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November 6, 1974

STEVE BULL

Q: Has Steve Bull resigned?

A: No, he is still on the White House staff. As you know he was detailed to San Clemente following the resignation of the former President. He has now been returned to Washington.

Q: What is he doing?

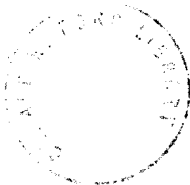
A: That question is now being decided and I hope to have an answer for you shortly.

Q: Has he been asked to submit his resignation?

A: There is nothing more I can give you on this right now. As I said, I hope to have an answer for you shortly.

Q: Who is handling the Bull question?

A: Don Rumsfeld.



THE WHITE HOUSE
WASHINGTON

October 7, 1974

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

Dear Mr. President:

With this letter, I am submitting my resignation as Special Consultant to the President, effective 15 November 1974. The opportunity of having served you and your predecessor for more than half a decade in the White House I shall cherish as among the highest of honors.

The nation is a different place than it was six years ago, when we fashioned that narrow political victory of 1968. The United States has withdrawn honorably from the war in Southeast Asia; our prisoners have been returned; that cause of so much bitterness and division among our people has been removed; and that era of civil disorder and domestic discord seems far, far away. For having courageously held the course during those stormy years, your predecessor, I believe, will deserve and shall receive the favorable judgment of history.

Tragically, the national unity manifest in the mandate of 1972 was shattered by Watergate; and the political momentum of that electoral triumph lost. Yet, the nation you now lead faces conditions at home and in the world equally as grave as those of 1968.

In confronting those conditions, you have the good will of the entire American people and the confidence and support of millions, among whom I count myself one. Certainly, your personal graciousness toward those who served the former President will not be forgotten. Further, I am confident history will look with approval upon the great dignity with which you assumed this Office, the good cheer with which you have confronted adversity, and the compassion and magnanimity you have shown your predecessor.

With warmest good wishes for the continued rapid recovery of the First Lady, and for the success of your Presidency,

Sincerely,



Patrick J. Buchanan

Special Consultant to the President

THE WHITE HOUSE

WASHINGTON

October 11, 1974

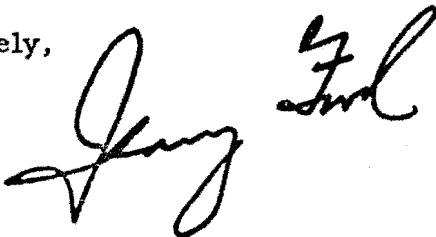
Dear Pat:

I have your letter of October 7, and I will, of course, accept your resignation as Special Consultant to the President, effective as you requested, November 15, 1974.

In doing so, I first want to express my personal thanks for your assistance to me and to the White House during these past weeks of transition. Beyond this, I want to thank you for your great dedication to our Nation, dedication that I know will continue to serve our country well for years to come. You were on board early for the campaign of 1968, and throughout the Nixon Administration you were among President Nixon's most effective, articulate and courageous advisers. I know the pride you feel in the great work that was accomplished. I know, too, that President Nixon was very proud of you.

There is still a tremendous job to be done in this nation. I am very grateful for your good wishes and support for my Administration and for my family. In turn, you have my heartfelt best wishes for your continued success and happiness in the years ahead.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in dark ink, appearing to read "Patrick J. Buchanan". The signature is written in a cursive style with a large, sweeping initial "P".

The Honorable Patrick J. Buchanan
The White House
Washington, D.C. 20500

October 2, 1974

MEMORANDUM FOR:

RON NESSEN

FROM:

JOHN G. CARLSON

SUBJECT:

PERSONNEL DETAILED TO FORMER
PRESIDENT RICHARD NIXON

Because there are so many agencies and departments involved, it is very difficult, if not impossible, to come up with the exact figures. Figures that were accurate a week ago may be very inaccurate today. However, listed below is what I could find from the attached material.

