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THE WHITE HOUSE
WASHINGTON

Date 1/19/76

TO: Bob Visser

FROM: BARRY ROTH

ACTION:

Approval/Signature

Comments/Recommendations

✓

For Your Information

REMARKS:

Bob -

You should be aware of this correspondence. We have received several checks as a result, all of which were, of course, returned.

Barry



January 16, 1976

GEN
PL/FORD

Dear Mr. Gregory:

The President has asked me to thank you for your kind message. He is grateful to know of your support and he was pleased to have the benefit of your views.

You may be sure that President Ford appreciates very much your desire to contribute to his campaign. However, the acceptance of a political contribution in a Government building is a violation of the Federal election laws (18 U.S.C. 603). Because of this, the President has directed that all contributions in support of his election be handled by the President Ford Finance Committee, Suite 250, 1828 L Street, NW., Washington, D.C. 20036. Accordingly, I must return your contribution with the hope that you will understand the reason and necessity for doing so.

The President wants you to know that he welcomes your support and is encouraged by your willingness to assist in his campaign.

You have his appreciation and best wishes.

Sincerely,

Roland L. Elliott
Director of Correspondence

Mr. H. S. Gregory
President
Gregory-Salisbury and Co., Inc.
805 South Front Street
New Orleans, Louisiana 70130

Enclosure: Return check for \$10 $\frac{14-17}{650}$

cc: w/incoming Barry Roth
cc: w/incoming to Domestic Council



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CAMPAIGN FUND #1022

MONEY ATTACHED ✓

Pro Veto of H.R. 5900 Dollar Check.



GREGORY-SALISBURY & CO., INC.

Ellen Strickland
Sales Engineers

Manufacturers' Representatives

Electrical Engineers

805 S. FRONT STREET
NEW ORLEANS, LA. 70130
524-5207

RE-155
cc: [unclear]

January 5, 1976

cc: with copy of memo to Barry R. [unclear] Domestic Council
Strickland for \$10 (14-17/650)

RE-154 (1st revision)
cc: to Barry R. [unclear] Domestic Council

President Gerald Ford
The White House
Washington, D.C. 20013

Dear Mr. President:

The attached letter expresses my sincere appreciation for your veto of the Common Situs Bill.

I am sending it to a few of my friends, and hope that you hear from enough of them to warrant establishing a "counterpoise" campaign account.

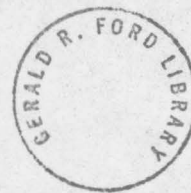
Very truly yours,

GREGORY-SALISBURY & COMPANY, INC.

H. S. Gregory
H. S. Gregory
President

HSG/pr

Attch.





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805 S. FRONT STREET
NEW ORLEANS, LA. 70130
524-5207

January 5, 1976

Re: Presidential Veto Of
"Common Situs" Bill

Dear

Many of us expressed a strong plea to the President that he veto the "Common Situs" Bill, which, if signed into law, would have provided union strong-arm leaders with an even greater control of our economy than they now exercise. The Wall Street Journal reports that, because of the veto, Mr. Meany will punish the President in the future by not supporting him or his programs.

Too many times, we, who express our opinions on matters of political importance, often forget to also say "thank you" to the leaders that do put America ahead of their own personal political survival. Independant Americans need to accept Mr. Meany's challenge by at least expressing their appreciation to the President for taking a strong stand that was right for America.

If each recipient of this letter will write a note of thanks to the President, enclose a \$10.00 check for his campaign fund, and send this letter on to 5 or 10 other good Americans, the President will know his veto was appreciated; and he will be less dependant on Mr. Meany for campaign funds. Let's make checks payable to "Union Counterpoise Fund for Ford" for identity.

Seven is a lucky number. Maybe it will be lucky for America if we keep this chain unbroken until there are seven names at the bottom of this letter. If number seven will forward his copy of the letter to the President with his contribution, a great out-pouring of sentiment will result; and both the President and Congress will well know that Mr. Meany's voice does not speak for the real strength in America.

Add your name to this list:

Yours for a great Bicentennial Year,

1. H. S. Gregory
Gregory-Salisbury & Co., Inc.
New Orleans, LA

H. S. Gregory

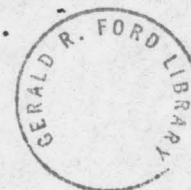
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MEMORANDUM

January 20, 1976

TO: Phil Buchen
FROM: Bob Visser
RE: James Higgins

This is to advise you that I have requested Ed Terrell, who is in charge of political activity in New Jersey for thePPFC, to contact the above-referenced individual with regard to his desire to conduct independent political activity on behalf of the President.



MEMORANDUM

January 26, 1976

TO: Ken Lazarus
FROM: Bob Visser
RE: Campaign for President Ford

Enclosed please find campaign materials in accordance with your request during our recent conversation. You should also be aware that I have talked with our political people here concerning your interest in participating in campaign activities during your personal time.



MEMORANDUM

February 5, 1976

TO: Dr. David Hoopes
FROM: Bo Callaway
RE: Staff Security Buttons

In the interest of security and effective utilization of senior staff PFC members in connection with this election I hereby request that the following PFC representatives, all of whom are currently holding valid White House passes, be issued staff security pins:

Howard H. Callaway
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T. Timothy Ryan§

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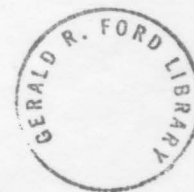
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February 1, 1976

MEMORANDUM FOR: BOB VISSER

FROM: BO CALLAWAY



Bob:

We have talked a number of times about the President's financial statements and how they should be used.

