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THE WHITE HOUSE

WASHINGTON

April 7, 1983

MEMORANDUM FOR JAMES BAKER

FROM FAITH RYAN WHITTLESEY

SUBJECT: Helen Marie Taylor Nomination

Attached is a report to me from Morton Blackwell on the status of the nomination of conservative leader Helen Marie Taylor to the Board of the Corporation for Public Broadcasting.

You will recall that Mrs. Taylor was the object of Dr. Jerry Falwell's request to the President in our Oval Office meeting March 15.

Apparently there was some confusion as the message about Mrs. Taylor was passed down the line to our Legislative Affairs Office. What happened in response to Dr. Falwell's request to the President was a query of Senator Goldwater by Nancy Kennedy, asking the senator if he had softened his opposition. Jim Cicconi believed, incorrectly, that Falwell had said to you there were indications Goldwater was coming around.

In any case, we have done virtually nothing to help change Senator Goldwater's mind on this nominee who is quite important to so many of our supportive groups. These groups point out that we "rolled over" objections by Senators Helms and East to major appointee from their own state, William Bennett at the National Endowment for Humanities.

As the attached memo indicates, Morton suggests you call Senator Warner and Senator Tribble and ask them, per former Senator Harry Byrd's wishes, to join Senator Byrd and Mrs. Taylor in a visit to Senator Goldwater to see how his objections, whatever they are, can be resolved.

THE WHITE HOUSE

WASHINGTON

April 19, 1983

MEMORANDUM FOR FAITH RYAN WHITTLESEY

FROM

MORTON C. BLACKWELL 

SUBJECT:

Helen Marie Taylor Appointment to CPB Board

We have done a disgraceful job of forwarding Mrs. Taylor's nomination, and she now knows it.

Today she read me a letter dated April 11 from Senator Goldwater to Martha Roundtree, head of the Leadership Foundation. Senator Goldwater wrote, tersely, that Mrs. Taylor's name has been taken off the list by the White House.

I called Nancy Kennedy about that April 11 letter this morning. She strongly denied she ever told Senator Goldwater we were withdrawing Mrs. Taylor's nomination.

What we have here at minimum is stark evidence that the White House has not given Senator Goldwater any reason to believe the President wants him to release his hold on Mrs. Taylor.

My own view is that Nancy Kennedy does not want Mrs. Taylor confirmed and is thus the wrong person to be dealing with this nomination for us.

With leaders like Falwell, Schlafly, Dolan, Weyrich and so many others asking for action and watching us carefully, we are putting on a bad show. We will be zapped on this soon in conservative media. Mr. Baker, particularly, has his credibility on the line.

A fact often unmentioned is that this appointment to the CPB Board for Mrs. Taylor is for a term which ends in March, 1984. Less than a year from now!

THE WHITE HOUSE

WASHINGTON

April 6, 1983

MEMORANDUM FOR FAITH RYAN WHITTLESEY

FROM MORTON C. BLACKWELL *MB*

SUBJECT: Helen Marie Taylor

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We are approaching a crisis with respect to Helen Marie Taylor, the President's nominee for a slot on the Board of the Corporation for Public Broadcasting.

Senator Goldwater, chairman of the Commerce Committee subcommittee which has her nomination has a "hold" on her. The motive for his hold is unclear; it has different explanations. He has given no reason to our Legislative Affairs office staffer Nancy Kennedy, who is handling this.

Both Dr. Jerry Falwell and Phyllis Schlafly in private meetings with the President have asked him to intervene with Senator Goldwater in Mrs. Taylor's behalf. Twice, once to the President and Dr. Falwell in the Oval Office and again to Dr. Falwell at a subsequent meeting, Jim Baker said he would take care of the matter.

To date, nothing has been done. Jim Cicconi told me he understood from Mr. Baker that Dr. Falwell told the President Senator Goldwater may have weakened his opposition, so Cicconi asked Nancy Kennedy to check with Goldwater. She did and reported to me that Goldwater had not relented. Unfortunately, when I reported this to Dr. Falwell, he was upset and astonished. He denied he suggested Senator Goldwater might be coming around. (You were there for this conversation.) He said he had asked the President to intervene personally with Goldwater, not asked to have a staffer check with the Senator.

Attached is a fat folder of data on Mrs. Taylor's nomination. She has been a generous contributor to, and actually worked for, virtually every effective conservative group in the country. About \$1.5 million total in recent years. She's one of the biggest contributors, for instance to John Fisher's pro-defense activities. There will be real unrest if we don't fight for this nomination. Our credibility is at stake with many of our best allied groups.

Last weekend Gen. Al Wedemeyer pitched in to help Mrs. Taylor. He is an old friend of Barry, whom he called. The Senator told Wedemeyer that both Virginia senators opposed the nomination and that the Chairman of the Board of the Corporation for Public Broadcasting said she would resign if Mrs. Taylor joined the board.

