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October 11, 1974

The dedication of the Arthur H. Vandenberg Room at the Bentley Historical Library of the University of Michigan is a fitting tribute to a great American Senator.

The public years of Arthur Vandenberg were a credit to Michigan as well as to the country he loved and served with such distinction. As one who was profoundly influenced by his wisdom and experience, I have a special appreciation of the value the Senator's private papers will have on those who will study at my Alma Mater.

Today, in our era of internationalism and growing interdependence, all Americans can reflect with pride on the legacy of Senator Vandenberg. It embraces the strength of character he passed on to a nation a quarter of a century ago to keep it from returning to isolationism and to accepting instead its responsibilities as a world power.

My thoughts will be with all those who gather on this occasion and whose efforts made it possible.

**GERALD R. FORD**

Sent Air Mail - Special Delivery to: Dr. Robert M. Warner  
Michigan Historical Collections  
Bentley Historical Library  
1150 Beal Avenue  
Ann Arbor, Michigan 48105

cc: Mr. David W. Kendall  
Butzel, Long, Gust, Klein & Van Zile  
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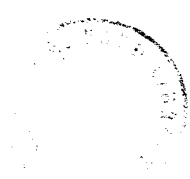
10/10/74

To: Eliska Hasek

From: Eva Daughtrey

Attached is

To confirm my phone conversation  
giving the address for Mr. Warner  
to whom the Presidential letter  
for the October 16th dedication  
should be sent



Dave Kendall said the letter for October 16th  
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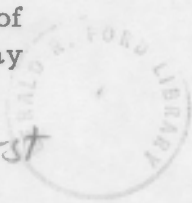
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To: Mr. Buchen  
From: Eva

For your use in preparing a reply, wanted you to know that I sent the material to Eliska Hasek for preparation of a Presidential Message.

I have also sent a copy of this letter received today for further background.

Let me know first when message is ready before I reply to this letter





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*David W. Kendall*

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DWK:gd



10/4/74

**To: Eliska Hasek**  
**From: Eva Daughtrey**

**Here is an additional letter  
re our request for a Presidential  
message for the Dedication of  
the Arthur H. Vandenberg Room  
at the University of Michigan --  
and a little more background.**

**Thanks again.**



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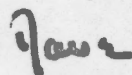
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registered!*



You are invited to  
the Dedication of the

ARTHUR H. VANDENBERG ROOM

Wednesday, October 16, 1974  
two-thirty p.m.

BENTLEY HISTORICAL LIBRARY

Michigan Historical Collections

1150 Beal Avenue  
The University of Michigan  
Ann Arbor, Michigan



# The Arthur H. Vandenberg Papers

The Michigan Historical Collections    Bentley Historical Library    The University of Michigan

Arthur H. Vandenberg, whose career began as a newspaperman in Grand Rapids, Michigan, today holds a prominent place in the history of twentieth-century America. An influential member of the United States Senate for nearly a quarter of a century, he was the leading exponent within the Congress of a bipartisan foreign policy; after World War II he became one of the principal founders of the United Nations.

The senator, an insatiable student of American history and the author of three volumes on Alexander Hamilton, realized the importance of his personal papers to the scholar of America's political and diplomatic history. He willed his papers first to Arthur H. Vandenberg, Jr., and directed his son to deposit them in the William L. Clements Library at The University of Michigan. In 1973, the Clements Library, primarily an archive of American Revolutionary War history, transferred the papers to the Bentley Historical Library at the University where they would best complement the manuscripts of many of the senator's Michigan contemporaries.

Arthur H. Vandenberg, Jr., used a part of the materials now housed in the Bentley Library in his volume *The Private Papers of Senator Vandenberg*, published in 1952. Of this book, *New York Times* columnist, James Reston wrote:

His private papers are not merely one more book about the great revolution of American foreign policy. They are an intimate record of the conversion of a man and a nation during one of the most critical periods of world history. They are a most revealing account of the way in which foreign policy is made in a government of divided powers. They are the story of a complex and fascinating human being, who played a critical role in the development of American leadership in the world, and fortunately, they are written by the man himself and not, like most of the post war reports of the mighty, the work of a competent ghost.

