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October 1, 1974

Pardon
~~David~~
~~D. G. [unclear]~~

Dear Mr. David:

Thank you for your letter of September
twenty-second, concerning former
President Nixon.

I appreciate your comments and views
on this very complex subject. It is one
which has greatly divided our nation.

Sincerely,

Philip W. Buchen
Counsel to the President

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Sir,

Re: THE NIXON AFFAIR

As a die hard Democrat prejudiced against Republicans I must candidly say that Nixon will go down in history as the greatest of Presidents or incumbents of the Whitehouse. His worst mistake was to resign as no Senate would have ever impeached him. Had he been acquitted on the impeachment the talk of further prosecution would be senseless. No man can be tried on alleged offences whilst he was President. Impeachment was provided for that. Mr. Nixon should ignore all summonses to Court relating to matters whilst he was in the White House and should challenge such summonses in the highest Court in the land. The howl for Nixon's blood is as ugly as those of savage winds and may not subside until the victim is devoured. I ask all rightminded people to save from mob rule and mob psychology.

International Jurist
Sincerely
P. David

*Not
checking for
I don't think we
should respond*

Parsons

October 1, 1974

Florence Brown
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Grand Rapids, Michigan 49502

Dear Florence:

Enclosed please find a copy of a reply I received from Joseph Kraft;
as those lawyers say, 'I think the document speaks for itself'.

It was very nice talking with you the other day and wish you continued
success with the firm, however, perhaps you should "hold your nose
and jump in."

Very truly yours,

Thomas M. Powers

TMP/bce
Enc.

CC: Philip Buchen
Chief Counsel to the President
Whitehouse
Washington, D.C. 20530



Joseph Kraft
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Washington, D. C. 20007

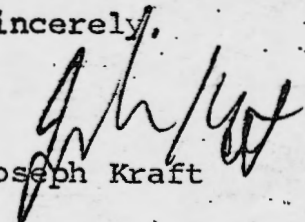
September 27, 1974

Mr. Thomas M. Powers
510 South Park Street
Kalamazoo, Michigan 49007

Dear Mr. Powers:

I think the phrase "small-time lawyer" was unfortunate. But I still believe Mr. Buchen was not cognisant of the large public policy issues at stake in the pardon negotiations. While I think his background, as described by your letter, is evidence of talent and success, I don't think that it goes deeply into profound questions of public policy. In closing, let me thank you for taking the trouble to write.

Sincerely,


Joseph Kraft

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October 1, 1974

Dear Mr. and Mrs. Hodapp:

I have received your telegram of September eighth, concerning the pardon granted to former President Nixon. Your message is brief and clear, and I appreciate the time you took to express your view. Your right to vote for whomever you choose, in 1976, is unquestionably yours. But, I would like to make one brief comment. The President is a man whom I have known personally for most of my life. He is not given to making "deals" as you have suspected. Nothing could be more alien to his ways. I appreciate the fact that you honestly disagree with his decision, but in time I hope you will come to recognize that he is a man of great principle.

Sincerely,

Phillip W. Buchen
Counsel to the President

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PHILIP BUCHEN
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Pardon

October 1, 1974

Dear Mrs. Gogan:

Thank you very much for your letter of September 18, 1974, concerning President Ford's announcement of a pardon for the former President.

I realize from your letter that you strongly disagree with President Ford's decision although I note that you would not have liked to see Mr. Nixon serve a prison sentence. In part, President Ford's decision was intended to prevent the inevitable divisiveness of a long trial. On the other hand, he had to consider at what stage a pardon would be appropriate, if at all. I can only assume that you would have favored a pardon after trial before service of sentence. But, this would have caused our nation to endure the pain of such a trial and the accompanying polarization of our people. The President's early decision was a just compromise calculated to prevent such an occurrence. It was born of his own sense of mercy.

I hope in the months ahead you will come to believe that President Ford did make the best decision. I do thank you, on his behalf, for expressing your concerns.

Most sincerely yours,

Philip W. Buchen
Counsel to the President

Mrs. P. F. Gogan
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Centerville, Massachusetts 02632



Pardon

October 1, 1974

Dear Mr. Jones:

Thank you very much for your letter of September 17, 1974, concerning the pardoning of former President Nixon.

