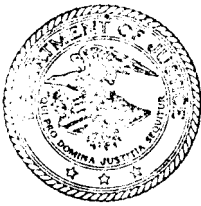


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OFFICE OF THE DEPUTY ATTORNEY GENERAL  
WASHINGTON, D.C. 20530

*Boston*  
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January 9, 1975

Honorable William M. Bulger  
State Senator  
Boston, Massachusetts

Dear Senator Bulger:

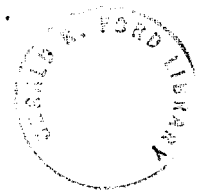
The President has forwarded to me your telegram of January 2, 1975, expressing your deep concern for the rights of the students and parents of the Boston school system.

Because we believe that the parties to the litigation have fully and adequately presented the issues to the District Court and will do so before the Supreme Court if review is granted, we have decided that it is not necessary or appropriate for the United States to intervene in the case.

There are, of course, many Americans who legitimately are deeply troubled and concerned with the practical problems associated with the use of busing as a remedy to eliminate school segregation. However, I cannot over-emphasize this Department and indeed this Administration's unrelenting commitment to the rule of law. Accordingly, I believe it essential that governmental officials at all levels do everything within their power to emphasize to the people of Boston that the issues involved in the Boston school case can be settled only through the judicial process. Any actions outside the courtroom designed to frustrate a judicial decree or calculated to bring the judiciary into disrespect cut to the essence of those shared premises upon which our system of government rests.

Sincerely,

Laurence H. Silberman  
Deputy Attorney General



THE WHITE HOUSE

WASHINGTON

January 6, 1975

To: Larry Silberman

From: Phil Buchen *P.W.B.*

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/S/ STATE SENATOR WILLIAM M BULGER

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December 3, 1974

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Mr. William Timmons  
Special Assistant for Congressional Relations  
The White House  
Washington, D. C. 20500

Dear Bill:

During the week of December 16, I will be back in Washington and would greatly appreciate an opportunity to visit with the President on the school busing situation in Oklahoma City. When he was in Oklahoma City, I gave him a letter on this matter and told him that I would like to talk to him further about it. If such a meeting can be worked out during that week, I would also like to have the following persons present:

Dr. Bill Lillard, Superintendent of Schools, Oklahoma City  
Dr. Bruce Howell, Superintendent of Schools, Tulsa  
Dr. Glen Snyder, University of Oklahoma  
Federal District Judge Fred Daugherty, Oklahoma City.

Your prompt assistance in this matter will be greatly appreciated.

Regards,

*Henry*

Henry Bellmon



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THE WHITE HOUSE

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December 18, 1974

MEMORANDUM FOR PHILIP W. BUCHEN

SUBJECT: Senator Bellmon Letter on Busing

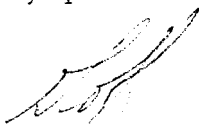
In the attached correspondence, Senator Bellmon requests a meeting with President Ford on the school busing situation in Oklahoma City. He has asked to bring a Federal District Court Judge with him.

I have checked with the Civil Rights Division of the Department of Justice and they are unaware of any significant litigation pending in Oklahoma City.

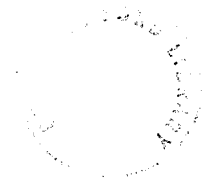
In any event, I think it inappropriate at this time for President Ford to have a meeting on busing and inappropriate at any time for a Federal District Court Judge to attend.

I would suggest a referral to the Department of Justice, asking that Deputy Attorney General Silberman contact Senator Bellmon and arrange a meeting at Justice if appropriate. However, since Senator Bellmon suggests he has already personally delivered a letter to the President on this subject, and no doubt will attempt to contact the President directly again, I feel the referral to Justice should come from your office.

Please give me a call if you have any questions.



Geoff Shepard



December 19, 1974

**MEMORANDUM FOR:           LAURENCE SILBERMAN  
                                  DEPUTY ATTORNEY GENERAL**

**FROM:                       PHILIP BUCHEN  
                                  COUNSEL TO THE PRESIDENT**

**See attached memo from G. Shepard to me and copy of letter  
to President from Senator Bellmon.**

**I would appreciate your handling this as you deem appropriate.**

**cc: Warren Rustand (w/enc.)  
      Geff Shepard**



THE WHITE HOUSE  
WASHINGTON

*Rec'd  
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Date: December 9, 1974

MEMORANDUM FOR: DR. CAVANAUGH  
FROM: WILLIAM W. NICHOLSON  
SUBJECT: Oklahoma Leaders Mtg. to discuss Busing  
(Senator Henry Bellmon request)

The attached is for your appropriate handling.

