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August 12, 1974

The President  
The White House  
Washington, D. C.

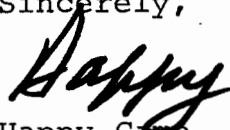
Dear Mr. President:

I have a note from John Rhodes indicating that you would appreciate receiving suggestions for the Office of Vice President.

I would highly recommend Bryce Harlow, who I believe can pull all segments of the Party together. My other choice would be our good friend, Mel Laird. I appreciate your giving me the opportunity to express my views.

I know that you have a difficult task ahead of you. I can assure you that as one Member of Congress I stand ready to assist you in any way that I can.

Sincerely,



Happy Camp  
Member of Congress

HC/jcm

Congress of the United States

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MRS. KATHLEEN DEHNEL  
EXECUTIVE SECRETARY

August 12, 1974

The President  
The White House  
Washington, D.C.

Dear Mr. President:

I strongly recommend the selection  
of the Honorable Melvin Laird to be the  
Vice President of the United States.

My second suggestion would be the  
Honorable Nelson A. Rockefeller; third  
would be U. S. Representative Donald G.  
Brotzman.

With all good wishes.

Sincerely,

  
Tim Lee Carter

TLC:kd

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**Congress of the United States**  
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August 13, 1974

Dear Mr. President:

This letter is written as requested regarding suggestions for the Office of the Vice President. While I personally discussed this matter with you I would like to put these few thoughts in writing.

There are many excellent candidates available. However, I would think that such individuals as George Bush and Nelson Rockefeller, should be given prime consideration. I will not take the time to reiterate what we have already discussed in private discussions regarding my reasons for suggesting that you give these men your serious consideration. As I have stated to you in our private conference I will fully support whatever your final decision is.

With kind regards,

Sincerely yours,



Elford A. Cederberg

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The Honorable Gerald Ford  
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The Honorable Gerald Ford  
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The Honorable John Rhodes  
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Charles E. Chamberlain  
6th District, Michigan

House of Representatives  
Washington, D. C. 20515

August 12, 1974

The Honorable Gerald R. Ford  
The President of the United States  
The White House

Dear Mr. President:

In response to your request of members of the House for suggestions to fill the vacancy in the office of the Vice President, I am satisfied that George Bush would make an excellent choice.

He is well known to members of Congress and confirmation should not be a problem. His age gives him a plus. He has a broad geographic base. His work at the United Nations has given him an international background. He is down to earth and personable, and above all, he is a strong and loyal partisan.

With my warm regards and my very best of wishes to you as you serve our country in its highest office, I am

Most respectfully yours,

Charles E. Chamberlain

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House of Representatives  
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The Honorable Gerald R. Ford  
The President of the United States  
The White House



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SHIRLEY CHISHOLM  
TWELFTH DISTRICT, NEW YORK

*Opened by  
Stan Scott  
8/13*

August 12, 1974

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

Dear Mr. President:

Please accept my sincere congratulations upon assumption of the office of the Presidency. As I stated in a press release on Friday, you have the opportunity to be a great President. I hold that wish and desire for you.

Although unsolicited, I feel compelled to convey to you my deep feeling regarding your choice of a new Vice President. It appears to me that out of all of those being mentioned for this high office, three men emerge as those who could and would provide able and progressive leadership. Pragmatically speaking, I am of course concerned about the stature and outreach ability that our Vice President would have in the minority communities.

I therefore urge you to give serious consideration to Senator Edward W. Brooke, Republican National Chairman George Bush, and my former Governor Nelson Rockefeller.

President Ford  
August 12, 1974  
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I make these recommendations only after careful thought and contemplation. As one who actively sought the Presidential nomination of my party, I can tell you by my travels that any one of these three men would offer a refreshing type of leadership which the American people so dearly want and deserve.

Again, I re-iterate the commitment of my support and energy to you and your administration in the days ahead.

Sincerely yours,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Shirley Chisholm". The signature is written in dark ink and is positioned above the typed name.

SHIRLEY CHISHOLM  
U. S. Congresswoman

**THE WHITE HOUSE**  
**WASHINGTON**

August 13, 1974

**TO: ROBERT HARTMANN**

**FROM: STANLEY S. SCOTT**  
**SPECIAL ASSISTANT**  
**TO THE PRESIDENT**

**For your information.**

✓  
DONALD D. CLANCY  
2D DISTRICT OF OHIO

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# Congress of the United States

## House of Representatives

Washington, D.C. 20515

August 13, 1974

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The Honorable Gerald R. Ford  
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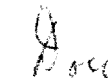
Dear Mr. President:

Pursuant to the request to submit choices for your consideration of a nominee for Vice President, I am pleased to suggest our former colleague, George H. W. Bush.

