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WASHINGTON

December 3, 1982

MEMORANDUM FOR FRED F. FIELDING

FROM: JOHN G. ROBERTS

SUBJECT: Correspondence from Harvey Armstrong

A Harvey Armstrong of Fresno, California sent you a copy of a November 5 letter he wrote to the President, advocating various economic reform measures. The letter is undistinguished except for the printed words "Presidential Task Force," which appear on the top of the page. Checks in this office do not reveal a Harvey Armstrong serving on any Presidential organizations.

I have drafted a proposed reply to Mr. Armstrong, thanking him for his views and advising him that his use of the designation "Presidential Task Force" is unauthorized and should be discontinued.

Attachment

WASHINGTON

December 3, 1982

Dear Mr. Armstrong:

Thank you for sending me a copy of your letter of November 5 to the President, advocating various measures to restore the economy and eliminate the budget deficit. I am certain that the President and the other officials to whom you have written appreciate having the benefit of your views and will give them appropriate consideration.

I am concerned, however, about one aspect of your correspondence. At the top of your letter appear the printed words "Presidential Task Force." Unauthorized use of designations indicating an association with the President, such as "Presidential Task Force," convey the false impression that the President has approved or associated himself with particular individuals or enterprises. We therefore adhere to a general policy of not approving the use of such designations by private individuals or groups, regardless of the merit of the objectives pursued by any particular individual or group.

I trust that you can appreciate the need for this policy, and that you will discontinue use of the "Presidential Task Force" designation on your correspondence.

Again, thank you for the benefit of your views.

Sincerely,

Fred F. Fielding Counsel to the President

Mr. Harvey Armstrong 3323 East Mayfair Boulevard Fresno, California 93703

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## THE WHITE HOUSE WASHINGTON

December 2, 1982

Dear Mr. Engel:

I have received your letter of November 27, 1982, and the accompanying proposal to establish a world export trade center. Please be advised that this office is not involved in the formulation of economic policy. I am confident that the other officials to whom you have written will give your proposal such consideration as may be appropriate.

Sincerely,

Fred F. Fielding Counsel to the President

Mr. Leo Engel 3478 Paradise Road Suite 107 Las Vegas, Nevada 89109

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## PRESIDENTIAL TASK FORCE

HARVEY ARMSTRONG 3323 MAYFAIR BLVD. FRESNO, CAL. 93703

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November 5, 1982 112463

President of the United States The White House Washington, D.C.

Dear Mr. President:

Subj: Restoring the Economy and eliminating the Budget Deficit.

As you are aware Mr. President, you have only two alternatives to eliminate the RED ink: (1) STOP OR RETARD SPENDING (2) ADDITIONAL MONEY. These two elements are elementary, and I complement you in your efforts to retard unnecessary spending.

Please consider the immediate implementation of the following suggestions that are essential to get our Ship of State back on the correct course:

1. Initiate legislation to become effective January 1, 1983 to establish a 5% (flat-rate) withholding and payment of individual income tax, with <u>NO</u> exemptions or deductions. In this regard, all income regardless of source would be considered Gross Income i.e., employment, unemployment, social security, pensions, tips, and all other income. Corporate and business enterprises would also pay 5% of their quarterly gross income to the Federal Government with NO exemptions or deductions.

2. Initiate legislation to become effective January 1, 1983 to establish a 5% (flat-rate) withholding and payment into the Social Security System by <u>ALL</u> wage earners, including all FEDERAL employees and self employed.

Deficit spending and the borrowing of money must stop <u>N O W</u> - Put your foot down hard Mr. President - <u>Do not procrastinate</u>, as you have a mandate to represent ALL citizens EQUALLY, including the equal payment of taxes.

The above suggested revisions to our tax code are mandatory and must not be complicated by the installation of self-destroying exemptions, adjustments, credits, deductions and above all, refunds.

Over a period of years, the present tax code and system has made CHEATERS of otherwise honest citizens (this is an established FACT). Influential persons have admitted taking advantage of a LOOPHOLE and not paying any taxes on a \$70,000 Gross Income. My question - Do you consider this to be fair & equal??

EQUALITY is a Constitutional right of all the individuals whom you represent.