Total number of detailees to the Former President's Staff - 70

Detailed from White House	10	
Defense	5	
Park Service	2	
GSA	1	**
GSA - parttime	9	**
Communications Support	14	**
Coast Guard	19*	**
National Archives & Records (Wash.)	10	

Miscellaneous:

Presently there is one officer and 13 enlisted personnel located at San Clemente to provide communication support during the transition period. At the end of the transition period, military communication support at San Clemente will be ten enlisted personnel, primarily in support of the U.S. Secret Service.

GSA has a staff of ten personnel at San Clemente and at Laguna Federal facility to provide support of public buildings and Secret Service protection requirements.

Prior to Mr. Nixon's residence at San Clemente, there were seven men at the Coast Guard station.

*plus patrol boats

**Many of these people are there, not just because of their presence, but because this is a Federal facility



October 2, 1974

MEMORANDUM FOR:

RON NESSEN

FROM:

JOHN G. CARLSON

SUBJECT:

STATUS AND SALARY OF BUZHARDT,
CLAWSON, GARMENT, & HIGBY

<u>Name and Title</u>	<u>Salary</u>	<u>Expected Depart.</u>
Fred Buzhardt Counsel to President (replaced by Buchen)	\$42,500	
Ken Clawson * Director of Communications	\$40,000	will be detailed to FPN-
Len Garment Assistant to the President	\$42,500	January 1
Larry Higby Deputy Assistant to the President	\$32,806	

*Is drawing per diem up to a maximum of \$40 per day.



NIXON HOLDOVERSTHE WHITE HOUSE
WASHINGTON

September 30, 1974

MEMORANDUM FOR:

DONALD RUMSFELD

FROM:

RON NESSEN

SUBJECT:

"Holdovers"

Listed below are the so-called Nixon holdovers who are the subject of frequent press inquiries. In order to be responsible to the press -- and they have been asking for weeks -- I feel we must determine public postures, preferably with termination dates, for these individuals.

1. Ron Ziegler.
2. John McLaughlin.
3. Ken Clawson.
4. Pat Buchanan
5. Dick Moore.
6. Dave Gergen.
7. Ray Price.
8. Jerry Warren.
9. J. Fred Buzhardt

Your cooperation in a rapid resolution of this matter would be greatly appreciated and would greatly enhance the image and posture of the Ford White House vis a vis the Nixon White House.

In addition, I need a current list of White House personnel detailed to San Clemente, their pay and how long they will remain on our payroll.



J. PATRICK BUCHANAN'S DUTIES

He has provided for the transition of the news summary to a new staff. He has provided assistance in the preparation of briefing materials for both Presidential Press Conferences. He has drafted speeches for Cabinet officers and provided some advice on other matters during the transition.

As I understand it, he has told the President personally of his intention to depart the White House staff before the end of the year. He has indicated to me he has several offers both in journalism, in business, in government and in foundation work.

He has not yet made a decision as to which course to pursue. He expects to make that decision within the next couple of weeks. He expects to be out of the White House before the end of the year.

Pat is going to try to talk to Rumsfeld sometime today.

He was in San Clemente over the Labor Day weekend to discuss transition matters, including his continued role during the transition period. He flew out and back on the courier plane which remained at El Toro over the Labor Day weekend.



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Q. Are Manola and Fina Sanchez still on the government payroll?

A. Yes. Let me explain: These people were on the ~~park~~ residence staff at the request of President Nixon during his Administration. The residence staff receives a separate appropriation from the White House Office. It was formerly part of the Park Service appropriation, ~~but~~ and since there are no bookkeeping people on the residence payroll, the ~~accounting~~ accounting and payroll is still handled through the Park Service. However, it is a separate, well-identified appropriation approved by Congress each year. The Park service has detailed these people out to San Clemente.



October 7, 1974

STATUS OF PAT BUCHANAN

Not Before

It is my understanding that sometime last week Mr. Buchanan indicated that he intends to resign effective November 15.

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He has sent or is sending a letter of resignation.