I believe that our courts and juries must administer justice, but justice must and should be tempered with mercy. The pardon power is the President's exclusive right under the Constitution to show mercy. The case of the former President grossly divided our nation; to show mercy to him is also to bind our country's wounds. I hope in time you will come to believe that President Ford did make the right decision.

Most sincerely yours,

Philip W. Buchen
Counsel to the President

Mr. R. Jones
5600 North Hollywood
Bel Aire, California 90028



Pardon

October 1, 1974

Dear Mr. Hinton:

Thank you very much for your letter of September 25, 1974, concerning the pardoning of former President Nixon.

I believe that our courts and juries must administer justice, but justice must and should be tempered with mercy. The pardon power is the President's exclusive right under the Constitution to show mercy. The case of the former President grossly divided our nation; to show mercy to him is also to bind our country's wounds. I hope in time you will come to believe that President Ford did make the right decision.

Most sincerely yours,

Phillip W. Buchen
Counsel to the President

Mr. Lloyd Hinton
4112 Rosemary Street
Chevy Chase, Maryland 20015



Pardon

October 1, 1974

Dear Mr. and Mrs. Hentoff:

Thank you very much for your telegram of September 8, 1974, concerning the pardoning of former President Nixon.

I believe that our courts and juries must administer justice, but justice must and should be tempered with mercy. The pardon power is the President's exclusive right under the Constitution to show mercy. The case of the former President grossly divided our nation; to show mercy to him is also to bind our country's wounds. I hope in time you will come to believe that President Ford did make the right decision.

Most sincerely yours,

Phillip W. Buchen
Counsel to the President

Mr. and Mrs. Nat Hentoff
25 Fifth Avenue
New York, New York 10003



October 2, 1974

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Dear Bruce:

Many thanks for your good letter in support
of our President.

I do appreciate hearing from you.

Very best regards.

Sincerely yours,

Phillip W. Buchen
Counsel to the President

Mr. A. Bruce Matthews
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A. BRUCE MATTHEWS

202 EAST FOURTH STREET, HINSDALE, ILLINOIS 60521

Sunday, Sept. 14, 1974

Dear Phil:

I WANT YOU TO KNOW THAT I SUPPORT THE PRESIDENT'S ACTION IN PARDONING FORMER PRESIDENT NIXON. IT TOOK COURAGE AND GUTS BUT IT WAS RIGHT. MY RESPECT FOR PRESIDENT FORD CLIMBED AND I BELIEVE THE AMERICAN PEOPLE WILL RECONSIDER THEIR INITIAL REACTION AS THE TRUTH ROLLS IN. GOD KNOWS THIS COUNTRY NEEDS PEOPLE LIKE PRESIDENT FORD TO GIVE US THE REASON TO WORK TO MOVE OUR COUNTRY FORWARD. A WEAK LEADER, WE DO NOT NEED. A STRONG ONE WILL CARRY US THROUGH THESE DIFFICULT



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A. BRUCE MATTHEWS

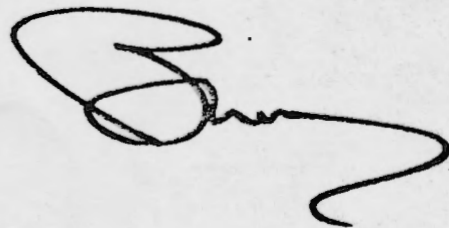
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and, for most of us,
unique timer.

Please tell the President
that he has my support and
as you know, I am willing
to pitch in to help
wherever I can.

With warmest personal regards.

Sincerely,



Ferr
Pardon

October 2, 1974

Dear Bob:

Your recent letter was so firmly written that I am genuinely concerned my response will fall short of an explanation that will be satisfactory to you.

The decision which President Ford made was surely a difficult and personal one. If he had waited until the prosecutorial process had commenced it does appear that the decision would have been less controversial. Finally, if the President had granted a pardon after trial in which a conviction were obtained against the former President I cannot imagine that the decision would have been made easier.

Many people believe the judicial process was obviated. To the contrary, I believe the former President's case received wide public disclosure in the press and the House Judiciary Committee hearings. His resignation from the highest office in our land is self-explanatory. The time is now to begin the long arduous process of healing. President Ford, as our leader, has endeavored to do just that by his early action.

