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THE WHITE HOUSE

WASHINGTON

November 1, 1983

MEMORANDUM FOR FRED F. FIELDING

FROM:

JOHN G. ROBERTS *JGR*

SUBJECT:

Request for Letter of Commendation
from the President

Louis R. Pondy, head of the Department of Business Administration at the University of Illinois, has written Kathy Osborne to ask if the President would write a letter of commendation in support of Charles Luckman. Luckman is being considered for an honorary degree, and University rules require the solicitation of letters of commendation for honorary degree candidates. According to Pondy, Luckman was a trustee and chairman of the California State University and College System when the President was Governor of California. A vitae provided by Pondy indicates that Luckman is an architect whose works include Madison Square Garden, the Prudential Center in Boston, the Hoover Institute, the Los Angeles Forum, and Oahu Stadium.

Osborne sent the matter to Mr. Deaver, who has asked for your guidance. You indicated that a negative reply would be appropriate, and such a draft is attached, as well as a memorandum to Deaver advising him of our disposition.

Attachment

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November 3, 1983

MEMORANDUM FOR MICHAEL K. DEEVER
ASSISTANT TO THE PRESIDENT
DEPUTY CHIEF OF STAFF

FROM: FRED F. FIELDING Orig. signed by FFF
COUNSEL TO THE PRESIDENT

SUBJECT: Request for Letter of Commendation
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cc: FFFielding/JGRoberts/Subj/Chron

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Sincerely,

Orig. signed by FFF

Fred F. Fielding
Counsel to the President

Mr. Louis R. Pondy
350 Commerce Building (West)
1206 South Sixth Street
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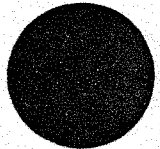
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Name of Correspondent: Louis R. Pandy



MI Mail Report User Codes: (A) _____ (B) _____ (C) _____

Subject: Writes Kathy Osborne asking President to write a letter of commendation for Charles Luckman in support of his nomination for an honorary degree at University of Illinois

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NAME OF CORRESPONDENT: Louis R. Pindy

DC Mail Report User Codes: (A) _____ (B) _____ (C) _____

SUBJECT: regarding a letter of commendation on behalf of Mr. Duchman in his support of his nomination for an honorary degree

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University of Illinois
at Urbana-Champaign

Department of Business
Administration

College of Commerce and
Business Administration

350 Commerce Building (West)
1206 South Sixth Street
Champaign
Illinois 61820

217 333-4240

October 24, 1983

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Ms. Kathy Osborne
Secretary to the President
The White House
Washington, D.C. 20000

Dear Ms. Osborne:

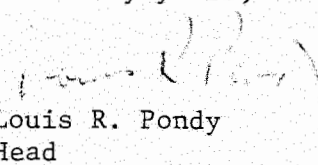
The Department of Business Administration and the School of Architecture at the University of Illinois are seeking to nominate Mr. Charles Luckman for an honorary degree for his achievements in business, architecture and education. Mr. Luckman was a trustee and chairman of the California State University and College System during President Reagan's tenure as Governor of California.

[REDACTED] on

[REDACTED] The rules of the Faculty Senate at the University of Illinois require that we seek such outside letters of support for honorary degrees. It is my understanding that the President, in his capacity as Governor of California, was knowledgeable about Mr. Luckman's leadership as a trustee of the State College System in California.

A copy of Mr. Luckman's abbreviated vita is enclosed. If the President is able to fulfill this request, we would be most grateful. If I need to provide you with any additional information, please call me at 217-333-4240.

Sincerely yours,


Louis R. Pondy
Head

LRP:gt
Encl.

c - Professor Alan Forrester
Director, School of Architecture

Dr. Morton Weir, Vice President
for Academic Affairs

CHARLES I. LUCKMAN

'31 B.S. Architecture

Founder and Partner
The Luckman Partnership, Inc.
9220 Sunset Boulevard
Los Angeles, CA 90069
(213) 274-7755

Residence: 9220 Sunset Boulevard
Los Angeles, CA 90069
(213) 274-7755

Spouse: Harriet McElroy '30 A.B. LAS

Children: Charles nongrad
James M. nongrad
Stephen I. nongrad

ADDITIONAL INFORMATION

Foundation Member: 1944

Illio: Chi Beta; Phi Eta Sigma; Theta Tau; Gargoyle; Scabbard & Blade;
Kappa Phi Sigma; Mask & Bauble; B.A.I.D.; Sophomore Varsity
Cheerleader; Junior Varsity Cheerleader; Freshman Frolic Committee;
Military Ball Committee; Varsity Debate Team; Cast, "Beggar on
Horseback"; Production Staff, "Steppin West"; Captain, University
Brigade; Honors Day; Kansas City Junior College..

