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THE WHITE HOUSE

WASHINGTON

October 16, 1975

TELEPHONE CALL RECOMMENDATION

TO: Senator Barry Goldwater

RECOMMENDED BY: Hartmann, Rumsfeld, Friedersdorf,  
Calkins, Jones

PURPOSE: To ask Senator Goldwater to stand in for  
you at the fundraiser in Kentucky which you  
had to cancel because of the busing  
disturbances in Louisville.

BACKGROUND:

Robert Gable, the GOP candidate for Governor running against Governor Carroll in Kentucky, is extremely short of funds for his campaign. The statewide GOP Dinner, which you were to attend, was to provide funds for Gable's end-of-campaign media effort. It is extremely important for Gable to have these media funds if he is to have any chance to unseat Carroll. The State GOP Leaders feel that in your absence Senator Goldwater would be the strongest drawing card for them and they have asked that we assist them in getting Goldwater to the fundraiser. We had previously offered Rogers Morton and they respectfully declined saying that he was just "one of the boys".

The State GOP would prefer Wednesday, October 29, for the fundraiser date.

*Monday 27<sup>th</sup>  
Bury on 29<sup>th</sup>*

TALKING POINTS:

1. Describe Gable's problems:

-- Gable is short of funds for his campaign media effort.

-- Original fundraiser planned to raise media funds.

-- I had to cancel because of the Louisville problems.

-- The GOP and Gable's people have asked if I would help them get you to stand in for me; they feel that you would be the best drawing card for their much needed fundraiser.

2. I hope you can do this. I know you are as anxious as I am to help rebuild the Party and this is something that can be done this year.

3. (If Goldwater is interested.) I understand they hope to reset the date for Wednesday, October 29. I am sure, however, that this date is negotiable depending on your calendar.

4. I am looking forward to seeing you on Monday.

5. I understand you will be in California tonight for a fundraiser. I hope it goes well.

ACTION

Called

DATE

10/16/76

November 24, 1975

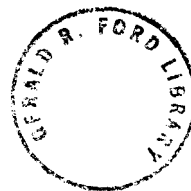
MEMORANDUM FOR: DICK CHENEY  
THRU: MAX L. FIREDESDORF *M. L. F.*  
FROM: WILLIAM T. KENDALL *WTK*  
SUBJECT: Presidential telephone call  
to Tom Bolack

Senator Domenici tells me that he and Congressman Lujan are going to serve as Co-Chairmen of the Ford Committee in New Mexico. A man named Tom Bolack will serve as Finance Chairman. The Senator thinks it's a good team.

He suggested that the President call Bolack just so Tom can say "the President asked me personally to do this" and thus give him more clout. Tom Bolack's telephone number is 505-325-4275.

Domenici thinks if this could be done before Wednesday, the 26th, it would be most helpful.

*mt go call*



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November 24, 1975

Dick:

Per Bo, Jim Collins is very important to us in Texas, and so far, he is not doing anything for us.

Bo feels it would certainly be helpful to us if the President would call Collins.

kathie

*P. Ford*



# President Ford Committee

1828 L STREET, N.W., SUITE 250, WASHINGTON, D.C. 20036 (202) 457-6400

October 30, 1975

MEMO. TO DON RUMSFELD

This is a request for a telephone call from the President.

Is this form acceptable or would you prefer we send such requests in a different manner?

*R.*

*Check  
my Gs  
still need this.*

*D.*



Recommended Telephone Call for the President

TO: CONGRESSMAN JIM COLLINS (3rd District - Texas)  
DATE: AS SOON AS POSSIBLE. Telephone number: 225-4201.  
RECOMMENDED BY: BO CALLAWAY

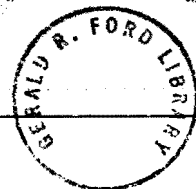
PURPOSE: TO INVITE CONGRESSMAN COLLINS TO JOIN THE  
FORD CAMPAIGN AND URGE HIM TO RUN AS A  
DELEGATE IN HIS CONGRESSIONAL DISTRICT.

BACKGROUND: The Texas PFC leadership is most anxious to secure a commitment from Dallas Congressman Jim Collins to run as a delegate to the National Convention from his District. In Texas delegates are elected by Congressional District pledged to a presidential candidate whose name is also on the ballot. Jim Collins' District and the surrounding county are heavily Republican; it is crucial that Collins lead his district delegation into the primary (May 1, 1976) for the President to forestall an opposition's imminent onslaught in Texas. Collins has indicated to Bo Callaway and Texas PFC Chairman Tower some reluctance to commit because he favors an "open convention"; therefore, a direct call from the President is urged. Collins' running will not preclude an "open convention".

- TOPICS:
1. Presidential Campaign ... An assessment of the campaign from his vantage point -- National, Texas, and in Collins' conservative suburban Dallas District. (Collins won by 73% in 1972; Nixon by 77%)
  2. Collins should be highly favorable to the President's tax cut/spending cut and "deregulation" programs; the New York City proposal.
  3. The upcoming Washington Redskin-Dallas Cowboy professional football contest (the Cowboys are located in Collins' District, at Irving, Texas). The Dallas team leads the NFL Central Division, with the Redskins in close contention.

