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V.P. Rockefeller

17 Oct 1975

1:15 - 1:30

Q: Do you know if anybody from the white house has been in touch with al shanker today?

A: Yes..yes, I do.

Q: Hve they?

A: Yes..

Q: Who has been?

A: Its not my business to say.

Q: Was it you?

A: No..

Q: Have they urged him (Shanker) to get the teachers union to buy those bonds?

A: Im not in a position to know.

Confusion regarding the facts

300 Travel Agents

*(Handwritten signature/initials)*

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Before

9am

Peter Goldmark (couldn't find  
Dunham) called Cannon.  
Said looked like Shauler.  
won't go to do anything but  
law, had called Shauler  
to come to Gov office in  
NYC to discuss it. ~~At~~  
Goldmark also said hoped  
to get relief from Levitt,  
Comptroller of State, trustee  
of state pension funds. Could  
not find Dunham to tell  
him. Goldmark told Dunham  
some things.

10am

Cannon went to tell UP  
a number of things said this  
was a crucial day for NYC  
told him what Goldmark  
said.

UP says got confused.  
His remarks on tape were based  
on Cannon told him about  
Goldmark.

"Not very flattering but the  
truth."

October 15, 1974

ROCKEFELLER

Such campaign tactics are regrettable. Governor Rockefeller's public apology and disavow indicates his attitude toward such campaigning. Eventhough Governor Rockefeller knew nothing about the book, I admire him for assuming the responsibility and making the public apology. I have complete faith in Governor Rockefeller's integrity.

Q. Has the President talked to Rockefeller on all these issues, the gifts and the book?

A. Governor Rockefeller called the President Saturday on the phone to notify the President that he was making the apology to Arthur Goldberg. They discussed in general terms the gifts and Governor Rockefeller told the President that these gifts had been made because these people were all friends of long standing. There was no quid pro quo or anything like that. Governor Rockefeller did not expect anything in return.

Q. Does the President plan to see Rockefeller about this?

A. No specific plans at the moment for this but when Rockefeller is next in town, they will meet.

(ROCKEFELLER cont.)

Q. The President said at his last news conference that he was going to make himself aware of the other gifts. Has he done that?

A. I told you that he talked to Rockefeller on Saturday and they discussed the gifts.

Q. Has the President received anything of value from Governor Rockefeller?

A. To the President's knowledge, he has never received anything of value from Governor Rockefeller.

Q. Is the President concerned about how these gifts will effect Rockefeller's chances for confirmation?

A. The President feels that after the appropriate committees have heard Rockefeller on these subjects, there will be no adverse effect on his confirmation.

October 12, 1974

ROCKEFELLER GIFTS ('tis more blessed to receive than to give.)

The President did not know about the full extent of the Rockefeller gifts and he did not know about Governor Rockefeller's brother underwriting the cost of a book, but then Governor Rockefeller said he himself did not know about the book.

The President continues to support Governor Rockefeller in his nomination as Vice President as a man of integrity and nothing he has heard about the gifts leads him to change his mind.

October 8, 1974

ROCKEFELLER GIFTS

The President believes that Governor Rockefeller is a man of integrity. It is the responsibility of Congress under the twenty-fifth amendment to investigate and determine Governor Rockefeller's fitness to be Vice President. The President does believe in Governor Rockefeller's integrity or he would not have nominated him. The President has been told that the practice of giving gifts in the manner that Governor Rockefeller gave them is legal.

Q. Well, who told the President they are legal?

A. The President has been assured by Dr. Kissinger that this matter was checked out by Rockefeller himself, by Kissinger, and by the White House prior to Mr. Ford's Presidency, and all agree that the practice is legal.

Q. Yeah, it may be legal, but is it proper?

A. I prefer that questions about the President's views on propriety be directed to the President and you will have the opportunity to do that tomorrow.



October 8, 1974

ROCKEFELLER GIFTS (cont.)

Q. Well, what did the President find out about these gifts?

A. The only gift so far that directly effects the federal government was the one to Dr. Kissinger and Dr. Kissinger told the President about that gift on Monday morning.

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October 7, 1974

**GOVERNOR ROCKEFELLER**

Q. Did the President know about the gifts that Governor Rockefeller gave to Henry Kissinger and Moorehouse?

A. No.

Q. Does the President have any second thoughts now on his nomination of Mr. Rockefeller?

A. No. The President has been assured that these gifts were legal and justified.

Mr. Rockefeller's confirmation hearings have not been completed yet and I am sure the Congress may want to ask additional questions about the gifts.

Q. Will the President see Vice President Rockefeller today?

A. No, Mr. Rockefeller returned to New York today to clear up some last minute details before establishing his office here.

Q. When will the President and Mr. Rockefeller meet?

A. We expect them to meet before the President leaves for Vail. We think the meeting will occur tomorrow.

Q. Where will the Vice President have his offices?

A. Vice President Rockefeller will use the same office space as President Ford did when he was Vice President which is on the second floor of the EOB.

