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Bob -

This just showed up in my ken. Had you
previously seen? Yes, & so has
GRF

Jack

December 28, 1974

Dear Bill:

Many thanks for your views regarding the
Federal Elections Commission.

I am aware of the tremendous time and
effort you put into this legislation.

Please be assured I will pass your views
along to the President and those who are
advising him on this matter.

With kindest regards, and best wishes for
the Holiday Season, I am

Sincerely,

Max L. Friedersdorf
Deputy Assistant to
the President

Honorable Bill Frenzel
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MLF:nk

bcc: Bob Hartmann w/incoming for your information



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December 19, 1974

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Mr. Max Friedersdorf
The White House
Washington, DC

Dear Max:

I want to repeat parts of our telephone conversation today for the record. As strongly as I can suggest it, I want you and the President and everybody in the White House to understand that the Federal Elections Commission was contemplated as a full-time Commission. I don't know how the law could be read any differently.

Secondly, I very much doubt whether you could pass any legislation modifying the full-time concept. I realize that Wayne Hays supports a part-time Commission, but I have serious doubts about his ability to pass such a thing next year. Even if he did, I don't see any way to get it through the Senate. The Senate has consistently supported a full-time Commission in all of its elections bills in the past four years.

Finally, for whatever my feeble efforts are worth, I would resist such legislation as strongly as I could. That bill was a struggle. I intend to support the deal that was made in all respects.

From the general political standpoint, our name is mud already, since the Commission should have been created before this time. On January 1 Members, candidates and presidential candidates will be taking actions and making decisions that require regulations and opinions. We aren't ready for them. Further, nobody in your wonderful organization has served up any budget request even though the Commission is supposed to be working and completed its regulations by the first of the year. Perhaps some of your potential employees will work for a sweet smile or a kind word.

I love and admire all of the people who you mentioned as possible candidates for the job. I could support any of them wholeheartedly if they are willing to spend full time on the job and live in

Mr. Max Friedersdorf - page 2

Washington to carry out their responsibilities. I feel very strongly that the job was not invented to supplement the retirement of any of our Members, however wonderful or however deserving.

The President signed that bill, and all of us ought to have a commitment to carry it out.

Yours very truly,



Bill Frenzel
Member of Congress

BF:pce

cc. William Walker
Hon. John Rhodes



CONGRESSIONAL RELATIONS MATTER

ROGERS, Hon. Paul G.
on behalf of a constituent
(request/for voting record of GRF
when he was a Member of Congress)

January 21, 1975

Dear Paul:

I have just recently come aboard on Bob Hartmann's staff and in going through backlogged matters I find your December letter and Max Friedersdorf's January 8 acknowledgment after which Max referred the matter to our office.

Let me try to answer your request by making a suggestion. As you know from your own experience a request for a "voting record" on a Member of Congress is extremely difficult to fill because of so many hundreds of votes made in the House in each Congress. Obviously summaries and analyses are more helpful in most cases and particularly if the requester is interested in a given type of legislation.

Clearly, we cannot furnish a detailed voting record of the President during the 24 years he served as a Member of the House. However, I would suggest that the Democratic Congressional Committee may have kept track of the voting record of then-Rep. Gerald Ford and so you might ask Ted Henshaw. Also, I seem to recall that when President Nixon nominated Mr. Ford as Vice President there were several newspaper and other stories about the general philosophical trend which his voting record had shown through the years. Perhaps Congressional Quarterly or similar publications will serve your needs.

I trust these suggestions will aid you and your staff in responding to the request of your constituent, Mr. Paul Spooner.

Sincerely,

John T. Calkins
Deputy to Counsellor Hartmann

The Honorable Paul G. Rogers
House of Representatives
Washington, D. C. 20515



bcc: Max Friedersdorf

JTC:nm

THE WHITE HOUSE
WASHINGTON

January 22, 1975

TO: ROBERT HARTMANN'S
OFFICE

FROM: MAX FRIEDERSDORF'S
OFFICE

After acknowledgment, the
Congressman's inquiry was sent
to your office for further reply.

I am hopeful, as persistent as he
is about this inquiry, that you have
been able to send the requested
information. The attached was
received in this office today.

1/22/75 Many thanks.

(sent copy of JTC's letter of 1/21/75
to Cong. Rogers to Max F.)

nm

Inreply please refer to:
FG-White House-js-Spooner

Congress of the United States

House of Representatives

Mr. Max L. Friedersdorf
Assistant to the President
The White House
Washington, D.C. 20500

January 17, 1974

Sir:

The attached communication is sent for your consideration. Please investigate the statements contained therein and forward me the necessary information for reply.

Yours truly,


M. C.

THE WHITE HOUSE

WASHINGTON

January 8, 1975

Dear Paul:

This is in reference to your request on behalf of Mr. Paul R. Spooner for the voting record of the President when he was a member of the House of Representatives.

I am sorry we are unable to find a record of your previous requests for this information, and thus the delay in your receiving this material. However, I will be pleased to ask that it be sent to you as soon as possible.

With kindest regards,

Sincerely,



Max L. Friedersdorf
Assistant to the President

The Honorable Paul G. Rogers
House of Representatives
Washington, D. C. 20515

December 9, 1974

Director
Congressional Liaison
The White House
Washington, D.C. 20500

File: FG-White House-js

Dear Sir:

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I would be grateful for any assistance you could offer in providing Mr. Spooner with this information.

Your kind attention to this matter is sincerely appreciated.

Kind regards.

Sincerely yours,

PAUL G. ROGERS, M.C.