I hope in time you will come to see the wisdom in this act.

Sincerely,

Philip W. Buchen
Counsel to the President

Dr. Robert S. Levine
1231 Bolton, S. E.
Grand Rapids, Michigan 49506



11-2-17
Dear Phil,

Thank you for a most thoughtful reply to my letter. Although my reaction to the pardon remains unchanged I am convinced now that there was no concealed motives behind it. In spite of that, I fear that Paul Geibel's candidacy was hurt by virtue of that action. The President's recent visit to Grand Rapids may have helped some & did, in fact, change the mind of 2 men I know. After they met the President & spoke with him, they felt strongly moved to revise their vote back to the Republican Party.

I wish you the greatest of good fortunes in your work. We all benefit from it. Mary & I send our fondest wishes to Bernice. She must have Washington by the tail now. Sincerely,
Bob Currier

Mr. Philip Buchen
White House Counsel
Washington, D.C.

Dear Phil,

I suspect you have already seen this article from the front page of the Grand Rapids Press. I have never been a vocal political man in the usual sense, although I have spent many hours in the arena of local medical politics where my views are rather uniformly unpopular with my colleagues. I have always espoused, perhaps naively, what I fervently thought was an honest + self-critical conservatism.

As did most of the rest of the country, I counted myself among the staunchest supporters of Mr. Ford administration. The past 2 days, however, have left me bewildered + disillusioned. I cannot admit that there is no conceivable combination or permutation capable of producing an honest, trustworthy + just administration for this country. I say that at the risk of sounding like a Boy Scout - and that's not all bad!!! I do, however, at this point, find it difficult to believe that I will be able to accept at face value the offerings of this, or any other Republican administration.

Please understand that although I vehemently disagree with the pardon granted to Mr. Nixon as a flagrant double standard of justice, the final blow to my trust is the duplicity of

the judicial system of this country to first determine whether or not a pardon was even required. As trying as that process would have been, it was necessary. If the rash is only a manifestation of systemic disease, we don't help the disease by putting ointment on the rash.

I write this to you, because I have known you as a kind, thoughtful gentleman with great sensitivity. I write not to rebuke you, but to tell you of my terrible disappointment. I have on my desk an envelope addressed to the Joel for Congress Committee. This was to be my first contribution to a political candidate from this district. Not only can I not make that contribution; I cannot vote for that party.

I wish you good luck in your most demanding job. It is impossible for me to believe that you suggested or even enthusiastically endorsed this action. I, therefore, still remain a Bucher supporter.

Sincerely yours,
Bob Levine.
R. S. Levine. M.D.

Pardon

October 2, 1974

Dear Jerry:

There is a great deal of thought, reflection, advice and study that goes into the making of a Presidential decision of the magnitude of that which resulted in a pardon for the former President. I would hope that you could find a tiny bit of trust to place in the President on this matter.

Sincerely,

**Philip W. Buchen
Counsel to the President**

**Professor Jerry Donohue
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Philadelphia, Pennsylvania 19174**



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Department of Chemistry - D5

September 9, 1974

Mr. Philip Buchen
c/o The White House
Washington, D. C. 20500

Dear Phil:

I sincerely hope that President Ford's action of yesterday in pardoning - prior to indictment, trial, conviction, or revelation of the details that all Americans are entitled to - the "I am not a crook" was not a result of your advice. If so, what a sad day for Sheboygan.

Sincerely yours,



Jerry Donohue
Professor of Chemistry

JD:ms



October 2, 1974

Pardon

Dear Mr. Lenihan:

I have received your letter of September twenty-eighth. Please be assured it is always your right to disagree and this right will always be respected by President Ford.

The First Lady is making an excellent recovery. Thank you very much for your thoughtful good wishes. I will pass them along to Mrs. Ford.

Most sincerely yours,

Philip W. Buchan
Counsel to the President

Mr. L. K. Lenihan
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Brooklyn Heights, New York 11201



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September 28, 1974

Dear Mr. Buchen:

Thank you for your reply to my letter of September 3 protesting Presidential action in pardoning Mr. Nixon before a trial and possible conviction.

