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THE WHITE HOUSE  
WASHINGTON

September 16, 1974

MEMORANDUM FOR:

PAT BUCHANAN

FROM:

JERRY JONES

Just a short note to let you know that the President has seen and noted your memorandum of September 10th regarding the Evans and Novak column.

THE WHITE HOUSE  
WASHINGTON

September 10, 1974

*Jack Horner*

*Lee Pat*

*Fredheim*

MEMORANDUM TO THE PRESIDENT

FROM: PATRICK J. BUCHANAN *PJB*

Sunday's savaging of Al Haig, in that remarkable column by Evans and Novak, contains allegations against me which are malicious and false, and -- whatever my future plans -- I want the President made aware of.

*Pres. has seen*  
*PK*

Buchanan is therein characterized as a "symbol of bloody nose Nixon politics who undercut Mr. Ford as Vice President." That statement is untrue and the individual who made it either knows it to be untrue or is grossly unaware of the situation in the Nixon White House.

To prove this point, I am attaching my own confidential memorandum, written to President Nixon at noon on the day of his Vice Presidential selection, written at a time when he was still wavering in his choice. This memorandum, which I trust will remain confidential, is hardly consistent with any policy of sabotaging your Vice Presidency. Whatever my personal situation is or becomes, I would hope that this memorandum would clearly disprove the substance of the whisper campaign.

With regard to that post as Ambassador to South Africa, I believe I could serve you and the country well, and am sending along a brief listing of what I think are the advantages of the proposal. I trust that you will not turn it down, out of hand, and that in any event, I will be able to make the case to you personally before a decision is taken.

October 11, 1973

MEMORANDUM TO THE PRESIDENT

FROM: PATRICK J. BUCHANAN

Of the names bandied about, including that of the Junior Senator from Mississippi, let me argue strongly for the choice of Congressman Ford of Michigan.

A) First, he is a strong, tough individual, if not brilliant, whose foreign and defense policy views mirror those of the President.

B) Secondly, he has the capacity, the integrity, to be a good President, should something happen.

C) His choice would unite the GOP, not divide it as would the selection of Rockefeller, Reagan or JBC. If one of the latter three would be chosen, the other factions of the Republican Party would be angered, and the race for the 1976 nomination would begin.

D) Ford, unlike Stennis or Jackson, could work the Republican vein on behalf of the President and could fulfill this traditional role.

We cannot afford to have a political neuter in the Vice Presidency; to do that is to surrender one of the most precious assets we have, voluntarily.

F) The choice of Ford would not disserve the constituency that chose the President last fall; it would be consistent with the national mandate given last November.

Buchanan

## ARGUMENTS FOR APPOINTMENT

- 1) South Africans would likely welcome appointment of a known conservative not automatically hostile to their concerns.
- 2) Appointing Republicans, with background, experience and interest in government service more in tune with the trend of the times than naming "contributors" to cap their careers.
- 3) Having written major foreign policy speeches, and served five years in White House, and been member of U.S. delegation to both China and Moscow summit, credentials seem in order.
- 4) Conservatives, in Congress and out, would welcome appointment as "one of their own," and would thus assist with existing political problems.
- 5) Having been exonerated by Sam Ervin, and named by Time Magazine as one of the Outstanding 200 Young Leaders in America, Buchanan emerged uninfected by Watergate.
- 6) Buchanan has served the GOP in the last four national campaigns -- 1966, 1968, 1970 and 1972 -- and thus should have considerable capital in the bank with the Party people, whom I could get in great numbers behind this nomination.