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For Dudley to report  
back to me with  
proposed further reply  
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memberships

11/26  
November 21, 1974

Dear Senator:

Thank you for your letter of November 18 to the President with which you forwarded to him a life membership card as an Honorary Noble in the Fremont County Shrine Club.

I will be pleased to make certain the President receives your letter as soon as possible.

With warm regard,

Sincerely,

Tom C. Kerolegos  
Deputy Assistant  
to the President

The Honorable Clifford P. Hansen  
United States Senate  
Washington, D. C. 20510



bcc: w/lacoming to Philip Buchen for further reply

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CLIFFORD P. HANSEN  
WYOMING

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*Honorary membership*

United States Senate

WASHINGTON, D.C. 20510

November 18, 1974

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*BT*

The President  
The White House  
Washington, D. C. 20500

Dear Mr. President:

I am pleased to have the opportunity to forward the enclosed life membership card as an Honorary Noble in the Fremont County Shrine Club.

The Riverton Shriners and I are proud of your long-time associations with Wyoming, and it gives me great pleasure to add my voice of approval to this action.

With best regards,

Sincerely,



Clifford P. Hansen  
U S S

CPH:me

Enclosure





**FREMONT COUNTY SHRINE CLUB**

RIVERTON, WYOMING

THIS IS TO CERTIFY THAT:

MEMBER'S SIGNATURE

NOBLE GERALD R. FORD  
LIFE TIME

IS A MEMBER IN GOOD STANDING FOR THE YEAR \_\_\_\_\_

*Thos. Ludlow* SECRETARY      *George R. Gay* PRESIDENT



# Fremont County Shrine Club



JURISDICTION KALIF TEMPLE, SHERIDAN, WYOMING

P. O. Box 176  
RIVERTON, WYOMING 82501

October 1, 1974

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

Dear Mr. President:

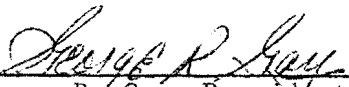
With profound pride, and sincere high esteem, we have proudly learned of your early-life background visits to Riverton, Wyoming, and cherish this knowledge with reverence and an honorable, brotherly Masonic affection.

Our local Shrine affiliation of the majestic Masonic bodies, cordially invite you to be one of us, - perhaps, if only in spirit.

We humbly present the enclosed life-time membership card as an Honorary Noble of our Riverton, Wyoming organization.

Most sincerely - yours in the Faith

FREMONT COUNTY SHRINE CLUB,

  
George R. Gay, President

Copies: Senator Clifford Hansen  
Senate Building  
Washington, D.C.

Potentate - Kalif Temple, AAONMS.  
Sheridan, Wyoming



# Fremont County Shrine Club



JURISDICTION KALIF TEMPLE, SHERIDAN, WYOMING

P. O. Box 176  
RIVERTON, WYOMING 82501

## FREMONT COUNTY SHRINE CLUB MEMBERS

Thomas Lindsey      Bruce Mansfield  
Kenneth S. Walter      George R. Gay  
Tommy J. Shaw  
Lawrence A. Blanchard  
Ray A. Knepp  
Archie L. Good  
Kathie Kendall-Brown  
Charles Powell  
Hester C. Blacker  
K. L. Moffett  
Donald K. Loggins  
Ralph H. Schaefer  
Lawrence L. Lund  
W. D. Hall  
Dick Lane  
A. W. Hursch  
Vernon Walter  
J. L. Nickars  
John D. Raymond  
D. G. Huff  
Fred R. Nelson



November 22, 1974

Dear Miss Jones:

On behalf of President Ford, I want to thank you for your letter.

It was thoughtful of you to write about the Dance-A-Thon in which you will participate on November 29 and 30, and I am sorry that this must be a disappointing reply. As a matter of long-standing policy brought about by the great number of worthwhile requests received each day by the President, it is not possible for him to lend support or otherwise endorse fundraising endeavors. However, you may be sure your efforts are appreciated, and the President has asked me to convey his warm good wishes for every success in your efforts.

Sincerely,

Roland L. Elliott  
Special Assistant  
to the President

Miss Debbie Jones  
c/o Rapides High School  
Post Office Box 519  
Leecompte, Louisiana 71346

cc: Office of the Legal Counsel

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file  
November 22, 1974

Dear Teresa:

The President has asked me to thank you for your letter. You may be sure he greatly appreciated your interest, but because he receives so many requests to sponsor various events it is impossible for him to comply with them. He knows you will understand.

With the President's best wishes.

