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THE WHITE HOUSE

WASHINGTON

February 11, 1986

Dear Lin:

Thank you for your recent letter concerning your claim for compensation arising from your husband Stephen's tragic death. I remember meeting with you and your children, and I remember the faith and courage with which you were prepared to face the future.

I understand that your claim for compensation is pending before the Department of Labor. I am told that there are established procedures for bringing such claims, and that there are certain criteria that must be met before relief can be granted. In all cases of claims that may be prosecuted before an agency of the Federal Government, the White House must adhere to a policy of not interfering with the adjudication of the claim by the agency according to fair standards applied equally to everyone. This policy is intended to preserve public confidence in the impartial administration of justice. The laws and regulations governing the disposition of claims must be applied to the facts of particular cases by the appropriate decision-maker, without outside interference.

For these reasons, it would not be appropriate for me to intercede with the Department of Labor on your behalf. I do not know how the department will resolve your claim, but I do know that they will consider it fairly according to the established standards. In a government of laws, not men, we should ask no more, nor expect any less.

I hope you will understand the reasons for my response.

Sincerely,


Ronald Reagan

THE WHITE HOUSE
WASHINGTON

February 10, 1986

KATHY OSBORNE:

Here is Dick Hauser's report. You should also talk to him before giving the letter to the President. You may want to include Dick's memo to me. He also has a thought on how Mrs. Bollinger should be contacted.


David Chew

THE WHITE HOUSE
WASHINGTON

February 10, 1986

MEMORANDUM FOR DAVID L. CHEW
STAFF SECRETARY

FROM: RICHARD A. HAUSER *RHA*
DEPUTY COUNSEL TO THE PRESIDENT

SUBJECT: Correspondence from Lin Bollinger

You have advised this office that Lin Bollinger, spouse of Stephen J. Bollinger, has requested White House assistance in prosecuting a compensation claim before the Department of Labor. Mr. Bollinger, a former Assistant Secretary for Community Planning and Development, Department of Housing and Urban Development, died on June 18, 1984, in Savannah, Georgia, while meeting with municipal leaders. You have asked whether it would be appropriate for the White House to intervene in this matter.

As a matter of policy, no member of the White House staff should make an ex parte contact on any particular matter pending before an agency when such a contact may imply preferential treatment or the use of influence on the decision-making process. In order to maintain public confidence in the effective and impartial administration of the laws, all inquiries which concern or may concern particular matters or cases are to be referred to the Office of Counsel to the President for a determination as to whether any inquiry would be appropriate under the circumstances.

In the instant case, we have contacted the Office of the Solicitor, Department of Labor, to determine the status of this matter. We are advised that the Department is familiar with and sympathetic to the Bollinger claim. We are further advised, however, that the claimant may have difficulty demonstrating that the medical problems leading to Mr. Bollinger's death were work-related - an essential element for relief to be granted. A hearing is scheduled for February 11, 1986.

In sum, additional contact, beyond that described above, would, in our view, be inappropriate. The Department of Labor will keep us apprised of the progress of this case, and we will in turn advise you of the results.

Please let me know if you have additional questions concerning this matter.

THE WHITE HOUSE
WASHINGTON

February 6, 1986

KATHLEEN OSBORNE:

I am working on this and expect
to have an answer no later than
Monday.

David L. Chew

THE WHITE HOUSE
WASHINGTON

February 6, 1986

RICHARD HAUSER:

This is what we talked about on
the telephone.

David L. Chew



Dear Ms. Osborne,

The president once told me if I ~~ever~~ needed any help to call upon him... that is what this letter is about.

I thought if I wrote to you my chances of him receiving this letter would be much greater. I left the letter open for you to read, in hopes that you would deliver it to our President before my hearing date of Tues., Feb. 11 at 9:00 a.m.

I know, you too, are extremely busy and I thank you for your time and efforts.

Sincerely,
Lix Bollinger

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