The Vandenberg Collection of which Reston wrote presently totals with recent additions 10,000 items of manuscript and 24 volumes of diaries and scrapbooks. For the contemporary scholar, it offers an unexcelled resource for the study of both the life and career of Arthur Vandenberg and the development of recent American foreign policy. A diary kept by the senator at the 1946 San Francisco Conference establishing the United Nations exemplifies the richness of the collection. Vandenberg himself typed lengthy descriptions of his daily activities while at the conference, and included in it his impressions of many of the delegates present. The senator's correspondence makes up the largest part of the collection. The earliest letter was written in 1891 by the seven-year-old Vandenberg to his mother. More recent correspondents include Herbert Hoover, Frank Knox, Henry Cabot Lodge, William G. Borah, Albert J. Beveridge, Dwight D. Eisenhower, Harry S. Truman, Dean Acheson, Cordell Hull, and many other leaders of American and Michigan politics.

A significant adjunct to the Vandenberg collection are the 12 diaries kept by the senator's wife, the former Hazel Whittaker. Her

diaries, which begin with Vandenberg's entry into the U.S. Senate in 1928 and continue into 1948, portray the richness and variety of official life in Washington, D.C., during the administrations of Hoover, Roosevelt, and Truman. They offer an unparalleled view of American politics during the New Deal and the years of World War II.

As a tribute to the Senator, the Bentley Library has designated a memorial room in his name. The attractive wood paneled room provides appropriate space for displays of the Vandenberg papers. In late October, 1974, a new oil portrait of Senator Vandenberg will be unveiled for permanent display.

As part of the commemoration program and in cooperation with the Vandenberg family and the senator's close personal friend, David W. Kendall, the Michigan Historical Collections has inaugurated a program of collecting additional historical material which would be valuable to the study of Vandenberg's career. The senator's daughter, Elizabeth Vandenberg Sands, recently canvassed all members of the family for personal letters and other memorabilia. She is now soliciting the aid of his friends and associates. Together with the Michigan Historical Collections, she is encouraging these colleagues and others who corresponded with him, or who collected his materials to search their own files for relevant Vandenberg letters, photographs, speeches, recollections, or similar items, and to add these materials in original or in copy to the University's Vandenberg Collection. Individuals should mail materials to:

Michigan Historical Collections  
Bentley Historical Library  
The University of Michigan  
Ann Arbor, Michigan 48105

The Michigan Historical Collections will pay any copying or postage charges.

The Vandenberg Collection represents one of many housed in the University's Michigan Historical Collections. Since its inception in 1935, the Michigan Historical Collections has accumulated and preserved manuscripts, books, maps, photographs, posters, tapes, films, and ephemeral material which relate to the history of Michigan and its people, cities, and institutions. The Collections today has some 14 million items of manuscript, 35,000 books and pamphlet items, and 200,000 individual photographs. The manuscript holdings include the papers of 19 Michigan governors as well as the papers of several of the state's senators and congressmen. In addition to the Vandenberg papers, the Collections houses the papers of Governors Frank Murphy, Chase Osborn, G. Mennen Williams, and George Romney; Congresswoman Martha Griffiths; and President Gerald R. Ford's congressional papers.

Since 1973, the Michigan Historical Collections has been located in the Bentley Historical Library on the North Campus of The University of Michigan. In addition to stack area for housing manuscript and printed collections, the building includes a spacious reading room, an assembly room for holding historical meetings, and a seminar room.

*Messages*

October 1, 1974

MEMORANDUM FOR: Eliska Hasek  
FROM: Philip Buchen  
SUBJECT: Presidential Message

It would be greatly appreciated if you would prepare a message from the President to be read at the dedication program of the Vandenberg Room at the Bentley Library at the University of Michigan which will take place on October 16, 1974. Material is attached.