Sincerely,

Roland L. Elliott  
Special Assistant  
to the President

Miss Teresa Ruckman  
16519 120th Avenue, SE.  
Renton, Washington 98055

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cc: Office of the Legal Counsel



**November 25, 1974**

**Dear Mrs. Fears:**

**I wish to thank you for your letter to the President who was pleased to hear from you.**

**As much as the President would like to help in the worthy undertakings brought to his attention, he receives so many requests for sponsorships from various groups and organizations that, in all fairness, it is impossible for him to single out one particular cause. I am sure you will understand.**

**With the President's best wishes.**

**Sincerely,**

**Roland L. Elliott  
Special Assistant  
to the President**

**Mrs. Theatrice Fears  
1623 Harmon Street  
Berkeley, California 94703**

**cc: Office of Legal Counsel**



November 25, 1974

Dear Mr. Braun:

I wish to thank you for your letter to the President who was pleased to hear from you.

As much as the President would like to help in the worthy undertakings brought to his attention, he receives so many requests for sponsorships from various groups and organizations that, in all fairness, it is impossible for him to single out one particular cause. I am sure you will understand.

With the President's best wishes.

Sincerely,

Roland L. Elliott  
Special Assistant  
to the President

Mr. Eric Braun  
7450 Wianetka Heights Drive  
Minneapolis, Minnesota 55427

✓ cc: Office of Legal Counsel

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**November 25, 1974**

**Dear Mr. Rische:**

**I wish to thank you for your letter to the President who was pleased to hear from you.**

**As much as the President would like to help in the worthy undertakings brought to his attention, he receives so many requests for sponsorships from various groups and organizations that, in all fairness, it is impossible for him to single out one particular cause. I am sure you will understand.**

**With the President's best wishes.**

**Sincerely,**

**Reiland L. Elliott  
Special Assistant  
to the President**

**Mr. Eugene W. Rische  
4324 North Rutherford Avenue  
Harwood Heights, Illinois 60634**

**cc: Office of Legal Counsel**



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*Memberships*

THE WHITE HOUSE  
WASHINGTON

November 26, 1974

ADMINISTRATIVELY ~~CONFIDENTIAL~~

MEMORANDUM FOR: PHILIP BUCHEN  
FROM: JERRY H. JONES  
SUBJECT: Responsible Adviser to Decide  
on Memberships and Endorsements

Your memorandum to the President of November 19 on the above subject has been reviewed and your recommendation approved with the following notation:

-- But I would like opportunity to review decisions before final action.

cc: Don Rumsfeld



THE WHITE HOUSE  
WASHINGTON

memberships  
chairmanships

For Dudley C.  
to prepare  
comments.  
I would suggest  
declining each  
request.  
J.



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THE WHITE HOUSE  
WASHINGTON

Date: November 29, 1974

MEMORANDUM FOR: PHIL BUCHEN

FROM: WILLIAM W. NICHOLSON

SUBJECT: Monmouth College Student Government's  
Fourteenth Annual Model United Nations

The attached is being sent to you for your advice and recommendation.

Would you advise as soon as possible.

Thank you.

COMMENTS:



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12/2

THE WHITE HOUSE  
WASHINGTON

Date: November 29, 1974

MEMORANDUM FOR: PHIL BUCHEN  
FROM: WILLIAM W. NICHOLSON  
SUBJECT: Half-Way House for Mentally Retarded  
Adults

The attached is for your appropriate handling.

Thank you.

of Grand Rapids  
talking with your brother, Dick,  
he indicated that you would  
be very interested in a project  
of this nature. We have no  
so-called half way houses





136B  
11/27

THE WHITE HOUSE  
WASHINGTON

Date: November 26, 1974

MEMORANDUM FOR: PHIL BUCHEN

FROM: WILLIAM W. NICHOLSON

SUBJECT: Life Membership in VFW National Home at  
Eaton Rapids, Michigan

The attached is being sent to you for your advice and recommendation.

Would you advise as soon as possible.

Thank you.

COMMENTS:





# Fraternal Order of Police

## STATE LODGE OF MICHIGAN

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Alpena, Michigan 49707

November 30, 1974

Gerald R. Ford, President  
United States of America  
1600 Pennsylvania Avenue  
Washington, D. C., 20500

RE

Dear Mr. President,

I wish to take this opportunity to thank you for taking time out from what had to be a very hectic day during your campaign-swing in Grand Rapids on October 29, 1974, to allow us to make the presentation to you.

On what must be recorded as one of the most inclement days of the Fall season, Mr. President, you displayed the great compassion for your fellow man for which you have become renown. Greeting us as you did at the ramp of Air Force One and then allowing us aboard so as to present you with your Lifetime Membership was just fantastic!

It was a tremendous personal honor to be part of your busy day and then to be afforded the opportunity to stand in the Office of President aboard the plane is something that one will remember for the rest of his lifetime.