Sincerely yours,

red HARVEY ARMSTRONG

Senator Paul LAXALT Copy to: / Senators; Robert DOLE, Howard H. BAKER, Robert W. PACKWOOD, Jessie HELMS, John EAST, & REP. Charles (Chip) PASHAYAN Jr., Donald REGAN, Sec. Treasury Staff: James A. BAKER, III, Edwin MEESE III, Michael K. DEAVER

P.S. If dubious of 5%, start with 10% and work down! PPS. IRS - Same primary responsibilities modified to reflect work load. (Number of Service Centers could be reduced from 12 to 6) MEMORANDUM

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### THE WHITE HOUSE

#### WASHINGTON

December 30, 1982

MEMORANDUM FOR FRED F. FIELDING

FROM: JOHN G. ROBERTS

SUBJECT: Request to Include Bronze Portrait of the President in Proposed Los Angeles Airport Monument

Michael Deaver has referred to you for action a packet of materials submitted by Brett-Livingstone Strong of Pacific Palisades, California. Strong, apparently something of a self-starter in the world of sculpture, has proposed the erection of a sixty-five foot monument at the Los Angeles International Airport, to commemorate the upcoming Olympics. Strong has constructed a seven-foot model, and reports that the project "is currently being approved," although he also notes that "a letter from President Reagan would aid the progress of the remaining approvals." He specifically requests approval of his proposal to include a bronze portrait of the President on the dedication plaque at the base of the proposed monument.

It is unclear from Strong's materials whether his enterprise is a commercial enterprise, or if he is planning to donate his skills. I recommend that the letter to Strong note that the President as a matter of policy does not approve such requests, both to avoid endorsing commercial enterprises and to avoid showing favoritism. The latter point should be made in light of Strong's effort to secure Presidential support for what is apparently only a proposal on his part.

Strong's materials are rife with violations of the law governing use of the Great Seal and the Presidential Seal. 18 U.S.C. § 713; E.O. 11649. The Great Seal is printed on the background of his stationery, and on the cover and interior flap of his pamphlet. The Presidential Seal is glued to a sash surrounding the pamphlet. The letter to Strong should alert him to the law in this area, and advise him to discontinue use of the seals.

I have attached a proposed memorandum to Deaver and letter to Strong for your signature.

Attachments

WASHINGTON

December 30, 1982

Dear Mr. Strong:

Your request that the President approve the use of his likeness at the base of your proposed monument at the Los Angeles International Airport has been referred to this office. While we admire the enthusiasm, dedication, and patriotism which you obviously bring to the ambitious project to design and erect the monument, we cannot approve or endorse the use of the President's likeness.

As you might imagine, the President receives countless requests for the use of his name or likeness during the course of a year. Frankly, many of the requests originate with individuals or organizations with which he would be pleased to be identified. In response to the large number, however, the White House has been obliged to adhere to a general policy of denying requests of this kind to use the signature, name, photograph or likeness of President Reagan when to do so would either suggest favoritism by the President toward particular individuals or organizations, or associate him with a commercial product or enterprise in a way that does or might suggest his endorsement of that product or enterprise.

In addition, I am certain you will understand that in this case modesty precludes the President from endorsing your gracious proposal to include his likeness on the monument.

The materials you forwarded to the White House in connection with your proposal raise another concern. Your folder and stationery contain reproductions of the Great Seal of the United States and the Seal of the President of the United States. In light of your evident good faith, I assume you are unaware that the permitted uses of these seals are restricted by law.

Title 18 of the United States Code, Section 713, is the principal federal law governing use of the Great Seal of the United States and the Seal of the President of the United States. Section 713(a) proscribes use of these seals in a manner reasonably calculated to convey a false impression of sponsorship or approval by the United States Government, and section 713(b) proscribes use of the Presidential seal, except in a manner consistent with regulations promulgated by the President. The regulations to which reference is made are embodied in Executive Orders 11649 and 11916. I enclose for your information copies of 18 U.S.C., Section 713, the notes to which include the Executive Orders mentioned. You will note that use of the seals on personal stationery and the like is not among the uses sanctioned by the Executive Order. Accordingly, I must advise you to cease such use of the seals.

I am sorry that I cannot be more accommodating. Thank you for your cooperation, and best of luck with your ambitious undertaking.