Thank you.



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MESSAGE  
SPEAKERS BUREAU  
OTHER *D. Cavanaugh*

APPOINTMENT OFFICE

Dear Henry:

Thank you for your December 3 letter about your desire for an appointment with the President for yourself and four Oklahoma leaders to discuss the school busing situation in Oklahoma City.

I will be pleased to ask that prompt consideration be given to your request and you will hear further as soon as possible.

With best regards,

Sincerely,

William E. Timmons  
Assistant to the President

The Honorable Henry Bellmon  
United States Senate  
Washington, D.C. 20510

bcc: w/incoming to Warren Rustand for ACTION  
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**GERALD R. FORD**

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cc: Ehil Buchen/Geoff Shepard



Friday 12/13/74

*Boston  
school  
problem*

10:00 Bill Roberts has received a copy of a telegram from Louise Day Hicks to the President and would like to talk with you about it -- original came here.  
(Re the Boston school problem)  
Also would like an update of the situation in South Boston.

They talked.

10:25 Mr. Buchen sent a copy to Jim Casserly in Paul Theis' office -- Rm. 115 EOB.



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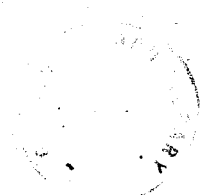
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PMS PRESIDENT GERALD FORD

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I AM CALLING UPON YOU TODAY TO PLEAD THE CASE OF A HEARTBROKEN  
PEOPLE WHO FEAR JUSTICE HAS FLED THIS CITY. WE MUST BE GIVEN  
OUR CHANCE TO PRESENT THE HUMAN SIDE OF THIS CONTINUING TRAGEDY.  
THE TERRIBLE TEMPER OF THE TIMES DEMANDS REFLECTION BEFORE A  
DEATH OF A CHILD OR ANOTHER STABBING BEARS FURTHER WITNESS TO  
OUR HELPLESSNESS

TODAY I BRING YOU MY APPEAL PERSONALLY NOT AS A FORMER COLLEAGUE  
IN THE UNITED STATES CONGRESS, NOT AS A COUNSELOR, NOT AS AN  
ATTORNEY, BUT AS A HUMAN BEING WHOSE HEART ACHE FOR A RETURN

TO JUSTICE AND AS A CHRISTIAN EXPRESSING COMPASSION FOR MY FELLOW  
~~MAN AND AS A MOTHER SEEKING A BETTER WORLD FOR MY CHILDREN AND~~  
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THEIR CHILDREN

IF YOU CAN SEE THE LIGHT CLEARLY LET ME SHARE YOUR VISION

IF YOU KNOW THE WAY TO HARMONY LET ME SHARE YOUR KNOWLEDGE

IF YOU HAVE DISCOVERED TRUTH LET ME SHARE IN YOUR DISCOVERY

YESTERDAY I WAS AN EYE WITNESS TO TRAGEDY. BLOOD IS NOW FLOWING

IN OUR STREETS LET US CAST ASIDE THE DEHUMANIZED VERBEAGE OF

SOCIAL EDICTS AND IN THE SPIRIT OF CHRISTMAS LET THERE BE PEACE

FOR THE PEOPLE OF BOSTON

LOUISE DAY HICKS

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THE NEW YORK TIMES, FRIDAY, DECEMBER 13, 19

## 4 Boston High Schools Hit by Walkouts

By JOHN KIFNER

Special to The New York Times

BOSTON, Dec. 12—After 15

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Rm 115 EOB  
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December 13, 1974

Dear Mr. Rangel:

I wish to acknowledge receipt and thank you for your letter to the President of today's date asking that he take action with respect to the school situation in Boston.

You may be assured your letter will be called to the President's attention at the earliest opportunity.

With kind regards,

Sincerely,

Max L. Friedersdorf  
Deputy Assistant  
to the President

The Honorable Charles B. Rangel  
House of Representatives  
Washington, D. C. 20515

✓cc: w/incoming to Philip Buchen for appropriate handling.

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MRS. VIRGINIA L. BELL  
DISTRICT ADMINISTRATOR

December 13, 1974

PLEASE RESPOND TO  
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BT  
The Honorable Gerald Ford  
The President  
White House  
Washington, D.C.