Thanks so much.



THE WHITE HOUSE

WASHINGTON

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*Inv regretted  
10/16/74*

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ROBERT V. V. RICE  
OF COUNSEL

September 4, 1974

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

Dear Phil:

There is very little I can add to Dave Kendall's letter of August 29, except to confirm the official invitation and to extend my personal hope that you and Bunny can be with us for the Vandenberg Room Dedication on October 16.

The ceremony is tentatively planned for 2:30 p.m., and it is anticipated that President Fleming will present the dedication, Betsy Sands will offer a few words of appreciation, and in addition to the address by Dean Wilcox there will be further comments by some of the dignitaries in attendance, including yourself. There will be a viewing of the exhibit and a reception following the ceremony.

I am sure that a number of your friends from Grand Rapids will be in attendance, and we would all take great pleasure in your being there. Please put it on the agenda if you possibly can.

I would like also to offer you belated congratulations on your appointment. Our pride in the Grand Rapids contingent in the White House does not stop with your illustrious boss!

Roes joins me in warm greetings and best wishes to you and Bunny.

Sincerely,

  
A. B. SMITH, JR.

ABS:mjk





THE WHITE HOUSE  
WASHINGTON

September 3, 1974

To: Warren Rustand  
From: Phil Buchen

Attached is a copy of letter from Dave Kendall re my appearance (in place of the President) at the dedication of the Vandenberg Room in Ann Arbor on October 16.

Please advise.

*The President did want to do this as V.P. but we couldn't agree on date. I think it would be very appropriate to go if you can afford time. WSR*



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On October 16 there will be a program of dedication of the Vandenberg Room in the Bentley Library of the Michigan Historical Collections at the University of Michigan North Campus. There was a good deal of correspondence back and forth with the President when he was Vice President about his making an appearance on that occasion. You don't need me to tell you about Senator Vandenberg or the importance of his papers and activity in the Senate and the establishment of the United Nations.

Bud Smith is acting with me as co-chairman of the event and he told me yesterday that he is going to write you about your coming out, hopefully to represent the President on that occasion. I can't emphasize too much how delightful it would be and how appropriate if you could do so. Fran Wilcos who was Clerk of the Foreign Relations Committee of the Senate when Art Vandenberg was chairman, has consented to make the principal talk. He is now Dean, as you probably know, of Johns Hopkins University and Chairman of Commission of the Organization of the Government for the Conduct of Foreign Policy.

I am taking the liberty of passing this on to you, partly because your presence would grace the gathering from the standpoint of all concerned and partly because we just want you.



Philip A. Buchen, Esquire

August 29, 1974

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Wishing you as always the very best in this period which has its obvious difficulties, which you and the President seem to be handling so well.

Sincerely,

*DWK*

David W. Kendall

DWK:gd



October 11, 1974

Dear Bill:

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Jack's record at age thirteen proves him most worthy of this distinction. I congratulate him.

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3737 Lake Eastbrook Boulevard, S.E.  
Grand Rapids, Michigan 49506

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cc: D. E. Downton/R. Nessen/P. Buchen/P. Theis/E. Hasek/CFRD  
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10/10/74

Eliska advises that there cards  
for Eagle Scouts are not yet printed.

They can't send a letter from the  
President, but if it is a friend of  
the President's, they can send a  
telegram to the Scoutmaster.

Advised Mr. Buchanan and he said  
"Well if that's the best you can do --  
that's better than nothing."



Eagle Scout  
John Gunn

Tuesday 10/8/74

(616) 949-8871

9:45 Bill Buchanan called to ask if a Presidential letter could be sent to John Gunn. I checked with Eliska Hasek's office -- their usual procedure is to send an <sup>engraved</sup> card from the President to any young man when he becomes an Eagle Scout; however, the cards have not yet been approved and <sup>engraved</sup> printed (previous administrations have done this). In lieu of this, some staff member has been sending a letter on behalf of the President.