Sincerely,

Fred F. Fielding Counsel to the President

Mr. Brett-Livingstone Strong 1157 Las Pulgas Place Pacific Palisades, California 90272

Enclosure

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WASHINGTON

December 30, 1982

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### MEMORANDUM FOR MICHAEL K. DEAVER ASSISTANT TO THE PRESIDENT

- FROM: FRED F. FIELDING COUNSEL TO THE PRESIDENT
- SUBJECT: Request of Brett-Livingstone Strong to Include Bronze Portrait of the President in Proposed Los Angeles Airport Monument

On December 13 you transmitted for my review and action a packet of materials from Brett-Livingstone Strong. Mr. Strong seeks endorsement of his plan to include a bronze portrait of the President at the base of his proposed sixty-five foot monument to the Los Angeles Olympics, to be erected (if approved by local authorities) at the Los Angeles Airport. While the President could endorse this project, the White House adheres to a policy of not approving use of the President's likeness when doing so might suggest endorsement of a commercial enterprise or favoritism to any particular individual or group. It is unclear if Mr. Strong's project is a commercial one, but, in any event, the President should not endorse a proposal of this sort which has not been finally approved by the relevant authorities in Los Angeles. Mr. Strong explicitly notes Presidential endorsement would help him gain the remaining approvals, indicating that he seeks precisely the sort of Presidential sponsorship for his project which we strive to avoid.

I have written to Mr. Strong advising him that we cannot endorse his proposal. I have also alerted him to the law governing use of the Great Seal and Presidential Seal, because the presence of both seals on his materials is contrary to that law.

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December 30, 1982

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Sincerely,

Fred F. Fielding Counsel to the President

Mr. Brett-Livingstone Strong 1157 Las Pulgas Place Pacific Palisades, California 90272

Enclosure

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## § 713. Use of likenesses of the great seal of the United States, and of the seals of the President and Vice President

(a) Whoever knowingly displays any printed or other likeness of the great seal of the United States, or of the seals of the President or the Vice President of the United States, or any facsimile thereof, in, or in connection with, any advertisement, poster, circular, book, pamphlet, or other publication, public meeting, play, motion picture, telecast, or other production, or on any building, monument, or stationery, for the purpose of conveying, or in a manner reasonably calculated to convey, a false impression of sponsorship or approval by the Government of the United States or by any department, agency, or instrumentality thereof, shall be fined not more than \$250 or imprisoned not more than six months, or both.

(b) Whoever, except as authorized under regulations promulgated by the President and published in the Federal Register, knowingly manufactures, reproduces, sells, or purchases for resale, either separately or appended to any article manufactured or sold, any likeness of the seals of the President or Vice President, or any substantial part thereof, except for manufacture or sale of the article for the official use of the Government of the United States, shall be fined not more than \$250 or imprisoned not more than six months, or both.

(c) A violation of subsection (a) or (b) of this section may be enjoined at the suit of the Attorney General upon complaint by any authorized representative of any department or agency of the United States.

Added Pub.L. 89-807, § 1(a), Nov. 11, 1966, 80 Stat. 1525, and amended Pub.L. 91-651, § 1, Jan. 5, 1971, 84 Stat. 1940.

#### **Historical Note**

1971 Amendment. Catchline. Pub.L. 91-651 substituted "Use of likenesses of the great seal of the United States, and of the seals of the President and Vice President" for "Use of the great seal of the United States".

Subsec. (a). Pub.L. 51-651 redesignated existing provisions as subsec. (a), and, as so redesignated, expanded prohibition to include likenesses of the seals of the President and Vice President, and added to the enumerated list of prohibited uses for likenesses of the great seal of the United States and for the seals of the President and Vice President, use in posters, public meetings, or on any building, monument, or stationery.

Subsecs. (b), (c). Pub.L. 91-651 added subsecs. (b) and (c).

Effective Date of 1971 Amendment. Section 3 of Pub.L. 91-651 provided that: "The amendments made by this Act [amending this section] shall not make uniawful any preexisting use of the design of the great seal of the United States or of the seals of the President or Vice President of the United States that was lawful on the date of enactment of this Act [Jan. 5, 1971], until one year after the date of such enactment."

Legislative History. For legislative history and purpose of Pub.L. 89-807, see 1966 U.S.Code Cong. and Adm.News, p. 4408. See, also, Pub.L. 91-651, 1970 U.S. Code Cong. and Adm.News, p. 5903.