However much I still disagree with this action I feel this is no time to indulge in recrimination in view of the travail both the President and Mrs. Ford are undergoing. I am sure that everyone throughout this broad land would join me in wishing Mrs. Ford a speedy and full recovery.

Sincerely yours

L. K. Lenihan
Liam Keith Lenihan



October 2, 1974

Pardon

Dear Frank:

I too am sorry that you cannot support the President's decision to grant a pardon to the former President. It was a very difficult and personal action that only he could take.

In time I hope you will come to believe that President Ford did choose the right course.

Most sincerely yours,

Philip W. Buchen
Counsel to the President

Mr. Frank van Halsema
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10 September 1974

Mr. Philip Buchen
The White House Counsel
The White House
Washington, D. C.

Dear Phil:

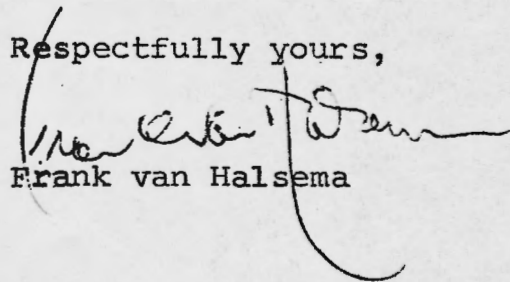
I am sorry about the occasion that leads me to write again so soon after my congratulatory note of a few days ago.

In granting the former president that unconditional pardon, President Ford made his first mistake, and a very big one indeed.

Now we hear blanket pardons are contemplated for all others involved in the Watergate mess. No mercy here, but unmitigated madness!

Remember how Watergate just wouldn't go away. I'm afraid last Sunday's act of executive clemency has generated a momentous karma that is going to be with all of us for a very difficult and very long time to come.

Respectfully yours,



Frank van Halsema



Pardon

October 2, 1974

Dear Mr. Model:

I have received your most recent letter of September twenty-eighth. Please be assured that the President is fully aware of your feelings and indeed those of many Americans. This is a difficult time involving not only the transition from one President to another, but a reunion of our people.

You should certainly continue to express your views. But I would ask you again to join President Ford in shaping a positive future for our country. This is not a generality, it is a very real purpose.

Sincerely,

Phillip W. Buchen
Counsel to the President

Mr. F. Peter Model
F. P. Model & Company
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28th September 1974

Mr. Philip W. Buchen
Counsel to the President of the U.S.
The White House
Washington, D.C.

PERSONAL

My dear Mr. Buchen:

You are most thoughtful to take the time to respond to my somewhat intemperate note of the 11th -- for which, I suppose, I owe you an apology. At the time of its writing, I was terribly put out by the preceding events, and the Southern Poverty Law Center mailingpiece was the nearest thing handy for throwing.

While I am grateful to receive your letter, appreciating the fact that for the first time in God knows how many years, someone from the White House has actually bothered to respond directly, I do want to let you -- and the President -- know the extent of my hurt as well as anger.

I was one who rejoiced at the thought that, at long last, the Imperial Presidency had been ended: the sight of Jerry Ford with his feet on the desk, bouncing on a trampoline, wearing clothes like the rest of us, etc. -- superficialities, I admit -- was pleasing because of what it symbolized and even suggested. An open Presidency, an open door. Then came Bloody Sunday, and all the evocations of the Johnson-Nixon years: the surreptitious deal struck behind closed doors without benefit of considering the feelings of hundreds of millions of people, the fait-accomplis with no reprieve, and so forth.

At no time did I quarrel with the argument that at some point in time a Presidential Pardon would be in order; indeed, Mr. Ford had even prepared us for the very likelihood that he would -- after justice had run its course -- issue such a Pardon. While I am not among those who feel that Nixon should not be punished for his alleged criminal acts, I would have drawn the line to a sentence at Lompoc or Leavenworth. So I would have settled for that statement of contrition that the President apparently sought, but did not get.

But what is most upsetting -- more so than the "tape-deal" which, at this writing, seems headed for review and, hopefully, revision and

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Mr. Philip W. Buchen
28th September 1974
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correction -- is that the cloying persistency of Nixon's moral obtuse-
ness was merely strengthened by Mr. Ford's unfortunate act.