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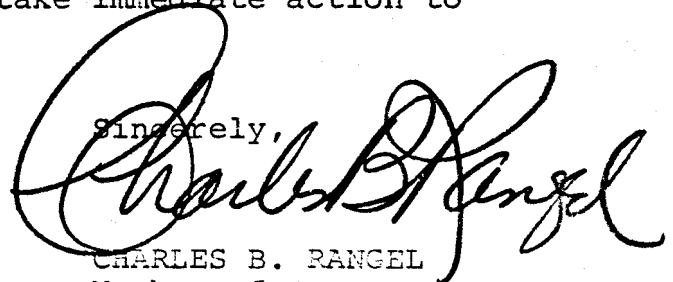
I was extremely distressed to hear, this morning, of the continued outbreak of violence in Boston and of the death of Michael Faith, a seventeen year old student as a result of the terrible fighting.

I again ask that you take a firm stand in support of the people of Boston and send in the National Guard as requested to assist in carrying out the lawful mandates of the courts and for the protection of innocent individuals.

It is a disgrace to our nation that the tragedy of Boston continues without firm action on the part of the President of the United States.

It is my hope that you will take immediate action to remedy this situation.

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CHARLES B. RANGEL  
Member of Congress

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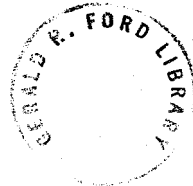


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THE WHITE HOUSE  
WASHINGTON

*For consideration  
by Dudley Chapman*

*J.*



*Boston  
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Thursday 12/12/74

(For the Press Briefing)

10:58 Jack Hushen said -- in connection with the Boston situation -- Ron may be asked whether or not the President is being kept aware of the developments there. They would like to respond "Yes, by his Legal Counsel as the situation warrants."

Hushen has talked with people at Justice and they say things are fairly routine. FBI is investigating the stabbing and Community Relations Services and trying to mediate the disputes.



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TO: PHIL BUCHEN

FROM: GEOFF SHEPARD

FYI XX

COMMENT \_\_\_\_\_

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THE WHITE HOUSE

WASHINGTON

Geoff --

Mrs. Eunice Howe, Republican National Chairwoman for Massachusetts, called re Boston busing situation and wanted the following message delivered to the appropriate people at the White House:

"Boston situation tense. Attorney General Saxbe's remarks linking Governor Sargent's actions to campaign politics irresponsible. If reported correctly, suggest you request his resignation."

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*Busing*

THE WHITE HOUSE  
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October 10, 1974

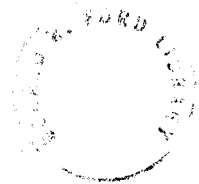
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SUBJECT: President's response on 10/9/74 to  
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- Q. Was it appropriate for the President to express his disagreement with the Judge's order because of his consistent opposition to forced busing as a means to solve the needs of quality education for all students?
- A. The President was careful to point out that while he disagreed philosophically and as a matter of policy with forced busing as the best remedy for educational deficiencies, he was careful to say that "I think it is of maximum importance that the citizens of Boston respect the law." It is also his view that the Judge late yesterday acted correctly in rejecting Boston Mayor White's request to have additional marshals brought in to help control the disturbances but instead ordered the Mayor to bring in additional police from other Massachusetts cities to supplement



the Boston police force in South Boston. Also, it is reported that Massachusetts Governor Sargent has responded to a request by the Mayor to assign State policement to the area. It is the policy of this Administration not to authorize Federal intervention in state law enforcement unless and until the resources available at the local and state levels are fully used, including, if necessary, use by National Guardsmen under state jurisdiction. The President also expressed his belief that Federal involvement would not prove necessary in the South Boston situation.



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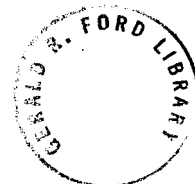
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- A. The President was careful to point out that while he disagreed philosophically and as a matter of policy with forced busing as the best remedy for educational deficiencies, he was careful to say that "I think it is of maximum importance that the citizens of Boston respect the law." It is also his view that the Judge late yesterday acted correctly in rejecting Boston Mayor White's request to have additional marshals brought in to help control the disturbances but instead ordered the Mayor to bring in additional police from other Massachusetts cities to supplement



the Boston police force in South Boston. Also, it is reported that Massachusetts Governor Sargent has responded to a request by the Mayor to assign State policing to the area. It is the policy of this Administration not to authorize Federal intervention in state law enforcement unless and until the resources available at the local and state levels are fully used, including, if necessary, use by National Guardsmen under state jurisdiction. The President also expressed his belief that Federal involvement would not prove necessary in the South Boston situation.



Thursday 10/10/74

2:30 Larry Speakes called to ask some questions concerning a report that Kevin White, Mayor of Boston, is asking for Federal assistance.



