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Dinner
2/26/76
Sheboygan, Wisc.

*Sheboygan County
Republican
Party*

February 24, 1976

TO THE MEMBERS AND GUESTS OF THE
SHEYBOYGAN COUNTY REPUBLICAN PARTY

It is a deep personal pleasure for me to send my warmest good wishes to all of you as you honor my good friend and respected advisor Phil Buchen at this special Lincoln Day celebration.

My respect and admiration for Phil have grown continuously from the days of our early friendship and law partnership to his present service as Counselor to the President. The dedication and integrity he has brought to each area of his responsibility have earned him the respect and admiration of all who know him. I am happy to add my own warm sentiments to the tributes paid on this occasion to Phil Buchen, whose distinguished work is exemplary of the highest order of public service.

In this historic Bicentennial year it is fitting that we rededicate ourselves to the moral and spiritual values that guided President Lincoln. Today, as before, our great Republic moves toward a more perfect union where government serves and the people rule. Like the America of Lincoln's day, we continue to seek "a just and lasting peace among ourselves and with all nations."

151 GRF

SEND FLAT TO: Mr. Roderick A. Chambers
Chairman
Sheboygan County Republican Party
Choice, Inc. Realtors
1415 North 13th Street
Sheboygan, Wisconsin 53081



GRF:RTH:CM:GA:ckb

THE WHITE HOUSE
WASHINGTON

March 5, 1976

Healy, Patrick

*Michigan Milk
Producers*

To: Eliska Hasek

From: Eva Daughtrey

Mr. Buchen asked if you would review the attached letter from Patrick B. Healy, who is requesting a congratulatory telegram from the President. He assumes it must be declined and would appreciate your writing to Mr. Healy.

Thanks so much.



National Milk Producers Federation
30 F Street N.W., Washington, D.C. 20001

Patrick B. Healy, Secretary
(202) 393-8151

*Placed in
folder with
accounting
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February 27, 1976

Mr. Philip W. Buchen
Counsel to the President
The White House Office
1600 Pennsylvania Avenue, N. W.
Washington, D. C. 20500

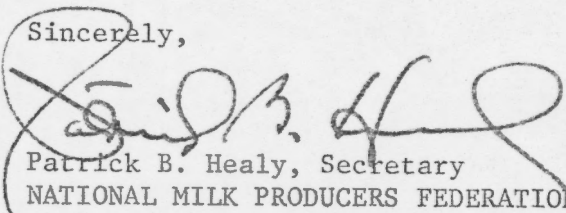
Dear Mr. Buchen:

One of our original dairy cooperative members is celebrating its 60th Anniversary at their Annual Convention, March 26, 1976.

Mr. Glenn Lake, President of Michigan Milk Producers Association, is seeking our assistance in asking President Ford to send a congratulatory telegram to Michigan Milk which would be read to the delegation during the convention.

If this is possible, would you please contact our Director, Communications, Alan Lambert, at your earliest convenience. Thank you for your consideration.

Sincerely,



Patrick B. Healy, Secretary
NATIONAL MILK PRODUCERS FEDERATION



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Dairy farmers united: 60 years strong

MMPA dairy farmers will observe a dual anniversary in 1976: The nation's 200th birthday and MMPA's diamond jubilee — 60 years of service to the dairymen who own and control it.

More than 60 years ago a group of ambitious and foresighted dairv

bers, a principle that stands as valid today as it was 60 years ago.

In short, MMPA — a dairy farmer cooperative owned by, controlled by and working exclusively for dairy farmers — has been and is equipped to meet the challenges of positive milk marketing programs, and it has proved time and again its leadership

on behalf of dairy farmers and on behalf of solidity of the milk market.

MMPA will observe the dual anniversary in several ways throughout 1976, including with a special issue of the *Messenger* in June.

The emblem on this page has been adopted to commemorate MMPA's 60th anniversary.



Univ of Detroit

THE WHITE HOUSE
WASHINGTON

April 27, 1976

Dear Father Carron:

Although I deeply regret that I cannot be with you personally to accept the prestigious President's Cabinet Award which you have chosen to confer on me, I am delighted that my old friend and able Counsel Phil Buchen will be there to represent me.

As a Michigander, I feel especially honored by this recognition from the University of Detroit. In accepting your award, I welcome the opportunity to salute the largest private university in Detroit and to applaud its immense and continuing contribution to quality education and to the progress and future well-being of our society.

I have asked Phil Buchen to express my deepest thanks to you and those who are associated with the University of Detroit and to convey my admiration and respect for your sustained leadership and initiative in the field of higher education in our country.

I send my warmest good wishes to you and to all the distinguished guests who attend this year's dinner.

Sincerely,

Gerald R. Ford

The Reverend Malcolm Carron, S.J.
President
University of Detroit
4001 West McNichols Road
Detroit, Michigan 48221



Itinerary for
Philip W. Buchen
April 30 - May 1, 1976

Friday 4/30

3:30 p.m. Lv. Washington National Northwest 361
4:49 p.m. Arr. Detroit

You will be met at the airport by --
Ms. Eleanor Luedtke
Public Relations Director
University of Detroit

(313) 927-1250

Reservation at
Pontchartrain Hotel

(313) 965-0200

6:15 p.m. John Kruse (a prominent lawyer in
Detroit) will call for you at the hotel
and escort you to Cobo Hall at the University
(which is across from the hotel)

6:30 p.m. Press Conference and
Reception for Head Table guests

7:00 p.m. Mr. Buchen to represent the President
and accept the President's Cabinet Award for him

University of Detroit
9th Annual President's Cabinet Dinner (((black tie)))

(You will be introduced by George Ferris,
Vice President, Ford Motor Company, and
Chairman of the Executive Committee of the Cabinet.)