Alumni Files:

1970: Illini Achievement Award

Biographical Sketch from Who's Who in Finance & Industry 1974-75:

LUCKMAN, CHARLES, architect; b. Kansas City, Mo., May 16, 1909;
Grad. magna cum laude, U. Ill., 1931; LL.D, U Miami (Fla.), 1950;
A.F.D., Cal Coll. Arts and Crafts, 1958; licensed architect, 1931;
m. Harriet McElroy, 1931; children--Charles, James M., Stephen A.
Employed in architect's office for license qualifications, 2 years;
joined Colgate-Palmolive-Peet Co. as retail salesman, 1931, Chgo.
sales supr., 1933, mgr. Wis. Dist., 1934, divisional mgr. Cin. hdqrs.,
1935; with Pepsodent Co. (later Pepsodent Div. Lever Bros. Co.),
1935-50, sales promotion mgr., sales mgr., 1935=36, v.p. in charge
sales, 1936, charge sales, advt., 1937, v.p. gen. mgr., 1938,
exec. v.p., 1942-43, pres., 1943-46, exec. v.p. Lever Bros., 1946,
pres., 1946-50; pres., partner Pereira & Luckman, Los Angeles,
1950-58; founder, dir. Charles Luckman Assoc., 1958--; chmm. bd.,
chief exec. officer Ogden Devel. Corp.; dir. Ogden Corp.;

Flying Tiger Line, Inc., TelePrompter. Registered architect
 27 states; sr. registration Nat. Archtl. Registration Bds. Mem. pres's
 council George Pepperdine Coll., Loyola U. Los Angeles, U. Ill. Found.;
 mem. Pa. Avenue Commn. Bd. Dirs., past pres. AID-United Givers; Mem.
 Pres.'s Commn. on Equality Treatment and Opportunity in Armed Services
 and Civil Rights; mem. Gov.'s Commn. Met. Area Problems; chmn. World
 Food Com., 1947; pres. Citizens Com. for Internat. Devel., 1961; mem.
 Nat. Harbors and Rivers Congress, Com. for Econ. Devel.; mem. pub. adv.
 panel archtl. services Gen. Services Administrn.; past pres. So. Cal.
 Symphony. Bd. Dirs. Am. Heritage Found.; trustee cal. State Colls.;
 past mem. bd. assos. Northwestern U., Cal. Inst. Tech. Recipient Horatio
 Alger award Am. Sch. and Colls. Assn.; Freedom Found.'s George Washing-
 ton Honor medal; Star of Solidarity (Republic of Italy); Cross of
 Chevalier French Nat. Legion of Honor; Order St. John (Gt. Britain).
 Mem. A.I.A. (coll. of fellows 1963, Cal. council Distinguished Service
 award 1962), Ill. Soc. Architects, U.S. Jr. C. of C. (named One of
 Outstanding Young Men of 1945, dir.), Los Angeles World Affairs Council,
 Commerce and Industry Assn. N.Y.C., Council U.S. Assos. Internat. C. of
 C., Central City Assn. Los Angeles, Tau Beta Pi, Theta Tau, Gargoyle.
 Clubs: Los Angeles Tennis; Beverly Hills (Cal.); Bostonian Soc. (Boston).
 Prin. works include: Madison Sq. Garden; U.S. World's Fair Pavilion,
 N.Y.C.: Prudential Center, Boston; Central Nat. Bank Hdqrs. Bldg.,
 Cleve.; Manned Spacecraft Center, Houston; Stanford's Hoover Inst.;
 Linnear Accelerator Center, Los Angeles Internat. Airport; Los Angles
 World Zoo, U. CAL. at Santa Barbara; Forum, Los Angeles; United Cal.
 Bank, Los Angeles; 1st Nat Bank Ariz., Phoenix; State Nat. Bank El Paso,
 Tex.; Conv.-Exhbn. Center, Los Angeles; 1st Nat. Bank Ore., Portland;
 Civic Plaza, Phoenix; Broadway Plaza, Los Angeles; Frost Nat. Bank,
 San Antonio; Oahu Stadium, Honolulu; Home: 10730 Bellagio Rd, Bel Air,
 CA 90024. Office: 9220 Sunset Blvd, Los Angeles, CA 90069