In fact, Warner and Tribble both strongly state their support for her nomination. Warner testified for her and introduced her to Goldwater's sub committee. Tribble assures everyone, including me, that he strongly supports her.

It happens that the Chairman of the Board is Sharon Percy Rockefeller, a heavy contributor to Democratic committees and candidates. She is a pro-ERA leader, and Mrs. Taylor is a mainstay of Phyllis Schlafly and was a 1980 Reagan Alternate-Delegate to Detroit from Virginia.

Frankly, Goldwater's comments these days are unreliable.

Here is the strategy we are now using. Former Senator Harry F. Byrd, Jr. is an old associate of Mrs. Taylor. (She once led the successful fight to keep the Richmond airport named Byrd Airport.) Senator Byrd, an old friend of Senator Goldwater as was his father before him, has agreed to take Mrs. Taylor in with him to see Senator Goldwater, provided that Senators Warner and Tribble accompany them.

Dr. Falwell, John Alderson (1980 Virginia Reagan campaign head), and I embarked today on an effort to make sure our GOP senators from Virginia agree to join Senator Byrd and Mrs. Taylor in their visit to Barry. Political reality dictates that they will comply.

#### Suggested Actions

1. The President should phone Senator Goldwater and ask him to support Mrs. Taylor, "primarily because of her long record of support for a strong national defense."
2. To make good unmistakably on his statements to Dr. Falwell, Mr. Baker should chat with Senators Warner and Tribble and urge them to join Senator Byrd and Mrs. Taylor in a visit to Senator Goldwater.

Note: Helen Marie Taylor is strong-willed. The only "negative" comment I have heard about her in conservative activist circles is her reputation for talking too long on the telephone. That is not a fatal flaw. She is a Reagan team player who would cut off her arm rather than embarrass the President or hurt his battle for conservative principles. She is well qualified for the post to which the President has nominated her.

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June 28, 1983

Dear Mr. President,

This letter will serve a two-fold purpose.

First, I would like to encourage you to proceed swiftly with the appointment of Helen Marie Taylor to the board of the Corporation for Public Broadcasting.

Her nomination has been blocked because of politics. Please, remove the petty politics blocking her appointment so that we can have someone to represent us with the traditional value system that we as Christians have.

Secondly, I would also like to thank you for meeting with Donald E. Wildmon in regard to the obscenity laws. Please, continue to be a strong enforcer of such laws.

Thank you for reading my letter.  
Sincerely,

Anne Fagan  
P.R. 1, Box 20A  
Hampton, Ne. 68843

Dear President Reagan,  
My husband and I are greatly pleased with your choice of Helen Marie Taylor to serve on the board of the Corporation for Public Broadcasting.  
Please do not let politics block her appointment. We need a representative of such caliber.  
Sincerely,  
Mrs. Mrs. Stewart Cleveland

15200 Loomis AVE  
HARVEY, ILL. 60426

Mr. President:

Urge nomination of Helen  
Marie Taylor to the board of  
PBS

Yours,  
Fred Collins



Mrs. Ernest Shannon  
Minneapolis, Kansas

President Ronald Reagan  
The White House  
Washington D.C. 20500  
Attention: Morton Blackwell

Dear President Reagan:

My attention was caught yesterday concerning your recommendation of Mrs. Helen Marie Taylor, to serve on the Board of CPB. (related to the operation of the PBS) I was handed a copy of the Informer, by my pastor, and this recommendation by you was in the Informer. I want you to know that I am in favor of your recommendation & request that petty politics be removed from the process, and that her nomination to the board of CPB proceed with haste.

Mr. President, I've never written to you in the past, but feel that you need to know that we are behind you in prayer and support when ever you take a stand of this kind.

Sincerely

Mrs. Ernest Shannon  
708 Elm St.  
Minneapolis Kan.

Dear President Reagan

Thank you for anything  
you can do to support  
Helen Marie Taylor to  
serve on board of the Corp for P.B.  
You are loved + appreciated by millions  
MTH

Also  
would greatly appreciate  
a strong enforcement of  
obscenity law

Thank you again  
MTH



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June 7, 1983

President Ronald Reagan

The White House

Washington, D. C. 20500

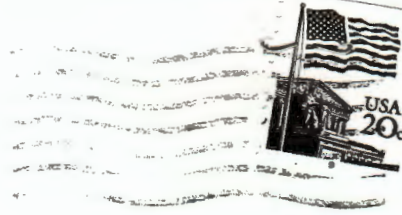
Attention: Morton Blackwell

I am writing in regard to Helen Marie Taylor and request that petty politics be removed from the process and that her nomination to the board of CPB proceed with haste.

Sincerely,

Mrs. Wilson Gibson

Mrs. Wilson Gilson  
1209 D. Hazelwood  
Sherman, Texas 75090



President Ronald Reagan  
The White House  
Washington, D.C. 20500

Attention: Morton Blackwell

Preservation Copy

President Reagan: June 3, 1983

Dear Sir:

I commend you on your  
Choice of Helen Marie Taylor  
for the Board of Public  
Broadcasting, (P.B.S.)