The written -- and taped -- record is replete with chapter and verse
of Nixon's boundless turpitude. He has been literally driven from of-
fice. And yet, with an author's advance from Warner Communications
in Ziegler's pocket, the St. Helena at San Clemente excessively fur-
nished at the taxpayer's nonretrievable expense, this "awful man" (to
quote Rep. Anderson) has the consummate gall to voice "irritation" at
the way this presumably-ungrateful nation is conducting itself. Nixon
expects to be honored in forced retirement with all the emoluments be-
stowed upon his predecessors. Has he no decency ?

We may rant and rave at Nixon's incredible chutzpah -- and wonder
whether things might not have been different had Mr. Ford not been
taken in. For that is the only emotional straw for people like me to
clutch -- the only rational explanation we can muster: good old Jerry
Ford was suckered by the slickest con-man in American political history.

The very least you, as Counsel to the President, can do at this point
would be to advise Mr. Ford to back off as rapidly as possible. For
example, to stop sending, at taxpayer expense, that briefing mission
to Casa Pacifica; to issue some sort of statement supporting Mr. Jawor-
sky; to sign into law the various Congressional bills that have been
drafted to put an end to the Presidential Papers abuse.

That entire crowd out there is unclean, and the longer Mr. Ford contin-
ues to deal with them as if they represented a government-in-exile,
the longer we will all wallow in Watergate.

An enormous amount of goodwill has now gone by the boards; it may be
too much to expect it to be replenished. A pity. I so much wanted this
President to "bring us together."

Most cordially,

F. Peter Model



October 2, 1974

Pardon

Dear Bill:

Hearing from old friends warms my heart, and I appreciated having your comments about the President's decision to grant a pardon to the former President. I will pass on your words of support and encouragement to him.

Bunny and I are always pleased to hear from you.

Most sincerely yours,

Philip W. Buchen
Counsel to the President

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September 10, 1974

Mr. Philip Buchen
Counsel to the President
The White House
Washington, D. C.

Dear Phil:

Bully for Jerry. Now we have a President who is not afraid to make whatever decision he thinks is best, regardless of political consequences. Of course, the Democrats and the media don't like to see Nixon pardoned. After all, they have spent two years trying to get him and they wouldn't be satisfied with anything less than crucifixion. As far as fer Horst is concerned, he has certainly shown his stripe - good riddance.

Give my best to Bunny, and thanks for her nice letter.

Yours,

Bill
O. W. Lowry

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October 2, 1974

Dear Frank:

It was very thoughtful of you to write and I know the President will deeply appreciate your encouraging words when I have a moment to relay them to him.

Bunny and I both appreciate your and Betty's thoughtfulness.

Most sincerely yours,

Philip W. Buchan
Counsel to the President

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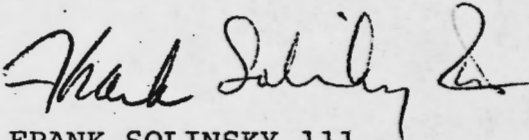
September 9, 1974

Philip W. Buchen
The White House
Washington, D.C. 20500

Dear Phil:

The President's decision to pardon Nixon was courageous and revealed his ability not only to make tough decisions, but to govern. Betty joins me in this thought and with best wishes to you.

Sincerely,



FRANK SOLINSKY 111

P.S. Are you hearing
from a lot of old
friends these days?



October 2, 1974

Dear Sam:

How can I not respond to such a warm gracious letter from you. "My client" is quite a man, with a tremendous ability to choose the right path for our nation. I only hope that I can serve him well by handling the many very complex problems here to ease his burden.

The First Lady is doing just great! She is truly a magnificent person.

Thank you so very much for your thoughtful letter.

Most sincerely yours,

Philip W. Buchan
Counsel to the President

Mr. Samuel M. Dix
320 Federal Square Building
Grand Rapids, Michigan 49502



September 9, 1974

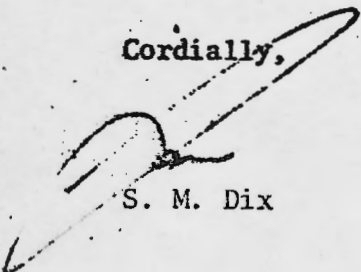
Mr. Phillip W. Buchen
The White House
Washington, D. C. 20500

Dear Phill:

Congratulations on your client's decision to pardon Mr. Nixon. You are aware of my early concern for the gentleman's removal, and it is almost as important today that the whole thing be put behind us. The government has too many problems to allow more time to be consumed in this situation.