THE WHITE HOUSE

WASHINGTON

December 1, 1983

MEMORANDUM FOR FRED F. FIELDING

FROM: JOHN G. ROBERTS *JGR*

SUBJECT: Sherry Klinger Request for Letter
of Recommendation

Sherry Klinger, whose aunt and uncle are apparently personal friends of the Reagans, has written the President to ask him to write a letter of recommendation on her behalf, to be added to her law school admissions application materials. Klinger notes in her letter that she served as a "political appointee" at HUD and, before that, as one of the President's California delegates to the 1980 Republican National Convention. I have reviewed Klinger's file at Presidential Personnel, which reveals that she served as Secretary (GS-10) to Undersecretary of HUD Donald Hovde for approximately one year. The file contains recommendations written on Klinger's behalf by previous employers and Republican Party figures. The file also documents Klinger's involvement on the grass roots level in Republican politics in California.

I have prepared a standard reply to Klinger, noting that we do not respond to requests for Presidential letters of recommendation.

Attachment

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Sincerely,

Orig. signed by FFE

Fred F. Fielding
Counsel to the President

Ms. Sherry N. Klinger
6133 Whitsett Ave., #21
North Hollywood, CA 91606

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Name of Correspondent: Sherry Klingler

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Subject: Request a letter of recommendation from the president for her law school application

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DATE: 11/19

TO: KCS

seems as though
she knows RR +
is asking for a
letter of recommendation

FROM: Maureen Keegan
Special Letter Response
Presidential Correspondence
Room 93, Ext. 2276

THE WHITE HOUSE
WASHINGTON

Date: 11/23/83

To: Kathy Osborne

I know that RR was at the Klingers' lunch. Re the attached request, we would usually turn this down. However, since she has obviously met the Reagans (see enclosed photos), I didn't want to turn it down without sending it to you.

Even if the President wants to do it, he really shouldn't provide one which is generally addressed to "Admissions Office" as she requests.

If I had a vote, which I don't, I would recommend a very warm turndown from AVH. People have a way of spreading the word about these things and, also, it wouldn't be fair to other students seeking admission who may have better marks but just don't happen to know the Pres.

However, I leave it to your good judgement.

charley

KATHERINE SHEPHERD
Presidential Correspondence
Office
Room 98, x7610

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NAME OF CORRESPONDENT: Sherry Klingler

DC Mail Report

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SUBJECT: wants letter of recommendation from POTUS

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S H E R R Y N . K L I N G E R
6133 Whitsett Ave., #21
North Hollywood, California 91606
(213) 761-2802

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October 21, 1983

President Ronald Reagan
The White House
Washington, D.C.

Dear President Reagan:

It was so nice to see you again at my aunt and uncle's home (Diane and Barney Klinger) in Santa Barbara last month when you spoke at the luncheon in honor of Congressman Lagomarsino. The turnout was exceptional-- of course, due to our star guests!

Mr. President, having worked as one of your political appointees at the Department of Housing and Urban Development and also having been one of your California delegates to the 1980 National Convention, I did not think that the request I am about to make of you is unthinkable. I am currently applying to law schools here in Los Angeles and thought how nice it would be if you could, and would, possibly write a short letter of recommendation addressed to the Admissions Office on my behalf for me to submit with my applications. How excited the schools would be to have a letter from you, and a student who worked for you!! What a pleasure, and how proud I would be to be able to have a letter like that!

Therefore, I hereby request, and would be more than honored, if you would please send me a letter of recommendation to enter law school addressed to "Admissions Office." However, the letter should be sent directly to me (address above) to submit with my applications.

To brief you on the details, I worked on your campaign prior to the elections, and then I was selected to participate as your delegate from North Hollywood, California at the National Convention in 1980. After that, I received a political appointment from your administration and moved to Washington, D.C. where I worked for Donald I. Hovde, the then Under Secretary of HUD for approximately one year.

If there is a problem with writing a letter of this sort, I would appreciate it if one of your aids would please advise me, as I will be holding on to my applications for your response, as I must turn them all in together.

Continued . . .

Mr. President, I want to thank you very very much in advance for anything you can do. Obviously, I know that you literally are one of the busiest men in the world, and I look forward to serving you and our great country again in the future.

I remain,

Respectfully yours,

Sherry N. Klinger

Sherry N. Klinger

P.S. I am enclosing a copy of the photos which were taken of you, Mrs. Reagan, and I at the White House recently. Hope you like them!

Send to Fred Feldy
for his thoughts