It is truly an honor to stand up and shout with pride, that "I'm from Michigan, the home of Jerry Ford!" I remain,

Respectfully yours,

*Jack Brown*  
Jack Brown, President  
State Lodge of Michigan  
Fraternal Order of Police



Monday 12/2/74

4/2-6/75

9:55 Bill Riordan (Exec. Dir. of the Independent Players Association) called to say he had written to Don Rumsfeld in October asking the President to be the honorary chairman of the Vince Lombardi Tennis Tournament which will be held at Georgetown University April 2-6, 1975. Leona in Mr. Rumsfeld's office suggested he call us. (301) 749-9339

Mr. Riordan will be leaving around 3 this afternoon from Salisbury, Maryland, to go to New York, where he can be reached at the Doral Hotel through Wednesday (212) 687-7050

Mentioned that ex-President Nixon was the honorary chairman in the past. Rog Morton is a good friend of Mr. Riordan's; has played on his court on the eastern shore.

Since I couldn't locate a copy of the letter, I asked Mr. Riordan to send us a copy so we could track it down.

Tuesday 12/3/74

Attached is the copy of letter. I will send a copy to Mr. Rustand's office (will you want to send a note along with it?).

Are we now sending all papers concerning honorary chairmanships to Casselman instead of Dudley? If so, I'll send him a copy also.



October 21, 1974

Mr. Don Rumsfeld  
White House  
Washington, DC

Dear Don:

I was delighted to hear you are back in Washington and that the country again has a tennis fan in the White House.

I am writing concerning the Vince Lombardi Tennis Tournament which will be held at Georgetown University April 2-6 and will be televised nationally. The Cancer Center will be constructed at the University at a cost of \$20,000,000 and to date the Georgetown Students have turned over approximately \$50,000 to the Center. This money represents the total receipts from the last three tournaments. To my knowledge it is the only tournament in the world in which the entire proceeds go to charity. The Georgetown Students and everyone else concerned with the event donate their services.

The Students would be honored to have the President act as Honorary Chairman. You may recall that former President Nixon accepted this position in 1972. Also, I have asked the Students to provide you and your family with a Stage Box for the tournament.

Among some of the players will be Jimmy Connors, No. 1 player in the world who as you know has had a spectacular year. Under separate cover I am sending an autographed picture of Jimmy for your son. I trust that he is working hard on his game. It will not be too long until I see him at Forest Hills and Wimbledon.

Kindest regards.

Sincerely,

William F. Riordan



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THE WHITE HOUSE

WASHINGTON

Date: December 3, 1974

MEMORANDUM FOR: PHIL BUCHEN

FROM: WILLIAM W. NICHOLSON

SUBJECT: Kent Optimist Club

The attached is being sent to you for your advice and recommendation.

Would you advise as soon as possible.

Thank you.

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COMMENTS:



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all

THE WHITE HOUSE  
WASHINGTON

Date: December 3, 1974

MEMORANDUM FOR: PHIL BUCHEN

FROM: WILLIAM W. NICHOLSON

SUBJECT: Honorary Member, Society of Friendly  
Sons of St. Patrick, City of Washington

The attached is being sent to you for your advice and  
recommendation.

Would you advise as soon as possible.

Thank you.

COMMENTS:



# Memberships

Wednesday 12/4/74

5:30 Mildred Leonard said she has had many calls from Mrs. Fisher concerning the answer to their letter to the President dated October 16 from A. N. Tedesco re the pot-luck supper tonight and whether they could have a letter from the President indicating his willingness to be an honorary member of the Atoms Booster Club of the Annandale High School.

Dudley said the decisions had not been made and there would not be a way to get anything to them.

Mildred didn't feel we should turn them down -- so asked if Dudley would call. He agreed to do so. Oxford 5-4962



November 21, 1974

To: Dudley

From: Eva

This is the letter  
Mildred Leonard was  
concerned about getting  
so it could be read at  
the December 4th pot-luck  
supper at the Annandale High  
School.





ATOMS BOOSTER CLUB  
Annandale High School  
1400 Medford Drive  
Annandale, Virginia 22003

November 13, 1974

Ms. Mildred Leonard  
The White House  
Washington, D. C. 20500

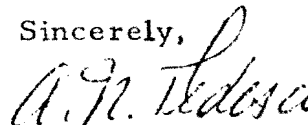
Dear Ms. Leonard:

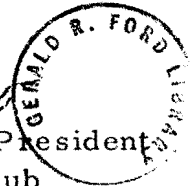
Following up our telephone conversation today, I am enclosing a copy of my letter addressed to the President, which may assist you in locating the original. As I indicated to you, we have not received any acknowledgement or reply.

For your information, copies of the attached letter with attachment were distributed to our 10,000 to 12,000 fans attending our homecoming football game on October 25, 1974. Response was outstanding! Our football team beat their opponents and membership in our Booster Club increased one-hundredfold. In addition, I have since been deluged with telephone calls inquiring for copies of the President's reply to our letter.