I still don't have any feel of when they will actually be available. Please let me know anything you find out and try to make the point as strong as you can that the timing of the release and the nature of them should be very carefully coordinated with the campaign.

Please let me know what you find out.



President Ford Committee

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

February 11, 1976

MEMORANDUM FOR:

BOB MOSBACHER
STU SPENCER
ED DeBOLT
BOB MARIK
PETER KAYE
PETER DAILEY

BOB VISSER
SKIP WATTS
ED TERRILL
LEO THORSNESS
BOB ODELL

FROM:

BO CALLAWAY *B*

SUBJECT:

Request for Letters or Phone Calls
from the White House

Starting today Angela Raish will be the liaison with the White House on all requests for telephone calls from the President or from Rog Morton, as well as coordinating letters which we wish to be sent out over the President's signature.

On requesting a phone call, the information should be submitted to Angela and should include who is requesting the call, why, background information which the President or Rog should be aware of, as well as specific talking points for them. She, in turn, will follow up once the memo has gone to determine if the call was made and what answers need to be gotten back to people.

She also will begin to coordinate sending the dinner lists over to the White House. The information for people invited to attend State Dinners or other White House functions will come from each of you and Angela will coordinate on getting the appropriate lists over to the White House.

As you know, Judy Harbaugh has been coordinating this, but due to her heavy responsibilities in the Advocates Program, she has agreed that this should be taken out of her area and coordinated by Angela.

If you have any questions, please let me know.



Campaign '76
Media Communications, Inc.

1828 L STREET, N.W., WASHINGTON, D.C. 20036 (202) 833-8950

February 12, 1976

MEMORANDUM FOR: TIM AUSTIN
FROM: BRUCE WAGNER *BW*
SUBJECT: WHITE HOUSE PHOTOGRAPHY

The attached White House memorandum indicates that our use of "unreleased" White House photographs will be decided on a case-by-case basis by the White House Press Office, Photo Office and Legal Council Office.

I suppose this is ok, but I think we ought to develop broader awareness as to the criteria for decisions on the use of unreleased pictures.

The fact is that when we need good pictures in the Campaign, we usually need them rather quickly...and I hope we will all manage to work together against this objective.

This is a very important concern for Campaign '76.

c.c. Bo Callaway
Peter Dailey
Jack Frost
Peter Kaye
Larry Speakes
✓ John Vinson
Bob Visser
Al Whitley



THE WHITE HOUSE
WASHINGTON

February 12, 1976

MEMORANDUM FOR RON NESSEN

FROM:

LARRY SPEAKES *LS*

SUBJECT:

WHITE HOUSE PHOTO POLICY IN REGARD
TO PRESIDENT FORD COMMITTEE AND
CAMPAIGN '76

I met last night with Sandra Eisert and Billie Shaddix of the photo office and Barry Roth of the counsel's office. This meeting was held at your instruction to establish a policy in regard to release of official White House photographs to the President Ford Committee and Campaign '76.

The following guidelines were established:

1. Cost of pictures: The White House will continue its present policy of billing the PFC and Campaign '76 (as well as the RNG and any other political group) for all photographs at the standard government rate of \$1.25 per print.
2. Use of unreleased pictures: The White House, as a general rule, will attempt to confine the use of pictures by the PFC and Campaign '76 to pictures which have been previously released to the news media under existing policy. Use of previously unreleased pictures will be decided on a case-by-case basis by the press office in conjunction with the photo office and the legal counsel's office.

CC: J. Carlson
B. Roth
S. Eisert
D. Kennerly
B. Shaddix
P. Kaye (PFC)
Campaign '76



February 17, 1976

MEMORANDUM

TO: ALL CONCERNED
FROM: PETER KAYE PK
RE: PHOTOS

Under an agreement between The President Ford Committee and the White House, the campaign organization is charged the official government rate of \$1.25 per print for all pictures ordered from the White House.

For your information when ordering large quantities of photos, Grace Marie can direct you to a firm in Illinois that will print black and white glossy prints, size 8X10, for 12 cents a print, obviously a substantial savings from the government rate.

Please see Grace Marie if you need the address to take advantage of the lower rates.



MEMORANDUM

February 19, 1976

TO: Barry Roth
FROM: Bob Visser
RE: Herbert E. Alexander

Attached please find a copy of the testimony of Herbert E. Alexander before the House Rules Committee on the FEC matter. Mr. Alexander participated in the PLI Course on the election law in New York with me last month. He has an interest in serving on any panel that might be formed by the White House with regard to election law reform.



President Ford Committee

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

February 21, 1976

MEMORANDUM FOR:

BOB MOSBACHER
STU SPENCER
ED DeBOLT
BOB MARIK
PETER KAYE

✓ BOB VISSER
BOB ODELL
JACK STILES
DICK MASTRANGELO

FROM:

BO CALLAWAY

This is just a reminder that all requests to the White House for telephone calls, letters for Rog Morton's or the President's signature, invitations for White House dinners, AND requests for White House tours should be channelled through Angela Raish in my office, and she, in turn, will notify the appropriate person in the White House.

Apparently, now that our staff has gotten larger a number of people are calling direct to individual offices in the White House asking for letters, phone calls, or tours, and it is difficult for them to handle these requests unless they have all the background information and know the overall priority for the request.

If you have any problems in our handling it this way, please let me know.



Bob Visser

President Ford Committee

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

Direct send us a carbon copy

January 29, 1976

Mr. Bernard W. Abrams
Chairman of the Board
Abrams Industries, Inc.
Post Office Box 1969
Atlanta, Georgia 30301

Dear Bernie:

I haven't forgotten your request but it really is more complicated than you would think to obtain a President's endorsement on a project or cause. Believe it or not, there are a lot of legal questions that have to be considered on requests like this for any President. I have, therefore, sent your correspondence over to the General Counsel's office at the White House.