Saturday 5/1

You will be taken to the airport by John Hawkins
and will be accompanied by Lawrence Spivak and his wife

11:55 a.m. Lv. Detroit
1:07 p.m. Arr. Washington

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THE WHITE HOUSE

WASHINGTON

April 23, 1976

MEMORANDUM FOR:

ELISKA HASEK

FROM:

WARREN ~~ANDREWS~~

SUBJECT:

University of Detroit

Phil Buchen has agreed to represent the President at the University of Detroit Annual President's Cabinet Dinner on April 30, 1976. This 9th Annual Dinner and black tie affair will draw 1200 of the leading citizens of Michigan and the Detroit area. Phil will accept on the President's behalf their prestigious Award which has only once in the past been presented to a recipient who is not present, that was Senator Everett Dirksen in 1969. Other awardees this year include Pearl Bailey, George Romney, Mr. Riccardo, Chairman of the Board of Chrysler Corporation, Bruce Catton, Pulitzer Prize winner, Otis Smith, General Motors and Lawrence Spivak.

I provide you with the above, with the suggestion that a message from the President would be most appropriate and well received on this occasion. I would further suggest that such a message would be most useful in the introduction of the President's representative. Such as: "I regret I cannot be with you, but I am pleased that my good friend and counsel Phil Buchen is there . . ."

Such a message should be sent to:

Father Malcolm Carron
President
University of Detroit
4001 West McNichols Road
Detroit, Michigan 48221

cc: Phil Buchen ✓
Randy Woods



Pres. message file

April 27, 1976

For half a century the Washington Bar Association has upheld and defended the sanctity of the law. I welcome this opportunity to applaud your inspiring service to American jurisprudence and to the people of our Nation's Capital.

You have championed the elimination of bigotry and intolerance and you have sought tirelessly to ensure equal rights and opportunities for all our citizens. Although much still remains to be done in this critically important area, we can look back with considerable pride on the progress we have achieved since your founding. It is a progress reflected in laws enacted, opportunities expanded, and attitudes radically changed. It is a progress that makes it clear that your leadership was not in vain.

As you review your record of accomplishment, it is most appropriate that your fellow citizens join you in paying tribute to your founders and to those who have perpetuated their high standards of public service.

I send my warm congratulations to your honored guests, and I hope that this will be a memorable anniversary dinner for all who attend.

Sent to: Miss Ruth E. Hankins
President
The Washington Bar Association
927 Fifteenth Street, NW., Suite 612
Washington, D. C. 20005

GRF:Hasek:jmc

cc: R. Hartmann/R. Nessen/J. Connor/P. Buchen(fyi)/D. Downton/E. Hasek/CF

EVENT: APRIL 30 in D. C.

Requested by organization



May 21, 1976

Pres. message

*Susce,
Mrs.*

Dear Ms. Martán:

We are most pleased that Mr. Susce has perpetuated the communication from the President sent in memory of Mrs. Susce by incorporating the message in a bronze memorial to be placed on her grave.

You suggest now that a further communication from the President would be appropriate. However, much to my regret, I hesitate to request a second Presidential message when one has already been sent. I trust you will understand this reluctance on my part.

Sincerely,

Philip W. Buchen
Counsel to the President

Ms. Margaret Martin
President
Woman's Relief Corps
Box 53
West Farmington, Ohio 44491



May 21, 1976

Dear John:

The special tribute to you by Kent County's Legal Aid and Defenders Society is a well-earned recognition of your outstanding community service. I regret that I cannot be on hand personally to tell you so, but I do welcome the opportunity to join in the sentiments that will be expressed for you.

Your untiring willingness to give your time and devote your talents to helping others has won you great respect. Our own association dates back over a long period, and with each passing year I feel prouder and richer for having friends like you.

Your integrity and skill have been a credit to the legal profession and your services to the local bar association, the Michigan Bar Association and the American Bar Association have contributed significantly to the advancement of such organizations. Further, your devoted efforts in behalf of the Antioch College of Law have enhanced the opportunities of young people to join our profession.

I wholeheartedly applaud the qualities and countless achievements that this special award honors. They are an example of community involvement in the best American tradition.

Sincerely,

GERALD R. FORD

Mr. John W. Cumiskey
465 Old Kent Building
Grand Rapids, Michigan 49502

Sent Special Delivery to:

Mr. James E. Christenson
Law, Weathers, Richardson & Dutcher
740 Old Kent Building
Grand Rapids, Michigan 49502

GR F:Haselick
cc: R. Hartmann/R. Nessen/J. Connor/D. Downton/P. Buchen/E. Haselick/CF
EVENT: MAY 25
Requested by Mr. Christenson through Mr. Buchen.



*Presidential
Letter*

John Cummiskey

THE WHITE HOUSE
WASHINGTON

May 21, 1976

MEMORANDUM FOR: ELISKA HASEK

FROM: PHIL BUCHEN *P.*

Since John Cummiskey has not been very heavily involved in civic affairs, I think the third paragraph of the President's letter should be replaced with the following:

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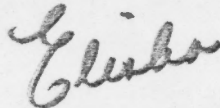
THE WHITE HOUSE
WASHINGTON

May 21, 1976

MEMORANDUM FOR MR. BUCHEN

Attached for your approval is the letter I prepared for Mr. Cumiskey.

If you will return it to me, I will have it signed and dispatched today so that it will arrive in time for the May 25 event.



Eliska Hasek



THE WHITE HOUSE

WASHINGTON

May 21, 1976

Dear John:

The special tribute to you by Kent County's Legal Aid and Defenders Society is a well-earned recognition of your outstanding community service. I regret that I cannot be on hand personally to tell you so, but I do welcome the opportunity to join in the sentiments that will be expressed for you.

Your untiring willingness to give your time and devote your talents to helping others has won you great respect. Our own association dates back over a long period, and with each passing year I feel prouder and richer for having friends like you.