We are sponsoring our annual fall sports pot-luck supper on Wednesday evening, December 4 to honor our son(s) and daughter(s) athletes in football, cross-country, field hockey and girls' tennis. This is our most popular and largest-attended event outside our football game attendance. As part of our evening's program, I would like to read and distribute copies of the President's reply in accepting our invitation as "Honorary Member" in our Booster Club. Any assistance you can provide in expediting the President's reply would be appreciated by our 2,500 parents, students, and teachers at Annandale High School.

Sincerely,

  
A. N. Tedesco, President  
Atoms Booster Club



Please reply to the following address:

4804 Pomponio Place  
Annandale, Virginia 22003

President  
memberships

Wednesday 11/13/74

3:10 Mildred Leonard called to say she had a call from (Ox. 5-4962  
Alex Tedesco (Pentagon) saying he had written a letter  
to the President on October 16 asking him to be an <sup>Booster</sup>  
honorary member/? / chairman of the Adams/Club  
at the Annandale High School, Virginia. They are having  
a dinner on December 4 and would like an acknowledgment  
back before that time.

Roland Elliott's office said they would have sent it to  
Dudley Chapman, even though they didn't find a record of it.  
Dudley said that since the memo had been sent forward  
to the President to make a decision on such matters, he has  
been piling them up --

Told him I would let Mildred know and that one of us would  
call the man and tell him this information.  
Mildred will call him.



ATOMS BOOSTER CLUB  
Annandale High School  
1400 Medford Drive  
Annandale, Virginia 22003

October 16, 1974

The President  
The White House  
Washington, D. C. 20500

Dear Mr. President:

In support of your recent announcement to the American people to "whip inflation now" (WIN), the ATOMS BOOSTER CLUB of Annandale High School has elected to refrain from increasing its membership fee and continue to retain the past year's fee at one dollar per person. The enclosed flyer, being distributed within our school geographical area in support of our membership drive, shows that our membership fee has remained constant since Annandale High School opened its doors twenty years ago, even though the cost of living has increased during the same period of time.


Although we can expect our expenses to increase, we feel confident that with restraint on the dollar, we can more than balance these costs by increasing our membership. We hope to accomplish this with the acceptance of the enclosed flyer announcement by our local school community.

Just as the Wolverines of the University of Michigan produces outstanding football teams, and great Americans, so too does the ATOMS of Annandale High School produce great athletes, excellent students, and State Champion football teams.

In view of your past experience as a football player, your subsequent experience in carrying-the-ball in the Congressional arena, and your current effort to knock-down inflation, we hope you will join with us and accept the enclosed ATOMS BOOSTER CLUB button as an Honorary Member of our Booster Club.

We wish you every success in your program to WIN.

Respectfully,

  
*Alexander N. Tedesco*  
Alexander N. Tedesco

President, Atoms Booster Club

Enclosures (2)

# ATOMS BOOSTER CLUB

**WIN**

SUPPORT YOUR PRESIDENT  
"WHIP INFLATION NOW"

WE SUPPORT HIS POLICY - DO YOU?  
WIN WITH THE ATOMS  
SUPPORT ITS ATHLETIC PROGRAM

JOIN THE  
ATOM BOOSTERS NOW

INFLATION

ATOMS BOOSTER  
MEMBERSHIP FEE (PER PERSON)