#### EXECUTIVE ORDER NO. 11649

#### Feb. 16, 1972, 37 F.R. 3625, as amended by Ex.Ord.No.11916, May 28, 1976, 41 F.R. 22031

#### REGULATIONS GOVERNING SEALS OF PRESIDENT AND VICE PRESIDENT OF UNITED STATES

By virtue of the authority vested in me by section 713(b) of title 18, United States Code [subsec. (b) of this section], I hereby prescribe the following regulations governing the use of the Seals of the President and the Vice President of the United States:

Section 1. Except as otherwise provided by law, the knowing manufacture, reproduction, sale, or purchase for resale of the Seals or Coats of Arms of the President or the Vice President of the United States, or any likeness or substantial part thereof, shall be permitted only for the following uses:

(a) Use by the President or Vice President of the United States;

(b) Use in encyclopedias, dictionarles, hooks, journals, pamphlets, periodicals, or magazines incident to a description or history of seals, coats of arms, heraldry, or the Presidency or Vice Presidency;

(c) Use in libraries, museums, or educational facilities incident to descriptions or exhibits relating to seals, coats of arms, heraldry, or the Presidency or Vice Presidency;

(d) Use as an architectural embellishment in libraries, museums, or archives

established to house the papers or effects of former Presidents or Vice Presidents;

(e) Use on a monument to a former President or Vice President;

(f) Use by way of photographic or electronic visual reproduction in pictures, moving pictures, or telecasts of bona fide news content;

(g) Such other uses for exceptional historical, educational, or newsworthy purposes as may be authorized in writing by the Counsel to the President.

Sec. 2. The manufacture, reproduction, sale, or purchase for resale, either separately or appended to any article manufactured or sold, of the Seals of the President or Vice President, or any likeness or substantial part thereof, except as provided in this Order or as otherwise provided by law, is prohibited.

RICHARD NIXON

#### Library References

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## C.J.S. United States § 8.

#### West's Federal Forms

Actions by United States or officers thereof, see \$\$ 1069 to 1072. Preliminary injunctions and temporary restraining orders, matters pertaining to, see \$ 5271 et seq. Sentence and fine, see \$ 7531 et seq.

#### Executive Order 11916

#### May 28, 1976

#### Amending Executive Order No. 11649,<sup>1</sup> Regulations Governing the Seals of the President and the Vice President of the United States

By virtue of the authority vested in me by section 713(b) of title 18 of the United States Code, subsection (b) of section 1 of Executive Order No. 11649 is amended to read as follows:

"(b) Use in encyclopedias, dictionaries, books, journals, pamphlets, periodicals, or magazines incident to a description or history of seals, coats of arms, heraldry, or the Presidency or Vice Presidency;".

GERALD R. FORD

THE WHITE HOUSE, May 28, 1976.

<sup>1</sup> 37 FR 3625; 3 CFR, 1971-1975 Comp., p. 675.

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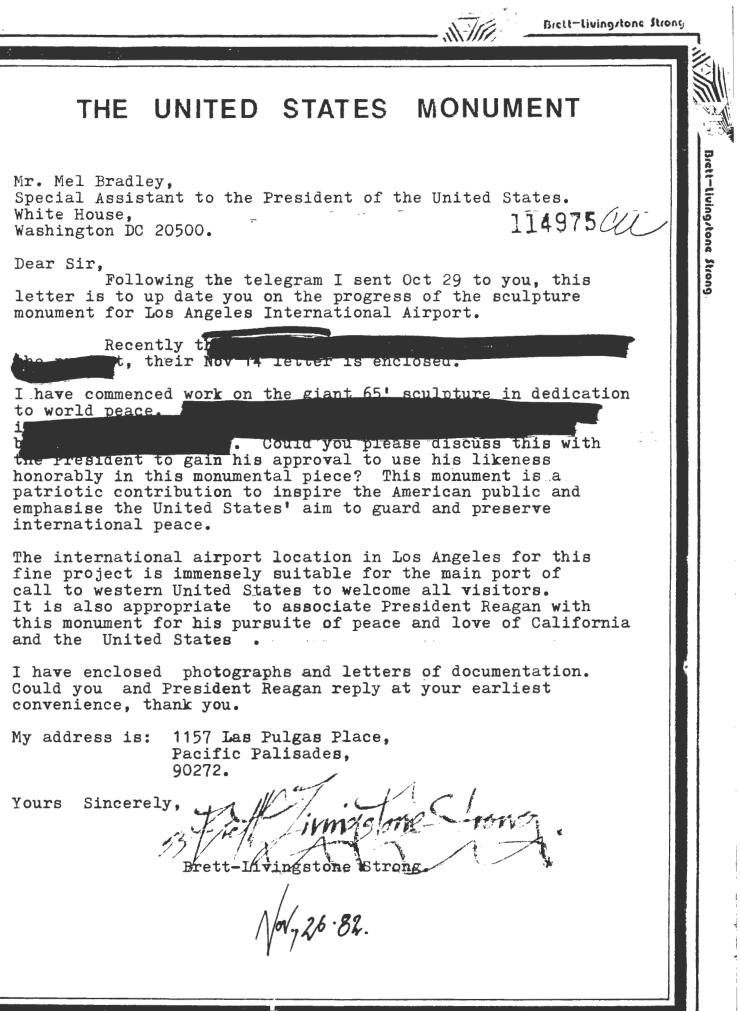
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THE WHITE HOUSE WASHINGTON