I wish you can get  
all to put Petty Politics  
aside and that her nomination  
proceed with Haste

one representative of  
family & traditional values  
is little enough and  
must be confirmed.

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Thank you.  
Hazel Sunday  
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Dear Mr. Resident: June 9

My husband and I urge you  
to support Mrs. Helen Marie Taylor  
to serve on the board of the  
Corporation for Public Broadcasting!

We also wish to commend  
you for backing the things that  
Citizens for Decency Through Law  
stands for.

It's time that the decent  
law-abiding citizens won out  
over the producers of pornography  
and the producers of sex and  
violence which comes over television  
and into the movie theaters. Most  
of the movies are either R or X rated,  
so we can only find about 3 or 4  
movies decent enough to go and  
see each year.

We voted for you and we'll  
both vote for you again. We're  
behind you and your ideas and policies

all the way!

Sincerely yours,  
Mrs. and Mrs.  
Donald B. Smith

MR & MRS DONALD R SMITH  
14351 HUDSON RD BOX 183  
HUDSON, MI.  
49827



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800 St Mary's Ln  
Evansville, In  
47715

June 7, 1983

President Ronald Reagan,  
The White House,  
Washington, D.C. 20500  
att: Mr. Morton Blackwell,

Dear President,

I am writing to request that petty politics be removed from the process of the nomination to the Board of the Corporation for Public Broadcasting of Mrs. Helen Marie Taylor. She is an ideal person to serve on the C P B Board and has all the necessary qualifications.

With the hope that her nomination to the Board of C P B proceed with haste, I am,

wishes,

With prayerful good

Sister Agatha Rohrer  
Daughter of Charity



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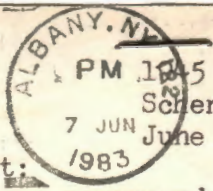
MRS. SAMUEL H. MC CONNELL  
3719 ROSE COURT  
LAFAYETTE, CALIFORNIA 94549

June 4, 1983

President Ronald Reagan  
The White House  
Washington, D.C. Re: Helen Marie Taylor  
Dear President Reagan:

I respectfully urge  
you to exert your influence  
regarding your appointment  
of Helen Marie Taylor to  
the board of the Corporation  
for Public Broadcasting.  
This board desperately  
needs someone of her  
persuasion.  
Thank you.

Respectfully yours  
C: Sen. Barry Goldwater  
Isabel J. McConnell



PM 1245 Pawtucket Avenue  
Schenectady, New York 12309

Dear Mr. President:

We support your recommendation of Helen Marie Taylor  
to serve on the board of the Corporation for Public  
Broadcasting.

It needs more people who support decency and high moral  
standards.

Sincerely,

Mrs. Kenneth Bradt

Mrs. Kenneth Bradt, chairman,  
Schenectady County  
Citizens For Decent Literature,  
Citizens For Parental Rights

*National Conservative  
Political Action Committee*

FILE

*Suite 513, 1500 Wilson Boulevard  
Arlington, Virginia 22209*

*John T. Dolan  
National Chairman*

April 18, 1983

(703) 522-2800

Mr. James Baker III  
Chief of Staff  
The White House  
Washington, D.C. 20500

Dear Jim:

As you are aware, Helen Marie Taylor's nomination to the Corporation for Public Broadcasting has been held up by Senator Barry Goldwater. A few weeks ago, in response to a request from Jerry Falwell to President Reagan, you agreed to handle the problem. Subsequently, someone in the White House called Goldwater's office and simply reconfirmed that he was holding the nomination.

Apparently the nomination is still alive because of your involvement to date and in spite of people who you have requested take care of it. It seems that the only way Mrs. Taylor is going to be confirmed is if the President calls Senator Goldwater himself.

No one is certain why Senator Goldwater is opposing Mrs. Taylor. At first he said there was something wrong with her FBI file. Since she has gotten the file and confirmed there is nothing damaging in it, Senator Goldwater has stopped raising that as a concern. Then she was supposedly a racist. But since Dr. Mildred Jefferson, a friend of President Reagan, has volunteered to come to Washington to appear on Mrs. Taylor's behalf, the Senator has dropped that objection. He also said that neither of Virginia's Senators want her appointed. Both Senators have publicly and privately endorsed and re-endorsed Mrs. Taylor, but admit they are concerned about hurting their relationship with Senator Goldwater by pressing him on a point he will not clarify. He also has told people that Sharon Rockefeller the Chairman of the CPB, has threatened to resign if Mrs. Taylor is appointed. I do not know if this is true. But if it is, it would hardly be a loss to the Reagan agenda since Mrs. Rockefeller is a strong supporter of liberal Democratic and anti-Reagan causes.

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Mr. James Baker III  
April 18, 1983

Therefore, rather than encouraging President Reagan to address the substance of Senator Goldwater's objections, I suggest the President ask Senator Goldwater to simply lift his hold, as a personal favor to him. If the President confronts Senator Goldwater's objections, Goldwater will simply come up with a new one.