Date of submission: October 31, 1975

Action \_\_\_\_\_



# President Ford Committee

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January 6, 1976

MEMORANDUM FOR THE PRESIDENT

FROM: BO CALLAWAY *Bo*

SUBJECT: Recommended Telephone Call

TO: Congressman Ed Derwinski  
Telephone: 225-3961

DATE: January 6, 1976 (Delegate filing opens January 6)

PURPOSE: Ask him to run as a candidate for delegate from Illinois pledged to you. (He currently plans to run "uncommitted".)

BACKGROUND: Derwinski is a Vice Chairman of the Illinois PFC. We respect any personal or political reasons he may have for wishing to run as uncommitted, but we believe that such a course will be politically embarrassing to you, former Governor Ogilvie, and others who are out front supporting you.

John Anderson, John Erlenborn, Paul Findley, Bob Michel, and Tom Railsback are pledged to you and running for Delegate.

Ed Madigan, Henry Hyde, Bob McClory, and George O'Brien are not currently running for Delegate.

Phil Crane is pledged to Reagan.

TOPICS OF DISCUSSION: General political situation in Illinois; how does he feel campaign is going.

Date of submission: January 6, 1976

ACTION 1/6/76 - Will run committed. Asked that 2 call other District delegates

*Richard Post*

*Rick Post*

*312/FL 2 5869  
" 354 0800*

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[April 1976?]

RECOMMENDED TELEPHONE CALL

Warren Webster - Chairman of Knox County GOP  
Chairman of Republican Party for 14 years.

Office - 615 - 522-8193  
Res. 615 - 584-0459

Has taken a position of neutrality in Tennessee election. He has an enormous ego.

TALKING POINTS

According to PFC people in Tennessee he is extremely influential in the State.

- Appreciate anything you can do for me.
- I understand your position of neutrality but would greatly appreciate any help he would give.
- Sorry I couldn't come to Knox County

*Should carry District  
by 2 to 2. (3 months ago)  
Some shift: - probably to us.  
Supports me.*

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[April 1976?]

Wanda Teague

Office 615-522-0108 Res. 615-947-7878

Long-time party activist. Currently Clerk of Circuit Court. She is a great Republican Party organization person.

TALKING POINTS

- . We have a long road to go in Tennessee and it is going to be tough. I know that you have not gone all out to support me. Request her to use her contacts to help you.
- . Acknowledge the fact that he knows how hard she has worked and that you would greatly appreciate her support.

*Will continue her work.  
Thinks things going well.*

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THE WHITE HOUSE  
WASHINGTON

TO: Dick

FROM: TERRY O'DONNELL

2 calls to be made during  
Texas Trip to Ky. and Mo.  
from Roy and Stu.

The President wants to sign  
off in advance on these calls.

Approve RR7 Disapprove

THE WHITE HOUSE

WASHINGTON

RECOMMENDED TELEPHONE CALL

TO Harold Rogers  
Chairman, Kentucky President Ford Committee  
(606) 233-4135

DATE Saturday, April 10, 1976  
11:00 a.m. EST

RECOMMENDED BY Rogers Morton, Stu Spencer

PURPOSE Opening of State PFC Headquarters in Lexington

BACKGROUND The PFC has put together, in a very short time, an excellent organization in Kentucky. Hap Rogers, working with Ed Middleton, the National Committeeman; and Mrs. Huda Jones, Chairman of Women's Activities for the Kentucky PFC have pulled the organization together. 37 delegates will be at stake in the May 25 primary. Cong. Tim Lee Carter is the only Republican in the Congressional delegation and his support for the President is strong but low-profile due to strong Reagan campaign pressure in his District.

Harold Rogers is Commonwealth Attorney for Pulaski and Rockville Counties.

Your remarks will be heard over a loud speaker system to the 1000 gathered.

TOPICS OF DISCUSSION After initial courtesies, it is suggested that you make a short statement along the lines of the attached.

NOTE: Governor Bill Milliken of Michigan will be there to open the headquarters.

April 8, 1976



I AM TRULY SORRY THAT I COULDN'T BE THERE WITH YOU PERSONALLY TODAY BUT THERE ARE A FEW THINGS THAT I HAVE TO DO HERE IN TEXAS BEFORE MAY 1.

I WANTED YOU TO KNOW THAT I HAVE GREAT APPRECIATION FOR ALL THAT YOU ARE DOING IN MY BEHALF IN THE STATE OF KENTUCKY, AND I AM SURE THAT THIS HEADQUARTERS OPENING IN LEXINGTON DEMONSTRATES THE GREAT AMOUNT OF MOVEMENT MY CAMPAIGN IS MAKING IN KENTUCKY.