10/2/74

**To: Ken Lazarus**

**From: Jay French**

**Would you prepare a  
memo for Mr. Buchen  
about receiving  
petitions -- how should  
it be done? policy guidelines,  
etc. ?**

**Please give me a call  
before you start on this.**



THE WHITE HOUSE

WASHINGTON

September 10, 1974

MEMORANDUM FOR:

PHIL BUCHEN

FROM:

JERRY JONES 

SUBJECT:

Policy for Handling Demonstrations  
and Receiving Petitions

In the past as you may know, the Counsel's Office has handled the receipt of petitions and the various demonstrations that are held around the White House grounds. General Haig feels that we should continue this policy, and I agree. (See attached memo.)

You may want to discuss this with either General Haig or me. However, if you agree, perhaps you would want to send a policy statement out to the White House Staff to reiterate this.

cc: Al Haig

Attachment





MEMORANDUM

THE WHITE HOUSE  
WASHINGTON

*[Handwritten signature]*  
September 2, 1974

MEMORANDUM FOR: GENERAL HAIG  
FROM: BRENT SCOWCROFT *[Signature]*  
SUBJECT: Demonstrations and Handling of Petitions

I agree with you that the Press Office should not be involved in receiving petitions from demonstrators. On the other hand, I think it would not have been useful to have involved an NSC staff member. Doing so could indicate our concern over the foreign policy importance attached to any demonstration and lead as well to expectations of substantive comment.

It is my understanding that there used to be a standard practice of having a member of the White House legal staff meet with demonstrators to receive petitions. This has the advantage of presenting petitioners with a neutral person not in a position of a spokesman or substantive representative. I recommend that such a policy be followed in the future.

*Brent is absolutely correct - in future matters of this kind should be referred to Counsel's office. (as time will wear void).*



*Demonstration  
Boston*

January 14, 1975

Dear Congressman Rangel:

While we share your concern over the violence in Boston, we do not consider it necessary or appropriate to federalize the National Guard in order to maintain order.

The maintenance of order and the protection of citizens from violence remain primarily a State and local responsibility even where, as here, disorder results from the enforcement of a federal court order. Only when State resources are insufficient to maintain order or State officials are unwilling to do so is it necessary or appropriate to use federal armed forces. This is not the case in Boston. I might add that no formal request for the federalizing of the Massachusetts National Guard or the Guard of other States has been received from either the legislature or the Governor of Massachusetts as contemplated by Article IV section 4 of the Constitution.

I am confident that the Massachusetts authorities will do all that is necessary to prevent further tragedies like the death of Michael Faith.

Sincerely,

Philip W. Buchen  
Counsel to the President

Honorable Charles B. Rangel  
House of Representatives  
Washington, D.C. 20515

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December 13, 1974

Dear Mr. Rangel:

I wish to acknowledge receipt and thank you for your letter to the President of today's date asking that he take action with respect to the school situation in Boston.

You may be assured your letter will be called to the President's attention at the earliest opportunity.

With kind regards,

Sincerely,

Max L. Friedersdorf  
Deputy Assistant  
to the President

The Honorable Charles B. Rangel  
House of Representatives  
Washington, D.C. 20515

✓cc: w/incoming to Philip Buchen for appropriate handling.

MLF:EF:VO:vo



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December 13, 1974

PLEASE RESPOND TO  
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BT  
The Honorable Gerald Ford  
The President  
White House  
Washington, D.C.

Dear President Ford:

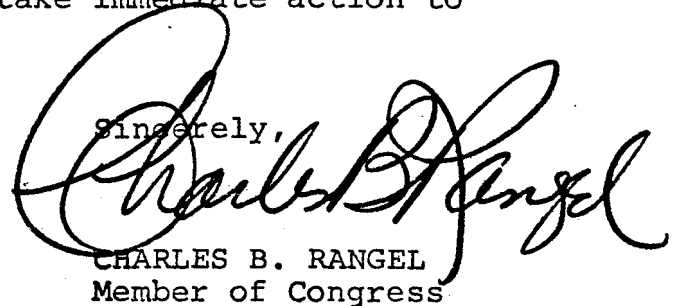
I was extremely distressed to hear, this morning, of the continued outbreak of violence in Boston and of the death of Michael Faith, a seventeen year old student as a result of the terrible fighting.

I again ask that you take a firm stand in support of the people of Boston and send in the National Guard as requested to assist in carrying out the lawful mandates of the courts and for the protection of innocent individuals.

It is a disgrace to our nation that the tragedy of Boston continues without firm action on the part of the President of the United States.

It is my hope that you will take immediate action to remedy this situation.

Sincerely,

  
CHARLES B. RANGEL  
Member of Congress

CBR:cbl