I know requesting the President to ask a personal favor of a U.S. Senator is a bit much. Nevertheless, this appointment has become highly symbolic to conservatives. The appointment is only for one year. Mrs. Taylor is a long-time supporter of President Reagan as well as many of the candidates and causes that helped him become President.

You would be pleasing a large number of conservative activists by taking this step.

Sincerely,

John T. (Terry) Dolan  
National Chairman

JTD:tsh

cc: Morton Blackwell

6/29/83

Dear President Reagan,

I am a reader of the National Federation for Decency Informers where I saw the article that you had nominated Helen Marie Taylor to serve on the board of the Corp. for Public Broadcasting. I believe her views should be represented and urge that her nomination to the board proceed with haste.

Also, I want to encourage strong enforcement of the obscenity laws.

Thank you for your time.

Sincerely,  
Kathleen M. Hughes  
H. Rt. Box 860  
Bridgeville, Ca.  
95526

33 Highland Place  
Richardson, Tx  
75081

MS

Dear Mr. President,

I am writing in support of Helen Marie Taylor for service on the board of the Corporation for Public Broadcasting. Her family-oriented background is much needed on this board. We need the voice of motherhood and traditional values heard in our land.

Appreciate your efforts in this area. Thank-you for your time and for your special attention to May 5<sup>th</sup> our National Day of Prayer.

We pray for you often. God bless you and grant you the wisdom needed to lead our country.

Sincerely,

Paula King

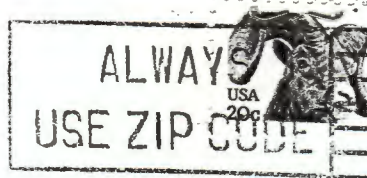
Dear President Reagan,  
I am writing concerning the  
nomination of Helen Marie Taylor  
to the board of the Corporation  
for Public Broadcasting.

We support Mrs. Taylor's views  
concerning wholesome, constructive  
television. We urge your action  
in removing the petty politics  
that is blocking her  
nomination. Thank you for your  
concern in reading this letter.

Sincerely,  
Lynda Beacock



J. Hancock  
1158 K St  
Redley, Cal.  
93654



President Ronald Reagan  
The White House D.C.  
20500  
Attention: Morton Blackwell

July 4, 1983

Dear Mr. President,

On this, our country's birthday, I write you to urge the nomination of one I believe will support the traditional value system of most Americans in presenting the viewing public with a choice for quality programming. I am requesting the nomination of Helen Taylor to serve on the board of the Corporation for Public Broadcasting.

It has been encouraging to me to see and hear of your stand for morality in many different issues. It is my prayer that again you will use your authority to help guide our country in the avenues of right moral decisions.

Sincerely,  
Susan Condry

Preservation Copy

Mrs. Susan Condry  
5041 Sue Lookout  
Abilene, Tx. 79606



President Ronald Reagan  
The White House  
Washington, D.C. 20500

Attention: Marten Blackwell

## Personalities

By Chuck Conconi

She may have once been a big Sen. Barry Goldwater campaign contributor, but that's not going to help Helen Marie Taylor become a member of the board of directors of the Corporation for Public Broadcasting.

When presidential nominee Taylor came before the communications subcommittee chaired by the Arizona Republican, she was carrying a copy of Goldwater's limited-edition coffee-table photo book, "The Faces of Arizona." The book was given to major financial contributors to his 1964 presidential campaign, and she took the opportunity to ask Goldwater for his autograph.

Goldwater politely signed her book. But she doesn't have his support. Goldwater, and other members of the committee, are troubled by her contributions to extreme right-wing causes. He has sent signals to the White House that the Reagan administration might be wise to back away from this nomination.



Jim Wright;  
by AP



Barry Goldwater;  
by James A. Parcell

491 South Cretin Avenue  
St. Paul, Minnesota 55116  
July 25, 1983

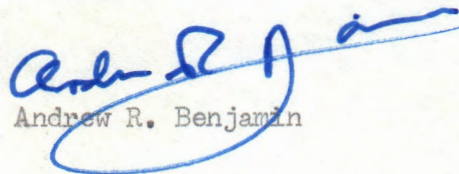
President Ronald Reagan  
The White House  
Washington, D. C. 20500

Attention: Morton Blackwell

Dear President Reagan:

I am writing to urge you to pursue your support of Helen Marie Taylor to serve on the Board of the Corporation for Public Broadcasting. We need Mrs. Taylor on this board because of her support for traditional value oriented television.

Public Broadcasting is the only TV I watch and we need to preserve the quality programming normally presented by public radio and television.

  
Andrew R. Benjamin

ARB:a

cc: Barry Goldwater

1001 E. HWY 140E  
ORANGE, VIRGINIA 22961  
PHONE 534-1111

June 17, 1983

Mr. M. J. Taylor  
Ch...  
...