The integrity and skill you have brought to the legal profession are a credit to American jurisprudence. Your strong civic involvement has been an inspiration for all who know you and a source of untold well-being for the citizens of Kent County.

I wholeheartedly applaud the qualities and countless achievements that this special award honors. They are an example of community involvement in the best American tradition.

Sincerely,

Mr. John W. Cumiskey
465 Old Kent Building
Grand Rapids, Michigan 49502



THE WHITE HOUSE

WASHINGTON

May 17, 1976

TO: Eliska Hasek

FROM: Eva Daughtrey *Eva*

Mr. Buchen would like very much to have a letter from the President for John Cumiskey.

I am attaching a copy of Jim Christenson's letter on which Mr. Buchen added a note.

Thanks very much.

THE WHITE HOUSE

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PRESIDENTIAL MESSAGE OFFICE

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Presidential
message

Stephen Nisbet

Telegram

May 24, 1976

Mr. Steve Nisbet c/o
Mrs. Kenyon Kendall
Chairman
Newaygo County Republican Committee
216 South Woods
Freemont, Michigan 49412

Dear Steve:

It is a great personal pleasure for me to join the Newaygo County Republicans as they honor you on this occasion. I deeply regret that I cannot join you, but am pleased that our good friend Bill Milliken will be representing all of us.

Your dedication and personal integrity have earned you the respect and gratitude of all who know you. As a civic leader of outstanding merit, you have exhibited diligence and excellence in the many areas of responsibility you have undertaken. For over half a century, this same ability and untiring effort have also characterized your active service to the Republican Party. Your contributions have significantly furthered the goals of our Party and have been instrumental in electing Republicans to office.

On behalf of many grateful and devoted friends, I offer my deepest appreciation for your many distinguished accomplishments.

Warm personal regards,
/s/ Jerry Ford

cc: Mr. John C. Suerth, Chairman of the Board, Gerber

cc: RT Hartmann, Gwen Anderson, Caron McConnon, Ron Nessen,
Jim Connor, Dorothy Downton, Jana Fagan, William Seidman, Phil Buchen



Nisbet,
Stephen S

Friday 5/21/76

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12:30 I have checked with Caron McConnon who is preparing a letter (or message) to Stephen S. Nisbet for the May 27 dinner.

The original request came from Mrs. Kenyon Kendall, Chairman of the Newaygo County Republican Party.

John Suerth also wrote to Mr. Seidman making the same request -- with the request to send the letter to him (Mr. Suerth).

She has done a draft and will go over it again -- but will get it sent in time. Will plan to send the letter to Mrs. Kendall with a copy to John Suerth.

4:30 called Mr. Gillett
office & told
them a
letter
would
be
sent.

Do you want to call Dick Gillett
to let him know a ltr. is being sent?



Friday 5/21/76

12:055 Mr. Buchen asked me to check and see if there is a message going to Stephen S. Nisbet, who will be honored on May 27 at a dinner in Fremont sponsored by the county's Republican party.

He is a Vice President and Director of the Gerber Products Co. (A letter could have possibly come from John Suerth of Gerber Products -- President)

Caron McConnon prepared the political letters.

2836



FROM THE DESK OF
R. M. GILLETT

Phil,

this is the info on Steve Nisbet.

Any help you can give will certainly be appreciated.

Nisbet



FROM THE DESK OF ...

John Suerth

5-18-76

Luck Gillett

This is the affair
I was talking about.
Hope President's Ford's
letter arrives in time

Thank you

John



***Stephen Nisbet,
statesman,
to be honored***

FREMONT — Stephen S. Nisbet — Newaygo's best-known statesman — will be honored May 27, at a dinner in Fremont sponsored by the county's Republican Party.

Gov. William G. Milliken, the scheduled main speaker, heads the list of prominent Michigan figures expected to attend the salute to Nisbet.

Nisbet, 80, highly distinguished himself in both education and business. He served as chairman of the Michigan State...

BRAUN, FRED G.

May 28, 1976

Dear Fred,

Mrs. Ford and I were delighted to know that you will be celebrating your Seventy-Fifth birthday on Friday, June 4, 1976.

Betty and I want to be included among your many friends expressing their congratulations and best wishes on this happy occasion.

With warm personal regards,

Sincerely,

Mr. Fred G. Braun
10536 Prairie Hill Circle
Sun City, Arizona 85351

GRF:dkc

cc: Phil Buchen



*Presidential
Letter*

4:55 p.m.

Wednesday, May 26, 1976

Mr. Fred G. Braun will be celebrating his 75th birthday on June 4, 1976. He is an old neighbor friend of the President and his daughter Ella Mae worked with Mr. B. at some point.

She would like a birthday greeting (letter) sent to her father from the President, if at all possible.

It should be addressed to:

Mr. Fred G. Braun
10536 Prairie Hill Circle
Sun City, Arizona 85351

Ms. Braun can be reached at 616-452-8254, in case of any question.

*Dorothy Cavanaugh
will prepare a
letter and have
it signed.*



THE WHITE HOUSE
WASHINGTON

*Judicial
Message*

June 2, 1976

MEMORANDUM FOR

THE ATTORNEY GENERAL

SUBJECT: Presidential Message on the Federal Courts

As you know, the President addressed the Sixth Circuit Judicial Conference last August at which time he announced his intention to undertake a sweeping review of the needs of the Federal judiciary. We have been working on that project actively since January, primarily with your committee at the Justice Department, and with others who are concerned with the subject.

It is our hope that the President can deliver a comprehensive message to the Congress on the Federal courts before the end of the summer. We see this as a major project to be handled in much the same manner as the Crime Message. As you know, during the Conference in St. Paul last month on "The Causes of Popular Dissatisfaction with the Administration of Justice," the Solicitor General's remarks concerned this project and suggested some of the proposals the Department was considering. We believe that a Presidential Message is a natural follow-up to that Conference.

