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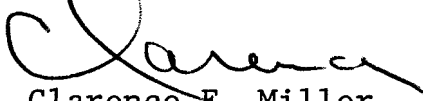
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My Dear Mr. President:

I respectfully submit the following names
for your consideration as Vice President
of the United States:

George Bush
John Rhodes

Sincerely,



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Honorable Gerald R. Ford
President of the United States
The White House
Washington, D.C.

Dear Mr. President:

This communication includes not only my recommendations for a Vice Presidential nominee, but also those of our mutual good friend, Jack Mills.

Having considered all the possibilities among the Governors, Senators, House Members and several others, I think the choice can very well be narrowed down to two. The one selected, it seems to me, should be one with whom YOU are most comfortable in all ways and who (1) can help YOU most in the next two years and (2) be most helpful in 1976 if that is your wish.

Governor Rockefeller could help both internationally and domestically. He is nationally known and has proven himself with the electorate. The investment, banking and industrial communities would surely get a lift from his appointment. He has good rapport with labor and the minorities. While he is filthy rich, he still projects an image of being able to communicate with the average individual.

There are several minuses, such as age, if we're thinking beyond 1976. He vetoed a bill having to do with abortion that would obviously arouse all the Right-to-Lifers, and our militant right-wing conservatives would no doubt be offended and may very well abstain from voting or vote against his nomination. I do think, however, there would be no question over his ultimate confirmation.

George Bush would not command all the immediate adulation simply because he hasn't had as long a proven track record in the business and industrial community, but his credentials are good. His stint as Ambassador to the United Nations would help in the international sphere. He is young and he would work night and day and he would never attempt to "upstage the boss". Aside from his projecting a "straight arrow" image, he would be acceptable to the more conservative element in the party that would be offended by the appointment of Rockefeller. In addition, I have found support for his candidacy on the Democratic

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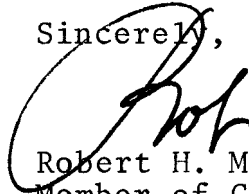
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side of the aisle from quarters I would not have believed possible, such as those who served with him on the Ways and Means Committee during his tenure in the House and they are indeed influential Democrats.

Over and above this, we may be giving one of our own a good opportunity to follow on after a six-year Ford Administration.

It's your decision to make, Mr. President. Better you than me, but I'll ride with your choice.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Roh", written over the word "Sincerely,".

Robert H. Michel
Member of Congress

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August 13, 1974

The Honorable Gerald R. Ford
The White House
Washington, D. C.

Dear President Ford:

I'm offering three recommendations for Vice President. I have tried to think of individuals who:

1. Would serve you well.
2. Were of Presidential stature.
3. Would help bring more Americans together by representing a somewhat different constituency than you.
4. Would be recognized by many Americans in all fifty states.

Listed in alphabetical order are:

SENATOR HOWARD H. BAKER, JR. - A southerner who made an excellent impression with many Americans during the Watergate hearings. He is articulate and highly intelligent. Both his parents served in the House as did his father-in-law, Everett Dirksen, who also served in the Senate.

He is keenly aware of the causes of Watergate and I feel would prove highly effective in promoting programs which would insure that a similar situation could not occur again.

AMBASSADOR GEORGE BUSH - A southern moderate who grew up in New England and has a strong House experience. Another gentleman who is highly intelligent and articulate and who has a rich background in international affairs due to the important role he played in the United Nations.

Then, too, as National Republican Chairman, he has had a fine opportunity to travel the Country and to learn of our problems first hand.

GOVERNOR NELSON A. ROCKEFELLER - He would appeal to a more liberal constituency. However, with his hard line on welfare abuse, narcotic addiction and the death penalty, he should prove far more acceptable than he would have four or five years ago. Then, too, he would bring to the job a vast experience in helping to solve large city problems as well as a thorough knowledge of state government.

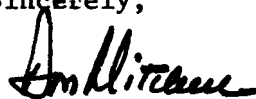
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He is a strong leader, a good administrator and is known to people in all fifty states.

Your speech last night was great. I have enclosed my comments on it.

Good luck in your important work. You are in our prayers.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in cursive script, appearing to read "D. Mitchell".

Donald J. Mitchell
Member of Congress

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I haven't felt this good about any speech by anyone in a long time. I liked the spirit and the tone. President Ford convinced me that this really is a new beginning for America. It looks like a period of hard work and fresh hope that will yield sound results. Results achieved through a new spirit of cooperation where the work of government will be conducted in the open, under the strong, positive leadership of a new and inspiring President.

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The Honorable Gerald R. Ford
The President of the United States
Washington, D. C.