Again, no answer needed.

Cordially,



S. M. Dix



October 2, 1974

Dear Mr. Hamp:

Thank you very much for your kind letter of September twenty-fifth. It was very thoughtful of you to take time and write. I am so very pleased that you are happy with the President's decision about amnesty as well as his action granting the former President a pardon. Both of these courses were taken after very thorough reflection.

You make a very interesting suggestion concerning alternate service in Honduras. My initial reaction is that blanket amnesty for evaders performing this service, would create a disparity in the treatment accorded those who have already entered alternate service. However, I will give your suggestion further consideration.

It's always a pleasure to hear from those who are a part of my past association at Grand Valley State College.

Most sincerely yours,

Philip W. Buchan
Counsel to the President

Mr. Lawrence F. Hamp
Box 231
Chassell, Michigan 49916



September 25, 1974

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Chassell, Michigan
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Mr. Phillip Buchen
The White House
1600 Pennsylvania Ave.
Washington, D. C.

Dear Mr. Buchen:

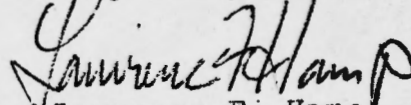
You may or may not remember me from Grand Valley State College, but I am happily amazed at the President's official actions to date. I wrote the day he was sworn in suggesting amnesty for the ex-President and a "work-your-way-back" amnesty for Vietnam era draft evaders.

I do not believe the President could have gone further at the time, and supported his position. However, as you are aware, many of the war protesors felt that Vietnam was a negative manifestation of foreign involvement, immoral as it were, and hence the could morally refuse to partake. There is now an opportunity for the President to provide for the return of those who want to come, while effectively blunting the cries of those who want to make his program ineffective.

I would suggest that the President offer a blanket amnesty to any draft evader who will do service in Honduras to help minimize the effect of the recent natural disaster there. No one can deny that it is a service both moral and necessary. Surely our government will be forced to a major effort in any event.

I write you in hopes that someone will at least consider the idea. Thank you very much.

Very truly yours,


Lawrence F. Hamp



October 2, 1974

Dear Dr. Fryer:

There is a great deal of thought, reflection, advice and study that goes into the making of a Presidential decision of the magnitude of that which resulted in a pardon for the former President. I would hope that you could find a tiny bit of trust to place in the President on this matter.

Sincerely,

Philip W. Buchen
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PMS PHILIP BUCHEN ESQ

WHITE HOUSE

WASHINGTON DC

DEAR PHIL MR FORD CANNOT AND MUST NOT PERPETUATE THE EVIL INHERENT
IN HIS PARDON OF MR NIXON BY GRANTING UNIVERSAL AMNESTY TO WATERGATE
DEFENDENTS. IF HE DOES THAT, HIS PARDON AND PRESIDENTIAL PARDONS
GENERALLY WILL BEGIN TO MEAN NOTHING. I CANNOT BELIEVE THAT
YOU SUPPORT THIS IMMORAL ACTION TO CONTINUE TO COVERUP IMMORAL
ACTS. WONT HE LISTEN TO YOU? DID YOU GET MY HAPPIER LETTER LAST
WEEK? I HOPE TO HEAR FROM YOU SOON. REGARDS

JOHN FRYER MD 138 W WALNUT LN PHILADELPHIA PA 19144

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PMS PHILIP BUCHEN ESQ

WHITE HOUSE

WASHINGTON DC

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WEEK? I HOPE TO HEAR FROM YOU SOON. REGARDS

JOHN FRYER MD 138 W WALNUT LN PHILADELPHIA PA 19144

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October 2, 1974

Dear Mr. Mohney:

I welcomed with great interest your thoughtful suggestion that the President appoint a commission to re-examine our penal system. You have rightly pinpointed an area that demands a great deal of attention. I will most assuredly give it a thorough review.