Dear Mr. Taylor:

The lead editorial in this morning's Times  
Express brought many fond memories. Your zeal,  
your enthusiasm, your unbounded energy, your  
dedication to your beliefs, your great ability, and  
your conservatism has been an inspiration to many.


The disgraceful behavior of the Senate Finance Committee  
headed by Senator Goldwater is outrageous.

As you may know, I was co-chairman of "Virginians  
for Tribble" - an independent group of Virginians. I  
will be seeing the Senator this afternoon and again on  
Monday in Washington. You can be sure I will urge  
his support and action. I am quite sure I will be seeing  
Senator Warner on Monday, and as I have strongly  
supported him, I will urge his immediate support and  
action.

We miss seeing you and hope this may be remedied in  
the near future. We have our official residence at  
"Cockoo", although I spend most of my week days in  
Richmond. Since this is not far from Orange, we hope  
you and your family can come to see us on a week-end.

With kind regards and best wishes and warm regards to  
all.

Sincerely,

  
E. B. Perkinson, Jr.

# Richmond Times-Dispatch

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Friday, June 17, 1983

## An Assassination

A news story reports that the "nomination of Helen Marie Taylor of Richmond to the board of the Corporation of Public Broadcasting appears to be slowly and quietly dying." It is our belief that the nomination is being assassinated, and that a member of the Senate who should be one of Mrs. Taylor's most ardent supporters — Republican Sen. Barry Goldwater of Arizona.

An unabashed conservative who has labored diligently on behalf of conservative causes and candidates, including Sen. Goldwater and President Reagan, Mrs. Taylor is one of four persons whom the president nominated to serve on the agency, which disburses federal money for public radio and television. The other three nominees — including Chairman Sharon Percy Rockefeller, a political liberal whose husband is Democratic governor of West Virginia — have been confirmed by the Senate. But the Taylor nomination languishes in a subcommittee headed by Sen. Goldwater, and the latest reports indicate that he has not the slightest intention of permitting the subcommittee to consider it.

What accounts for the senator's hostility toward a fellow conservative who would appear to meet all of his requirements? Mrs. Taylor is a highly intelligent woman who clearly possesses the intellectual capacity for the job. Is the senator perturbed because she tends to be extremely provocative, forceful and candid in espousing political principles that she considers to be bene-

ficial to this nation? Let us say to the senator that he should be the last person to consider dedication, determination and candor in defense of conservative tenets to be vices.

Some unconfirmed reports attribute the senator's opposition to Mrs. Taylor to his desire to please Sen. Charles H. Percy, a liberal Republican from Illinois and father of Sharon Percy Rockefeller. According to the stories, Mrs. Rockefeller told her father she did not wish to serve with Mrs. Taylor and asked him to intervene to prevent her nomination. The Rockefellers reportedly have denied this.

At any rate, Sen. Goldwater's unexplained conduct on this matter is deplorable. On this as on other presidential appointments the White House's wishes should prevail unless Mrs. Taylor can be shown to be unqualified. That has not happened.

We hope that Virginia's two senators, John Warner and Paul Trible, will support Mrs. Taylor's nomination with more enthusiasm than they have so far shown. It is distressing that they failed to join Sen. Steven D. Symms, an Idaho Republican, in his recent efforts to force the nomination from the Goldwater subcommittee. The Arizona senator is formidable, to be sure, and he may prevail. But Virginia's senators, both of whom have endorsed Mrs. Taylor, should not surrender without a fight.



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May 9, 1983

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*U.S. House of Representatives*  
*Staff*

The Honorable Paul Tribble  
United States Senate  
Washington, D.C. 20510

Dear Senator Tribble:

As you know, Senator Barry Goldwater is presently blocking the appointment of Mrs. Helen Marie Taylor of Orange, Virginia, who has been nominated by President Reagan to the Board of Directors of the Corporation for Public Broadcasting. Because you are not only the junior Senator from Virginia, but are also a member of the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation, which has jurisdiction over this nomination, you are in a unique and powerful position to clear the way for committee and floor consideration of Mrs. Taylor's nomination. My purpose in writing is to urge you to exercise the powers and influence of your office and membership on the Commerce Committee to see that both the Committee and the full Senate have an opportunity to consider this nomination.

The Senate, of course, is a democratic body, governed by the principle of majority rule. An individual Senator can delay a nomination, but he cannot prevent it if a determined majority of the Members wish to exercise their advise and consent powers. Senator Goldwater, in other words, does not have a veto over nominations of President Reagan. Established rules of Senate procedure present a number of alternatives that are available to you in moving this nomination forward.

First, you have the right, as a member of the Committee on Commerce, Science and Transportation, to move for the consideration of this nomination at any executive meeting of the Committee. This is a common practice that is used for nominations and legislation when the subcommittee of a standing committee, as in the present case, has refused to report to the full committee.

Second, I am advised by the Senate Parliamentarian that Senate rules also provide a procedure to discharge a nomination from committee, should your effort to move the nomination out of the Commerce Committee prove unsuccessful.