In order to stay within our timetable for delivery of this message we would need to have the Department's options memo and draft message by the end of June. Please let me know whether you think this timetable is desirable and realistic.

P.W.B.

Philip W. Buchen
Counsel to the President



*message
Wilberforce
Univ.*

Tuesday 6/8/76

President's
Scheduling
7/29/76
8 p.m.

*(see
Presidents
scheduling)*

4:05 Since Eliska Hasek feels a message from the President should be sent to the President of the University rather than to the President of the D. C. Chapter I called William D. Martin, President of the D. C. Chapter at his home --

398-2949

He gave me the address for the President --

Dr. Rembert E. Stokes
President
Wilberforce University
Wilberforce, Ohio

He would like a copy of any message sent to him so it could be read at the meeting on July 29 -- as all the people frm. all over will be there -- including Dr. Stokes.

Mr. William D. Martin
President, Washington, D. C. Chapter
4422 Eads Street, N. E.
Washington, D. C. 20019

I have given the above information to Eliska's secretary.



Wyoming
Rodeo

Tuesday 6/15/76

Joe Vanderhoff

5:45 Attached is the Presidential Bicentennial message
for the Wyoming Championship Rodeo for Joe Vanderhoff.

We have requested pictures of the President so you may
decide what you want sent.

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Mr B has
for letter to
Vanderhoff



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THE WHITE HOUSE
WASHINGTON

June 3, 1976

MEMORANDUM FOR: MILT MITLER
FROM: EVA DAUGHTREY *Eva*

Eliska Hasek advises that you send out the bicentennial messages and suggested I send the attached directly to you.

Mr. Buchen asked if a message could be sent for inclusion in the official program of the Wyoming Championship Rodeo to be held at Wyoming, Michigan, July 14-17. He would also like to have a photograph of the President to be used along with the message. If you wish, the bicentennial Presidential message could be sent to Mr. Buchen and we would send it to Mr. Vanderhoff, along with a photograph of the President.



THE WHITE HOUSE
WASHINGTON

*Pres.
Messages
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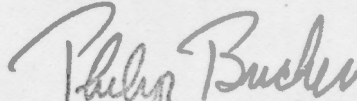
June 17, 1976

Dear Mr. Vanderhoff:

Enclosed is a Presidential Message and a photograph for reproduction in the official program of the Wyoming Rodeo to be held July 14-17.

I wish you and your colleagues much success in this project.

Sincerely,



Philip W. Buchen
Counsel to the President

Mr. Joe Vanderhoff
1407 Philadelphia, S. E.
Grand Rapids, Michigan

Enclosures



THE WHITE HOUSE

WASHINGTON

June 9, 1976

We now mark the beginning of our Third Century as an Independent Nation as well as the 200th Anniversary of the American Revolution. For two centuries our Nation has grown, changed and flourished. A diverse people, drawn from all corners of the earth, have joined together to fulfill the promise of democracy.

America's Bicentennial is rich in history and in the promise and potential of the years that lie ahead. It is about the events of our past, our achievements, our traditions, our diversity, our freedoms, our form of government and our continuing commitment to a better life for all Americans. The Bicentennial offers each of us the opportunity to join with our fellow citizens in honoring the past and preparing for the future in communities across the Nation. Thus, in joining together as races, nationalities, and individuals, we also retain and strengthen our traditions, background and personal freedom.

As we lay the cornerstone of America's Third Century, I commend the officials and participants in the Wyoming Championship Rodeo on their Bicentennial activities. Efforts such as this are helping to make our great national celebration a memorable and meaningful one for all.

Gerald R. Ford





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Tuesday 6/15/76

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THE WHITE HOUSE

WASHINGTON

June 9, 1976

MEMORANDUM FOR: PHIL BUCHEN

FROM: MILT MITLER *Wep*

Attached is the Presidential Bicentennial message for the Wyoming Championship Rodeo which you requested.

Attachment (Presidential Bicentennial Message)



THE WHITE HOUSE

WASHINGTON

June 3, 1976

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*Send message
to Buchen
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Wyoming

PROMOTIONS, INC.

May 30, 1976

Mr. Phil Buchen
President's Council
Washington, D.C.

Dear Sir:

This letter is in regards to our phone conversation of May 29, 1976 for a member of President Ford's staff to write a welcome and bicentennial message for the official program of the Wyoming Championship Rodeo to be held at Wyoming, Mich. July 14-17.

This is the 14th annual Wyoming Championship Rodeo to be held in Fort Wyoming. it's sponsored by Wyoming Promotions, Inc. (a group of business and civic leaders who donate their services). Proceeds of the rodeo are used for civic projects such as bicentennial committees, youth work, etc.

Enclosed is one of last year's programs which I will follow again. If agreeable, I would like to use the President's message on Page 1 (not counting the cover). In other words it would be on the Welcome to Fort Wyoming Page.

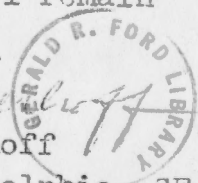
This message WILL NOT be for promoting purposes. There will be NO ADS on the page, just a good picture of the President and his words. In the past, President Ford has attended the Wyoming Rodeo and we feel to have his message to his home people would be a great honor.

Thanking you very much for your time and effort, I remain

Yours truly

Joe Vanderhoff
Joe Vanderhoff

1407 Philadelphia, SE
Grand Rapids, Mich.



THE WHITE HOUSE
WASHINGTON

June 25, 1976

Pres. messages

Murray DeGroot

MEMORANDUM FOR: ELISKA HASEK

FROM: PHILIP BUCHEN *P.W.B.*

SUBJECT: Presidential Message Request -
Installation of Grand Rapids
Atty., Murray Benn DeGroot,
as President of Commercial
Law League, Miami, July 14

I am returning to you the file on the above subject and do recommend that the President send a telegram substantially as follows:

TO: Murray B. DeGroot
c/o Mr. Wilbur G. Silberman
Brown Marx Building
Birmingham, Alabama 35203

Congratulations on your assuming the Presidency of the Commercial Law League of America.