George is well qualified because of his dedication, knowledge of government functions and years of experience in various public offices. He gained the admiration and respect of his colleagues in the 90th and 91st Congresses and as a member of the Committee on Ways and Means. As a member of that committee and a former business executive, George recognizes the need for responsible government spending and a balanced budget. As the former U.S. Ambassador to the United Nations, he is well acquainted with recent U.S. foreign policy. He has a very distinguished World War II record and therefore knows the importance of a strong, ready national defense.

George Bush would make an excellent Vice President and would be a credit to the position, this nation and to those of us who would have the pleasure of approving him. I believe that he would receive swift approval in both the House and Senate.

Very truly yours,



DONALD D. CLANCY

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

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August 13, 1974

MEMORANDUM TO: Members of the Republican Steering Committee

FROM: LaMar Baker *LB*

Consistent with our policy of avoiding Committee positions, the RSC will not recommend anyone for vice president. Our Members, however, are encouraged to make their individual suggestions.

I have talked to more than 50 of our RSC members about Vice Presidential recommendations and have found throughout the House, strong first choice support for Rockefeller. We have also found first choice support for Goldwater, Reagan, Howard Baker and George Bush. Among all of the individuals who listed these first choices, we found a general acceptance of George Bush.

It is important that some mention be made of those prospects who are unacceptable to us philosophically or politically. We recommend naming anyone who for either reason is unacceptable as well as naming the person (or persons) who has your support.

Recommendations must be handed to John Rhodes, H240 of the Capitol. He has requested them by three o'clock today.

LB/ivn

TODAY'S 2:00 MEETING ON THIS SUBJECT IS CANCELLED.



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August 12, 1974

MEMORANDUM TO: Members of the Republican Steering Committee

FROM: Les Baker

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It is important that some member be made the prospect who are available to us right now. We recommend that we support Rockefeller as well as the reason (or reasons) for our support.

Recommendations must be handed to John Rockefeller at the Capitol. He has requested them by three o'clock today.

*From Don  
Clawson  
any one of  
Baker  
Rockefeller  
Bush*

EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR  
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TODAY'S 3:00 MEETING ON THIS SUBJECT IS CANCELLED

Office of the Minority Leader  
United States House of Representatives  
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John G. Rhodes  
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From Don Clausen

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Honorable Gerald R. Ford  
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Dear Mr. President:

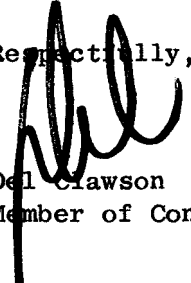
After considering the most frequently mentioned Presidential possibilities, one name emerges with an apparent consensus of support in my view... our former colleague, George Bush. His service in the House gives him a working knowledge of the legislative branch. Through his assignment at the United Nations he gained wide acquaintance with the problems of the nations of the world and their leaders. George's success in his own right in the private sector of the economy has obvious advantage in terms of his effectiveness as Vice-President. His service as Chairman of the National Committee should certainly provide the necessary understanding of the political arena with all that is involved in winning elections and maintaining a balanced two-party system.

He is young, attractive, an able spokesman, with demonstrated appeal to a broad cross-section of the American public, from students to senior citizens.

On the other hand, Mr. President, in the unlikely event that your choice has primary reference only to the requirements of the next two years, apart from future party ramifications, there are two outstanding names which I feel certain require no additional underscoring from me... Senator Barry Goldwater and our California Governor, Ronald Reagan. I am also confident that your knowledge of the Congress supports the pragmatic conviction that the appointment of George Bush will avoid potential bloc opposition to be anticipated from some other names which have received prominent mention.

Thank you for your consideration of this request for the nomination of George Bush and for your courtesy in inviting our suggestions. On a personal note, I would add that I hope I have as much reason to be proud of this choice as for my last recommendation for the office of Vice-President.

Respectfully,

  
Del Clawson  
Member of Congress

DC:ac

**Congress of the United States**

**House of Representatives**

**Washington, D.C. 20515**

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A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Al Lawson". The signature is fluid and cursive, with a large initial "A" and "L".

**M.C.**

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



HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES  
WASHINGTON, D. C. 20515

J  
JAMES C. CLEVELAND  
SECOND DISTRICT  
NEW HAMPSHIRE

Dear Mr. President

Thanks for the opportunity  
to suggest candidates for vice-  
president.

William Rockefeller, George  
Bush & Bony Alderwater are  
my three suggestions, but whoever  
you chose will be O.K. by me.

Congratulations on a great start

Yours  
James C. Cleveland

HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES  
WASHINGTON, D. C. 20515

President Ford

VIP suggestions

Business of John Rhodes