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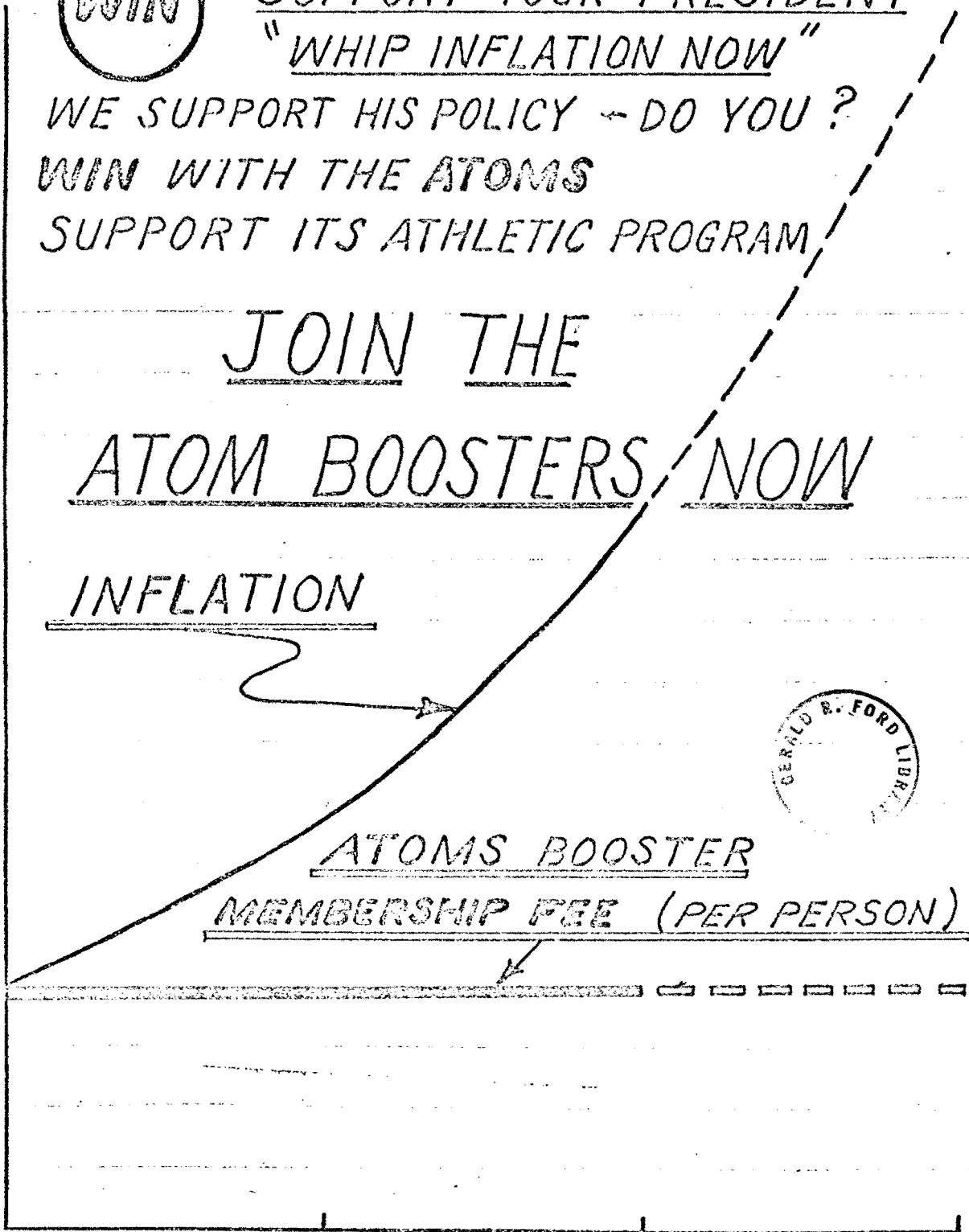
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THE WHITE HOUSE

WASHINGTON

Date: December 4, 1974

MEMORANDUM FOR: PHIL BUCHEN

FROM: WILLIAM W. NICHOLSON

SUBJECT: Honorary Member, Panther Veterans Organization, 66th Infantry Division

The attached is being sent to you for your advice and recommendation.

Would you advise as soon as possible.

Thank you.

COMMENTS:





# Panther Veteran Organization

*Encl*

66th DIVISION

November 18, 1974

*Invitations to reunion, and  
6-28-75*

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JOHN P. BLACKMAN  
Delegate  
Conn.

ARNOLD DAHLKE  
Delegate  
Roseville, Mich.

President Gerald Ford  
White House  
Pennsylvania Avenue  
Washington, D. C.

Dear Mr. President,

It gives me great pleasure to inform you that according to our constitution, Article IV, paragraph 2, you are named as Honorary Member of the Panther Veterans Organization of the 66th Infantry Division.

Am enclosing a membership card, a decal of our divisional shoulder patch and a proclamation of the Governor of the State of Missouri. On the proclamation is written some of this division's history.

I have been directed to extend to you and Mrs. Ford, an invitation to join us for dinner at the biannual Reunion to be held in the Marriott Motor Hotel, Lambeth Field, St. Louis, Missouri. The banquet will be held at 7:00 p.m., on June 28th, 1975.

Sincerely yours,

Edward C. Huettelman  
Secretary

30 Morse Street  
Cranford, N. J. 07016



"LET A BUDDY KNOW"

Proclamation:  
Office of the Governor  
State of Missouri

WHEREAS, the Sixty-Sixth Division was activated at Camp Blanding, Florida on April 15, 1943, and the members of the 66th answered the call to active duty during World War II, and many sacrificed their lives in the cause of a free America and a free world; and

WHEREAS, the Sixty-Sixth Division, in five months in the E. T. O. suffered 2,250 casualties, freed 180,000 French civilians, accepted the surrender of 50,000 of the enemy and liberated 858 square miles of France in the Brittany Peninsula; and

WHEREAS, on June 26, 27, 28 and 29, 1975, the 66th Infantry Division Veterans Organization will hold its fourth bi-annual reunion in St. Louis, Missouri:

NOW, THEREFORE, I, CHRISTOPHER S. BOND, GOVERNOR OF THE STATE OF MISSOURI, do hereby proclaim June 26-29, 1975, as

66TH INFANTRY DIVISION DAYS

in Missouri and call upon the citizens of Missouri to join in a tribute to these gallant veterans.