I, of course, have told them that I think this is an excellent project but that is about all I can do since they do have fairly specific guidelines that they have to follow for this type of request.

With regard to the invitation to Secretary Rumsfeld, I'll be glad to add my endorsement but as is the case with most Cabinet officials, he will probably not be able to give you a definite answer more than several weeks before the event.

I'm sorry that I can't give you more positive help in these two matters, Bernie, but there are some things that we have no control over, and these happen to be two of them.

With warm regards.

Sincerely,

*Spoke to Bob & Barry
B.C.*

BO CALLAWAY
Chairman

bcc: Bob Visser

✓ Bob, you might just want to periodically stay on top of this with Buchen's office or if they write Mr. Abrams back (Over)



President Ford Committee

1001 STREET, N.W., SUITE 300 WASHINGTON, D.C. 20004 (202) 456-2000

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Post Office Box 1989
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BO CALLAWAY
Chairman

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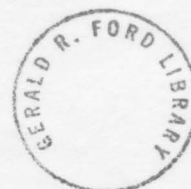
Handwritten: Robert Adams
G. F.

MEMORANDUM

March 5, 1976

TO: Barry Roth
FROM: Bob Visser
RE: Regional Presidential Primary Act of 1976

Attached please find pages H 1356-1358 from the Congressional Record reprinting the Regional Presidential Primary Act of 1976 introduced by Cong. Ottinger. Could you please get me a copy of the bill at your convenience. Thank you.



*Potus GEN
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March 17, 1976

MEMO FOR: Roland L. Elliott
Director of Correspondence
The White House

FROM: Timothy Ryan
Assistant General Counsel

Attached for appropriate handling is a telegram addressed to the President which was forwarded to this office in error.

Thank you for your assistance in this regard.



TK

March 8, 1976

MEMO FOR: Roland L. Elliott
Director of Correspondence
The White House

FROM: Robert P. Visser
General Counsel

Thank you very much for forwarding the Federal Election Commission's letter to the President dated February 26, with copy of their letter to the Secretary of the Treasury dated February 25.



Campaign '76
Media Communications, Inc.

1828 L STREET, N.W., WASHINGTON, D.C. 20036 (202) 833-8950

March 13, 1976

MEMORANDUM FOR: ROY HUGHES
FROM: BRUCE WAGNER
SUBJECT: PHOTOGRAPHS FROM THE WHITE HOUSE

It's time we sat down with key White House personnel to discuss our continuing difficulty in purchasing photographs from the White House.

Our latest exercise in futility was attempting to get good agriculture pictures of the President's first trip to Illinois on March 5th and 6th.

To wit,

- 1.) This past week, Campaign '76 (represented by Bill Parish) asked the White House Photo Office if we could review the White House photographs taken during the President's visit.
- 2.) Unfortunately, we were not allowed to review these pictures; rather, six photographs were selected on our behalf.
- 3.) Prints were made of the six photographs over the succeeding 24 hours, but then, the White House Press Office reviewed the photographs and, you guessed it, one was offered to Campaign '76. (This is a nice shot of the President standing on a farm tractor ...).

This situation must be improved if we are to run an effective communications program across the nation. Simply stated, the delays we're experiencing will cost votes for the President.

We've tried to solve this problem various ways, including hiring our own photographer (Dennis Brock) on a free-lance basis; this only serves to roil the waters, especially with the Photo Office who presumably may sense a usurpation of their role.

cc: Peter Dailey
Stu Spencer
Bob Visser
Tim Austin
Bo Callaway



THE WHITE HOUSE
WASHINGTON

PM

April 6, 1976

MEMO FOR: General Counsel
President Ford Committee

FROM: Roland L. Elliott *RL*

Attached for your information and appropriate handling are letters to the President from the Secretary of State of the State of Montana dated April 1, 1976, and the Bureau of Registration and Elections, Dauphin County, Harrisburg, Pennsylvania. Thank you.

Attachments



April 8, 1976

MEMORANDUM

TO: Roland L. Elliott

FROM: Robert P. Visser
General Counsel

RE: Letters from Secretary of State of the State of
Montana and the Bureau of Registration and
Elections, Dauphin County, Harrisburg, Pennsylvania

This is to acknowledge receipt of your memorandum dated April 6, 1976, forwarding letters to the President from the Secretary of State of the State of Montana dated April 1, 1976 and the Bureau of Registration and Elections, Dauphin County, Harrisburg, Pennsylvania.

Thank you for your assistance in this matter.



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THE WHITE HOUSE
WASHINGTON

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April 12, 1976

MEMORANDUM FOR

BARRY ROTH

FROM

TIM AUSTIN *ga*

*Subject
Barry*

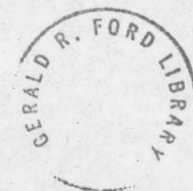
SUBJECT

PRESIDENTIAL LETTER

This is a draft of a letter for the President's signature which will be sent out by the Republican Senatorial Campaign Committee for fund-raising.

Would you please look it over and add the usual disclaimer before we forward it for the President's review and signature?

Many thanks.



Dear :

I am writing to you to make a personal appeal on behalf of our Republican candidates to the United States Senate. They need your help and support. I will need them in the next Congress.