That procedure is as follows:

- (1) A motion to discharge the nomination is made in Executive Session. If an objection is heard, the motion goes over one calendar day.
- (2) On the next calendar day, a motion may be made to proceed to executive session to discharge the nomination. The motion to proceed is not debatable.
- (3) If the motion to proceed is accepted, then the motion to discharge is debatable, and cloture would have to be invoked to get to a final vote.
- (4) If the motion to discharge is accepted, then the item is on the calendar, and must remain on the calendar one day.
- (5) On the next calendar day, a motion is in order to proceed to executive session to debate the nomination. The motion to proceed is not debatable.
- (6) If the motion to proceed is accepted, then the nomination is open for debate. Cloture would have to be invoked; if necessary, to get a final vote.

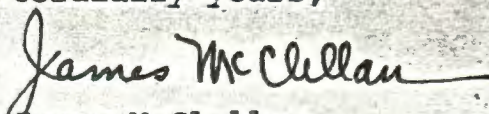
In short, if no obstacles arise, the procedure would take two calendar days. If Senator Goldwater were to filibuster, which does not seem likely, it would take a minimum of two cloture petitions and votes to approve the nomination. But whatever develops, the fact remains that you have the right, and the Senate recognizes that right, to get a vote on this nomination in the Committee and on the Senate floor.

Moreover, it seems to me that you also have a duty to President Reagan, to Mrs. Taylor, and to the people of Virginia to protect their rights and interests. Mrs. Taylor is one of our most distinguished citizens, who has generously supported the Republican Party and the conservative cause for more than twenty years. She is eminently well-qualified for the position to which she has been nominated. Your intervention on her behalf would secure the appointment, and at the same time would afford you an opportunity to speak publicly and forcefully in support of Mrs. Taylor, whose name and reputation have already been unjustly and viciously impugned in the public press.

Hon.. Paul Tribble  
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Thanking you for your prompt attention to this matter,  
and awaiting your action, I am

Cordially yours,



James McClellan  
Director

JM/msm

cc: Hon. John Warner  
Hon. Thomas Bliley  
Hon. J. Kenneth Robinson  
Hon. Harry F. Byrd, Jr.  
Mr. John Alderson  
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## United States Senate

WASHINGTON, D.C. 20510

June 2, 1983

Mr. James McClellan  
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Dear Mr. McClellan:

Thank you for contacting me on behalf of Helen Marie Taylor, and inquiring about bringing her nomination to the Corporation for Public Broadcasting to the Senate floor.

Unfortunately, there is no procedural mechanism, such as a discharge petition, which would allow Mrs. Taylor's nomination to be brought directly to the Senate floor for a vote. Discharge petitions are permitted only in the House of Representatives.

Mrs. Taylor's nomination has my full support, and I have submitted a statement on her behalf to the Senate Communications Subcommittee.

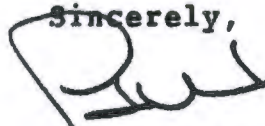
I regret that Senator Goldwater opposes her nomination, and I have strongly urged him to report Mrs. Taylor's nomination to the Senate floor. Unfortunately, he has declined to do so.

At this time this matter is in the hands of Senator Goldwater and President Reagan. I urge you to contact them to express your support for Mrs. Taylor.

Be assured that I will enthusiastically support Mrs. Taylor's nomination on the Senate floor if Senator Goldwater withdraws his "hold."

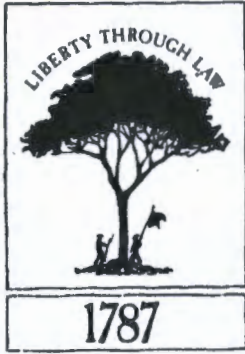
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The Honorable Paul Tribble  
United States Senate  
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Dear Senator Tribble:

Thank you for your letter of June 2 concerning the nomination of Mrs. Helen Marie Taylor, which arrived today in xerox form.

Because this nomination is important not only to Mrs. Taylor but also to many conservative Virginians and national leaders, I respectfully urge you to give it your personal attention. Your letter of June 2, written apparently by a member of your staff almost a month after I mailed my letter of May 9, fails to respond fully or correctly to our request for your assistance.

In the first place, I pointed out in my letter that you have the prerogative, as a member of the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation, to move for the consideration of this nomination at any executive meeting of the Committee. Your letter of June 2 makes no mention of this first option that is available to you to move the nomination to the floor. So I implore you once again to exercise your rights as a member of that Committee.

In the second place, I did not ask you to file a discharge petition, but to exercise your rights as a Senator to have the Commerce Committee discharged of further consideration of the nomination. Your assertion that "there is no procedural mechanism...which would allow Mrs. Taylor's nomination to be brought directly to the Senate floor for a vote" is simply not true. Having served in the United States Senate as a Legislative Assistant for nearly ten years, most recently as Chief Counsel of the Senate Subcommittee on Separation of Powers from 1981 until this year, I am familiar with Senate procedure and know for a fact that this second option is available to you.