WE HAVE A LOT OF WORK AHEAD OF US AS YOU PEOPLE KNOW.

WE CAN WIN ON MAY 25 BUT ONLY IF WE ALL WORK TOGETHER AND DON'T LET DOWN.

THANK YOU ALL VERY MUCH FOR YOUR ENTHUSIASM AND DEDICATION ON MY BEHALF. I AM CONFIDENT THAT TOGETHER WE WILL WIN AN IMPORTANT VICTORY ON MAY 25 IN KENTUCKY.



THE WHITE HOUSE

WASHINGTON

RECOMMENDED TELEPHONE CALL

TO Carl "Red" Privitera (Privateera)  
5th District PFC Chairman  
(816) 657-1500  
Alameda Plaza Hotel - Balboa Room

DATE Friday, April 9, 1976  
6:30-7:00 p.m. CST  
(Dallas and Kansas City on same time)

RECOMMENDED BY Rogers Morton, Stu Spencer

PURPOSE 5th District (Kansas City) PFC Kickoff Rally

BACKGROUND The Reagan forces are organizationally ahead of the PFC in Missouri. Governor Bond is way out-front for the President and needs additional support from a higher level. This will increase the credibility of the people who are working for the President in the 5th District which is Jackson County (Kansas City). This credibility is essential because of the numerous factions within the Republican Party in Jackson County

Your remarks will be heard over a loud speaker to the 250-300 assembled.

TOPICS OF DISCUSSION After initial courtesies, it is suggested that you make a short statement along the lines of the attached.

NOTE: Because of the various factions involved in support of the President in Missouri, the second paragraph of the attached statement is especially critical.



April 8, 1976

GOOD EVENING.

I UNDERSTAND THAT YOU ARE GATHERED FOR THE  
KANSAS CITY AREA CAMPAIGN KICKOFF. I WANT TO THANK  
EACH OF YOU FOR YOUR EFFORTS ON BEHALF OF MY  
CAMPAIGN FOR NOMINATION AND ELECTION.

ALL OF YOU STAUNCH REPUBLICANS WHO HAVE JOINED RANKS  
TO SUPPORT THIS UNITED EFFORT IN MISSOURI ARE TO BE  
COMMENDED. MUCH CREDIT FOR GETTING THE  
ORGANIZATION UNDER WAY IN MISSOURI BELONGS TO OUR  
STATE CAMPAIGN CHAIRMAN, GENE McNARY, AND TO  
GOVERNOR KIT BOND WHO HAVE WORKED AS A TEAM WITH  
LEM JONES, CARL PRIVITERA AND JULIE COOPER IN THE  
KANSAS CITY AREA.

I URGE YOU TO KEEP UP THE GOOD WORK AND NOT TO LET  
YOUR GUARD DOWN UNTIL ALL 49 MISSOURI DELEGATES ARE  
SAFELY IN THE FOLD. I LOOK FORWARD TO SEEING ALL  
OF YOU IN AUGUST.

THANK YOU AGAIN. GOOD NIGHT.



THE PRESIDENT HAS ~~SENT~~ *file*

# President Ford Committee

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April 14, 1976

MEMORANDUM FOR THE PRESIDENT

FROM: STU SPENCER *S.K.S.*  
SUBJECT: PHONE CALL TO DAVE WILCOX

Attached is a clipping of your Chairman in Eugene, Oregon.

Dave is the former All-Pro linebacker from the San Francisco '49ers and also All American from the University of Oregon. He is probably the most popular public figure in Oregon.

Could you make a call to him and thank him for his effort.

His numbers are 503-746-7018, on Tuesdays and Thursdays he can be reached at 503-343-3314.

*4/19/76 - Talked with him. Said say hello to Steve S., I told him you would call him (Steve).*

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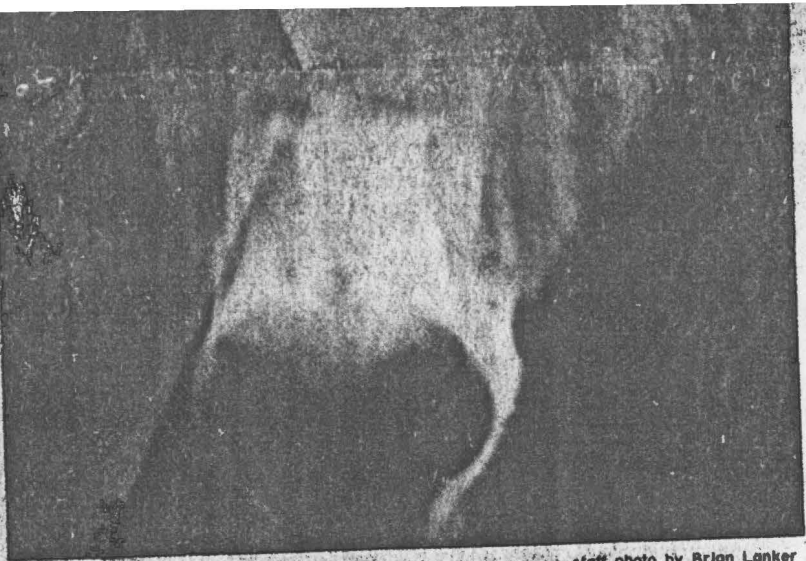
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staff photo by Brian Lanter

Democrat Dave Wilcox owns a jackass, among other animals, but in this year's presidential campaign he's pulling for an elephant stampede

## Ex-linebacker tackles politics

By HENNY WILLIS  
Of the Register-Guard

What's a nice ex-football player doing in the rough and tumble world of politics?