In my State of the Union Message, I stressed the need for courage and common sense in dealing with the problems we face in 1976 and in the years ahead. Never in the history of our Nation has there been a greater need for fiscal responsibility or for Senators who have the courage to pursue it. Never has it been more important to continue our sound economic policies, to insure less government intervention into our daily lives; or to protect the individual freedoms of all Americans. Republican Senators with the common sense to recognize these crucial needs must be elected.

I have seen the strengths of the Republican candidates who are challenging Democrat incumbents in 1976 and I believe these are the best candidates we have ever had. Senator Ted Stevens, Chairman of the Campaign Committee, gives me periodic reports on the status of the races and the chances for winning are good. Your personal pledge can make victory in November a reality.

The National Republican Senatorial Committee needs your support. Your dollars will allow the Committee to continue providing the valuable services and campaign contributions that our candidates count on to achieve success. It is my sincere hope that you will generously support the Senatorial Committee in this effort. Your decision to provide assistance to elect Republican Senators can make 1976 the year we rededicate ourselves to the cherished principles and ideals that have made us the greatest Nation on earth.

I thank you in advance for your help.



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April 15, 1976

MEMORANDUM

TO: Mrs. Dorothy Doughton
The White House

FROM: Tim Ryan
Assistant General Counsel

RE: Contribution by the President

Attached hereto is a President Ford Finance Committee contribution card which should be completed by the President and returned to me with his check.

After a conversation with Barry Roth of the White House legal staff, we have determined that the President is permitted to make a contribution while physically in the White House since it is his residence.

If you have any questions with regard to this matter, please do not hesitate to contact me.

T.T.R.

Enclosure



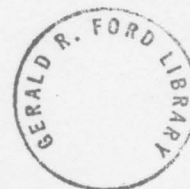
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M E M O R A N D U M

TO: Phil Buchen
FROM: Bob Visser
RE: Atlanta Constitution Article, dated April 24, 1976
DATE: April 27, 1976

Attached hereto is an article written by Jay Lawrence and Jim Merriner entitled "Ford Violated the Law at Appearance Here?" which appeared in the Saturday, April 24, 1976 edition of the Atlanta Constitution. As a result of the statement contained in the article that the "FEC acting chief of public communications Chris Thomas said [the President Ford activity] was illegal conduct", Tim and I requested a meeting with the Election Commission and Jack Murphy. Following this meeting at which Jack Murphy indicated that Mr. Thomas had made no such statement, the desk editor of the Atlanta Constitution, as well as a reporter, discussed this matter with Dave Fiske, FEC Director of Communications, Jack Murphy and myself.

As a result of the discussion an article appeared in this morning's, April 27th, issue of the Atlanta Constitution, which we believe is helpful in rectifying this matter. However, we made several strong statements to Mr. Murphy regarding the improper nature of such communications by junior staff members of the Commission. Mr. Murphy stated that he wanted to protect the credibility of the Commission and that steps would be taken to prevent any recurrence of this nature.



P. ATL. CONSTITUTION
April 24, 1976

Ford Violated the Law At Appearance Here?

By JAY LAWRENCE
and JIM MERRINER

President Gerald Ford may be in technical violation of a federal election law for accepting chamber of commerce assistance in promoting an appearance here, a Federal Elections Commission (FEC) official said in Washington Friday.

The assistance, which consisted of soliciting attendance at Peachtree High School for a Ford speech Friday, amounted to an in-kind campaign contribution, the official said.

And as long as there were corporate funds in the treasury of the DeKalb Chamber of Commerce, which did the soliciting, FEC acting chief of public communications Chris Thomas said it was illegal payment.

Thomas said federal law 18 USC Section 610 makes both the candidate and the contributor responsible in such a case.

If corporate contributions are in

their treasury," Thomas explained. "They cannot be giving direct or indirect aid to a presidential candidate."

DeKalb Chamber of Commerce President Charles Hill confirmed that his organization, like others of its kind, was indeed financed by corporate membership fees.

He denied, however, that the Peachtree High speech was political.

"Obviously," he said, "it was to be a nonpolitical event."

But staff assistant to the President Donatone Smith had already told The Constitution that Ford's entire Atlanta venture was billed as a campaign swing and the President Ford Committee was picking up the bill.

In addition, the Ford committee paid for radio and newspaper advertising for the Peachtree High speech.

And Thomas quoted from the FEC's

See FEC, Page 14-A

FEC

FROM PAGE 1A

Advisory Opinion 13, which reads in part, "Once an individual has become a candidate for the presidency all speeches before a substantial number of people are presumably for the purpose of promoting his candidacy."

The DeKalb Chamber was the co-sponsor of the Peachtree High speech along with the DeKalb County school system.

Chamber officials said they were given 1,000 tickets to the event to hand out. A full-time staffer, Bill Evans, said he talked to individuals to invite them to the event.

There were also reports that chamber secretaries called civic leaders to distribute the tickets. One DeKalb Republican who asked not to be identified, complained of "intimidation tactics" used to get the leaders to the event.

The chairman of the DeKalb Republican Party's Executive Committee, Judd Marshall, said he was called twice by a chamber secretary and told to pick up his 20 tickets.

As a Reagan supporter, he said he declined, but was told anyway to appear to the chamber "by noon the next day" to get the tickets.

Marshall did it, but refused to be in an awkward situation.

On Campbell did not acknowledge that secretarial help was used in giving away the tickets.

Commenting on the chamber's participation, Campbell said, "I checked it with my executive committee, and they said they thought it would be in order for us to do that, and they were flattered that the President would be coming to DeKalb County."

Asked about a possible campaign law violation, Georgia Ford committee campaign chairman Matt Patten said he did not know the specifics of the matter and "I would want to think about it."