December 9, 1982

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RE:

Brett-Livingstone Strong

Please call me!

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#### THE WHITE HOUSE

#### WASHINGTON

### January 6, 1983

MEMORANDUM FOR FRED F. FIELDING

FROM: JOHN G. ROBERTS POR

SUBJECT: Request for Presidential Endorsement of "Yellow Books"

Craig Fuller has asked whether the President could endorse a plan by a private firm to publish federal government directories and distribute them free of charge to federal employees, while charging private subscribers and carrying advertising. Jud Clark of Public Affairs Information, a legislative and regulatory reporting service, described the proposal in a letter to Fuller, noting that the President had written a letter "applauding" a similar effort by California Journal when he was Governor.

Presidential endorsement of this private commercial venture would of course be contrary to established White House policy. I do not believe that the benefit of free directories for federal employees justifies departure from that policy, particularly since the directories will carry advertising and the President could be perceived as endorsing not only the directory and the directory company but its advertisers as well.

I have prepared a proposed reply to Fuller.

Attachment

WASHINGTON

### January 6, 1983

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## MEMORANDUM FOR CRAIG L. FULLER ASSISTANT TO THE PRESIDENT

## FROM: FRED F. FIELDING COUNSEL TO THE PRESIDENT

SUBJECT: Request for Presidential Endorsement of "Yellow Book"

You have inquired whether the President could endorse a proposal by a private firm to produce and distribute federal government directories, free of charge, to federal employees. The firm would charge private subscribers for the directories, and the directories would also carry advertising. This proposal was described in an October 20, 1982 letter to you from Jud Clark of Public Affairs Information.

The White House adheres to a policy of not approving the use of the name, likeness, photograph or signature of the President in any manner that does or might suggest endorsement of a commercial product or enterprise. This proposal goes even further, seeking explicit Presidential endorsement of a commercial venture. There is also the danger that the President may be perceived as endorsing the products advertised in the contemplated directory. The possible benefit of free distribution of the directories to federal employees does not warrant departure from the established policy.

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November 10, 1982

Dear Jud:

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I am truly sorry we missed each other (or at least I missed seeing you).

I look forward to your return.

Best/regards, L. Fuller Craig

Mr. Jud Clark Public Affairs Information 1024 10th Street, Suite 300 Sacramento, California 95814



**Public Affairs Information** 

October 20, 1982

Mr. Craig Fuller Assistant to the President for Cabinet Affairs The White House Washington, D. C. 20500

Dear Craig:

If you didn't want to get together last week you should have said so instead of cooking up such dame excuses. Cancelling drinks for a "late meeting called by Ed Meese" was straining credibility for openers, but when you allowed a Security Council meeting to interupt lunch I thought that was carrying it too far - especially when you paraded various members of the Cabinet past me.

I suppose you wanted to avoid hearing me brag about our recent acquisition of Martin Haley's State Services Group which along with two other companies falling by the wayside immediately gives us the dominant position in the field of state government reporting services. Enclosed is the press release announcing the merger of our two companies which immediately doubles our client base and revenues while adding some top flight people to our operation in the East. Our challenge is to take advantage of this position before a large company begins taking this business field seriously.

I will be back again around the second week in November, and if we are able to get together I inbend to brazenly solicit your free advice and counsel on pursuing some new business directions particularly in expanding the federal government information service we can offer.

Related to that I have been talking with Jim Marsh, a friend of mine who publishes the Federal and Congressional "Yellow Books." He is presently pursuing a new direction which I told him the President should personally endorse. He looked at all the special agency directories and in the process of trying to figure out whether he could provide them more economically under contract came up with a brilliant idea. He is presently proceeding with plans to produce a new edition of the Yellow Book to be published twice a year which he will provide to every federal and congressional employee listed at no cost. His gamble is that he will be able to obtain enough advertising to replace the lost revenue from federal government subscribers (about \$100,000) and the added cost of placing 35,000 copies in federal offices.