I know you have made an outstanding record as a member of the Grand Rapids and Michigan Bar Associations, and I am most delighted that you are now receiving national recognition for your contributions to the practice of commercial law.

I send my very best wishes to the Commercial Law League of America and to you as the new President of the League.

Attachments



THE WHITE HOUSE
WASHINGTON

June 15, 1976

MEMORANDUM FOR MR. BUCHEN

SUBJECT: Presidential Message Request -
Installation of Grand Rapids Atty.,
Murray Benn DeGroot, as President
of Commercial Law League, Miami,
JULY 14.

Could you please advise me on whether or not the President would want to send a message to Mr. DeGroot. I assume that the President knows him, but the attached from Files doesn't indicate a close friendship. If you think a message should be sent, I would appreciate any suggestions you might have. Thank you.



Eliska Hasek

Atts.



17
Message
7-14-76

COMMERCIAL LAW LEAGUE

of America

222 WEST ADAMS STREET, CHICAGO, ILLINOIS 60606

Office of
the President
Brown-Marx Building
Birmingham, Alabama 35205
205/323-8977

EH

June 11, 1976

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

Re: Murray B. DeGroot

Dear President Ford:

I do not know if you are aware that your fellow townsman, Murray Benn DeGroot, will assume the Presidency of the Commercial Law League of America at the time of its Annual Convention at the Doral Country Club & Hotel, Miami, Florida. The installation ceremony will take place at a banquet to be held at the Doral on Wednesday evening, July 14. At one time you were invited to participate in the ceremonies and I believe you did contemplate doing so, but found that your schedule would not permit it.

You might feel it appropriate to acknowledge in some manner the honor being afforded Mr. DeGroot. Should you desire to make this in the form of a written communication or telegram, I will be glad to read the contents to the Assembly. Naturally, it is left to your good judgment as to what, if anything, you desire to do, and I assure you that I will abide by your decision.




Honorable Gerald Ford
President of the United States
June 11, 1976
Page 2

Benn DeGroot (his close friends call him by his middle name) is a close personal friend of mine. He is extremely able. I do not know if you do know him or his wife Patricia personally. Neither is aware of this communication to you.

With my very best regards, I am

Sincerely,


Wilbur G. Silberman,
President

WGS:wt




THE WHITE HOUSE
WASHINGTON

July 14, 1976

NOTE FOR MR. BUCHEN

I thought you might like to see
the attached thank you letter from
Judge Adams for the President's
message to the American Judi-
cature Society -- which was
prepared at your request.


Gwen Anderson

Atts.

*Noted:
Please return
with my thanks
P.*



American Judicature Society



to promote the effective administration of justice

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Executive Director
Frederick D. Lewis

July 12, 1976 .

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

My dear Mr. President:

The American Judicature Society and I both greatly appreciate the very thoughtful message which you sent on the occasion of the Justice '76 Conference.

Your emphasis on the accomplishments of the Society in the past and your comments regarding the enlistment of citizen support were noted most carefully by the participants.

Many of those attending the Conference were also able to be present when you made your remarkable speech on the Fourth of July. They then heard a very inspiring address by Father Hesburgh, delivered at the American Philosophical Society building, which is next to Independence Hall, where you spoke.

It may be of some interest for you to know that most of the citizen participants at the meetings believe that the problems concerning the administration of justice in the country today require approaches, and indeed institutions, that are beyond those provided by our present judicial system. The view they expressed is that the courts are important, extremely important, in the maintenance of our democracy, but they believe that in the years to come avenues that supplement the work now done by judges must be devised.



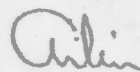
Honorable Gerald E. Ford

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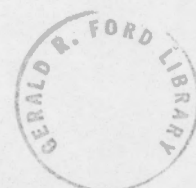
I hope you were able to capture some of the great enthusiasm that prevailed during the entire July 4th celebration here in Philadelphia. It certainly signaled, in a way not yet fully understood, the enormous transformation that has come about in the attitudes of the American people since the time of your installation as President — a transformation that, in my judgment, your administration has made possible.

Warmest wishes to you and Mrs. Ford.

Cordially,



Arlin M. Adams



STRAIGHT WIRE - JULY 1, 1976

The Honorable Arlin M. Adams
President
American Judicature Society
5044 United States Courthouse
Philadelphia, Pennsylvania 19107

I am delighted to send greetings and best wishes to those who attend this Justice '76 Conference of the American Judicature Society. Together with Chief Justice Burger, I have the great pleasure of serving as Honorary Co-Chairman of the Conference. It is a source of pride to be associated with the work of an organization that enjoys such an outstanding reputation for public service.

Since its founding 1913, the American Judicature Society has been a leader in developing initiatives for improving the quality and administration of justice and in encouraging active citizen participation in this task. As we lay the cornerstone of our third century, your work is more vital than ever. We face challenges that will call upon the combined wisdom and experience and the concerted initiative of private individuals and groups like yours. Your past record of voluntary civic involvement places you in the

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forefront of this vital effort. Your commitment to improving the administration of justice spans nearly six and a half decades. The progress you have helped realize offers the finest promise of your continuing public service.

I wish you a most rewarding and memorable session.

GERALD R. FORD

GRF:Hasek:ck

cc: R. Hartmann/R. Nessen/J. Connor/D. Downton/P. Buchen/E. Hasek/CF

EVENT: JULY 4

Requested by Judge Adams.

Draft information provided by Justice Dept.