FEC official Thomas said Advisory Opinion 13, from which he quoted, was rendered because of a somewhat similar situation involving former presidential candidate Lloyd Bentsen and the New York City Chamber of Commerce.

That chamber wanted to pay Bentsen's travel expenses to make a speech in New York. But because funds given to the chamber by business were to be used, the FEC ruled that to pay Bentsen's expenses in such a way would be illegal.

Thomas said he did not know whether Bentsen made the trip or not.

He added that before any possible action could be taken in the DeKalb situation, a formal complaint would have to be filed.

He said the two situations were not like the "same sort of deal. It's conse-



Campaign Violation Denied

By JAY LAWRENCE

The general counsel for the President Ford Committee said Monday night it was "outrageous" to believe there was any violation of law by the President in connection with chamber of commerce assistance given Ford during a campaign appearance here last week, but he said he would look into the situation.

"At any rate," said Bob Visser in Washington, "we still have the normal billing period to pay, it may be we should have to pay the whole thing."

Likewise, the general counsel for the Federal Elections Commission (FEC) softened the opinion of an FEC staffer that assistance given the Ford committee by a local chamber of commerce may have been an improper campaign contribution.

Jack Murphy repudiated any "implication" in a story appearing in the Saturday editions of The Constitution that the FEC had rendered an opinion on the matter.

"As the story appeared there is no reason to believe there was a violation," said Murphy in Washington.

The story reported that the DeKalb Chamber of Commerce, in co-sponsoring a speech by Ford at Peachtree High School Friday, acknowledged that a paid staffer had, on company time, asked a number of persons to come to the speech.

This, according to the remarks of the FEC acting director of public communications, may have amounted to an improper in-kind corporate contribution since corporate funds pay staff salaries at the chamber.

Visser disagreed. "There is absolutely no violation of the FEC Act," he insisted angrily.

He acknowledged that "Section 618," the law quoted by the FEC employe Friday, "prohibits corporate contributions if you forget about political action committees."

But, he went on, "to my mind it's outrageous and improper" to conclude there was

Murphy also denied that any conclusion had been reached by the FEC staffer, Chris Thomas. "I don't think," he said, "that we should be in the position of giving out opinions unless we have the facts."

He said there were any number of extenuating circumstances to preclude any

type of Atlanta situation. "It depends on a lot of factors. It's not a simple type of analysis."

And he said that, if it were necessary, arrangements could still be made to rectify the situation.

Murphy conceded that the commission's policies have not been definitive in this

area. Both officials also emphasized that no complaint or formal action of any kind have been filed.

"There will be other chamber of commerce speeches," said the Ford committee's Visser. He added later, "It's going on all over the country — with all the candidates."



" . . . We must stop fighting the symptoms and start fighting the disease."



RONALD REAGAN

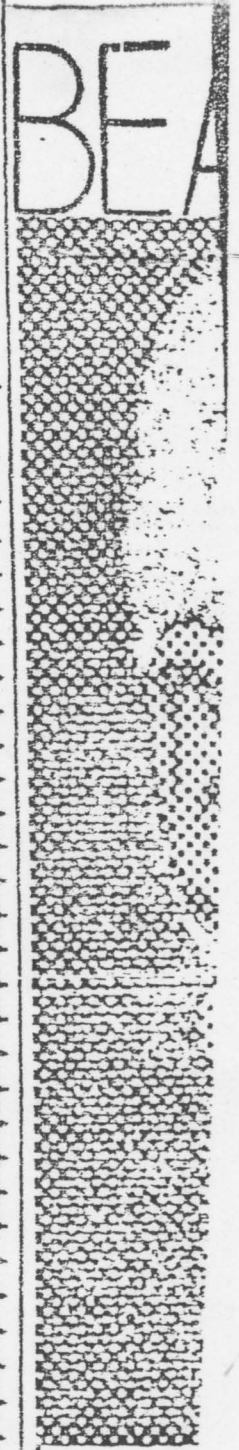
SPEAKS ON THE ISSUES

TONIGHT!

Tuesday, April 27 at 8:00 P.M. (E.D.T.)

On WAGA Channel 5

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THE WHITE HOUSE

WASHINGTON

April 28, 1976

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MEMORANDUM FOR THE RECORD

FROM: BARRY ROTH *BR*

SUBJECT: Solicitation Letter for Senatorial
Campaign Committee

I spoke with Jack Murphy today regarding the draft letter of solicitation which the President has been asked to sign for the Senatorial Campaign Committee. He informally advised that the contents of the letter do not require that the cost of the mailing be allocated between the PFC and the Senatorial Campaign Committee, as the situation is distinguishable from that discussed in FEC Advisory Opinion 1975-72.

cc: Bob Visser ✓



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186 North Canon Drive, Beverly Hills, California 90210
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May 5, 1976

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

Dear Mr. President:

I would like to take this opportunity to sincerely thank you for waiving your rights to equal time under Section 315 of the Communications Act, relative to the broadcasting of the Ronald Reagan films entitled "CATTLE QUEEN OF MONTANA" and "TENNESSEE'S PARTNER".

Your decision has reassured my faith in the American way that of a third party's right to use his privately owned property without political involvement and consideration of the constitutional question of deprivation of property without due process of law, with resulting loss of revenues without compensation to such third party.

For your perusal, I have enclosed a copy of the Metropolitan News (a daily legal newspaper in Los Angeles) article pertaining to the waiver you extended to us.