However, in the case of a friend of the President's or a friend of someone on the White House staff, they would prepare a letter -- see draft of memo to Eliska, if you approve.



**October 8, 1974**

**MEMORANDUM FOR: Elisha Hasek**  
**FROM: Philip Buchan**  
**SUBJECT: Presidential letter for  
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If you have any questions, my secretary has Mr. Buchanan's telephone number and can get any other information you might need.

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Thanks very much for your help.



**October 8, 1974**

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*Buchanan  
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THE WHITE HOUSE  
WASHINGTON

Mr B -  
letter has  
been sent.

J. F. [unclear]



October 11, 1974

The dedication of the Arthur H. Vandenberg Room at the Bentley Historical Library of the University of Michigan is a fitting tribute to a great American Senator.

The public years of Arthur Vandenberg were a credit to Michigan as well as to the country he loved and served with such distinction. As one who was profoundly influenced by his wisdom and experience, I have a special appreciation of the value the Senator's private papers will have on those who will study at my Alma Mater.

Today, in our era of internationalism and growing interdependence, all Americans can reflect with pride on the legacy of Senator Vandenberg. It embraces the strength of character he passed on to a nation a quarter of a century ago to keep it from returning to isolationism and to accepting instead its responsibilities as a world power.

My thoughts will be with all those who gather on this occasion and whose efforts made it possible.

**GERALD R. FORD**

Sent Air Mail - Special Delivery to: Dr. Robert M. Warner  
Michigan Historical Collections  
Bentley Historical Library  
1150 Beal Avenue  
Ann Arbor, Michigan 48105

cc: Mr. David W. Kendall  
Butzel, Long, Cust, Klein & Van Zile  
1881 First National Building  
Detroit, Michigan 48226

GRF:Hasek:

cc:D. E. Downton/R. Nessen/P. Buchen/P. Theis/E. Hasek/CF



*Pending B. H.  
Eliska to prepare  
message*

October 1, 1974

**MEMORANDUM FOR:** Eliska Hasek  
**FROM:** Philip Buchen  
**SUBJECT:** Presidential Message

**It would be greatly appreciated if you would prepare a message from the President to be read at the dedication program of the Vandenberg Room at the Bentley Library at the University of Michigan which will take place on October 16, 1974. Material is attached.**

**Thanks so much.**





*Smith A B Jr.*

THE WHITE HOUSE

WASHINGTON

September 26, 1974

Dear Dave:

You were very thoughtful to invite me to participate in the dedication program for the Vandenberg Room at the Bentley Library on October 16th. I also appreciated Bud Smith's joining in the invitation with his own warm letter.

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Very best regards.

Sincerely yours,

*Phil*

Philip W. Buchen  
Counsel to the President

Mr. David W. Kendall  
Butzel, Long, Gust, Klein & Van Zile  
1881 First National Building  
Detroit, Michigan 48226

cc: A. B. Smith, Jr. ✓

*Best wishes, Bud.*  
*P.*



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cc: A.B. Smith, Jr.  
bcc: Warren Rustand ✓



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CHARLES F. BEHLER

September 4, 1974

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

Dear Phil:

There is very little I can add to Dave Kendall's letter of August 29, except to confirm the official invitation and to extend my personal hope that you and Bunny can be with us for the Vandenberg Room Dedication on October 16.

The ceremony is tentatively planned for 2:30 p.m., and it is anticipated that President Fleming will present the dedication, Betsy Sands will offer a few words of appreciation, and in addition to the address by Dean Wilcox there will be further comments by some of the dignitaries in attendance, including yourself. There will be a viewing of the exhibit and a reception following the ceremony.

I am sure that a number of your friends from Grand Rapids will be in attendance, and we would all take great pleasure in your being there. Please put it on the agenda if you possibly can.

I would like also to offer you belated congratulations on your appointment. Our pride in the Grand Rapids contingent in the White House does not stop with your illustrious boss!

Roes joins me in warm greetings and best wishes to you and Bunny.

