. We secured Governor Dunn's signature over the weekend and we're now having the picture framed to present to Bill at the party which is being planned as a surprise to him on August 7.

The people in charge of this function wanted me to let you know that they would be honored to have you attend if you are in Chattanooga on that date. The affair will be at Bill's home in Hixson and will start at 6:00 p.m. I hope you can make it.

Your help in arranging the visitor's passes for the White House tour by Alma Broyles and her party means a great deal to me. I plan to accompany them. Is it necessary for me to make special arrangements for this? Are there any chances of getting a White House picture while they are there?

*asked Mike to do.*

Thanks again for your help.

Sincerely,

*Lamar*

LaMar Baker  
Member of Congress

*K - we had earlier tour request for Broyles didn't use. Don't it handled? BT*

Congress of the United States

House of Representatives

Washington, D.C. 20515

JUL 24 1971

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July 22, 1971

Dear Bill:

Following up several conversations between our offices this week, I wanted to request your assistance in arranging for the President to say hello to Miss Alma Broyles when she visits the White House on Wednesday, the twenty-eighth of July.

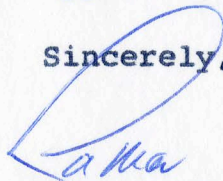
Miss Broyles is my constituent and she is from Athens, Tennessee. She has recently had a leg amputated and now has an artificial leg. Most unfortunately, she is also losing her sight, and has expressed the desire to see the White House before she is completely blind.

We have made arrangements, through Dolly Madison, for Miss Alma Broyles; her sister, Miss Mary Broyles; and friends, Mr. and Mrs. Burt Kennedy; and myself to tour the White House at nine o'clock next Wednesday.

I know Miss Broyles will be both thrilled and deeply grateful if she could meet the President. Needless to say, I would share her gratitude, deeply and sincerely.

Thank you for your help in this matter, Bill -- I'll appreciate whatever you can do.

Sincerely,



LaMar Baker  
Member of Congress

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



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July 20, 1971

The Honorable William Timmons  
Special Assistant to the President  
The White House  
Washington, D. C.

Dear Bill:

I respectfully request an autographed  
photograph of my good friend Bill  
Timmons.

I was delighted to learn there is no  
longer a three month waiting period in  
effect, however, am still recovering  
from the written notice of request.

All joking aside, I would like to add  
you to my wall.

Sincerely,

*Lamar*  
Lamar Baker  
Member of Congress

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we get this one  
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August 2, 1971

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

Dear Bill:

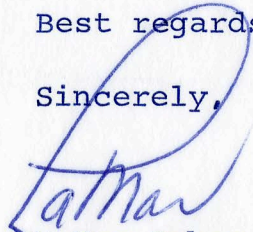
Please accept my thanks for all that you did to make sure that Mary Broyles had an opportunity to visit the White House. I appreciate the fact that I was able to meet her party there and that a picture could be taken of the event. Everyone was happy over the arrangements.

Recently, I received an invitation to be the guest of the Congressional liaison staff for a boat ride and dinner. I regret that it was necessary for me to leave for Chattanooga and I was not able to accept the invitation.

I appreciate your thoughtfulness and I will certainly take a rain check.

Best regards always.

Sincerely,

  
Lamar Baker  
Member of Congress

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P. S. When Charlie came back from the White House Monday noon, he brought the autographed picture you sent. Thanks so much.

July 19, 1971

Dear Lamar:

I wish to acknowledge and thank you for your July 16 letter to the President requesting that no encouragement be given to removal of Nationalist China from the Security Council, and expressing the hope that the People's Republic of China will not be admitted to the United Nations until it demonstrates that it is a peace-loving nation.

Your views on this matter will be called to the President's attention at the earliest opportunity.

Best wishes.

Sincerely,

William E. Timmons  
Assistant to the President

Honorable Lamar Baker  
House of Representatives  
Washington, D. C. 20515

bcc: w/inc. to Dr. Kissinger (Gen. Haig) - for further appropriate handling.