Sincerely,

ADRIAN WEISS PRODUCTIONS

Adrian Weiss

Adrian Weiss

AW/k
Enclosure



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DAILY LEGAL NEWSPAPER

205 SO. BROADWAY
LOS ANGELES
CALIFORNIA 90012

ALL
DEPARTMENTS:
628-4384

Los Angeles, California ★ Tuesday, April 27, 1976

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★ Waiver

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the FCC will now become academic on these two films since President Ford has consented to grant the waiver applied for, on these two pictures only, the only ones applied for.

It therefore follows that these two pictures are the only ones of Reagan's old movies that can now be shown on television during this campaign for nomination to the presidency.

It also follows that this precedential waiver of Equal Time on the stated basis of its "non-political" nature, constitutes a departure from the long-standing past holdings that there was no distinction between a political and non-political use of broadcast facilities by candidates, and also constitutes a determination on a "case-by-case" basis.

In this case, the result of the application bears out the California Maxims of Jurisprudence, cited, that "One must so use his own rights as not to infringe upon the rights of another", and that "he who takes the benefit must bear the burden", and that "no one should suffer by the act of another".

The subject of the Equal Time law has recently come under other attack generally. The American Bar Assn., by vote of the ABA House of Delegates, has recommended amendments to or outright repeal of the "Equal Time" provision (Section 315) of the Communications Act. The ABA reported that "Since the only true remedy to the 'equal time' barrier lies with Congress, the ABA Special Committee has, and will con-

tinue to urge enactment of appropriate, pending legislation".

President Ford's historic letter of waiver, reflecting the legal-political climate of our times, follows:

"WHITE HOUSE
Washington

"It is my understanding that Adrian Weiss Productions has requested that I waive my rights for equal time under Section 315 of the Communications Act so that it may broadcast a number of Mr. Ronald Reagan's old films. This waiver would eliminate any claim for equal time that might arise from the showing of "Cattle Queen of Montana" and "Tennessee's Partner".

"Since the nature and context of these two films do not relate to or affect the political process, I am willing to grant such waiver of my rights to equal time provided under Section 315 of the Communications Act."

"Sincerely,
GERALD R. FORD /s/.

President Waives Right to Equal Time From Showing of 2 Old Ronald Reagan Films

By a Press Correspondent

A precedential interpretation of the Equal Time Provision (Section 315) of the Communications Act, of legal and historical significance, was made by President Gerald R. Ford, who just issued a special "Equal Time" waiver.

He waived equal time, to allow the showing on television of two motion pictures in which his opponent, presidential candidate Ronald Reagan, has a performing role, for the stated reason that "since the nature and context of these two films do not relate to or affect the political process."

In the motion picture "Cattle Queen of Montana" Reagan plays a gunman, and in the picture "Tennessee's Partner" Reagan plays the role of "Cowpoke."

When Ronald Reagan officially announced his candidacy for nomination to the presidency of the United States, the Federal Communications Commission announced that air exposure of Reagan's old movies would be included under section 315 that permits equal time for any identifiable appearance by a candidate.

The FCC has not made any distinction between political or non-political appearances by candidates in applying this rule of long standing.

Such rule was challenged by Hollywood producer and film distributor Adrian Weiss Productions, owner of the Reagan films in question, who claimed that in this being precluded from showing his "non-political films on TV, he was

being deprived of the use of his property without due process of law, in violation of his constitutional rights, resulting in substantial damage not only for loss of revenue from the two films but also on the effect on the package of other pictures in which the two were included.

The two Reagan pictures were part of a package of nine motion pictures which Weiss had purchased from the Estate of Benedict Earl Bogeaus, deceased, producer of the films, which estate is still pending in the Los Angeles Superior Court.

It was after the Probate Court here had confirmed the sale of the motion pictures to Weiss that Reagan announced his candidacy for the presidency, before the sale was closed. The question thereupon arose as to the effect of the "equal time" law on the sale of the pictures. Since this is the first time in history that a former motion picture actor is seeking nomination for the presidency, there is no judicial precedent on the specific issue.

Adele I. Springer, attorney for the deceased producer Benedict Bogeaus' estate, thereupon proceeded with an application to the FCC by Weiss to obtain a rescission of the general ruling, and proceeded also with a simultaneous application to President Gerald R. Ford to obtain a waiver of his right to demand equal time on the two specific pictures. The application before the FCC for a reversal of its general ruling is still pending. Any ruling by
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May 11, 1976

Office of the White House Press Secretary

THE WHITE HOUSE

STATEMENT BY THE PRESIDENT

After extensive consultation and review, I have decided that the Federal Campaign Act Amendments of 1976 warrant my signature.

I am therefore signing those amendments into law this afternoon. I will also be submitting to the Senate for its advice and consent the nominations of six persons to serve as members of the reconstituted Commission.

Shortly after the Supreme Court ruled on January 30 that the Federal Election Commission was invalid as then constituted, I made it clear that I favored a simple reconstitution of the Commission because efforts to amend and reform the law could cause massive confusion in election campaigns that had already started.

The Congress, however, was unwilling to accept my straightforward proposal and instead became bogged down in a controversy that has now extended for more than three months.

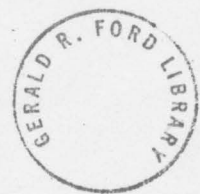
In the process, efforts were made to add several provisions to the law which I thought were thoroughly objectionable. These suggested provisions would have further tipped the balance of political power to a single party and to a single element within that party. I could not accept those provisions under any circumstance and I so communicated my views to various Members of the Congress.

Since that time, to my gratification, those features of the bill have been modified so as to avoid in large measure the objections I had raised.

Weighing the merits of this legislation, I have found that the amendments as now drafted command widespread, bipartisan support in both Houses of Congress and by the Chairpersons of both the Republican National Committee and the Democratic National Committee.