Dave Wilcox, the new Lane County co-chairman of the President Ford Campaign Committee, chuckles at the question.

"I'm just kind of helping out a little bit," says Wilcox, the former All-Pro linebacker. "I don't want to jump in with both feet, but the only way to make things a little better is to get involved."

Wilcox no longer decapitates running backs for a living. He owns the Oakway Health Spa and runs a ranch in Pleasant Hill. He also views politics with some disdain.

"I know more about chickens than I do about this," Wilcox said in an interview Wednesday. "But, I think Ford is the best guy available and some close friends like Stu Spenser (Ford's national campaign manager) asked me to help out. I certainly can't get into any deep political discussions. Somebody sent me a political book not long ago and it'll take me a month to read it. But, I've never been involved in politics before and it should be a helluva experience."

There had been rumors a few months back that Wilcox might himself seek public office. What about that?

"Oh, no, not me," he said with a hearty laugh. "I don't like to go to political functions. A politician to me is a guy who talks a lot and doesn't say anything. That's not my line."

Does Gerald Ford fall into that category?

"I don't think so," Wilcox said. "He's an honest guy and I think he's the best of the lot. But, don't ask me to list 37 different reasons why I think so. I just think he's honest and you've gotta be that."

What role will Wilcox play in the local Ford effort?

"That's a good question," is the reply.

"Basically, I guess I'll go out and try to round up volunteers for the campaign," he said. "I'll be sort of a recruiter."

A final question. Dave Wilcox is a registered Democrat. Gerald Ford is the most Republican of Republicans.

"Party lines are a bunch of hogwash," Wilcox says. "I vote for the person, not the party. I registered as a Democrat several years ago, but I'm not sure why. I think it was because I wanted to vote for some candidate. I'm not hung up on party labels."



CALLED: *as requested by Stu Spencer.*

Senator Carl Curtis -- 4/21

Looks encouraging. Ford delegate.

Senator Roman Hruska - 4/21

Can report better later this week. A Ford delegate.

Congressman Robin Beard -- 4/21

Will do all he can. Close. Heard Reagan is to spend eight days in Tennessee.

Congresswoman Virginia Smith -- 4/21

Looks encouraging. Vetoes popular.

Congressman Bud Shuster -- 4/21

For me unless drastic change. Running uncommitted versus a committed Reagan.

Congressman Mark Andrews -- 4/21

Helping -- for me all the way. Farmers need help.

Congressman Larry Winn - 4/21

Missouri looks good in caucus near Kansas.

Kansas -- all for me. Two to one statewide. Looking better.

Congressman Jack Edwards -- 4/21

Reagan probably going to win -- rough.

Can give us better reading after weekend.

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SENT COPY TO STU SPENCER

4/22/76



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THE WHITE HOUSE  
WASHINGTON

RECOMMENDED TELEPHONE CALL

TO: James F. Chambers, Jr.  
Chairman and Chief Executive Officer  
The Dallas Times Herald (214-744-6111)

DATE: As early as convenient before May 1

RECOMMENDED BY: Margita White ~~new~~  
Ron Nessen  
Peter Kaye (PFC)

PURPOSE: To talk about Texas issues and the primary  
campaign.

BACKGROUND: You most recently saw Chambers in Dallas  
during the early April trip where you chatted  
briefly at the Crow reception. Chambers  
sent you a note complimenting you on your  
presentation at the ballroom and stating:

"You mentioned that you might want to visit  
with me again. I will be pleased to fly to  
Washington at any time that suits your  
convenience."

The Dallas Times-Herald has not yet endorsed  
candidates for the primary.

TALKING POINTS:

1. It was good to see you at the Crow reception  
and I appreciated your note. Since my  
schedule doesn't seem to permit time for a  
personal meeting, I thought we might follow  
up and visit by phone.
2. Incidentally, Tom Johnson (publisher and  
editor) was up here and participated in an  
ASNE panel, asking some tough questions.

Date of submission April 23, 1976

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THE WHITE HOUSE

WASHINGTON

RECOMMENDED TELEPHONE CALL

TO: Joe M. Dealey  
President, Dallas Morning News (214-745-8222)

DATE: Before May 1

RECOMMENDED BY: Margita White *mw*  
Ron Nessen

PURPOSE: To thank Joe for the editorial endorsement by  
the Dallas Morning News on April 20.

