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THE WHITE HOUSE

WASHINGTON

December 21, 1983

MEMORANDUM FOR FRED F. FIELDING

FROM: JOHN G. ROBERTS *JGR*

SUBJECT: Request by Convict for Justice
Department Investigation

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This matter should be referred to Justice for appropriate handling, with a brief note to Farkas advising him that we have done so.

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MEMORANDUM
OF CALL

TO: JGR

YOU WERE CALLED BY — YOU WERE VISITED BY —
Frank Sarkas

OF (Organization) 248-8697

PLEASE CALL → PHONE NO. CODE/EXT. FTS
 WILL CALL AGAIN IS WAITING TO SEE YOU
 RETURNED YOUR CALL WISHES AN APPOINTMENT

MESSAGE
Called FFF — re: his 12/21/83
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would you pls ret. call
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Subject: Asks that evidence regarding his innocence of receiving stolen government property be brought to the Department of Justice's attention

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Mr. Fred F. Fielding
The President's Counsel
The White House
Washington, DC 20500

Dear Mr. Fielding:

I come to you administratively after being encouraged by both my friends and my attorney to write to the President.

I have been persecuted for the past ten years by various government agents of the Internal Revenue Service and the FBI.

In 1976 I pleaded to Alpha on one count of tax evasion before Judge Frank A. Kaufman. Since then I have been using an attorney and a private investigator who have successfully turned up the information that I was targeted for prosecution on an alleged drug involvement. My attorney and private investigator have come in contact with fraudulently prepared documents that were used against me in a pre-trial hearing in 1976. The total amount of the Internal Revenue Service claim on back taxes was \$12,000 over a five-year period.

In September of 1980 I filed a complaint in the federal court in Baltimore against two of the agents from the Internal Revenue Service. On October 21, 1980, some three weeks after my complaint was filed, ten FBI agents raided my home and business. For the next eleven months the agents returned on an average of three raids per month, and confiscated a total of 137 IBM Selectric typewriters, claiming they had been previously stolen from various government agencies. On the first raid one FBI agent also removed all my business records. The typewriters ranged in age of 7½ years to 22 years old.

I was indicted for receiving stolen government property and found guilty in federal court in Baltimore. The presiding judge was James Miller.

At the sentencing hearing I categorically denied that these typewriters were stolen; that all typewriters in question had my company name and phone number engraved on the outer casing; that we had shown in court, including testimony by two Prince George's County Police Officers on my behalf, that these typewriters had been reported to MCIC by me; that the typewriters had been advertised in both the local papers and the Yellow Pages. The government did not produce any of the witnesses that allegedly made the theft reports, nor any of the security guards or police officers that supposedly made the reports.

Since the sentencing in February of 1981 I turned my private investigator on to this case, and he has produced evidence of the Federal Bureau of Investigation placing informers on my jury. We also have evidence that the testimony from one of the FBI agents in court was perjured.

I was sentenced by Judge Miller to five years incarceration, not because of the alleged stolen typewriters, but because, and I quote Judge Miller, "I believe Mr. Farkas is totally untrustworthy, and I believe he is completely down on the government. Therefore, Mr. Farkas, I sentence you to five years." The Judge also made the comment that if there was one thing he could not stand, that was a Fagan, from Charles Dickens' novel, "The Old Man."

I was released on my own recognizance, however, pending appeal. My appeal was turned down on September 23, 1983, and I am at this time waiting for instructions to commence my sentence.

On November 4, 1983, I made a formal complaint to the Internal Security of the Federal Bureau of Investigation, accusing Special Agent Larry Ankrom of jury tampering and fraud. The Special Agent from the Internal Security who took my report was Ralph A. Regalbuto, Jr. As of this date we have heard nothing from Mr. Regalbuto.

My attorney and I have been trying for the past two months to bring our evidence and accusation to the attention of the Justice Department, a Mr. William Hendrix. I was previously told by one Justice Department member that they simply do not handle individual complaints. My attorney feels, as I do, that my situation is political, that I will receive no justice in the federal courts.

What I would like you to do: I would appreciate it, sir, if you would bring this letter to the attention of the President so that the President could direct, if he would, the Justice Department to investigate the evidence.

I can be reached at 7801 Allentown Road, Oxon Hill, MD 20744. My phone number, home and office, is 248-8697. If you should want to contact me after Friday, December 16th, you may reach me at Area Code 914, 471-2730. Also, if there are any questions, please feel free to contact me.