1024 10th St., Suite 300, Sacramento, CA:95814-3597 • (916) 444-0840 316 Pennsylvania Ave., S.E., Suite 200, Washington, D.C. 20003 • (202) 543-7787 state and national legislative and regulatory reporting services I told Jim of the letter that the California Journal received from Ronald Reagan commending us on our first edition and suggested that his effort warranted a similar mote of encouragement. What do you think? I will call you soon.



JC:cfu



# Public Affairs Information

September 8, 1982

PUBLIC AFFAIRS INFORMATION, INC. 1024 Tenth Street, Suite 300 Sacramento, CA 95814 (916) 444-0840 Contact: Bill Hauck

THE MARTIN HALEY COMPANIES, INC. 40 Central Park South New York, NY 10019 (212) 688-D771 Contact: Peggy Christopher

FOR RELEASE: September 8, 1982

Jud Clark, President of Public Affairs Information (PAI) and Martin Ryan Haley, Chairman of The Martin Haley Companies, Inc., today announced they have merged the operations of their state government reporting service organizations effective September 1, 1982.

Apart from their reporting services, all other divisions and

units of the two organizations will continue to operate independently.

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Ours is an administration that believes, without any question, in the people's right to know; that means your right to tell them. You will be kept well informed of all that we are trying to do.

Sincerely,

RONALD REAGAN Governor

MEMORANDUM

THE WHITE HOUSE

WASHINGTON

January 6, 1983

#### MEMORANDUM FOR FRED F. FIELDING

FROM: JOHN G. ROBERTS Obec

SUBJECT: Request for Presidential Endorsement of "Yellow Books"

Craig Fuller has asked whether the President could endorse a plan by a private firm to publish federal government directories and distribute them free of charge to federal employees, while charging private subscribers and carrying advertising. Jud Clark of Public Affairs Information, a legislative and regulatory reporting service, described the proposal in a letter to Fuller, noting that the President had written a letter "applauding" a similar effort by California Journal when he was Governor.

Presidential endorsement of this private commercial venture would of course be contrary to established White House policy. I do not believe that the benefit of free directories for federal employees justifies departure from that policy, particularly since the directories will carry advertising and the President could be perceived as endorsing not only the directory and the directory company but its advertisers as well.

I have prepared a proposed reply to Fuller.

Attachment

WASHINGTON

## January 6, 1983

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## MEMORANDUM FOR CRAIG L. FULLER ASSISTANT TO THE PRESIDENT

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

SUBJECT:	Request	for	Presidential	Endorsement
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You have inquired whether the President could endorse a proposal by a private firm to produce and distribute federal government directories, free of charge, to federal employees. The firm would charge private subscribers for the directories, and the directories would also carry advertising. This proposal was described in an October 20, 1982 letter to you from Jud Clark of Public Affairs Information.

The White House adheres to a policy of not approving the use of the name, likeness, photograph or signature of the President in any manner that does or might suggest endorsement of a commercial product or enterprise. This proposal goes even further, seeking explicit Presidential endorsement of a commercial venture. There is also the danger that the President may be perceived as endorsing the products advertised in the contemplated directory. The possible benefit of free distribution of the directories to federal employees does not warrant departure from the established policy.

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THE WHITE HOUSE WASHINGTON

November 10, 1982

Dear Jud:

I am truly sorry we missed each other (or at least I missed seeing you).

I look forward to your return.

Best/regards, Craig L. Fuller

Mr. Jud Clark Public Affairs Information 1024 10th Street, Suite 300 Sacramento, California 95814



## **Public Affairs Information**

October 20, 1982

Mr. Craig Fuller
Assistant to the President
for Cabinet Affairs
The White House
Washington, D. C. 20500

Dear Craig:

If you didn't want to get together last week you should have said so instead of cooking up such dame excuses. Cancelling drinks for a "late meeting called by Ed Meese" was straining credibility for openers, but when you allowed a Security Council meeting to interupt lunch I thought that was carrying it too far - especially when you paraded various members of the Cabinet past me.

I suppose you wanted to avoid hearing me brag about our recent acquisition of Martin Haley's State Services Group which along with two other companies falling by the wayside immediately gives as the dominant position in the field of state government reporting services. Enclosed is the press release announcing the merger of our two companies which immediately doubles our client base and revenues while adding some top flight people to our operation in the East. Our challenge is to take advantage of this position before a large company begins taking this business field seriously.