Dear Mr. President:

You offer hope to our nation.

Your masterful address on Friday with emphasis on openness, candor and honesty, calls to mind a scripture verse I have used during these past two years. In Proverbs 14:34 it says "Righteousness exalteth a nation: but sin is a reproach to any people."

As you ponder your first major decision, the selection of a Vice President, I would like to offer you my thoughts and recommendations.

Governor Ronald Reagan leads my list of Vice Presidential possibilities. I believe his philosophy would continue the mandate of the 1972 election.

I feel Governor Reagan would bring to your new government the experience of an administrator, having proven himself as an effective Chief Executive in California.

Governor Reagan could continue practically without interruption your role of working for the election of Republicans in 1974 to Congress.

Senator Barry Goldwater is my second choice. He has today a higher creditability than any politician outside yourself. I find people believe in him. Senator Goldwater could restore along with you the confidence of American people in government and renew the interest of many Americans to our Party.

Ambassador George Bush I can list as a third choice without reservation. As you know, he has served our country well in

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the United Nations and as a Congressman. Further, he has represented our Party in its most difficult hour.

While I offer these three recommendations, I do hope you will choose a nominee who shares your position on the issues.

I appreciate your giving me this opportunity.

Respectfully yours,



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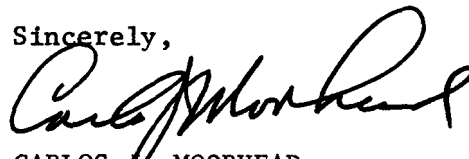
Dear Mr. President:

I believe that the man selected for your nominee as Vice President should be a man who can carry forward and be our Party nominee for Vice President two years hence and perhaps even the Presidential nominee in six years. I believe that he should be close enough to the middle of the Republican spectrum as to attract as broad a support as possible.

I believe that he should be a man who does not have a long list of built in enemies or who would detract people from our Party ticket. Certainly he must be a man of extreme integrity and capability. I also believe he should be a man who has been elected to some public office so at least a portion of some of the public has had an opportunity to pass on him.

Senator William Brock of Tennessee would fit that category as would several men in the House of Representatives. In my area and in my State, the presence of Governor Rockefeller on the ticket would almost assuredly guarantee the defeat of the Republican ticket and I would hope that he would not be your choice. This was the greatest concern that I heard at our Fundraiser last night from Republicans of all political persuasions.

Sincerely,



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

Dear Mr. President:

I appreciate the opportunity to make recommendations for your choice of Vice President.

Rather than parrot such "frontrunner" names as Elliot Richardson, Nelson Rockefeller or George Bush (any one of whom would satisfy me, and in that order), as a change of pace I respectfully urge that you consider these three:

- 1 - William Scranton
- 2 - William Ruckelshaus, or Mrs. Ruckelshaus
- 3 - Mark Hatfield

Bill Scranton has always done well every job he's ever tackled, has legislative and administrative experience, is probably a bit to the "left" of you in political posture, has great integrity, does not thirst for personal power or position...a real straight shooter! I'm very pleased to see Scranton is on your organizing team.

Bill Ruckelshaus has much the same appeal as Richardson, and has greater personality appeal...probably is fully as smart, or more so.

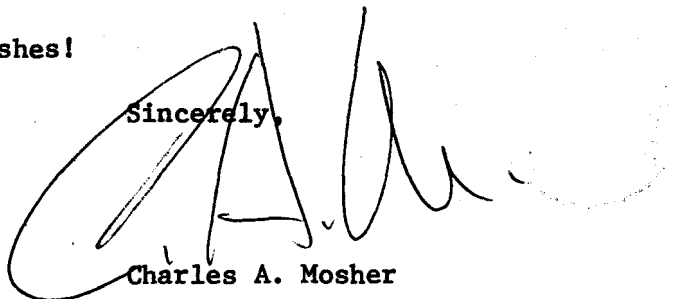
But why not Mrs. Ruckelshaus? I suggest that a smart and responsible woman would make a tremendous hit, and it's an innovation certainly inevitable soon.

Mark Hatfield has superb credentials as an experienced Governor and Senator, a Westerner, a courageous, innovative liberal.

I'm confident any of the above would serve the nation well, would serve you and our party very constructively.

Again, my enthusiastic best wishes!

Sincerely,



Charles A. Mosher

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The President
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Dear Mr. President:

Governor Nelson Rockefeller is my recommendation for Vice President. His experience and philosophy would complement and balance your administration.

Carol and I wish you Godspeed in the challenging days ahead.

Warm personal regards.

Sincerely,


John Myers

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