Respectfully,



Frank Farkas

THE WHITE HOUSE

WASHINGTON

December 28, 1983

MEMORANDUM FOR FRED F. FIELDING

FROM: JOHN G. ROBERTS *JGR*

SUBJECT: Hal J. Bonney, Jr. Letter to the President
Enclosing Copy of the National Conference of
Bankruptcy Judges First Newsletter for the
Conference Year

Hal J. Bonney, Jr., newly-elected President of the National Conference of Bankruptcy Judges, has sent the President a copy of the Conference's most recent newsletter. The newsletter features the text of an address by and a photograph of Judge Bonney, as well as remarks by Congressmen Rodino and Fish on the bankruptcy imbroglio. The judge's address advocates passage of legislation according Article III status to bankruptcy judges. His cover letter also expresses this view.

I recommend simply a brief acknowledgment to Bonney, thanking him for the newsletter and pointing out that we are working with Congress to resolve the bankruptcy crisis. I do not consider it desirable to engage Bonney in a debate on the merits in response to his sending the newsletter.

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cc: Sherrie M. Cooksey

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Dear Judge Bonney:

Thank you for your letter of November 30 to the President. You enclosed with that letter a copy of the latest edition of Conference News, the newsletter of the National Conference of Bankruptcy Judges.

We appreciate receiving the newsletter, and will review its contents with interest. As you know, the Administration has been working closely with Congress to assist its efforts to devise a constitutional and practical system of bankruptcy adjudication. We are doing everything possible to urge Congress to act promptly and responsibly to resolve the serious crisis that has arisen in this area.

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Frank A. Ferro, a self-annointed expert on world affairs who has frequently volunteered his views to James A. Baker III, has now written Mr. Baker to offer help (apparently of a consulting nature) in the election in exchange for support for his new company. Ferro suggests that "Administration support might come in the form of long-term consulting agreements with several government agencies."

Mr. Baker cannot accept Ferro's proposal without violating 18 U.S.C. § 600, which provides:

Whoever, directly or indirectly, promises any employment, position, compensation, contract, appointment, or other benefit, provided for or made possible in whole or in part by any Act of Congress, or any special consideration in obtaining any such benefit, to any person as consideration, favor, or reward for any political activity or for the support of or opposition to any candidate or any political party in connection with any general or special election to any political office, or in connection with any primary election or political convention or caucus held to select candidates for any political office, shall be fined not more than \$10,000 or imprisoned not more than one year, or both.

I recommend advising Ferro that it would be not only inappropriate but illegal for us to consider his proposal. I do not recommend any sort of referral to the Campaign Committee, since this could readily be misinterpreted as encouraging Ferro in his plans. A draft is attached for your review.

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Fred Fielding's Office:

Jim Baker does not know Frank Ferro though he has written and called our office several times. As he presents a seemingly questionable "deal" in the attached letter, we thought that it might be more appropriate for your office to respond on JAB's behalf. Please handle or provide guidance.

Thanks.

Kathy Camalier

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KATHERINE J. CAMALIER
Office of James A. Baker III
456-6797

FRANK A. FERRO

1185 PARK AVENUE
NEW YORK, N. Y. 10028

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December 1, 1983

Mr. James A. Baker
Chief of Staff
The White House
1600 Pennsylvania Avenue
Washington, DC 20500

Dear Mr. Baker,

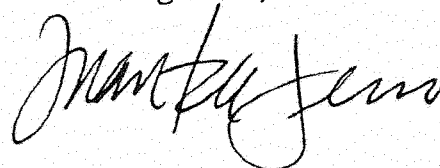
It has come to my attention that the administration has some interest in pursuing a relationship. As you are aware I have made some major contributions to both the election and success of the present administration. When I have been critical, I have been constructive. I would consider myself to be an economic "hardliner" as that term must be defined in 1984.

The upcoming election will not be easy. Events are conspiring that may come to a head at a most inopportune time. However, with proper attention they can be headed off if not turned into opportunities. It would be my function to identify problem areas and create substantive approaches to solutions while maintaining a low profile. The administration could accept or reject the conclusions as they saw fit. I would attempt to avoid partisan situations so as to maintain credibility.

In exchange I would like support for a new company headed by me. It would be staffed by 20 individuals and headquartered here in New York. Administration support might come in the form of longterm consulting agreements with several government agencies.

Your early attention to this matter will be appreciated.

Regards,



FAF/cm