BACKGROUND: The News endorsement is attached.

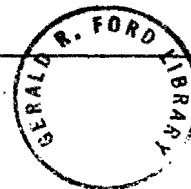
Joe Dealey attended the luncheon you hosted  
for the board of directors of the American  
Newspaper Publishers Association in June 1975.

(NOTE: You were not able to schedule a trip to  
address the ANPA annual convention in New York  
May 3-5 and Don Rumsfeld is speaking on your  
behalf.)

- TALKING POINTS:
1. Joe, I just wanted to thank you personally  
for the News' endorsement of my candidacy  
in the primary. That means a great deal  
to me and I hope you will express my deep  
appreciation to your editorial staff.
  2. I was pleased to be in Dallas ...

Date of submission April 23, 1976

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*The News Endorses:*

## Ford for President

IN THE Republican presidential primary, The News endorses Gerald Ford.

We make this recommendation only after a great deal of thought and after due consideration of Ronald Reagan's record of practical conservatism and skillful leadership as governor of California.

In the primaries and in the public opinion polls, the evidence mounts that the Republican candidate with the better chance to win the votes of a majority of the American people is Gerald Ford.

There are good reasons for this public approval—good enough, in our opinion, to call for Republicans' approval of their incumbent president's nomination.

First in importance is his contribution to his country. Gerald Ford stepped into the presidency under circumstances as difficult as those faced by any American president.

The nation had been torn and divided, first by a long and disastrous war, then by a scandal that forced the first presidential resignation in our history. Disillusionment and despair were the order of the day.

In this crisis of confidence, Jerry Ford served America by helping to restore Americans' belief in the decency and integrity of those in the highest office.

Not the least of Ford's qualifications is his character, his honesty and openness as a man.

Next, we believe Republicans should consider how Ford has served his party's principles while serving the nation. Soon after his accession to office, Ford was confronted by a newly elected Congress, domi-

nated by the Democratic party that held nearly two thirds of the seats. It was a Congress that seemed determined not only to throw off presidential leadership but its own traditional leaders. In the process, it whipped through some of the most disastrous legislation passed in modern times.

Americans, particularly Republicans, should not forget that President Ford, despite all of the difficulties, stood against these waves of profligacy. Time after time, Ford alone blocked wildly radical bills—a fact for which all of us, including the bills' sponsors, should now be grateful.

As an unselected president, trying to bring the country together without adequate congressional support from his decimated party, Gerald Ford's main duty was to make policy, not to make pious; to lead, not to lay down pure ideological dogma.

It is almost impossible and probably unwise under such circumstances to put the highest priority on maintaining a record that is absolutely satisfactory to conservatives. By comparison, it is relatively easy to preserve an unbending conservatism as a radio commentator, as a columnist or even as the popular governor of a state with a solid conservative constituency.

Republicans should examine the overall record. That record, we believe, shows that Gerald Ford has led the country and led it in the right direction. In our opinion, he has earned Republicans' support in 1976.



*Ford's Proposal:*

## Get Tough on Drug Pushers

Which is worse: The armed robber who victimizes merchants to support his drug habit or the narcotics dealer who supplies the bandit?

Too often, the bandit will get a long jail term for his crime, while courts deal less harshly with the supplier who is the root of the problem.

President Ford thinks justice is out of balance. He announced to an Irving audience during his visit to Dallas that he intends to ask Congress to make sentences for drug pushers mandatory.

"Those who live off the misery of others must pay the price, and the

higher the price the better," the President said.

Ford wants the sentences to run for 3 to 30 years for traffickers in heroin and related drugs.

There is no more heinous crime than the destruction of another person's life. And that is the primary product of the drug pusher. The addict suffers, as does his victims, all because of the greed of the traffickers.

Mandatory sentences would put the pushers and judges on notice that Americans want illegal drug trafficking stopped, and soon.

Dallas Morning News (4/13/76)



*Oil Breakup:*

## First Step Toward Control

Four liberal senators, guised in the masks of free and enterprising trade, have pushed the beleaguered U.S. petroleum industry a little closer toward the liberal goal of nationalization.

Led by Sen. Birch Bayh, whose unpopular liberal views made him an early casualty in the presidential race, the senators outvoted three opponents in giving a subcommittee approval to a bill that would break up 18 large oil companies.

The approval is only a small step toward actual divestiture. Approval must also be given by the full committee and then by the Senate. If those votes are successful, which is highly doubtful, the bill is likely to be turned down by the House. And it would face certain veto by President Ford.

But that's the outlook for this year. Time and a growing dependence on foreign oil that will cause fuel price increases could easily work to the advantage of the liberal course.

Bayh and the other proponents of oil company breakups claim that smaller segments would create greater competition and lower fuel prices.

They ignore the fact that freer competition cannot exist in a climate of growing scarcities. The need is for greater discovery and development of oil and gas reserves and of alternate energy sources. These are tasks that require enormous reservoirs of talent, skills and capital.