Indeed, the procedure that you are free to follow is laid out for you in my letter of May 9. In order to be absolutely certain about the details, I discussed the matter thoroughly with a number of Senate staffers, including the Senate Parliamentarian, before recommending it to you. A simple phone

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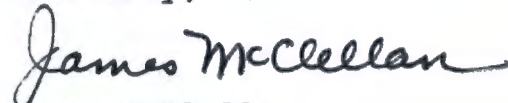
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call to the Parliamentarian's office at 224-6128 will confirm the accuracy of my letter.

In addition, I refer you to Rule XXVI of the Standing Rules of the Senate. Paragraph 2 provides that "All reports of committees and motions to discharge a committee from the consideration of a subject, and all subjects from which a committee shall be discharged, shall lie over one day for consideration, unless by unanimous consent the Senate shall otherwise direct." Dr. Floyd Riddick, the esteemed Senate Parliamentarian who is now retired, even has an entire chapter on the subject of "Discharge of Committee" in his Senate Procedure: Precedents and Practices (1974). As he notes on pages 452-53, "a motion merely to discharge a committee from further consideration of matters referred to them, including bills and resolutions, or nominations are in order at the proper time." Dr. Riddick lays out in detail the precedents for this procedure and the steps you may take in implementing it.

Accordingly, I again beseech you to act swiftly to assure this nomination. Too much valuable time has already been lost, and there can be no valid reason for further delay.

Cordially,



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Director

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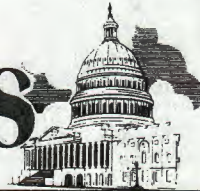
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## Contained Reagan Priorities

# Why Did White House Fail To Push Hatch Budget?

In a rousing speech before the National Association of Home Builders last week, President Reagan blistered the Congress. He blamed the lawmakers for the deficits. He accused some of them of trying to repeal tax indexing and the third-year of the tax cut. He said they had reneged on their pledge last year to enact \$3 in spending cuts for every \$1 he had cajoled them to pass in tax hikes. And "the Congress," he stressed to much applause, "needs to join in a bipartisan effort to cut irresponsible spending."

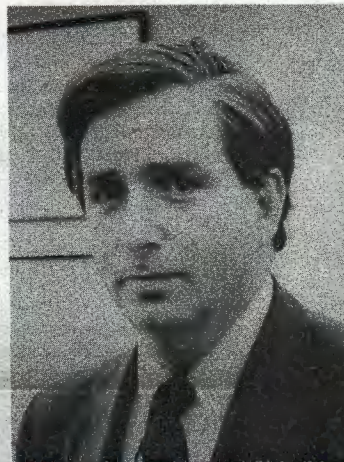
The President was three-quarters right, of course. Congress should be blamed for its profligate ways, and the Senate's passage of the big-spend, high-tax Gorton budget of last week underscores just how irresponsible it is. But the White House and the GOP leadership are also to be largely faulted for not pressing for a Reaganite budget that would have both preserved the President's tax cuts and reduced domestic spending. It's difficult to take the President's criticism of Congress too seriously when his own people have been sitting down on the job.

We argued the point in our May 21 issue, but it's worthwhile elaborating on in the wake of the turmoil over Congress's failure to adopt a budget and put the brakes on spending. (For more on what's wrong with the budget, see M. Stanton Evans's article, page 9.)

The President's budget, primarily because of the stand-by taxes, was a virtual dead duck when it reached the Senate Budget Committee. But conservatives finally started rallying around the Hatch-Gramm option. With the backing of 100 major business and tax-reduction groups, including the Chamber of Commerce, the National Tax Limitation Committee, the Heritage Foundation and the National Federa-



Sen. Hatch (left), author of a Reaganite budget resolution, insists that White House lobbyists, including Assistant to the President Richard Darman (right), "never lifted one finger" to assist its passage.



tion of Independent Business—in short, a heavy core of the Reagan constituency—Sen. Orrin Hatch (R.-Utah) offered on May 4 a budget resolution very near to what the President himself had requested earlier in the year.

**How do we know that it was close to what the President wanted? Because figures put out by the White House's own budgeteers at the Office of Management and Budget tell us so.**

The OMB paper, called "Comparison of Congressional Budget Options," compares the President's budget with four other proposals, including the House-passed version, the budget initially approved by the Senate Budget Committee (Chiles-Domenici), the Domenici-Baker two-year "compromise" and the Hatch budget.

Clearly, the Hatch budget was the one most closely aligned with the President's. According to OMB, the President's proposed budget would actually cut \$43 billion from projected domestic spending programs in fiscal 1984 and 1985. The Hatch proposal, in fact, would have cut domestic spending \$10 billion more over the same time period.