THE WHITE HOUSE

WASHINGTON

June 28, 1976

Pres. message

MEMORANDUM FOR: ELISKA HASEK
FROM: PHILIP BUCHEN *P.*
SUBJECT: Presidential Message

I strongly urge that a Presidential Message be sent the Justice '76 Conference of the American Judicature Society as requested by Judge Arlin Adams.

Copies of earlier correspondence are attached.

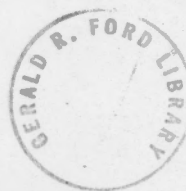
Attachments



Tuesday 7/20/76

4:20 Eliska Hasek's secretary advised that they will be sending a message to the joint meeting of the English Speaking World in September when they will meet in London.

*To advise
Dr. Swanson's
secretary by
telephone.
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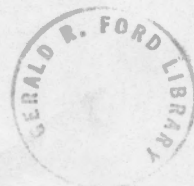
THE WHITE HOUSE
WASHINGTON
February 23, 1976

*Presidential
letter*

*Dr. Alfred Swanson
Orthopaedic Assn.*

MEMORANDUM FOR: ELISKA HASEK
FROM: EVA DAUGHTREY *Eva*

Mr. Buchen asked me to send the attached letters to you for possible preparation of a Presidential letter for the meeting of the Orthopaedic Associations of the English Speaking World to be held in London September 12-18, 1976.



ALFRED B. SWANSON, M.D., F.A.C.S.

TELEPHONES: 774-7394
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1900 WEALTHY STREET, S.E.
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Mr Philip W Buchan
Counsel to the President
White House
Washington D.C.

18 Feb 76

Dear Mr Buchan:

I hope you will call the
attention of Mr Ford to the
enclosed letter regarding our
British meeting

Thanks

Al Swanson



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February 16, 1976

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

Attention: Philip W. Buchen

Dear Mr. President:

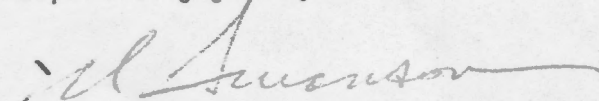
I have been asked by the President of our Orthopaedic Association to call to your attention, his letter of February 10, 1976 in which he especially requests letters from you which will demonstrate the support of our American Leader.

There is a great deal of pomp and ceremony in these meetings and I know that a supportive letter from you will receive a great deal of respectful attention.

The American Orthopaedic Association which meets every year will have its eighty-ninth annual meeting in Britain. Joint meetings of the English speaking world are held every sixth year. There has always been a great deal of cooperation of these Orthopaedic Societies in combined publications, and especially during World Wars. The fact that medicine can speak a universal language has been aptly demonstrated in these Orthopaedic Associations. If you desire further information for the purposes of the letter, Dr. Ferguson or I would be delighted to provide it.

We are watching your handling of the job of the Presidency with keen interest and admiration.

Respectfully yours,


Alfred B. Swanson, M.D.

ABS:bw



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February 10, 1976

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LOIS STRATEMEIER

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

Dear Mr. President:

The Orthopaedic Associations of the English Speaking World hold a joint meeting every six years. The next occasion will be in London, September 12 - 18, 1976. On occasion of the first meeting Queen Elizabeth, the Queen Mother, presented each Association with the gold jewels of office for each country. At each ensuing meeting the heads of State have sent greetings to the host association which are read at the time of the inaugural ceremonies. The United States entertained this group in Washington, D.C. on May 11, 1958 when President Eisenhower met with the officers of the Associations at the White House.

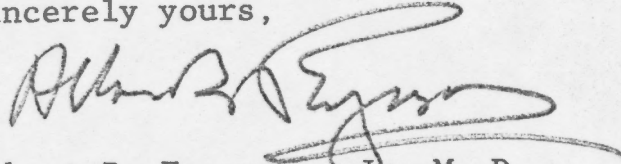
This letter is to ask that you would provide me with a letter to bear to the President of the British Orthopaedic Association, Mr. Philip H. Newman, so that I may present it to him at the occasion of this meeting. There will be between two and three thousand leaders of orthopaedic surgery from the English speaking countries around the world present when this letter is read. At this writing it appears to me that at least one thousand of these will be from the United States.



The Honorable Gerald R. Ford
Page Two
February 10, 1976

I appreciate very much your cooperation and have asked Al Swanson of Grand Rapids, Michigan, who is a member of the Association to respectfully call this to your attention.

Sincerely yours,

A handwritten signature in dark ink, appearing to read "Albert B. Ferguson, Jr.", with a large, sweeping flourish at the end.

Albert B. Ferguson, Jr. M. D.



*Pres.
Message*

July 21, 1976

Sent special delivery to:

Dr. Rembert E. Stokes
President
Wilberforce University
Wilberforce, Ohio 45384

On the one hundred and twentieth anniversary of Wilberforce University, I welcome the opportunity to congratulate all those who are associated with it and to commend its long and distinguished service to higher education in our country.

The history of Wilberforce University spans more than half the life of our nation. Constant social and technological change has tested and strengthened this fine institution in meeting both the increasing demands for new skills and the challenges of modern life.

As the first college in the United States to be owned and operated by blacks, it was a pioneer in the best American tradition. It has carried this bold spirit forward with undiminished devotion to scholastic excellence and individual self-fulfillment.

I applaud its past and send best wishes to those who will guide its future course.

Gerald R. Ford

cc: Mr. William D. Martin
President
Wilberforce University Alumni Association
4422 Eads Street, N. E.
Washington, D. C. 20019

GRF:Hasek:rg
EVENT: JULY 29 - Requested by Mr. Martin
Draft information furnished by HEW
cc: RTHartmann/RNessen/JConnor/DDownton/PBuchen/EHasek/CF



Messages

Tuesday 7/27/76

10:00 I reached Dr. Alfred Swanson's secretary to let her know that a Presidential message would be sent to the joint meeting of the English Speaking World which meets in London in September.