Sincerely,

  
A. B. SMITH, JR.

ABS:mjk



THE WHITE HOUSE  
WASHINGTON

September 3, 1974

To: Warren Rustand  
From: Phil Buchen

Attached is a copy of letter from Dave Kendall re my appearance (in place of the President) at the dedication of the Vandenberg Room in Ann Arbor on October 16.

Please advise.

*The President did want to do this as V.P. but we couldn't agree on date. I think it would be very appropriate to go if you can afford time work.*



ROCKWELL T. GUST  
A. HILLIARD WILLIAMS  
VICTOR W. KLEIN  
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August 29, 1974

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1877-1962

THOMAS G. LONG

1883-1973

FRED J. KENNEDY

1891-1969

DAVID W. KENDALL

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CABLE ADDRESS

STARZEL

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

Dear Phil:

I appreciate so much your prompt and kind letter. You just couldn't have better and more balanced advice from two better people than Gerry Morgan and Ed McCabe.

On October 16 there will be a program of dedication of the Vandenberg Room in the Bentley Library of the Michigan Historical Collections at the University of Michigan North Campus. There was a good deal of correspondence back and forth with the President when he was Vice President about his making an appearance on that occasion. You don't need me to tell you about Senator Vandenberg or the importance of his papers and activity in the Senate and the establishment of the United Nations.

Bud Smith is acting with me as co-chairman of the event and he told me yesterday that he is going to write you about your coming out, hopefully to represent the President on that occasion. I can't emphasize too much how delightful it would be and how appropriate if you could do so. Fran Wilcos who was Clerk of the Foreign Relations Committee of the Senate when Art Vandenberg was chairman, has consented to make the principal talk. He is now Dean, as you probably know, of Johns Hopkins University and Chairman of Commission of the Organization of the Government for the Conduct of Foreign Policy.

I am taking the liberty of passing this on to you, partly because your presence would grace the gathering from the standpoint of all concerned and partly because we just want you.



Philip A. Buchen, Esquire  
August 29, 1974  
Page 2

Wishing you as always the very best in this period which has its obvious difficulties, which you and the President seem to be handling so well.

Sincerely,

*DWK*

David W. Kendall

DWK:gd



*Ford*

THE WHITE HOUSE  
WASHINGTON

November 1, 1974

MEMORANDUM FOR MR. BUCHEN

HEW advised that it would be inappropriate for the President to send greetings to the 14th Pan-American Congress of Otolaryngology & Bronchoesophagology. Also, State Department policy has generally held it improper for Presidential messages to be sent to international congresses abroad at which other participating delegations do not have similar greetings from their respective chiefs of state.

I explained this by phone to Dr. Albers who was most understanding and appreciated greatly our looking into it. He sends you his best wishes.

*Eliska*

Eliska Hasek

Att.



THE WHITE HOUSE

WASHINGTON

Oct. 21, 1974

To: Eliska Hasek

From: Eva Daughtrey

Mr. Buchen asked me to direct to your office so that a message might be sent from the President -- if appropriate.

If you have any questions, I would be glad to check them out.

Thanks loads.

Attachment: Letter of September 30, 1974  
from Dr. G. Donald Albers





*Message required*

**KENT  
OTOLARYNGOLOGY  
ASSOCIATES, P.C.**

203 PARIS, S.E.  
GRAND RAPIDS, MICH. 49503  
(616) 459-4514

G. DONALD ALBERS, M.D. Otology	CHRISTIAN HELMUS, M.D. Head and Neck Surgery Laryngology	THOMAS R. SPOONER, M.D. Otorhinolaryngology	KENNETH R. JOHNSON, Ph.D. Audiology-Speech Therapy
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September 30, 1974

Mr. Phillip Buchen  
Jefferson Hotel  
1200 16th St.  
Washington, D.C. 20036

Dear Phil:

It certainly was very thoughtful of Bunny to call today about my reason for contacting you. It concerns the 14th Pan-American Congress of Otolaryngology and Bronchoesophagology which will be held November 10th to 14th 1974 at the Convention Hall, Anhembi Park, San Paulo, Brazil. This organization has been in existence for the past 28 years and has over 1,500 ENT specialists in the Western hemisphere. They have been very active in improving medical and surgical treatment of various ear, nose, and throat problems.