WET:EF:mvm

July 13, 1971

Dear LaMar:

Enclosed is the photograph which you requested the President to autograph for your friend, Bill Steinhice. I am pleased that we are able to return this to you in advance of the August 7 date which you noted in your letter.

With warm regards,

Sincerely,

William E. Timmons  
Assistant to the President

Honorable LaMar Baker  
House of Representatives  
Washington, D. C. 20515

Enclosure

WET:EF:VO:vo

July 7, 1971

Dear LaMar:

Please thank Paul Nolan for his thoughtfulness in sending the snapshot to me.

I thoroughly enjoyed the visit with my good Tennessee friends and only wish I had the time to do it more often.

With continued best wishes,

Sincerely,

William E. Timmons  
Assistant to the President

Honorable LaMar Baker  
House of Representatives  
Washington, D. C. 20515

June 24, 1971

Executive  
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Dear LaMar:

During consideration of the military procurement bill for the coming fiscal year, a number of amendments were proposed seeking to legislate a deadline for American involvement in Indochina. The debate centered on the Nedzi-Whalen amendment, which the House rejected June 17th by a vote of 254 to 158.

This action by the House of Representatives helped materially to strengthen the efforts of this Administration to achieve a cease-fire, the release of American prisoners, and the negotiation of a just peace. I appreciate very much your vote and those cast by 253 of your colleagues.

While we continue to reduce American forces in Indochina, various proposals may be advanced in Congress similar to Nedzi-Whalen. Their adoption would seriously jeopardize the progress we are making in ending American involvement in Vietnam and in achieving a just peace.

I look forward to working with you in the months ahead so that together we might increase the chances not only of ending this war but also of ensuring that other Americans will not have to fight other wars in the future.

Sincerely,

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Honorable LaMar Baker  
House of Representatives  
Washington, D.C.

RN:CM:dlb

June 24, 1971

Dear Lamar:

In behalf of the President, I would like to thank you for bringing to his attention the results of your opinion poll. Needless to say, the support for his policies evidenced by your constituents is most gratifying. It was interesting to note the manner in which you posed the ten questions to reflect the President's major policies. I know the President will appreciate receiving the final tabulation.

With warm regards,

Sincerely,

William E. Timmons  
Assistant to the President

Honorable Lamar Baker  
House of Representatives  
Washington, D.C. 20515

bcc: w/incoming to Harry Dent - FYI  
bcc: w/incoming to Charles Colson - FYI

WET:VO:mvm

June 29, 1971

Dear Lamar:

Thank you for your June 25 letter enclosing the photograph which you would like the President to autograph for your friend, Bill Steinhice. I have forwarded this on with a note that you wish it in advance of the planned August 7 celebration.

With warm regards,

Sincerely,

William E. Timmons  
Assistant to the President

Honorable Lamar Baker  
House of Representatives  
Washington, D.C. 20515

Photo to Rose Mary Woods on 6/29

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WET:VO:jlh

May 15, 1971

Dear LaMar:

The President has asked me to express his appreciation for your kind words in regard to the successful handling of last week's attempt to disrupt the operations of the federal government. He shares your belief that the military and police personnel involved in this effort performed with exemplary restraint, and has conveyed to the Attorney General and Chief Wilson your special expressions of gratitude and appreciation for their actions during those trying times.

It is most gratifying to the President to know that you and many of your colleagues in the Congress support the Administration's efforts to insure that no disruptive elements will be permitted to impinge upon the rights of law-abiding citizens or disturb the vital processes of our government.

The President is also most appreciative of your valued support of his continuing efforts to conclude the war in Vietnam with a just and lasting peace.

With warm regards,

Sincerely,

William E. Timmons  
Assistant to the President

Honorable LaMar Baker  
House of Representatives  
Washington, D.C. 20515

bcc: to H.R. Haldeman - FYI  
bcc: to Chuck Colson - FYI  
bcc: to Ron Ziegler  
bcc: w/inc to Clark MacGregor - FYI

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May 27, 1971

Dear LaMar:

Thank you for sending me the Committee memorandum regarding the forthcoming hearings on delays in governmental action on public works projects. You may be assured I have noted the contents and also shared them with others on the staff.