(616) 774-7394

Dr. Swanson asked if a letter to that effect would be going out to Dr. Ferguson. I called Eliska's office to ask if they would contact Dr. Ferguson so they can get the letter to him in time before he departs for London.



August 6, 1976

To you -- Judge Walsh, fellow members of the American Bar Association, and distinguished guests -- I send warmest greetings and best wishes on the occasion of this 1976 Annual Meeting.

The function of the law in our nation depends not only upon the devotion and skills of lawyers but on the strength and breadth of belief in the law itself. Our system of government is based upon belief in the law as the keeper of domestic tranquility, the guardian of personal liberties, and the defender of equal justice for all.

Although the Declaration of Independence has already been given wide attention during this Bicentennial year, not enough attention has been given to features of this historic document that demonstrate how deeply the founders of our nation felt about the need for a system of law in which people could have faith.

The system of law that evolved from their debate was not a departure from the legal traditions of the nation against which the American colonists were revolting. Despite their stinging repudiation of the British Crown, the framers of the Declaration did not condemn the English common law or the laws which were in effect to govern the affairs of the thirteen American colonies. Rather, they condemned the failures and weaknesses of the Crown-appointed judges in America to administer the common law. They objected to the refusal of King George III to let legislators and governors of the colonies adopt additional laws "wholesome and necessary for the public good."



Once these imperial obstacles to the administration of justice and to the orderly process of lawmaking were removed, the Americans of two centuries ago put their faith in a legal system that even today has much in common with English law.

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I commend the American Bar Association for its continuing efforts to improve the standards and advance the competence of the legal community. These efforts serve well to build public trust in the legal profession and thereby strengthen the common faith in our system of law and justice.

GERALD R. FORD

Statement sent to Phil Buchen who will handcarry

GRF:PB:DS:rks

cc: R.Hartmann/R.Nessen/P.Buchen/J.Connor/D.Smith/
D.Downton/E.Hasek/CF

EVENT: AUGUST 9 - DUE: AUGUST 7



*Presidents
Messages*

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Gerald R. Ford



THE WHITE HOUSE

WASHINGTON

August 5, 1976

MEMORANDUM FOR: BOB HARTMANN

FROM: PHIL BUCHEN

Attached is a draft I have prepared of a Presidential statement to be read by me before all the participants in the 1976 American Bar Association meeting on the morning of August 9, 1976, in Atlanta, Georgia. The President has declined the invitation to address the meeting, and this statement is to be read by me in lieu of his appearance. Candidate Carter will be appearing later in the week to give an address. The statement is drafted with the thought that the President should closely identify himself with the American Bar Association as a lawyer and as a member. This is an identification that Carter cannot make.

Please let me have your comments promptly. If this statement should be cleared with the President, I would appreciate your doing so.

I am leaving for Atlanta on Sunday morning, August 8, and would like to wrap this up and get the President's signature applied before he leaves for Camp David on Saturday.

Attachment



DRAFT PRESIDENTIAL STATEMENT TO BE READ AT THE 1976
AMERICAN BAR ASSOCIATION MEETING, AUGUST 9, 1976

To you -- Judge Walsh, fellow members of the American Bar Association, and distinguished guests -- I send warmest greetings and best wishes on the occasion of this 1976 Annual Meeting.

Your interests in being here are the interests we share with one another as lawyers. The interests we have in common come from the legal studies we have all pursued and from the exclusive authority we have been given to counsel people on legal matters and to represent litigants before the courts. On these grounds we distinguish our profession from all other callings and refer to other people as "laypersons".

Yet, the right to be a member of our profession carries with it, as the ABA has long insisted, the duty to build excellence and to uphold honor within our ranks. Therefore, we must not let pride in our profession verge upon vanity and cause us to overlook the obligations we have for excellence and honor in the practice of law.

Moreover, our professional pride needs always to be tempered by awareness that the function of the law in our nation depends not alone on the devotion and skills



of lawyers but on the strength and breadth of belief in the law. The belief I refer to is a faith, not just of lawyers but of people at large. It is the faith people must have in the law as the keeper of domestic tranquility, the guardian of their personal liberties, and the defender of equal justice for all.

Although the Declaration of Independence has already been given wide attention during this Bicentennial year, not enough attention has been given to features of this historic document that demonstrate how the founders of our nation felt deeply the need for a system of law in which people could have faith. That system of law was not, however, to be a departure from the best legal traditions of the nation from which the American colonists were revolting. The framers of the Declaration, despite their stinging repudiation of the British Crown, did not condemn the English common law or the laws which were in effect to govern the affairs of the thirteen American colonies. Rather, they condemned the failures and weaknesses of the Crown-appointed judges in America to administer the common law and the refusal of King George III to let legislators and governors of the colonies adopt additional laws "wholesome and necessary for the public good." Once these imperial obstacles to the administration of justice and to the orderly process of law-making were



removed, the Americans of two centuries ago put their faith in a legal system that even today has much in common with the English.

Thus, it is most appropriate for the ABA to have chosen "Common Faith and Common Law" as the theme for this meeting. The theme speaks of our faith in the Anglo-American system of law and justice which we members of the American Bar have long shared with our British counterparts. In addition, I hope and urge that the theme of this meeting may alert each of us anew to the importance of inspiring within our nation a greater faith in the law among all people. To the same purpose, I commend the American Bar Association for its continuing efforts to improve the standards and advance the competence of the legal community. These efforts serve well to build public trust in our profession but, what is more important, they thereby help to strengthen and extend the common faith in our system of law and justice.

Dated August __, 1976

at the White House

Washington, D. C.