An excellent interchange of information has resulted and many lasting friendships have developed among the various Pan-American countries involved. The chairman for the 1974 Congress is Professor Albermaz of Brazil. It is also interesting to note that although the participation of American Otolaryngologists has been increasing, the major impetus of the Congress has been directed by outstanding specialists from Central and South America. Dr. Howard P. House of Los Angeles is the president and he has enthusiastically agreed that it would be a fine gesture of good will if President Ford could send his greetings and appreciation of the fine work that this unique association has been carrying out.

It also was nice to have the short conference with you last July concerning privacy and medical records. We certainly appreciate the fine work that both of you are doing. Wish you the best of success in your most important position.



Sincerely yours,  
*G. Donald Albers*  
G. Donald Albers, M.D. (Don)

GDA/cr

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THE WHITE HOUSE  
WASHINGTON

Nov. 20, 1974

MEMO FOR PHIL BUCHEN

Because of the many college law reviews we have generally stayed away from sending Presidential messages for requests such as the attached.

Since this is the Detroit College of Law should an exception be made? Or should I simply call and explain we cannot comply?

1. Prepare Presidential message \_\_\_\_\_
2. Regret by phone *P.W.B.*

Thank you,

*Eliska*

Eliska Hasek

Atts.



12  
10/25/74  
JH

*Detroit College of Law*

*136 East Elizabeth Street*

*Detroit, Michigan 48201*

October 25, 1974

LAW REVIEW

TELEPHONE  
313-966-0150

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

Dear President Ford:

The Detroit College of Law Review will resume publication after an interval of 28 years. We would greatly appreciate having a statement from you to use as a Foreword to our inaugural issue. For your convenience, I have enclosed a sample of a possible statement. Needless to say, a statement drafted by your staff will be perfectly acceptable to us. We hope to hear from you soon.

An old friend and fraternity brother of yours, Philip T. Van Zile II, sends his greetings.

We are proud to have a Michigander in the White House.

Yours truly,

DETROIT COLLEGE OF LAW REVIEW

*Levon G. King*

Levon G. King  
Managing Editor

LGK/mb



Since 1891 the Detroit College of Law has trained men and women to serve in the legal profession. Many of my friends in the practice of law and in public service are graduates of this distinguished school. As the oldest school of law in Detroit, its contribution has been particularly great in providing skilled practitioners for Detroit and Michigan.

Now, after a period of inactivity, the Detroit College of Law Review is resuming publication. I welcome this addition to the legal literature of our country and extend my congratulations to the administration and faculty at Detroit College of Law, and to the student editors of the Review.

While Detroit College of Law is well known to lawyers in Michigan, I take pride in the prospect that it will now become more generally known across our country as an institution of high academic excellence.



President

messages &  
letters

~~Morris Milwest (313) 751-7570~~

~~Hyman Baker (313) 254-3540~~

Tuesday 11/19/74

4:10 Eliska Hasek called to say they have a letter from Larry Love of Grosse Pointe requesting a letter from the President. Eastern High School is honoring David C. Vokes, formerly University of Michigan, former graduate of Eastern Michigan University, sports writer for the Free Press, editor of Eastern Michigan University Paper, attorney, judge, counsel for Michigan Unemployment Compensation Commission, visiting judge for the Circuit Court in Retirement, and a good Republican. There is to be a dinner at the Bay View Yacht Club in Detroit honoring him -- attendees will be the classes from 1920 to 1930.

She figured with all of the above, you would probably know him -- and wondered if he is a friend of the President's, etc.

So far as I can tell he is known to the President, and he is a highly respected long-time resident of the Detroit area.

advised Eliska  
11/20/74



President  
Messages

Monday 12/9/74

4:15 Dorothy Downton brought these up. Billy Zeoli had apparently given them to the President; it was suggested by Nell Yates that they should be checked with you concerning whether this is in conflict with our sponsorship, etc., policy.