IN TESTIMONY WHEREOF, I have hereunto set my hand and caused to be affixed the Great Seal of the State of Missouri, in the City of Jefferson, this 26th day of September, 1974.



*Christopher S. Bond*

GOVERNOR

ATTEST:

*James A. ...*  
SECRETARY OF STATE

*J. Dickey  
Chairmanship*

**December 10, 1974**

**To: Bill Casselman**

**From: Phil Buchen**

**Please act promptly on  
this and send me a copy  
of your reply.**

**Request of Governor Milliken  
for the President to become  
honorary chairman of the  
National Association of the  
Partners of the Americas.**





MFB  
12/9

December 3, 1974

Dear Senator:

I wish to acknowledge receipt of your letter to the President of November 27 in support of the request from Governor Milliken that he accept the Honorary Chairmanship of the National Association of the Partners of the Americas.

As you know, this request has been pending and on checking into it today, I have been advised that a decision will be reached very shortly. I have asked that you be informed as soon as possible.

With warm regard,

Sincerely,

Tom C. Korologos  
Deputy Assistant  
to the President

The Honorable Robert P. Griffin  
Assistant Minority Leader  
United States Senate  
Washington, D. C. 20510



~~cc:~~ w/incoming to Phil Buchen for further action.

TCK:EF:VO:vo

United States Senate

OFFICE OF  
THE ASSISTANT MINORITY LEADER  
WASHINGTON, D.C. 20510

November 27, 1974


The Honorable Gerald R. Ford  
President of the United States  
The White House  
Washington, D. C. 20500

Dear Mr. President:

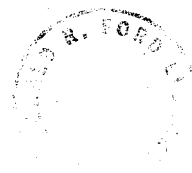
Enclosed is a copy of a letter dated  
September 19, 1974, from Governor Milliken,  
urging you to become honorary chairman of  
the National Association of the Partners of  
the Americas.

I wish to add my personal endorsement  
to the request of Governor Milliken.

Sincerely,

  
Robert P. Griffin  
U. S. Senator

RPG:jc





STATE OF MICHIGAN

OFFICE OF THE GOVERNOR

LANSING

WILLIAM G. MILLIKEN  
GOVERNOR

September 19, 1974

The Honorable Gerald R. Ford  
President of the United States  
The White House  
Washington, D. C. 20500

Dear Mr. President:

I am taking this occasion to write to you and urge you to become honorary chairman of the National Association of the Partners of the Americas.

For the past six years I have been honorary chairman of the Partnership that exists between the State of Michigan and the two nations of Belize and the Dominican Republic. More than 30 other governors currently serve as honorary chairmen of their state partnerships. The Partners of the Americas comprise 42 states in the United States that are linked with 43 regions in 18 nations of Latin America. This fine voluntary effort carries out projects in the fields of education, agricultural development, rehabilitation, medical and dental health projects, and student sports and cultural exchanges.

This year—1974—marks the tenth anniversary of the founding of the Partners program, and your agreement to become honorary chairman of the National Association would be welcome and exciting news to private citizens throughout the hemisphere and would reinforce the concept of the "Good Partner Policy" enunciated by Secretary of State Kissinger during the assembly of the Organization of American States held in May in Atlanta.

In the years ahead, Partners hope to continue to reach the American people with a message that they have friends in Latin America who are eager to join with them as Partners to achieve common goals for human betterment in the Western Hemisphere.

I hope you will join with me and the thousands of Partner volunteers in our commitment to better understanding and development in the hemisphere. I, and the Partners, look forward to your positive reply.

Respectfully,

Governor

*President*  
*Membership*

December 12, 1974

Dear Owen:

A few days before I received a copy of your letter to the President, Joe Griswold talked to me about you when he was here for a few days.

He mentioned that one possible subject of your writing would be the offer of an honorary membership for the President in Alpha Delta Phi. With Ed Frey present, I assured Joe that such an offer would be vetoed abruptly by my office.

On the subject of your letter, you can be sure that it will be given careful consideration.

Sincerely yours,

Philip W. Buchan  
Counsel to the President

Mr. Owen W. Crumpecker  
5217 Hehman Avenue  
Hammond, Indiana 46320



*For filing*

THE WHITE HOUSE  
WASHINGTON

December 13, 1974

MEMORANDUM FOR: Phil Buchen  
FROM: Bill Casselman  
SUBJECT: Memberships

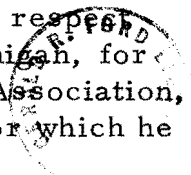
*BC*

Per your request, attached is a copy of a letter from the President to Governor Milliken, accepting the Governor's invitation to become an Honorary Chairman of the National Association of the Partners of the Americas. The letter was prepared by Roland Elliott's office and forwarded to the President for signature in accordance with standard procedure. This is one of the memberships that you recommended that the President accept in your memorandum to him of November 14.