PGR:js

October 23, 1974

Congressional Liaison
The White House
Washington, D.C. 20500

August 16, 1974
Pres. Ford's voting record
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Follow up

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In reply refer to:
FG-White House-Spooner-js

Congressional Liaison
The White House
Washington, D. C.

August 16

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August 16, 1974

Mr. Paul R. Spooner
1500 Lucerne, Apt. 501
Lake Worth, Fl 33460

File: FG-White House-js

Dear Mr. Spooner:

Thank you for your recent letter regarding President Ford's voting record during his tenure in the House of Representatives.

In nearly twenty-five years of service in the House, the President accumulated a record of thousands of votes. While there is no ready source for this record, I have forwarded your communication to the White House, where such information would be now kept.

You may be assured that I will be back in touch with you just as soon as I receive a reply.

Kind regards.

Sincerely yours,

PAUL G. ROGERS, M.C.

PGR:js

August 13--1974

Hon. Paul G Rogers
House of Representatives
Washington. D.C. 20515

Dear Sir

Of recent days Mr Gerald Ford of Michigan took the oath of office as President of the United States, Having served in the House of Rep- for twenty five years, My Colleagues and I are in disagreement as to his voting record,

I say that he was a strict conservative, They say no he was liberal., who is right, Would it be possible to obtain a list of the bills he voted for, and those he voted against, in cronological order.?,

I would appreciate very much if you could send me such a list, Or advise where it could be obtained, Thanking you ~~for such attention~~ as you may give this matter, I am

Very truly yours

Paul R. Spooner
Paul R Spooner
1500 Lucerne Apt 501
Lake Worth. Florida 33460

January 8, 1975

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cc: w/incoming to Robert Hartmann for DIRECT REPLY

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December 9, 1974

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PAUL G. ROGERS, M.C.

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Washington, D.C. 20515

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Paul Rogers
M.C.



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who puts these lists together?
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January 24, 1975

Special Secretary
(and Mrs Ford)
not for these

Dear Bill:

Thank you for sending along the letter concerning the two mayors of Lewiston and Auburn, Maine.

I can well imagine your chagrin at the news of a Democratic mayor receiving an invitation from the White House and frankly I am at a loss to explain why he would receive preferential treatment over Mayor Linnell.

I will immediately contact the offices here that would handle such invitations, Bill, and request that they cease and desist and hereafter tilt towards the Republican mayors.

I do appreciate your bringing this very serious situation to my attention and I will do all that I can to correct it.

With cordial regard, I am

Sincerely yours,

Max

Max L. Friedersdorf
Assistant to the President

Honorable William S. Cohen
House of Representatives
Washington, D.C. 20515

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

January 21, 1975

Max L. Friedersdorf
Assistant to the President
The White House
Washington, D.C.

Dear Max:

Last fall, a member of my staff talked with one of the people in your office about a problem in Maine. Since it has not been remedied, I would like to bring it to your attention directly.

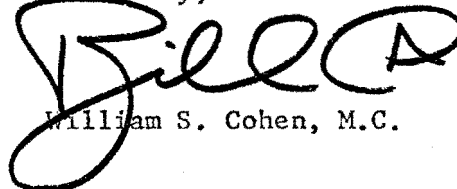
Lewiston and Auburn, Maine, are twin cities and comprise the largest metropolitan area in my Congressional District. The mayor of Lewiston, John Orestis, is a Democrat; the mayor of Auburn, John R. Linnell, is a Republican, a close friend of mine and one of the few Republican chief executives of major cities in my State. Moreover, Jack Linnell was recently elected Republican State Chairman, with my strong support.

In view of these facts, I have been somewhat at a loss to explain to Jack why his opposite number in Lewiston, Mayor Orestis, has been invited to the White House on four separate occasions since President Ford took office. It seems to me that this is carrying bipartisanship to an extreme, and it is resulting in some embarrassment for Jack in his home area.

I hope that more consideration will be given to selecting Jack when occasions arise in the future that involve consultation between the President and a group of mayors. He is an able, intelligent executive whose talents will undoubtedly gain further notice in the years ahead.

I am enclosing a newspaper clipping which summarizes the situation. Any assistance that you can provide will be greatly appreciated.

Sincerely,



William S. Cohen, M.C.

WSCdp

Lewiston Mayor Invited To ^{PPH} Ford Briefing ₁₋₁₅₋₇₅

LEWISTON, Maine (AP). — Mayor John Orestis of Lewiston will be in Washington on Thursday for a briefing by President Ford on details of his State of the Union message, set for Wednesday.

Orestis said Tuesday that 200 persons from government and public interest groups concerned with economy and energy were invited to the meeting to "provide input on implementation of some of the proposals" in the message.

Orestis, who has been to three similar sessions since August, said he received the latest invitation by telegram Monday night. He said he does not know on what basis individuals are selected for invitation.

Orestis said he was also invited to a meeting Monday with Ford's economic and energy advisers, but does not plan to attend.



THE WHITE HOUSE

WASHINGTON

February 5, 1975

MEMORANDUM FOR:

WARREN RUSTAND

FROM:

MAX FRIEDERSDORF *M.C.*

SUBJECT:

M.C. Sam Devine (R-Ohio)

Congressman Devine will be the guest speaker at the Mt. Gilead (Ohio) Lincoln Day Dinner on February 20th. The dinner will also be a tribute to Mr. Devine.

Mr. Devine's AA, Sid Hoyt called at the request of Mrs. Devine to request that the President tape a one minute audio tape, lauding his good friend Sam, which could be played at the dinner. This would be a surprise, Mr. Devine is not aware of the request.

I've talked this over with Jack Calkins, who concurs in the request.

~~Can do?~~

~~cc: Jack Calkins~~

J