With warm regards,

Sincerely,

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William E. Timmons  
Assistant to the President

Honorable LaMar Baker  
House of Representatives  
Washington, D. C. 20515

✓ bcc: w/incoming to Dick Cook - FYI DC  
Max Friedersdorf - FYI

NOTE: Cong. James Grover sent same info to Clark MacGregor on 5/20 and an information copy was sent to Dick Cook when the acknowledgment was written.

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May 21, 1971

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

Dear Bill:

You may or may not know about the hearings Jim Wright of Texas expects to hold to find out if there is red tape, unnecessary paper work and built-in delays in the administration of public works programs.

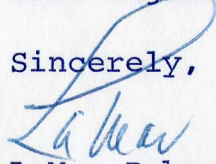
The enclosed is a copy of his recent memorandum to me with a list of some of the examples of what will be covered in the hearings.

You will know better than I whether Congressman Wright is engaging in a pure political exercise or whether the ground he intends to cover is subject to review and in doing so he will be helpful to both the Administration and the Congress.

I will welcome your observations.

Best regards.

Sincerely,

  
LaMar Baker  
Member of Congress

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HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

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MEMORANDUM

May 4, 1971

Honorable Lamar Baker  
House of Representatives  
Washington, D. C.

Dear Lamar:

We soon will begin a uniquely interesting set of hearings, and I thought you might like to have a piece of the action.

Our Subcommittee will hold public hearings in mid-June on the subject of red tape, unnecessary paper work, and built in delays in the whole range of Public Works programs -- water pollution grants, flood control, navigation, EDA grants and business loans, upstream watersheds, highways, etc.

The enclosed sheet gives just a brief preview of some of the things we already have unearthed.

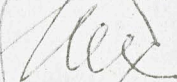
If you have a community or a project in your District which has been subjected to long and needless delay or to a particularly frustrating experience in attempting to get action on a valid application, this might be a good opportunity for you to draw public attention -- and the attention of the administrative agency -- to the plight of your constituents.

We think it might be very useful to have a few specific "case histories" for presentation during the course of these hearings. Our staff will look very carefully into each such incident called to our attention, and if there seems to be a truly valid complaint or a needless and frustrating delay, we will do our best to call attention to it in such a way, hopefully, as to be helpful.

If you know of such a situation and would like to have it aired, you could either drop me a letter explaining the circumstances or call Extension 53274 and give the details verbally to Sal D'Amico or Paul Yates.

Very best personal regards.

Sincerely,



Jim Wright, Chairman  
Subcommittee on Investigations  
and Oversight

"RED TAPE" HEARINGS

As each program matures, there seems an inexorable tendency to proliferate paper work, stretch out the processing phase, require more and more "studies" and add new forms ad infinitum.

Result: Needed projects are delayed, bogged down in bureaucracy, local interests become confused and frustrated, conscientious administrators lose enthusiasm, congressional intent is hopelessly diluted.

Some Examples:

1. EDA Program, designed to get things moving as fast as possible in hard-hit unemployment areas.

Public Works Grants: In 1966, average processing time was 79 days, in 1970 it was 348 days.

Business Loans: In 1966, average processing time was 125 days; in 1970 it was 309 days.

Technical Assistance: In 1966, average processing time was 49 days; in 1970 it was 157 days.

Fifty-seven percent of all applications take more than 6 months in processing. Twenty-four percent take more than a year.

One field administrator complains: Originally it took 30 pages to report on an average project. Today because of added paper work requirements it takes 250 pages.

2. Highway Program

Federal Highway Administrator Frank Turner predicted this year that additional hearings and reporting requirements will delay the average highway project by an additional six months and require an added 18 million pages of paper work each year.

3. Corps of Engineers Water Resource Projects

In the 1940's the average time lag between congressional survey resolution and beginning of actual construction on a typical flood control project may have been about 4 years. Today it may be as much as 12 years.