THE WHITE HOUSE
WASHINGTON

July 21, 1976

MEMORANDUM FOR:

RICHARD CHENEY

FROM:

WILLIAM NICHOLSON *WN*

INFORMATION:

JERRY JONES

SUBJECT:

Proposed Addition to the President's
Calendar for August Requiring Early Approval

Monday, August 9

7:30 a. m.

Depart South Lawn en route Atlanta, Georgia

9:30 a. m.

Deliver address at American Bar Association meeting. ABA President Lawrence Walsh has invited the President to address the 9,000 attendees (lawyers and their families) to the convention. The group would be an appropriate occasion to deliver an address on the Administration's anti-crime proposals. Mr. Buchen recommends.

1:00 p. m.

Arrive South Lawn.

Approve GRF Disapprove _____

Cheney note: Tentative only. See me.



Joseph Walsh - American Bar Assoc.

(808)

882-7227

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Monahan Hotel in
6 hrs time diff Hawaii

invited Jimmy Carter & he has accepted

Wed, Aug 11 - Business Assembly

Aug 9th session has more pageantry, etc.



File
A. B. A } Aug 9th

CONVENTION

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ATLANTA Judge

Call Ed Walsh

Civic Auditorium (3600 MAX)

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July contract is ASST. Lewis
POTTER Chi. HQ of Am Bar Assn
312 - 947 - 4038

6/24 WNW called & sold Doubtful But that we will call forward.



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October 1, 1975

Dear Judge Walsh:

Philip Buchen forwarded, together with his own personal endorsement, your invitation to the President to appear before the Annual Meeting of the American Bar Association which will be held in Atlanta, August 5-11, preferably on August 8.

The President was pleased to have this opportunity but it is not possible to make a commitment to you at present due to the many variables in the President's schedule for next year. We will carry it forward for careful consideration at the final determination of the August 1976 calendar. In the meantime, please be assured of the President's deep appreciation for your thoughtfulness.

Sincerely,

Warren S. Rustand
Appointments Secretary
to the President

The Honorable Lawrence E. Walsh
President
American Bar Association
1153 East 60th
Chicago, Illinois 60637

cc: Phil Buchen
2 cys Nancy Gemmell

WSR:rg
cc: inc. to Mary Hadner



THE WHITE HOUSE

WASHINGTON

September 25, 1975

ACTION
T/D
SCHEDULE BD.
DATE RECEIVED
SEP 26 1975
MESSAGE
SPEAKERS BUREAU
OTHER
APPOINTMENT OFFICE

MEMORANDUM FOR: WARREN RUSTAND

FROM: PHILIP BUCHEN *P.*

Attached is the original of a letter addressed to the President from Judge Lawrence E. Walsh inviting the President to the Annual Meeting of the American Bar Association to be held in Atlanta on August 5-11, 1976.

The letter was hand-delivered to me by Judge Walsh. I call attention to the fact that this event may coincide with the Republican Convention, but that you should give the matter careful consideration and advise Judge Walsh of what the prospects are and when a final decision could be made. He tells me that August 9 would be the preferred date during the course of the meeting.

I would appreciate receiving a copy of your reply to the Judge.

As you remember, the speech scheduled by Vice President Ford at the 1974 meeting had to be cancelled, and he declined the 1975 meeting in Montreal because it involved out-of-the country problems.

Attachment



AMERICAN BAR ASSOCIATION

OFFICE OF THE PRESIDENT
LAWRENCE E. WALSH
AMERICAN BAR CENTER
CHICAGO, ILLINOIS 60637
TELEPHONE: 312 / 947-4042

September 24, 1975

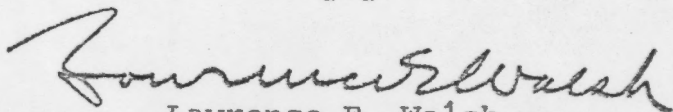
The President of the United States
The White House
Washington, D. C. 20500

Dear Mr. President

The Annual Meeting of the American Bar Association will be held in Atlanta, Georgia, from August 5 to August 11, 1976. It is my privilege and pleasure as President of the Association to invite you to deliver the principal address at our Opening Assembly at 9 a.m. on Monday, August 9th.

We anticipate that nine thousand lawyers and members of their families will attend our Meeting. Our Bicentennial theme is "Common Faith and Common Law" and the substantive program will examine and emphasize the shared legal and ethical tradition underlying the Anglo-American concept of justice. We will focus on the interdependence of this tradition. I know that I can speak for all the members of your profession in expressing the hope that you, as our President and our most distinguished lawyer, will be able to do this.

Sincerely yours,


Lawrence E. Walsh

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file Pres. Meetings

STRAIGHT WIRE - AUGUST 24, 1976
(To be delivered by 8:30 a.m., Wednesday, August 25)

**The Honorable Gerard D. Reilly
Chief Judge
District of Columbia Court of Appeals
400 F Street, NW. (Bldg. B)
Washington, D.C. 20001**

I send warm greetings to those participating in the laying of this cornerstone for the new District of Columbia Court of Appeals building.

This new structure will greatly enhance the effectiveness of the criminal justice system in the District by providing badly needed facilities for all District of Columbia courts. More importantly, this new building demonstrates the public's commitment to continually improve the administration of justice, not only here, but throughout the country.

I was pleased to have played a part in securing Congressional approval of appropriations for this endeavor in 1970 while serving as Minority Leader in the House of Representatives. I offer my congratulations to all of those who were instrumental in guiding this project to completion and extend my very best wishes to those participating in this ceremony.

GERALD R. FORD

GRF:MJohnson:ck

cc: R. Hartmann/R. Nessen/J. Connor/P. Buchen/B. Nicholson/D. Downton/
E. Hasek/M. Johnson/CF

EVENT: 10:00 a.m., AUG. 25

Suggested by Mr. Buchen through Mr. Nicholson.