You seem thoroughly convinced that the President has interfered with the judicial process and I doubt that my words could reverse your opinion. But I would urge you to consider that the former President's case was commenced in the House of Representatives under the Constitutional process. The resignation which followed the report issued by the House Judiciary Committee seems to be self-explanatory and I wonder whether enough of the process has not in fact been accomplished so that we as a nation might not begin the effort to heal this wound.

I hope you know that I appreciate your candor.

Most sincerely yours,

Philip W. Buchen
Counsel to the President

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September 12, 1974

Mr. Phillip W. Buchen
Advisor to the President
The White House
Washington, D.C. 20500

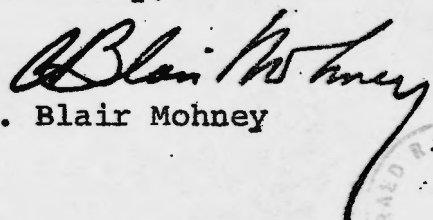
Dear Phil:

I am writing to you because my letter may stand little chance of getting consideration by the President and because you are a fellow Grand Rapids attorney. Many people in Grand Rapids feel that President Ford has interfered with the judicial process in issuing a pardon to former President Nixon and have expressed considerable concern that possible pardons of other persons convicted of Watergate offenses is something less than the level and equal hand of justice.

I would hope as a solution to the serious loss of confidence in President Ford as expressed by many citizens as a result of the Nixon pardon, that you may be in a position to assist President Ford in regaining his personal popularity and esteem by a direct attack on the total penal system. I would hope that President Ford would appoint a commission to study and report on the penal system in the United States as it relates to people in all segments of our society, considering fully the punitive and rehabilitation purposes served. I strongly believe that we live in an enlightened age and the time has arrived for us to give serious concern to the purposes of society in establishing a penal system.

IMPORTANT HERE ALSO is my belief that the appointment of a commission to review the total penal system would assist the public in understanding the sum of President Ford's motives in pardoning President Nixon and possibly others, and giving the public generally to understand his deep concern in this area. I am trusting that you will give serious consideration to this suggestion.

Sincerely,


C. Blair Mohney



Evans

is there a
single file on
petitions -

this should be
filed there or
w/ Nixon pardon
records.



October 3, 1974

Dear Mr. Addabbo:

This will acknowledge and thank you for your September 30 letter with which you forwarded petitions opposing the granting of a pardon to the former President from Mrs. Willa Eaton of Jamaica, New York.

You may assure your constituent that these will be called to the attention of the President at the earliest opportunity.

With best regards,

Sincerely,

William E. Timmons
Assistant to the President

The Honorable Joseph P. Addabbo
House of Representatives
Washington, D.C. 20515

cc: w/coming to Philip Buchen for appropriate handling

WET:EF:VO:ki



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OZONE PARK, NEW YORK 11416

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September 30, 1974

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The Honorable William E. Timmons
Assistant to President Ford
The White House
Washington, D. C.

Dear Mr. Timmons:

Complying with the request of my constituent, Mrs. Willa Eaton of Jamaica, New York, I am enclosing herewith her correspondence to me dated September 23, 1974.

Your comments in acknowledging receipt of this correspondence will be appreciated. Thank you.

Sincerely yours,


JOSEPH P. ADDABBO, M. C.

JPA/hbg
enclosure



115-61 205th. Street
Jamaica, N. Y. 11412

September 23, 1974

Honorable Joseph P. Addabbo
Congressman 7th. C. D.
House of Representatives
The Capitol
Washington, D.C. 20515

Dear Congressman Addabbo:

Please "hand deliver" the enclosed petitions to President Gerald R. Ford.

With all the "dirty tricks" in the White House I fear that the letter will not let these petitions reach the President, nor his assistant.

My sincere appreciation.

Sincerely yours,

Willa Eaton
Willa Eaton, Constituent 7th. C. D.

WE/2



September 9, 1974

To: President Gerald R. Ford

From: Voting Constituents

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Pardon

Thursday 10/3/74

12:10 Commander Kerr said they have located the tape of the President's news conference of August 2 which he had in the South. He is going over to pick it up right now.