There are indications that similar built-in delays have been encrusted upon Water Pollution grants, Upstream Watershed projects and other programs under jurisdiction of Public Works Committee.

Purpose of hearings is to identify the problem and find ways to reduce red tape and eliminate all unnecessary delays.

May 7, 1971

Dear LaMar:

This will acknowledge and thank you for your letter to the President informing him of the opposition voiced within your District to the possibility that Mr. James Hoffa might receive a Presidential pardon. I will bring these views to the President's attention and also share them with the appropriate persons on the staff.

With warm regards,

Sincerely,

William E. Timmons  
Assistant to the President

Honorable LaMar Baker  
House of Representatives  
Washington, D. C. 20515

bcc: w/incoming to John Dean - for your information.

WET:EF:VO:vo

April 26, 1971

Dear Win:

Representative Ben Longley relayed your message to me during the presentation by Senator Howard Baker, Representative Lamar Baker and a group of Tennesseans of the portrait by Gordon Wetmore of Chattanooga. I fully understand the necessity for your early departure from the Governors' Conference and the reasons why you could not be with us today, and I just wanted to let you know that you were missed. Also, I would like to wish you the best of luck on your legislative program.

I shall look forward to another opportunity to get together in the near future. In the meantime, keep up the good work!

With warm personal regards,

Sincerely,

*R. Richard Nixon*

Honorable Winfield Dunn  
Governor of Tennessee  
Nashville, Tennessee

RN:WET/ef

cc: Honorable Ben Longley

May 12, 1971

Dear LaMar:

I would like to acknowledge and thank you for sharing with the President the views regarding welfare reform which you received from Mrs. Walter H. Wiese, of Hixson, Tennessee. Her comments, based on her first-hand experience, are most informative and, you may be assured, will be most helpful as efforts continue to bring about needed reforms of the welfare program.

With warm regards,

Sincerely,

William E. Timmons  
Assistant to the President

Honorable LaMar Baker  
House of Representatives  
Washington, D. C. 20515

cc: w/incoming to Dick Nathan - for your information.

WET:EF:VO:vo

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April 29, 1971

Dear Lamar:

Enclosed are copies of a photograph taken last Monday of you and your fellow Tennesseans.

I have also requested additional copies of the presentation of the photograph to the President and they will be forthcoming as soon as possible.

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With best regard,

Sincerely,

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Assistant to the President

Honorable Lamar Baker  
House of Representatives  
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LAMAR BAKER  
THIRD DISTRICT  
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MAY 4 1971

April 30, 1971

Mr. William E. Timmons  
Deputy Assistant to the President  
for Congressional Relations  
The White House  
Washington, D. C.

Dear Bill:

I want to thank you for the reception we received last Monday at the White House.

All of us were very impressed with the presentation ceremony and appreciate all of the effort you put into it.

I also want to thank you for taking us to lunch I know the others appreciated it as well.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads "Lamar".

Lamar Baker  
Member of Congress

LB/db

May 5, 1971

Dear LaMar:

I am pleased to acknowledge, on the President's behalf, your letter of endorsement for the appointment of Mr. John L. Jenkins as Director of the Office of Minority Business Enterprise.

Candidates for this appointment are being evaluated within the Department of Commerce. I have, therefore, submitted the name of Mr. Jenkins to the appropriate persons at the Department in order that your interest may be known and so that Mr. Jenkins may be given careful evaluation and consideration for appointment.

With cordial regard,

Sincerely,

William E. Timmons  
Assistant to the President

Honorable Lamar Baker  
House of Representatives  
Washington, D. C. 20515

BCC: Dick Whitney w/inc to ATN.

WET:BAB:jj

April 13, 1971

Dear Mr. Baker:

In Bill Timmons' absence, I am taking the liberty of responding to your letter of April 6 requesting that the President meet with a delegation of ministers of the Church of Christ who would like to present the President with a commemorative copy of the Holy Bible.

I will bring your request to Bill's attention upon his return, and assure you we will make every effort to comply.