I still have serious reservations about certain aspects of the present amendments. For one thing, the bill as presently written will require that the Commission take additional time to consider the effects which the present amendments will have on its previously issued opinions and regulations.

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A more fundamental concern is that these amendments jeopardize the independence of the Federal Election Commission by permitting either House of Congress to veto regulations which the Commission, as an Executive agency, issues. This provision not only circumvents the original intent of campaign reform but, in my opinion, violates the Constitution. I have therefore directed the Attorney General to challenge the constitutionality of this provision at the earliest possible opportunity.

Recognizing these weaknesses in the bill, I have nevertheless concluded that it is in the best interest of the Nation that I sign this legislation. Considerable effort has been expended by members of both parties to make this bill as fair and balanced as possible.

Moreover, further delay would undermine the fair and proper conduct of elections this year for seats in the U.S. Senate, the House of Representatives and for the Presidency. Effective regulation of campaign practices depends upon the existence of a Commission with valid rulemaking and enforcement powers. It is critical that we maintain the integrity of our election process for all Federal offices so that all candidates and their respective supporters and contributors are bound by enforceable laws and regulations which are designed to control questionable and unfair campaign practices.

I look to the Commission, as soon as it is reappointed, to do an effective job of administering the campaign laws equitably but forcefully, and in a manner that minimizes the confusion which is caused by the added complexity of the present amendments. In this regard, the Commission will be aided by a newly provided civil enforcement mechanism sufficiently flexible to facilitate voluntary compliance through conciliation agreements and, where necessary, penalize noncompliance through means of civil fines.

In addition, the new legislation refines the provisions intended to control the size of contributions from a single source by avoiding proliferation of political action committees which are under common control. Also, this law strengthens provisions for reporting money spent on campaigns by requiring disclosure of previously unreported costs of partisan communications which are intended to affect the outcome of Federal elections.

Following the 1976 elections, I will submit to the Congress legislation that will correct problems created by the present laws and make additional needed reforms in the election process.

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5/12/76

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Richard Rowlett - RR & A

→ WA gifts
→ Convention gifts

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Seal could be used for last year Bicentennial Proclamation - stamp



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- ③ Suggested Charity

→ Need by tomorrow.

Statement in Agreement that this is not an endorsement.



TO THE VOTERS OF THE THIRD PRECINCT
GRAND ROUNDS TOWNSHIP:

PRESIDENTIAL PRIMARY



Date: Tuesday, May 18, 1976
Time: 7:00 a.m. to 8:00 p.m.
Where to Vote: Porter Hills Presbyterian Village
3600 Fulton East

WE ARE CANDIDATES FOR COUNTY CONVENTION
DELEGATES COMMITTED TO PRESIDENT GERALD R.
FORD. President Ford needs a large vote in
Michigan. Vote for President Ford and for
us at the Primary.

Elizabeth Ann Fant
Robert G. Howlett

John Witherspoon

Patriot



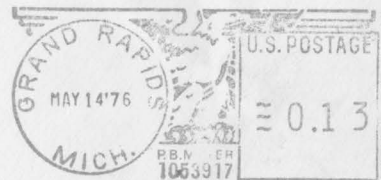
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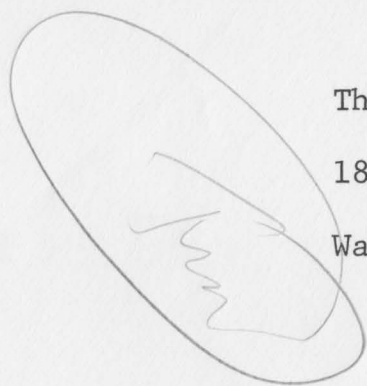
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The President Ford Committee

1828 L Street, N.W.

Washington, D.C. 20036





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**BOARD OF EDUCATION
PRIMARY**

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32 C CHRISTOPHER Bythewood	33 C RALPH J. Moore, JR.	C Style 3
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32 E MARIAN L. Greenblatt	33 E DARYL W. Shaw	E Style 3
32 F L. AUSTIN Heyman	33 F CAROL F. Wallace	F Style 3
32 G FREDRICA F. Hodges	33 G W. GREGORY Wims	G Style 3

PRIMARY ELECTION TUESDAY, MAY 18, 1976 ^D
POLLING BOOTHS OPEN 7:00 A.M. TO 8:00 P.M.

This is your
REPUBLICAN SAMPLE BALLOT

BY AUTHORITY OF: J. WILLARD NALLS, JR.
TREASURER FOR HERMANN, RAUB, WOOD.

A copy of our report is filed with the Federal Election
Commission and is available for purchase from the
Federal Election Commission, Washington, D. C.

FURNISHED TO YOU BY PRESIDENT FORD'S
OFFICIALLY DESIGNATED DELEGATES TO THE
REPUBLICAN NATIONAL CONVENTION.

SYLVIA HERMANN, FRIEDA RAUB, LINDA WOOD

THE LAW PERMITS YOU TO TAKE THIS
SAMPLE BALLOT INTO THE POLLING
PLACE WITH YOU.