With respect to the other 12 memberships listed in Tab A, for which you recommended acceptance, there is no indication from the President approving the recommendation. Nevertheless, I have directed Elliott to prepare letters of acceptance with respect to these memberships for signature by the President.

The President indicated his acceptance of only five memberships, which were listed in Tab B as recommended for "possible discretionary approval." The lack of any indication with respect to the remaining 38 memberships in Tab B apparently signifies the President's disapproval of acceptance. I have, therefore, directed Elliott to prepare letters for his own signature turning down these memberships.

With respect to the 56 memberships listed in Tab C for which you recommended rejection, the President made notations with respect to three (the Royal Order of Jesters of Grand Rapids, Michigan, for which he noted "already a member;" the United States Ski Association, for which he noted "why not;" and the Vail Racquet Club, for which he



also noted "why not. ") Accordingly, I have directed Elliott to prepare letters for the President accepting these three memberships (with appropriate comment to the Royal Order of Jesters, regarding the fact that the President is already a member of that organization). The remaining memberships will be declined by letters from Elliott.

Enclosure



THE WHITE HOUSE

WASHINGTON

Dear Bill:

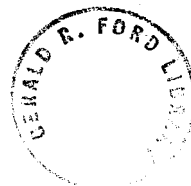
Thank you very much for your thoughtfulness in inviting me to become Honorary Chairman of the National Association of the Partners of the Americas.

I am pleased and honored to accept the Chairmanship as you suggested for the goals of the Partners program are indeed worthwhile and ones which I wholeheartedly endorse. As the Partners of the Americas celebrates the 10th anniversary of its founding, I also want to extend my congratulations and best wishes for every continuing success.

Again, my thanks for your kindness and warm personal regards.

Sincerely,

The Honorable William G. Milliken  
Governor of Michigan  
Lansing, Michigan 48933



*Dedicated*

December 13, 1974

MEMORANDUM FOR: Mildred Leonard

FROM: Phil Buchen

I have called Dick Brush (12/13) and advised that the proposal in the attached letter is contrary to our policy. He understands, and no written follow-up is necessary.





# ROSPATCH Corporation

GRAND RAPIDS, MICHIGAN, 49501

RICHARD F. BRUSH  
PRESIDENT

November 26, 1974

The President  
The White House  
Washington, D. C.

Dear Mr. President:

The thoughts and prayers of your close friends at Rospatch Corporation have been with you during your arduous and successful trip to the Orient.

Our Board of Directors, at their meeting on November 25, suggested that, with your approval, we dedicate our Rospatch Corporation Annual Report 1974, which will be published in December, to you, and with your permission use the full-color LeClaire portrait of you previously used in the recent Grand Rapids Chamber of Commerce magazine.

Our dedication statement would read:

The officers and Directors of Rospatch Corporation dedicate this Annual Report to our esteemed friend, Gerald R. Ford, Jr., President of the United States and member, Board of Directors, Rospatch Corporation  
June 16, 1964 -- November 10, 1973

You will be interested to know that Bob McBain and Bill Zinser have been nominated to fill the Board vacancies resulting from your resignation and Phil Buchen's.

Count on us to help our country WIN!

Cordially,

*Dick*



364-8711

*Memberships*  
*[Jan 1975?]*

THE WHITE HOUSE  
WASHINGTON

MEMORANDUM FOR THE WHITE HOUSE STAFF

FROM:

PHILIP W. BUCHEN

*P.W.B.*

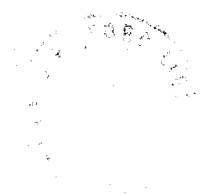
SUBJECT:

Presidential Memberships and  
Endorsements

The President continually receives offers of honorary memberships or requests to endorse various causes. With few exceptions, such solicitations are routinely denied. Since many of these solicitations are made through the White House staff, and not directly to the President, you should be aware of the procedures for handling memberships and endorsements involving the President.

No membership or endorsement is to be declined or accepted other than by or through Mr. Roland L. Elliott, Director of Correspondence. Any staff member who receives a solicitation for a membership or endorsement on behalf of the President should refer it promptly to Mr. Elliott's office for review. Do not refer such matters to the Office of the Counsel. In the event of any questions, Mr. Elliott will consult with the Counsel to the President prior to declining or accepting the membership or endorsement.

Your cooperation in complying with the procedures described above is appreciated.



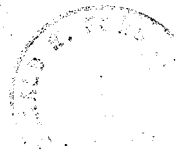
THE WHITE HOUSE  
WASHINGTON

{ca. Jan. 1975}

Bill Casselman:

Please note the  
attached re your  
function.

Dudley Chapman  
has some pending  
requests, and you  
may want him to  
continue initial processing  
J.