Sincerely,

Max L. Friedersdorf  
Special Assistant to  
the President

Honorable LaMar Baker  
House of Representatives  
Washington, D. C. 20515

WET:MLF:nk

bcc: John Nidecker w/incoming for POSSIBLE CONG Half HOUR

April 5, 1971

Dear LaMar:

Many thanks for your letter of March 31 requesting that the President send greetings to Mrs. Baxter Porter on the occasion of her 100th birthday.

I am certain the President will be pleased to send an appropriate message to Mrs. Porter for her special day which was April 2.

Sincerely,

William E. Timmons  
Assistant to the President

Honorable LaMar Baker  
House of Representatives  
Washington, D. C. 20515

WET:nk

bcc: Gwen King w/incoming

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April 13, 1971

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The Honorable William E. Timmons  
Special Assistant to the President  
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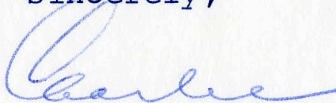
Dear Bill:

Thank you for notifying us of the appointment of Tom Korologos and Max Friedersdorf as Special Assistants to the President for Congressional Relations.

Max Friedersdorf has already been in touch with the office.

With best regards,

Sincerely,



Charles Freburg  
Administrative Assistant

CF/bs

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

March 24, 1971

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The Honorable William E. Timmons  
Special Assistant to the President  
The White House  
Washington, D. C.

Dear Bill:

Many thanks for sending the copy of Setting The  
Course - The First Year.

It will most certainly make a welcome addition to  
my library. Your thoughtfulness is appreciated.

Sincerely,

Lamar Baker  
Member of Congress

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Dear Howard:

This will acknowledge receipt of your letter of March 16, 1971, concerning the U. S. Postal Service announcement of a plan to build a bulk mail facility to serve the Memphis, Tennessee, area.

The announcements of the Bulk Mail Network consisted of part of my testimony before the House Post Office and Civil Service Committee on March 11. A news media kit containing five releases on different aspects of my testimony before the Committee, including one on the Bulk Mail Network, was made available to both the Senate and House Post Offices in time for delivery to every Member of Congress in the 10:00 a.m. mail drop. The release in this kit concerning the Bulk Mail Network listed the location of the bulk mail centers for which funds have been allocated. In addition, it listed locations for similar facilities which have been approved but not yet funded. As you will note on the copy of the release which I have enclosed, Memphis, Tennessee, is included in that listing. An additional individual release on the proposed bulk mail facility for Memphis, listing further details of the program, was delivered to the Senate and House Post Offices on March 11 in time to be delivered to your office in the 2:00 p.m. mail drop.

The Senate and House Post Offices have confirmed that the media kit was delivered in their 10:00 a.m. drops, and that the later additional release was delivered in their 2:00 p.m. drops. As you know, the Senate and House Post Offices are contract stations and are not under the direct control of the U. S. Postal Service. The Postal Service has no control over the management, the employees, or the operating procedures of these post offices. The Senate and House Postmasters are responsible directly to their respective Houses of Congress.

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It is our intention to provide the news media and Members of Congress with simultaneous releases made by the U. S. Postal Service. You may be assured that every effort will be made to supply future releases to your office concurrently with the news media.

Sincerely,

(Stamped) Red  
Winton M. Blount

Honorable Howard H. Baker, Jr.  
United States Senate  
Washington, D. C. 20510

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April 21, 1971

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Dear Mr. Baker:

Your views on the decision in the court martial of Lieutenant Calley have been brought to the attention of the President, who has requested that I acknowledge receipt and thank you. The concern that you have shown in this case is appreciated.

Sincerely,

John W. Dean III  
Counsel to the President

Honorable LaMar Baker  
House of Representatives  
Washington, D.C.

JWD:sks

April 20, 1971

Dear Congressman Baker:

The President has requested that I acknowledge receipt and thank you for forwarding the comments of your constituents in regard to the decision in the court martial of Lieutenant Calley. Your concern in bringing these views to his attention is appreciated.