Q. Will the Vice President have an office in the West Wing?

A. No.

Q. What's become of the hideaway office used by former President Nixon?

A. Rose Woods is currently occupying that office while handling transition matters.

Q. What will happen to that space when the transition ends on February 9?

A. There really is nothing I can give you on that today. I am sure the demand for office space in the EOB far exceeds the supply, so I am sure it will not go to waste.



December 19, 1974

ANNOUNCEMENT:

PLANS FOR COVERAGE  
OF ROCKEFELLER SWEARING -  
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I can give you some details on our plans for the White House portion of the swearing-in ceremonies for Vice President-designate Rockefeller. As you probably know, the Senate Press, Radio-TV and Photography galleries are responsible for the press arrangements for the ceremony itself in the Senate Chamber.

For our part, however, we plan to have full press coverage of the arrival at the White House of Governor and Mrs. Rockefeller and their two children, preceding the ceremony. It is expected that will take place at the South Portico about an hour before the ceremony itself.

There will also be full press coverage of the departure from the South Portico of the President and Mrs. Ford, and the Vice President-designate and his family, about 15 minutes before the ceremony is to begin. The two families will travel to the Capitol in a motorcade, with the standard White House Press Travel Pool, plus a special travel pool which Mr. Rockefeller will be bringing with him. On arrival at the Capitol, the two Press Pools will be conducted to the hall outside the Senate Chamber and wait there until the ceremony is over. The members of the travel pools will NOT be admitted to the Senate Chamber for the ceremony.

When the ceremony concludes, the President and Mrs. Ford will leave the Capitol for the White House, with the Presidential Travel Pool accompanying them. The Vice President and his family, accompanied by the Vice Presidential Travel Pool will attend a reception on Capitol Hill, and following that, will return to the White House.

We do NOT plan any coverage of the return to the White House of either motorcade except that provided by the travel pools.

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## ROCKEFELLER LOAN

Q. Was the President aware that Vice President Rockefeller had guaranteed a loan to his son so his son's business would not become bankrupt?

A: No, the President was not aware of it and it doesn't look like anything he should be aware of.

(FYI: Hugh Morrow responded to the story before the Veep went to Saudia Arabia. They are due back about 3 p.m. today. Morrow's quote is as follows:

"Nelson Rockefeller's agreement is nothing more than a personal commitment he made to his son, Rodman, prior to Mr. Rockefeller's confirmation as Vice President. It does not in any way violate his pledges to the Congressional committees regarding loans or gifts to federal employees or to putting his securities in a blind trust if he were confirmed. The agreement in question was a contingency arrangement to participate under certain circumstances in subordinated loans or guarantees to IBEC (International Basic Economy Corp). Mr. Rockefeller founded IBEC with the help of his brothers and this arrangement is another expression of the family's faith and confidence in IBEC and the countries in which it operates."

ROCKEFELLER DINNERS WITH GOP SENATORS

Q: Did the President or the White House have anything to do with arranging those dinners Vice President Rockefeller plans to have with Republican Senators?

A: I think the Vice President's Office would be able to provide any information you need on the subject, but as I understand it, the dinners were arranged at the suggestion of former Senator Marlow Cook, and that the White House was not involved.

JWR

February 5, 1976

SUBJECT: VICE-PRESIDENTIAL ACTIVITIES

1. Houston, December 11, 1975  
Meeting of Republican Southern Leaders--this was a closed meeting whereby the Vice President very colorfully, now that he was out of the Vice Presidential race, motivate the leaders to get to work for the President.
2. New York City, January 28, 1976  
The Vice President held a cocktail party-fundraiser for the President Ford Committee. This raised between \$150,000 and \$200,000.
3. Dearborn, Michigan, January 30, 1976  
Spoke at PFC fundraised at the home of Mr. Bugas, a retired Vice President of Ford Motor Company.
4. Dearborn, Michigan, January 30, 1976  
At a dinner for the Midwest Governors Conference, the Vice President spoke and strongly supported the President's election.
5. Westchester, New York, January 29, 1976  
This was a County fundraiser in support of the President, and the Republican Party, at which the Vice President was the principle speaker.

Future Activities Planned

1. Washington, D.C., February 6, 1976  
The Vice President will introduce the President at the Northeast Republican Leadership Conference.
2. Kentucky, February 12, 1976  
The Vice President will speak at three political events-- Lexington, Louisville--in support of the President's programs.
3. New York City, February 12, 1976  
The Vice President will be the primary speaker at the annual dinner-dance of the Governors Club, Waldorf-Astoria. This is to raise funds for the New York State Republican Party.

4. New York County, February 14, 1976  
The Vice President will be the major speaker at the annual fundraiser for the New York County Republican organization (Manhattan) at the Waldorf.
  
5. Lansing, Michigan, February 20, 1976  
The Vice President will be the major speaker at the Lincoln Day dinner.
  
6. Admiral's House, Washington, D.C., February 27, 1976  
The Vice President will host a reception for the Republican National Committee.
  
7. March--expect to be in the South  
April--expect to be in Iowa