I will be back again around the second week in November, and if we are able to get together I intend to brazenly solicit your free advice and counsel on pursuing some new business directions particularly in expanding the federal government information service we can offer.

Related to that I have been talking with Jim Marsh, a friend of mine who publishes the Federal and Congressional "Yellow Books." He is presently pursuing a new direction which I told him the President should personally endorse. He looked at all the special agency directories and in the process of trying to figure out whether he could provide them more economically under contract came up with a brilliant idea. He is presently proceeding with plans to produce a new edition of the Yellow Book to be published twice a year which he will provide to every federal and congressional employee listed at no cost. His gamble is that he will be able to obtain enough advertising to replace the lost revenue from federal government subscribers (about \$100,000) and the added cost of placing 35,000 copies in federal soffices.

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THE MARTIN HALEY COMPANIES, INC. 40 Central Park South New York, NY 10019 (212) 688-D771 Contact: Peggy Christopher

FOR RELEASE: September 8, 1982

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RONALD REAGAN Governor THE WHITE HOUSE

WASHINGTON

January 7, 1983

MEMORANDUM FOR FRED F. FIELDING

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FROM: JOHN G. ROBERTS

SUBJECT: Proposal to Add the President's Name to Draft Legislation

Rodney Randy Joseph of Plymouth, Massachusetts has written you about his proposal -- currently styled the "Joseph, Kennedy Welfare Act" -- to put the unemployed and elderly to work selling government surplus products. He indicates that he "would like to add the President's name to this draft."

The Office of Private Sector Initiatives advises that Joseph has submitted his proposal to them. I recommend a short reply to Joseph, stating that the President does not lend his name to proposed legislation, and assuring him that the Office of Private Sector Initiatives will give his proposal appropriate consideration.

#### THE WHITE HOUSE

WASHINGTON

January 7, 1983

Dear Mr. Joseph:

Thank you for your letter of December 16, 1982, concerning your proposal to reform the welfare system. In that letter you indicated that you would like to add the President's name to the proposed "Joseph, Kennedy Welfare Act."

Quite apart from any consideration of the merits, it would be inappropriate for the President to lend his name to any bill or other legislative proposal, and the President -like his predecessors -- has adhered to a policy of not doing so. We cannot, therefore, approve the addition of the President's name to your draft proposal.

I understand that you have been in contact with the Office of Private Sector Initiatives at the White House concerning your project. I am confident that they will give your proposal every appropriate consideration. Thank you for sharing your ideas with me.

Sincerely,

Fred F. Fielding Counsel to the President

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Mr. Rodney Randy Joseph
President & Chairman
Creative Life for Humanitary
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RFD #6 White Island
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John Reberts

December 16, 1982

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Fred Fielding, Esq. Counselto the President The white House Washington, DC 20500

Dear Mr. Fielding:

I have enclosed a newspaper publication date December 8, 1982, which was covered by seven newspapers here in the local area of southeastern New England. You will also find enclosed a brief summary description of my proposed program, The Joseph, Kennedy Welfare Act, written in this article by reporter, Linda Ahlborg, along with a seperate sheet describing the functions of this act. We would like to add the President's name to this draft. Our program has been represented to the President on December 8, 1982 by the Presidential Task Force on Private Sector Intitiatives.

I beieve in our country and our government. An individual should believe in their government and President, and not complain in what they believe he is doing wrong. I feel that instead the people must work with him to make our country financially sound. I am, therefore, pursuing direct help from my President in our campaign for the people. This is the same manner in which I have pursued interest from our Senator. I ask you is this not the correct procedure? The procedure being a citizen to pursue a belief in their Senator and President, to work directly with them on behalf of a constitutional draft affecting all citizens of this nation.

Sir, I would appreciate your attention on this matter.

Sincerely, Matrice Handing Yough

Rodney Randy Joseph President & Chairman

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#### By LINDA AHLBORG

VAREHAM—Rodney Randy seph has an ambitious plan wants to reform the coun-'s welfare system.

loseph who lives at White and has prepared and subtted a far-reaching project to ? President's Task Force on ivate Sector Initiatives.

It major goal is to put people rrently receiving benefits om social security, unemyment compensation, aid for pendent children and other lfare programs to work.

loseph hopes to start various sinesses that would be run by nior citizens and the skilled employed. The unskilled uld provide the labor but by would also be trained in gher paying jobs.