We won't have greater oil and gas reserves and new energy sources if dollars and manpower are scattered and dissipated by the proposed divestiture.

The liberal lawmakers know that. They realize that the next step would be for big government to come to the rescue of smaller, inefficient companies with tax dollars, regulations and controls; in other words, nationalization of the oil industry.

That's their goal. The first step has been made.

Dallas Morning News (4/3/76)





Government Economics:

## Ask the British About It

Though there is a growing anti-Washington trend among the electorate, we continue to hear candidates promising that more and busier government is what we need to solve our economic problems.

Just let government break up this, regulate that, take over the other and we will establish an economic paradise, these candidates tell us. Private greed and corporate callousness are at the root of our troubles, so they say.

Is that the problem? Ask the British. Last Thursday the British pound, once the world's strongest currency, dipped below \$1.90 for the first time in history. With the guidance of the socialist-minded Labor government, the British economy is now running an inflationary fever of 25 per cent, the highest in the industrial world.

Though avoiding unemployment is the sine qua non of Labor's management of the economy, there are now 1,250,000 unemployed.

Will government take-overs and controls save the day? Look at British Leyland, the nation's largest

auto manufacturer and chief source of the exports Britain desperately needs to sell. British Leyland has already been taken over by the state, yet it is currently facing a total shutdown and collapse.

The government pledged an extra \$2 billion in tax funds to the firm last year in order to keep it afloat. But the union workers were supposed to stop crippling strikes, and demand no more than \$12 weekly raises at a time.

Wildcat strikers demanding double that government-set limit have racked the production lines. Some 1,500 dissidents have forced the lay-off of nearly half the 35,000 work force and cut production by 10,000 cars.

Now the head of the company says that the paralysis has gone so far that "there soon will be insufficient funds to keep the company alive."

What the Big Government candidates here in America are trying to sell us, if we will but look beneath the gaudy wrappings and fervent promises, is the British solution. Ask the British what it solves.

### Superport Decision:

## Coleman Clips Some Red Tape

Transportation Secretary William T. Coleman has proved to be an unusual bureaucrat: He passed up an opportunity to wrap an important energy project in red tape.

The project was the important superport planned to be built by a 9-company investment group 40 miles off the coast of Freeport. Coleman turned down requests by Mississippi and Florida to be considered "adjacent states" with the right of review of plans for the facility.

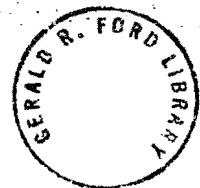
By setting aside the requests, the secretary reduced by two the number of agencies that must approve the facility. Procedures already

have been initiated in state agencies to review the plans, and that process is expected to take six months. The transportation department is to decide by December whether to grant the permit when Texas makes its recommendations.

The superport is necessary to service the huge oil tankers bringing petroleum to the state's refineries. Since decisions by the federal government have assured that this nation must rely heavily on foreign oil, it is best to get the port facility operational as soon as possible. Coleman's decision was a step in the right direction.

Dallas Morning News

(4/5/76)



# Reform, They Call It

POLITICIANS HAVE always talked a much better reform game than they have been willing to play, once they are elected. And the latest example of such political hypocrisy in action took place in the Senate the other day, when the senators set out to "reform" the food stamp program.

There's no doubting the need for reform. The program has become a monster. In just over a decade, its cost has ballooned to \$6 billion. Unlike many other social boondoggles, the food stamp racket impresses itself on ordinary taxpayers constantly. The sight of stamp-bought food being driven away from the supermarket in luxury cars is one that has provoked many a citizen to fury.

In recent years, the children of upper-middle-class families have considered it clever to play poverty by using food stamps while attending college. One of these play-poor food stamp clients, in fact, is the son of a liberal senator.

But perhaps the most arrogant abuse of the program has been in using food stamps to subsidize strikers. The food stamps, intended to help the poor and the hungry, are drawn by strikers who have walked off their jobs voluntarily in order to get higher wages and better benefits from their employers. The effect of this practice is to turn a tax-supported poverty program into a nearly inexhaustible war chest for striking unions.

In sum, the abuse forces the taxpayers to bankroll one side—and only one side—in private economic disputes.

The Senate had an opportunity Monday to correct this abuse and begin the reform we've heard so much about. An amendment to ban this clear misuse of the program came before the senators. By a margin of nearly 2-to-1, they turned it down.

The senators voted, 48-26, to let strikers go right on living on the food stamp program. Whatever the senators may have said about the need to clean up government, whatever reform rhetoric they may spread around on the hustings, should be measured by what they do when the chips are really down.

By an overwhelming margin, they voted to continue an abuse, to swell an already swollen welfare program and to pervert a system sold to the voters on the promise that it would help the truly helpless.

It will be interesting to see how many of the senators who have agreed to subsidize strikes with the public treasury are holding their office with funds and support of organized labor.