Sincerely,

John W. Dean III  
Counsel to the President

Honorable LaMar Baker  
House of Representatives  
Washington, D. C. 20515

JWD:hm

April 8, 1971

TO: Betty *File*  
Office of Congressman LaMar Baker

FROM: Bill Timmons' Office (V. Olson)

As per our conversation.

Enclosure: Check signed by Mrs. Agnes C. Hixson  
made out to Sign Systems.

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February 13, 1971

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

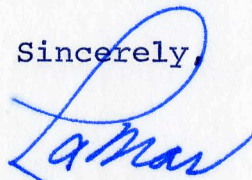
Dear Bill:

I wanted to thank you very much for sending me  
the two booklets entitled "Highlights of  
Executive Reorganization," and a White Paper on  
Revenue Sharing.

I know that I am going to find them most  
helpful.

Thanks again.

Sincerely,



Lamar Baker  
Member of Congress

February 24, 1971

Dear Lamar:

Thank you for your letter to the President expressing your support of the previously stated position of several of your Republican colleagues regarding the Department of Health, Education, and Welfare staffing patterns for the Dallas and Atlanta Regional Offices.

Your comments will be brought to the attention of the President. You may be assured they will be given careful consideration.

With warm regards,

Sincerely,

William E. Timmons  
Assistant to the President

Honorable Lamar Baker  
House of Representatives  
Washington, D. C. 20515

bcc: w/incoming to HEW (Charles Saunders) FYI

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The Honorable William Timmons  
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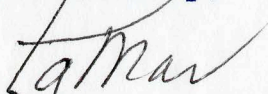
Dear Bill:

Many thanks for sending us the White House  
Congressional Relations staff listing.

I am certain that this will be most helpful  
to us in the weeks and months ahead. We  
will be leaning on you, Bill, however, we'll  
try not to bother you except with necessities.

Many thanks!

Sincerely,



Lamar Baker  
Member of Congress

LB/bs

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76 SOUTH CREST ROAD  
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December 28, 1970

Mr. Richard K. Cook  
Special Assistant to the President  
The White House  
Washington, D.C.

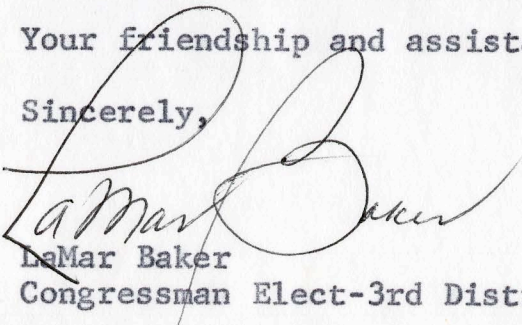
Dear Mr. Cook:

It was thoughtful of you to express congratulations to me upon my election to the U.S. House of Representatives.

I look forward to getting organized to some degree both in Washington and here at home.

Your friendship and assistance are most highly valued.

Sincerely,



Lamar Baker  
Congressman Elect-3rd District

LB:oc

May 26, 1971

Dear Lamar:

Thank you for your May 21 letter endorsing the invitation extended to the President from the National Association of Secondary School Principals for him to address the organization during its annual convention in Anaheim next March.

I will call your thoughtful letter to the President's attention at the first opportunity, as I am sure he will be pleased to know of your expression of interest. You may expect to hear further shortly.

With best wishes,

Sincerely,

William E. Timmons  
Assistant to the President

Honorable Lamar Baker  
House of Representatives  
Washington, D. C. 20515

bcc: w/incoming to Dave Parker -- for further action.

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May 27, 1971

Dear LaMar:

Thank you for sending me the Committee memorandum regarding the forthcoming hearings on delays in governmental action on public works projects. You may be assured I have noted the contents and also shared them with others on the staff.

With warm regards,

Sincerely,

William E. Timmons  
Assistant to the President

Honorable LaMar Baker  
House of Representatives  
Washington, D. C. 20515

bcc: w/incoming to Dick Cook - FYI  
Max Friedersdorf - FYI

NOTE: Cong. James Grover sent same info to Clark MacGregor on 5/20 and an information copy was sent to Dick Cook when the acknowledgment was written.

WET:EF:VO:vo