December 12, 1974

Dear Larry:

My thanks for your good letter and I am glad to learn that the telegram for George Shields was a success.

The Domestic Council Committee on the Right of Privacy is still in existence waiting for the new Vice President to take charge as soon as he is confirmed. In the meantime the staff of the Committee has been very active.

I am keeping your letter addressed to the President, but will make use of your comments at such time as it seems necessary or appropriate.

Sincerely yours,

Philip W. Buchen  
Counsel to the President

Mr. L. D. Rabilly  
2000 Coronado, S. E.  
Grand Rapids, Michigan 49506



L. D. RAHILLY  
GRAND RAPIDS

November 22, 1974

Mr. Philip W. Buchen  
The White House  
Washington, D. C. 20013

Dear Phil:

I have been remiss in not thanking you sooner for the telegram to George Shields. It was perfectly worded, and the hit of the party. George was delighted, and the Sisters of Mercy - not only locally and provincially, but nationally - have copies, and the Fords are in their daily prayers. They are in mine too, but I believe the Sisters have more influence than I.

I still miss you around this town, as do many others. When your chore is done, please come back.

What ever happened to the Commission on Privacy? I hope it has not died and will report soon. It is vital.

I have been repeatedly requested to write the President on the concerted attacks on the I.C.C., by some professors of Economics, the Chairman of the F.T.C., the Assistant Attorney General and a member of the Council of Economic Advisers. The President even referred to it in one of his recent speeches on Inflation.

I believe that the attacks are grossly unfair, and, in most cases, start from a false premise. I am enclosing a letter to the President which can stop at your desk, if you wish, but I want you to know how I feel in support of the Commissioners.

Sincerely,

*Larry*  
L. D. Rahilly

hq  
Enc.





L. D. RAHILLY  
GRAND RAPIDS

November 22, 1974

Honorable Gerald R. Ford  
The White House  
Washington, D. C. 20013

Dear Mr. President:

From recent media reports, a concerted attack is being made on the Interstate Commerce Commission and its role in the cause of Inflation. As the former president of a major motor carrier, past president of the Michigan Trucking Association and past chairman of the Common Carrier Conference, I have disagreed with the I.C.C. at times, but I also know that deregulation as recommended by some uninformed, or misinformed people would create chaos and make a shambles of our private-owned transportation system. The economic, political and social effects would be horrendous. It is disturbing to those of us who have devoted a lifetime to helping to provide this nation with the finest transportation in the world when people in your Administration assert that our regulated industry is costing consumers billions of dollars annually. Common carriers operate on a rate of return far below that of most industries, and are extremely low on rate of return on investment.

If, as seems likely, a commission is appointed to investigate the Commission and the Transportation industry, I sincerely hope you will ensure that practical business men with experience in the field are represented on that fact-finding body, so that its conclusions will not rest on unsubstantiated theories, but, rather, will be based on facts.

Respectfully,

*Rahilly*  
L. D. Rahilly

hq



September 25, 1974

Rahilly,  
(see  
Shields)  
(Presidential  
letter)

Dear Mr. Shields:

As a friend and fellow townsman, I welcome this opportunity to congratulate you on your ten successful years as President of the Advisory Board of St. Mary's Hospital.

I share the immense satisfaction and appreciation of Sister Mary Delora and all those associated with this fine institution for the splendid service you have given it. It is very much in character and reflects the qualities that I have long known and admired in you.

Best wishes to you and to all the Sisters of Mercy who attend this evening's celebration.

Sincerely,

Mr. George Shields  
President, Advisory Board  
St. Mary's Hospital  
200 Jefferson Street  
Grand Rapids, Michigan 49502

GRF:Hasek:jlc  
CC: D. E. Downton/R. Nessen/P. Theis/E. Hasek/Eva Daughtrey/CF  
Event: Sept. 25, 1974



*Sheldon  
George*

Wednesday 9/25/74

3:30 Larry Rahilly called from Grand Rapids saying the congratulatory telegram we had requested to be sent to St. Mary's Hospital had not arrived and the party was to be held at 5:30 today (Wednesday 9/25).