Reform of the food stamp program is urgently needed. But real reform in this and other instances of wasteful government will have to wait upon the most critical reform of them all: The reform of Congress itself.



THE WHITE HOUSE

WASHINGTON

RECOMMENDED TELEPHONE CALL

TO: Everett D. Collier  
Vice President and Editor  
Houston Chronicle (713-220-7171)

DATE: As early as convenient before May 1

RECOMMENDED BY: Margita White ~~new~~  
Ron Nessen  
Peter Kaye (PFC)

PURPOSE: To talk about Texas issues and the primary campaigns.

BACKGROUND: Everett Collier attended your media breakfast in Houston in February 1975. The files indicate no other contact.

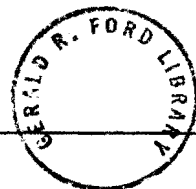
The Chronicle has not endorsed candidates in the primary.

TALKING POINTS:

1. I was reviewing some material my staff has given me on issues in Texas and came across several editorials from the Chronicle.
2. Among these, "Forfeiting Public Confidence," which hit hard against food stamps going to those not disadvantaged, certainly stated the case well. I strongly agree.
3. With the hectic pace and the number of states to be covered this month, I have not had an opportunity to visit with editorial boards. Hence, I thought I would give you a call. I'd be very interested in your perception of the Texas situation.

Date of submission April 23, 1976

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# Forfeiting public confidence

Public disenchantment with government institutions and programs is not going to be mollified until their advocates stop defending that which cannot be defended.

When well-intentioned programs create situations ridiculous on their face, the whole endeavor is tainted. To obstinately continue without change is just to invite the bitter public opposition which so distresses those who sincerely believe in the worth of a program.

It is impossible, for instance, to convince the public that federal food stamps should subsidize a United States senator's 22-year-old son who chooses to live on an Indian reservation. Or the middle-class young lady living on food stamps while going to law school.

It simply does not matter that these kind of people are legally entitled to food stamps under the program's regulations. That is no justification, it just makes the regulations wrong.

The public is not going to be sold on the idea that tax money should support those who are not disadvantaged and whose income is below poverty level by choice. Nor is the public going to buy the idea that people who won't work — not can't, but won't, for whatever reason — are automatically entitled to live off those who do work.

Yet ardent advocates of the food stamp theory are perfectly willing to defend these results of the program.

It is disastrous to continuing public acceptance.

This irrational defense of the indefensible as being part of a greater good, which somehow excuses them, is a fundamental blind spot among those who press for activist and socially experimentive government institutions and programs. Especially at the federal level, perhaps because of its distance from public control.

These people would be wise to learn a lesson from a governmental institution closer to public control — the educational system.

For years the education establishment attempted to defend a social practice of granting high school diplomas to those without the competency to merit them.

The diploma has come into such public disrepute because of this that state legislatures and boards of education are actually ordering that diplomas can't be granted unless the student can demonstrate basic reading, writing and math skills of at least the ninth grade. Not the 12th grade, mind you — the ninth grade.

It is ludicrous that such a requirement has to be laid down for the educational system. It is unacceptable to the public that this would have been countenanced, much less defended.

Government institutions must somehow come to realize that patent absurdities in their programs are forfeiting any claim they have to public confidence.

Houston Chronicle (4/12/76)



## Nuclear progress, failure

The United States and the Soviet Union have reached agreement on limiting nuclear tests for peaceful purposes, and that is well and good.

At the same time, however, it is becoming more and more apparent that there is no progress toward curbing strategic arms, and that is of much greater significance.

The agreement on tests for peaceful purposes combines with another U.S.-Soviet pact limiting nuclear weapons tests. The two agreements together set a ceiling of 150 kilotons on all underground tests and they extend the ban on nuclear explosions in the atmosphere.

The fact is that the Soviet Union actually stopped testing high-yield nuclear devices at the end of 1975 and the United States completed a series of nine tests March 17 and has no plans for future tests.

Peaceful uses for nuclear explosions are not considered practical by the United States, but the Soviet Union does talk about some excavation projects.

Perhaps the most important feature of the peaceful test agreement is that it does provide for mutual on-site inspection, something the Soviet Union has refused in the past. U.S. ability to use satellites for observation may

have had something to do with the Russian change of mind. But the principle of on-site inspection is a breakthrough because it could play a part in any weapons agreement.

As far as the Strategic Arms Limitation Talks are concerned, there is no progress. The controversy involves balancing limitations on the Russian Backfire bomber and the new U.S. cruise missile under the Vladivostok agreement of 2,400 long-range missile launchers for each nation. A series of proposals and counterproposals has been rejected by each side.

By this time, political factors are intruding. Communist party chief Leonid I. Brezhnev had to make sure of his position for the recent 25th Communist party congress. And U.S. military ranking with the Soviet Union has become a topic of debate during our primaries.