REPUBLICAN OFFICES

1 F 2 F
 President of the United States
 Vote for One

Republican Candidates LINE G

1 G
 GERALD R. Ford
 Grand Rapids, Mich.

Republican Candidates LINE H

1 H
 RONALD Reagan
 Pacific Palisades, Calif.

Republican Candidates LINE I

5 F 6 F 7 F 8 F
 Representative in Congress
 Eighth Congressional District
 Vote for One

5 G WALLACE Barlow
 6 G HOWARD D. Greyber
 7 G PETER Larsen
 8 G AUSTIN B. Rohrbaugh, JR.

5 H THOMAS S. Fess
 6 H PETER James
 7 H ALBERT N. Nunn
 8 H NEWTON I. Steers, JR.

5 I FREDERICK L. Garwood
 6 I ABRAHAM H. Kalish

9 F 10 F 11 F 12 F 13 F
 Delegates to the Republican National Convention
 Vote for Three

9 G ROBERT A. Barbuto
 10 G DONALD H. Dalton
 11 G JOHN MICHAEL Giovannoni
 12 G DARRELL L. Johnson
 13 G (FORD) FRIEDA W. Raub

9 H DOROTHY Q. Bursey
 10 H (REAGAN) DONALD J. Devine
 11 H WILLIAM B. Glew, JR.
 12 H MARY HAMIL Parker
 13 H CHARLES H. Schreyer

9 I EDGAR A. Cadwallader
 10 I STANLEY H. Eckles
 11 I (FORD) SYLVIA B. Hermann
 12 I ROBERT H. Plante
 13 I (FORD) LINDA K. Wood

VOTE FOUR TIMES FOR PRESIDENT FORD

ONCE FOR GERALD FORD * ONCE FOR SYLVIA HERMANN * ONCE FOR FRIEDA RAUB * ONCE FOR LINDA WOOD



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May 21, 1976

MEMORANDUM FOR: Roland L. Elliott
Director of Correspondence

FROM: Timothy Ryan
Assistant General Counsel

Thank you for forwarding to this office letter and notice to the President dated May 14 and May 12, 1976, respectively. We will take the appropriate action in these matters.



THE WHITE HOUSE
WASHINGTON

May 19, 1976

MEMO FOR: General Counsel
President Ford Committee

FROM: Roland L. Elliott *RL*

Attached for your information and appropriate handling is a letter to the President dated May 14, 1976 from the Clerk of the Essex County Board of Elections, Newark, New Jersey.

Attachment



THE WHITE HOUSE
WASHINGTON

May 19, 1976

MEMO FOR: General Counsel
President Ford Committee

FROM: Roland L. Elliott *RL*

Attached for your information and appropriate handling is a notice to the President dated May 12, 1976 from the Boone County Board of Elections regarding inspection of voting machines.

Attachment



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THE WHITE HOUSE
WASHINGTON

May 24, 1976

MEMO FOR: General Counsel
 President Ford Committee

FROM: Roland L. Elliott *RL*

The attached correspondence is forwarded to you for your
information and appropriate handling.

Attachments



THE WHITE HOUSE
WASHINGTON

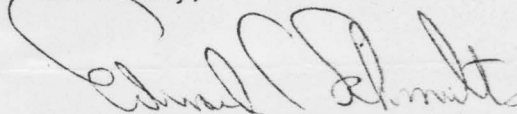
May 24, 1976

Dear Mr. Murphy:

I have today received the enclosed memorandum from IRS Commissioner Donald Alexander, concerning a letter purporting to be from President Ford which solicits contributions for the National Republican Congressional Committee from tax exempt philanthropic organizations.

Although this letter states it is soliciting funds for the National Republican Congressional Committee, the Committee's General Counsel, Jan Baran, has advised a member of my staff that the Committee has never authorized nor used such a letter. I can assure you that neither the President nor any other person at the White House, or the President Ford Committee, has authorized or approved a mailing of this sort. In view of the clearly fraudulent nature of this letter and violations of Sections 323 and 327 of Title 2, the United States Code, I refer this letter to you for appropriate investigation and handling.

Sincerely,



Edward C. Schmults
Deputy Counsel to the President

Mr. John G. Murphy
General Counsel
Federal Election Commission
1325 K Street, N. W.
Washington, D. C. 20463

Enclosure



cc: Honorable Donald Alexander
Commissioner
Internal Revenue Service

Jan Boran, Esquire
Legal Counsel
National Republican Congressional Committee

Robert P. Visser, Esquire ✓
General Counsel
President Ford Committee



Commissioner

MAY 22 1976

MEMORANDUM FOR: Honorable Edward Schmults
Deputy Counsel to the President

FROM: Donald C. Alexander
Commissioner of Internal Revenue *DA*

Apparently, this letter is being sent to tax exempt private foundations.

It is, of course, a violation of the Internal Revenue Code for an exempt private foundation to contribute to the named committee or a similar political committee. In addition, this type of activity by any organization that is exempt under section 501(c)(3) of the Code -- either a private foundation or a so-called publicly supported organization -- would jeopardize that organization's tax exempt status. Accordingly, this type of letter should not be sent to section 501(c)(3) organizations.

Attachment



GERALD R. FORD

WASHINGTON

May 10, 1976

Dear Fellow American,

I am writing you today to personally ask for your help in a matter that is of great concern to me.

Since becoming President, I have tried to achieve many things. Among them are holding the line of government spending to reduce inflation, a strong national defense, less government regulation, and a national energy program to prevent us from being at the mercy of foreign energy suppliers.

As you know, many of these efforts and other positive steps have been thwarted by a Congress heavily controlled by the Democrats. In some instances, the Congress has turned a deaf ear; in others it has written its own extravagant legislation.

What America needs is a Republican Congress working for Republican goals. Unless more Republicans are elected in 1976, inflation and excessive deficit spending will continue.

There is no better use for tax-exempt philanthropic funds than a contribution to the National Republican Congressional Committee, which stands for and embodies all of the worthy objectives set forth in § 501(c)(3) of the Internal Revenue Code.

I look forward to your participation in this important appeal. Thank you in advance for your assistance.

Sincerely,

Gerry Ford