As envisioned by Joseph, the ogram would require no ading from any government urce with the exception of inad services to be provided out government surplus.

Workers would not be paid gular salaries but would rticipate in a profit-sharing an.

For that reason, an Act of ngress is necessary to allow rticipants to keep their elfare and-or social security nefits until such a time as the come from the business is fficient to support them.

Joseph already has apoached Sen. Edward Kendy (D-Mass.) for his support shepherding the bill through e Senate.

And he has approached the hite House office on private ctor initiatives for the birtisan support he feels he eds to push through the usual legislation.

Any profits made by the sinesses over and above the nount paid to workers would plowed back into the welfare stem in order to refund ograms cut in the last two ars and to help ease the inden on the taxpayer, Joseph id.

Joseph is the chairman of reative Life for Humanity rts Society, Inc., a group that eks to promote arts among



## Rodney Randy Joseph

children and the elderly. He would use the society as the framework for the pilot program.

"We could start today except

that it would be illegal," he said.

The pilot program would involve the establishment of a food store stocked with government surplus and managed by senior citizens. The workers would be the unemployed and current recipients of welfare programs.

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Joseph said that he got the idea for a food store from reading about the difficulties the government was having in distributing excess food gathered under various farm support programs.

He suggested facilities at Otis ANG Base In Bourne might be secured for the store with surplus government trucks used to transport the food.

Later, he believes that the program could contract with farmers who would provide it directly with all necessary goods and produce. Labor to harvest the crops could be provided by the unemployed enrolled in the program.

Joseph emphasizes that the act he is recommending that Congress approve is an emergency measure only. Eventually, the government should take over "management" of the programs, he says.

The inspiration for the current program came from an earlier project Joseph ran in Plymouth in 1973.

At that time, senior citizens living in a rest home made a collage for children at a local hospital.

"They (senior citizens) thought they weren't any use to anybody," Joseph explained. "But later they knew they were useful."

The project proposal currently is before the President's advisors on private sector initiatives. A decision on whether to support it or not is expected in December, Joseph said.

And he urged any citizen interested in fostering his ideas to write to the White House.

"The people have a chance to dictate a platform that will represent jobs and income for them personally by writing letters of persuasion. That is the way democracy should be if America — by the people and for the people," he concluded.

## THE WHITE HOUSE WASHINGTON

April 20, 1982

Dear Mr. Joseph:

On behalf of the President, I would like to thank you for your kind message. I was especially pleased to learn about your project.

I understand that you have contacted the Task Force on Private Sector Initiatives and will be forwarding your material to that office soon. I am certain that they will share your program with our offices.

Again, thank you for your interest and involvement.

Sincerely,

JAY MOORHEAD Special Assistant to the President Private Sector Initiatives

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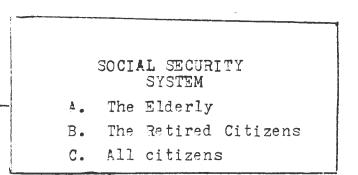
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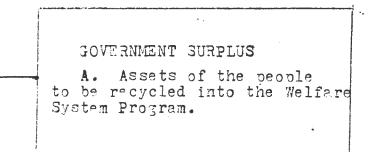
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FARMING INDUSTRIES A. The Unemployed B. The Farmers C. All Citizens

Creation of a new market for distribution of food products especially grown for the welfare act. Thus enabling the farmer to be a direct link to the acts program, with monegement and labor supplied by the training programs of the act. This will help stabilize the food prices in the conmercial market without hurting the farmers.



The retired citizens and the skilled unemployed are the key components for management of the act's programs. The retired have years of experience that will be enhance into the programs of the act. The retired will retain their benefits permanently but their earned income will be taxed, thereby rejuvenating large taxable income. This will then stabilize the the tax for social security, affecting all citizens.



This is a reorganization of our country's food surplus. These products will be the direct use of the welfare act, along with the unused land, buildings, automotive vehicles and other items useful for the programs. Land and or real estate of great value will be omitted from this program.



PRESENTS PAINTING — The Mayflower Nursing Home patients during a recently held tea presented an original painting of the Pediatric Wing of the Jordan Hospital. The painting was done by the patients in the art group directed by Randy Joseph, rear row in back of painting. Mrs. Lee Gregory, president of the Jordan Hospital Club, accepted the painting for the hospital.

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Tex revenue will be created from the retired elderly, welfare recipients, disabled and the unemployed.

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