Failure to reach a mutually satisfactory limitation on strategic armaments would mean an arms race in the future that would push our defense budget beyond the \$110 billion now being considered. Even so, concessions that would cripple our defensive capacity would be worse.

Perhaps the peaceful test agreement will encourage some progress on the arms limitation issues. Right now, it's a stalemate.



# The exact same trend

In England, government spending rose 20 per cent in the last three years while the nation's total output of goods and services — the gross national product — was rising only 2 per cent.

In this country, federal spending rose about 21 per cent in the last fiscal year while the gross national product was rising around 6 per cent. For this fiscal year federal spending will go up about 15 per cent while the GNP rises roughly 10 per cent.

In the past 20 years, spending by the U.S. government has gone up 430 per cent while the total output has risen 288 per cent.

Britain's social-economic policies now have public spending absorbing 69 per cent of its gross national product.

United States' federal spending rose from around 18 per cent of its total output 20 years ago to where it now absorbs 23.5 per cent. Total public spending here (including state and local) now consumes about 35 per cent

of the country's annual output, up from about 22-23 per cent 20 years ago.

This exercise in statistics is not intended to demonstrate that the United States is about to accompany Britain down the tube.

It is intended to show that this country is following the exact same British trend of gobbling up national wealth for public spending. This is the basic root cause for the disaster that Britain has become.

Make no mistake about it. The United States can no more continue to consume for public purposes more national wealth than it produces than the British could. The United States is no more immune than Britain to the consequences of soaking up an ever-rising proportion of its output for non-productive public spending.

These are just hard facts of life and no amount of rationalizing is going to change them. Britain has been rationalizing with social-economic sophistry since World War II and it hasn't changed the bottom line one bit.



## Making no sense

There is at hand a mind-boggling example of how some politicians and opinion-makers have made it almost impossible for the average citizen to make sense out of debate over the Defense budget.

The budget-cutters have seized recently on the complaint that American weapons systems are too sophisticated and thus more expensive than necessary.

Then the same people will turn right around and maintain that the United States need not worry about numerical disadvantages vis-a-vis the Russians because of the advantage of superior American technology.

The fact that highly sophisticated weapons (which are bad) and technology (which is good) are one and the same thing just seems to float off

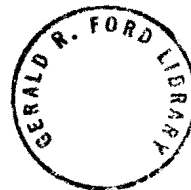
unrecognized into some never-never land.

So help us, one critic of defense spending actually used the terms "sophisticated" and "technology" interchangeably, and perhaps unwittingly, while arguing on the one hand that U.S. weapons were too sophisticated and on the other hand that U.S. technology would take care of numerical disadvantages.

How people can put forth such basically irreconcilable arguments and expect the public to have any confidence in the debate is beyond our understanding.

The proper and prudent level of defense spending may be an esoteric subject but not so much so that the citizenry can be handed this type of thing.

Houston Chronicle  
(4/6/76)



# Keep Kay Bailey

The Chronicle believes President Ford made a fine choice when he nominated Kay Bailey of Houston to be a member of the National Transportation Safety Board.

Bailey, a lawyer, has been an outstanding member of the Texas House of Representatives. She has served two terms and has worked conscientiously to solve urban problems. We are certain she would distinguish herself as a member of the transportation board.

However, voters in District 90 should remember that she is seeking re-election to a third term in the House in the May 1 Republican primary and should vote for her.

Bailey's nomination is subject to confirmation by a Democratic-controlled U.S. Senate. It would be unfortunate if the voters of her district should lose her services in public office should the Senate not confirm her appointment.

Houston Chronicle (4/17/76)





THE WHITE HOUSE

WASHINGTON

RECOMMENDED TELEPHONE CALL

TO Governor Kit Bond (Missouri)  
(314\_ 751-3222)

DATE As soon as possible

RECOMMENDED BY Rog Morton, Stu Spencer

PURPOSE To thank the Governor for his help in the Missouri caucuses and for his continuing support.

BACKGROUND Missouri, whose State Convention is June 12, will send 49 delegates to the Convention. In ward, precinct and county caucuses recently held in Missouri, the President picked up 530 delegates, Reagan 318 and there are 595 uncommitted. The President won the First, Second, Third, Fourth, Fifth, Eighth and Ninth Districts.

The Party in Missouri is widely split; Bond has worked very hard in bringing about these initial results which look good.

PFC Chairman: Gene McNary  
PFC Finance Chairman: Maj. Gen. Leif Sverdrup

TOPICS OF DISCUSSION I appreciate your support and the amount of time and effort you are contributing to my campaign.

What is your appraisal of the caucus results?

How are preparations going for the Convention -- are you getting the necessary cooperation and assistance?

April 26, 1976

*Wants me to call 9<sup>th</sup> Dist.  
Convention Sat while in MO.  
Also, wants us to have some meetings  
with*

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MISSOURI

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Governor Kit Bond is doing an excellent job. There is a national field man in the state full time.

Congressman Gene Taylor said that three delegates from his District (7th) will be uncommitted but actually for the President.

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