THE WHITE HOUSE

WASHINGTON

January 4, 1975

MEMORANDUM FOR: Phil Buchen  
FROM: Bill Casselman *BC*  
SUBJECT: Memberships

I have no objection to the President accepting the attached memberships as recommended by Roland Elliott. However, in keeping with the President's admonition that he "would like the opportunity to review decisions before final action," we probably should send these recommendations to the President for his concurrence.

If, as he indicates, the President is intent on reviewing all memberships and endorsements that cannot be answered by a routine letter of rejection, I recommend that Elliott be given the responsibility for preparing the appropriate decision memoranda for the President to be forwarded through this office. The President should realize, however, that he will receive many hundreds of memberships and endorsements for his personal review in the course of the Administration.

To further streamline the process, I also recommend that a memorandum be sent to the White House staff under your signature requesting that all matters relating to memberships and endorsements be referred directly to Elliott for initial review. Attached for your approval is a draft memorandum to this effect.

Enclosures



*Memberships*  
*Chairmanship*

1/9/75

To: Mr. Casselman

From: Eva

Mr. Buchen asked me  
to get you a copy of  
the President's  
decision concerning  
memberships and  
endorsements -----  
attached.

Did he give you my file  
yesterday; I can't find  
it anywhere??????????



copy to

Bill

Casselman

1/10/75

12:20



# Reader's Digest

Pleasantville, New York 10570

*memberships*

*Albert L. Cole*  
VICE PRESIDENT AND DIRECTOR

January 3, 1975

*Bob  
Graham*

Dear Mr. President:

Several weeks ago Mel Laird mentioned to you that in line with established policy the Boys' Clubs of America, of which I am the Chairman, has for many years had the President of the United States as our Honorary Chairman. Mel told me that you would be willing to be our Honorary Chairman. The entire Board of the Boys' Clubs of America has voted to ask you to accept election to this office. Former President Nixon who was our last Honorary Chairman will become Honorary Chairman Emeritus. We would greatly appreciate word from you that you are willing to serve as our Honorary Chairman.

As you may know, the Boys' Clubs of America has more than one million boy members. They are members of more than one thousand Clubs (some in every state in the union), each of which has a club house with adequate facilities to help boys to grow both physically and mentally, and even more importantly in character. Juvenile decency has replaced juvenile delinquency with the members of these Clubs.

With every good wish to you and your family for a Happy New Year, I am

Sincerely yours,

*Al Cole*

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

JAN 3 1975

THE WHITE HOUSE  
WASHINGTON

Date 1/14/75

TO: PHIL BUCHEN  
FROM: JERRY H. JONES

Attached for your signature is the memorandum to the staff regarding Presidential memberships and endorsements. If you will return it to this office, we will take of reproducing and distributing the memo.

Thank you.



*Memberships*

THE WHITE HOUSE

WASHINGTON

January 8, 1975

MEMORANDUM FOR: Jerry Jones

FROM:

Phil Buchen

*T.W.B.*

Because of the frequency with which White House staff members are directly accepting requests to seek acceptances of honorary memberships or endorsements by the President without discouraging such requests and often with a promise of favorable action, I would like to have a memorandum issued substantially in the form attached.

Attachment

DRAFT 1/4/75

MEMORANDUM FOR WHITE HOUSE STAFF

FROM: PHILIP W. BUCHEN

SUBJECT: Presidential Memberships and Endorsements

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January 17, 1975

To: Barry

From: Eva

Here's one that really went  
astray.

Suppose this should go to  
Roland Elliott?



THE WHITE HOUSE  
WASHINGTON

COPY

Jan. 10

Eva:

The President has seen this letter.  
Do you think that an acknowledgment  
is necessary? I noticed that the  
date of the letter is October 11  
and it was referred to Mr. Buchen  
on January 8!!!!?

Dorothy Sweetmate Downton

*Memberships  
Chairmanship*

THE WHITE HOUSE  
WASHINGTON

*Send  
through  
Dorothy Downton  
J.*

Date: January 8, 1975

MEMORANDUM FOR: PHIL BUCHEN  
FROM: WILLIAM W. NICHOLSON  
SUBJECT: George G. Tyler, Secretary, University Club

The attached is for your appropriate handling.

Thank you.



*Handwritten notes:*  
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10/18/74

The University Club  
One West Fifty-Fourth Street  
New York, N.Y. 10019

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October 11, 1974

The President,  
The White House,  
Washington, D. C.

Dear Mr. President:

Pursuant to action of the Club's Council,  
The University Club is pleased to extend to you all  
the privileges of the Club during your term of office.  
We indeed hope that you will use those privileges,  
including staying at the Club, holding meetings  
there, etc.

Sincerely yours,

*George G. Tyler*  
George G. Tyler  
Secretary