(616) 243-1485

Called Theis' office; they had sent it to Eliska Hasek; called there and they said they didn't know what time the party was to be; asked them to please get a telegram out and, if possible, to send a confirming telegram.



Shields, George

September 21, 1974

FOR: Paul Theis  
FROM: Eva Daughtrey  
SUBJECT: Congratulatory Telegram from  
the President to George Shields

Mr. Buchen would like a telegram sent from the President to George Shields, St. Mary's Hospital, Grand Rapids, Michigan.

Mr. Shields is retiring on Wednesday 9/25/74 after serving for ten years as President of the Advisory Board of St. Mary's Hospital.

Mr. Buchen suggests something like ---- congrats on progress under his leadership, etc.

Mr. Shields, in his earlier conversation with me, mentioned that the Sisters of Mercy would no doubt be overjoyed to have the telegram sent to Mr. Shields --- so perhaps you could add something in your telegram.

I have called Grand Rapids and the name of the hospital has been verified --- St. Mary's Hospital  
200 Jefferson, S. E.  
Grand Rapids, Michigan 49502

(616) 774-6090

I also ascertained that Sister <sup>Mary</sup> Delora is the Head Administrator.

The President knows Mr. Shields.

Thanks for your help.



THE WHITE HOUSE

WASHINGTON

774-6090

Sisters  
of Mercy

St. Mary's ?

200 Jefferson S E

49502

Sister Delora

Head Administrator



*Proclamation*

December 16, 1974

TO: Paul Theis

FROM: Phil Buchen

I trust the original of this letter has been sent to you and you have the matter in hand. However, I send you my duplicate copy in case the matter has not otherwise come to your attention.

If you desire any assistance from our office, please let me know.

Attachment

PWBuchen:ed



AMERICAN BAR ASSOCIATION

*Proclamation*

OFFICE OF THE PRESIDENT  
JAMES D. FELLERS  
AMERICAN BAR CENTER  
CHICAGO, ILLINOIS 60637  
TELEPHONE: 312/493-0533

November 15, 1974

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

Dear Mr. President:

Next year will mark the 18th annual nationwide observance of ~~LAW DAY '75~~ and the beginning of the nation's Bicentennial celebrations which will extend to the end of December, 1976.

LAW DAY '75 will be directed toward implementation of the following selected theme:

America's Goal — Justice Through Law

More than 2,000 LAW DAY chairmen, representing some 700 bar associations, propose to demonstrate, through the presentation of appropriate programs, how the ideal of equal justice is succeeding and what needs to be done to strengthen the legal process.

In support of their efforts would you please issue the official LAW DAY proclamation as requested by Joint Resolution of Congress adopted in 1966. We ask that the proclamation be put out during January, 1975, to allow the time necessary for its widespread distribution by this Association very early in the new year.

A draft of a proposed proclamation is enclosed -- only for convenience and as a suggestion of the type of proclamation that has been customary.

Permit me to thank you in advance for your consideration of this request.

JDF:  
Encl.

Sincerely yours,

James D. Fellers



December 16, 1974

Mrs. Louise Day Hicks  
City Councilor  
Boston, Massachusetts

I appreciate your expression of concern relative to the tragic violence in the Boston area. My heart goes out to the students and their families who have suffered the consequences of disorder and disruptions. I join in urging that peace be restored throughout the schools and neighborhoods affected. I am confident that the responsible citizens of the Boston area and local government officials are determined and competent to resolve the current situation. I am also confident that the people involved will recognize that further tragedy can solve nothing and reason must replace irresponsible action.

GERALD R. FORD

GRF:JC:PB/GS:mgs

cc: Ehil Buchen/Geoff Shepard