THE WHITE HOUSE
WASHINGTON

ATTACH TO McLAUGHLIN ANNOUNCEMENT

Q: What about all these others--Buchanan, Clawson, etc.

A: The individuals you have been asking about who will be leaving the staff will be handled by their superiors. The new White House staff is responsible for organizing their own staffs and getting them into shape. If, in that process, there are individuals who will be leaving, we will announce those departures as they are decided.



Q. Who is Mike Sterlacci (STER-LACH-EE)?

A. Mr. Sterlacci is a Staff Assistant and he is in the Office of Counsel to the President.

(FYI: Sterlacci was in the St. Clair/Special Counsel Office. He handled the preparation and filing of Supreme Court briefs in Nixon v. Sirica--the tapes case--among other things.)

Q. What does he do now?

A. He has been assisting in the transition. Specifically, he spent two and one-half weeks in San Clemente. It is my understanding he briefed the former President concerning his entitlements under the Transition Act. He is continuing to function as a member of the legal staff involved in the transition.

(FYI: Sterlacci also, at the former President's request, compiled a catalog of rulings on the questions of Executive Privilege -- including the Sirica decisions on what tapes were privileged and which were not.)

Q. Will he be leaving?

A. He is still on the legal staff and when his duties involved in the transition are complete, I am sure there will be an assessment made as to whether he continues.

(FYI: Sterlacci has the word that he is to start looking for a job and that is what he is doing.)



October 7, 1974

STATUS OF J. FRED BUZHARDT

J. Fred Buzhardt was ready to leave the White House as soon as Mr. Ford became President and he requested that. However, the President asked him to stay on a while and Mr. Buzhardt agreed to stay on to help the new President's counsel's office with work relating to the Former President.

The bulk of that work is now completed and there is a sense of appreciation for what Mr. Buzhardt has done.

Mr. Buzhardt left the White House payroll on October 5.



Q. Is Dr. McLaughlin still on the staff? Is he leaving? Is he still working for the Press Office?

A. I know that this question has come several times in the past. Dr. McLaughlin has indicated to the press that his "preference is to work outside the White House, either in the Government or in the private sector." He has also stated to the press that he expects that this movement to a position outside the White House will take place "soon rather than late."

No final determination has been made about his future plans, however, namely whether he will remain on the White House Staff - and if so, for how long - or take a position in the Government or in the private sector.

That determination is being worked out at this time by the Chief of Staff acting for the President and Dr. McLaughlin himself.

Dr. McLaughlin remains budgeted with the Press Office, but he continues to report to the Chief of Staff, as in the past. [REDACTED]

Q. Didn't Jerry ter Horst say that Dr. McLaughlin's job had been abolished?

A. That is correct. And since August 5, Dr. McLaughlin has no longer addressed himself on behalf of the White House to matters relating to the past impeachment process.

He has resumed his former liaison duties, however, with the academic community, with religious professionals and with the humanitarian sector. When the internal restructuring of some parts of the White House is completed, the budgeting of that liaison activity will be within another shop, not the Press Office.

As I have said, during the transition period Dr. McLaughlin will be doing that kind of work as he discusses his future plans with the Chief of Staff.



Q. Well how long is this transition period going to last for him?

A. As I have already said, Dr. McLaughlin prefers to work outside the White House and he expects that movement to an outside sector to occur "soon rather than late." No final determination has been made *on the*

actual ~~date of his departure~~, however.

I have no further information on this subject and will entertain no further questions on it.

If you do have further questions, I would suggest that you direct them to Dr. McLaughlin personally. Dr. McLaughlin reports to the Chief of Staff not to the Press Office.

(The last two sentences can be repeated with most other questions that Kinsolving or others might ask.)

NIXON HOLDOVERS

Q. Can you tell me how many Nixon holdovers remain on the White House Staff?

A. As you know, a large percentage of the White House staff can be described as a continuing staff -- that is, they remain here from Administration to Administration. So there is no real way to say who is a "Nixon hold-over" and who might have been here from some ~~previous~~ administration ~~before~~ previous to the Nixon Administration.

(FYI: The only way to really determine who are "Ford people" and who are not is to go through the personnel files and make note of the date of appointment of each staff member.)

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Q. What will happen to Jerry Jones?

A. *Not a "hair man"*
The President has asked him to stay. *As of now, will stay in place.*

Q. Is it legal for Ambassador Rumsfeld to hold both positions?

A. There are many precedents on men who hold 2 positions. (FYI - Kissinger, Cole, Shultz, Ash, Flanigan, Rush, etc.)

See, good bye in order, way. Make sure his replacement is fully briefed.

Check with Dave Hopkins re status

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NHO'S

- Q. What is Dave Parker doing? — Deputy, Asst. Dir. at Commerce.
Toumin.
- Q. Were any of these accepted, besides Parker, still on the Federal payroll that you know of, gone on to other Federal jobs? *I don't know?*
- Q. Why are you suddenly dropping a whole list of resignations on us all at one time? Did Don Rumsfeld or somebody say something about it is time to get these people out of here?
- Q. What is the status of Buchanan, Ray Price, Larry Higby, Len Garment and Ken Clawson? *Buyford's.*
some detailed others on v.h.u. As resignations come up we'll address.
- MR. NESSEN: What is the last date they can transfer to the former President's staff?
- Q. By what date must they leave your staff?
- Q. Can you tell me something about the terms of the departure of the people you have announced? Have they been asked to leave? Are they leaving by mutual consent? If they were asked to leave, who asked them, Mr. Rumsfeld or the President?
- Q. Have you made any decisions yet on Clawson and Warren?
- Q. What is their present assignment pending your decision on what they will be doing?
- Q. You have a staff of 50 people, don't you?
- Q. What is the justification for Mr. Clawson's continuing drawing of a salary if he has no assignment?
- Q. In Mr. Clawson's case, is he detailed out there?
- Q. Fellows like Ken Clawson, you are giving him as much time as he needs within a reasonable amount to find a new job?
- Q. Do you have an end date for this adequate period?
- Q. If Clawson works for you, does he ever check with you in any capacity about what he ought to be doing or do you have any sense of what he is doing?
- Q. Is he in Washington?
- Q. Does he draw expense allowances for trips to California?
- Q. How about plane fare?

- Q. When is the last time you saw or talked to Ken Clawson?
- Q. Are you certain none of these people who are engaged in this Government travel are using this Government travel in search of another job?
- Q. How often has Clawson been to San Clemente?
- Q. What is Clawson's salary range and does he still have the title?
- Q. What is Jerry Warren doing for you?
- Q. Can you tell us who on the staff has been detailed to San Clemente?
- Q. The procedure is that White House personnel can be detailed to San Clemente for a specified period of time. Is that it?
- Q. Can somebody work on the White House staff and just be assigned out to the former President indefinitely?
- Q. Can you tell us specifically what time or whether the time period is based on when Congress acts?
- Q. After that appropriation, can you legally assign people from your office to supplement his staff out there?
- Q. Who is Ray Price's superior?
- Q. Can you get a staff list?
- Q. ~~Are~~ Are Buzhardt and Garment still on the White House staff?
- Q. How much of this is benevolent severance designed to give even these people a chance to find other employment.
- Q. Should Bruce Herschensohn be replaced, will somebody else be doing that job?
- Q. What about ~~Ken O'Brien~~ ^{Jack Brennan} of the United States Marine Corps who I understand is still assigned as military aide to the former President, Jack Brennan, Lieutenant Colonel in the United States Marine Corps, and Walter Tkach, Major General, United States Air Force?
- Q. How long has it been since Father McLaughlin has done anything for his Government salary?
- Q. Does the President think that there is anything inconsistent about his preparing to ask the American people to sacrifice in the name of saving money and having dozens of people continuing on the payroll of the White House?

Q.

Could you please find out whether Manolo and Fina Sanchez are on the Government payroll?