Furthermore, none of the other budgets came even close to matching the President's or Hatch's in suppressing domestic spending. The Domenici-Baker compromise, which the White House has been crusading for, cut spending just \$11 billion over that two-year period, about a fourth of the savings included in the President's budget and approximately one-fifth of the Hatch resolution.

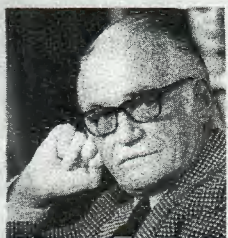
So far as the heated issue of raising taxes is concerned, the Hatch proposal precisely matched the President's own desire for keeping taxes low in fiscal '84 and '85 (the President's stand-by taxes wouldn't have been triggered until '86). According to OMB figures, both the President's budget and the Hatch budget included built-in Social Security taxes plus \$8.1 billion in other revenues. None of the other proposals featured a lower tax provision.

The President's budget called for a 20.6 per cent rise in real defense spending authority over fiscal years '84 and

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# Capital Briefs

★ **Walter Mondale** for President strategists were shaken last week by two polls which showed their candidate slipping badly. Mondale, who has led the field from the start, actually trailed **John Glenn**, 28 to 26 per cent in a Los Angeles *Times* poll. And a Gallup Poll showed Glenn holding a 17-point lead over **Ronald Reagan**, with Mondale leading by only six points.

★ The Gallup Poll was taken from April 29 to May 2. A subsequent Washington *Post*-ABC poll, taken May 11-15, showed President **Reagan** in excellent shape. Reagan's approval rating is 53 per cent, his disapproval rating 42 per cent, a sharp turnaround since January. Reagan leads **Mondale** 47 to 42 in this survey; he is tied with **Glenn** at 44 per cent.

★ The ultra-liberal **National Council for an Effective Congress** celebrated its 35th anniversary last week by tossing itself a birthday party at a Washington Gallery. Of 171 present and former members of Congress who sponsored the affair, only four were Republicans—Senators **Charles Mathias** (Md.) and **Robert Stafford** (Vt.), former Sen. **James Pearson** (Kan.) and Rep. **Claudine Schneider** (R.I.).

★ Senators Mathias and Stafford might be interested in knowing that NCEC has drawn up a **hit list** of eight senators it wants to knock off next year. All eight are Republicans—**Bill Armstrong** (Colo.), **Jesse Helms** (N.C.), **Roger Jepsen** (Iowa), **John Warner** (Va.), **Larry Pressler** (S.D.), **Gordon Humphrey** (N.H.), **Strom Thurmond** (S.C.) and **John Tower** (Tex.).

★ "We've got to win back the Senate next year," NCEC National Director **Russell Hemenway** told the *New York Times*. "If President Reagan is re-elected, he'll probably have the chance to name some members to the Supreme Court, to other courts, too, and I hate to think of Strom Thurmond sitting there running the Judiciary Committee at a time like that."

★ Washington, D.C., undercover police officers last week arrested a top Senate Intelligence Committee staff aide to Sen. Daniel Patrick Moynihan (D.-N.Y.) on heroin charges. **Eric Breindel**, a former editor of the *Harvard Crimson* and graduate of Harvard Law School, was arrested after purchasing five bags of heroin from the officers. The FBI, which cleared Breindel for access to top-secret data only two months ago, is investigating to determine if any of that data was compromised.

★ Surprise, Surprise Department: The **National Council of Churches** has endorsed the American Catholic bishops' pastoral letter on nuclear arms. "We stand in [the bishops'] debt as we learn from our sister church," said NCC President **James Armstrong**. A council resolution lauded "the courage of the bishops in assuming the burden of risk applying Christian principles to specific policy issues, notably their opposition to first use of nuclear weapons."

★ The economic news continues to brighten. Production in the nation's factories and mines jumped 2.1 per cent in April, the strongest monthly gain in almost eight years, according to the Federal Reserve. And on the inflation front, the Labor Department reported that producer prices fell .1 per cent in April. For the past year, producer prices, which signal future changes in consumer prices, rose by only 2.1 per cent.

★ With Congress considering an \$8.4-billion increase in the U.S. contribution to the **International Monetary Fund**, it was learned last week that one in five IMF staffers makes more than \$100,000 a year. National Taxpayers Union Chairman Jim Davidson reported that more than 300 of the IMF's 1,500 employees receive salaries and benefits totaling six figures. "These exorbitant salaries make a mockery of the IMF's professed concern for the impoverished Third World nations," Davidson said.

★ **Frank Rizzo** was not the only loser in last week's Democratic mayoral primary in Philadelphia. The law-and-order former police commissioner, attempting a comeback, was defeated 54-46 by former city manager **W. Wilson Goode**. Even bigger losers were the pollsters who had predicted a Goode victory of 20-30 points. And even before the polls had closed, two local TV stations proclaimed Goode a 25-point winner on the basis of exit polls.

★ Minnesota Democrats are jockeying for position to take on GOP Sen. **Rudy Boschwitz** next year. **Hubert H. ("Skip") Humphrey II** is considered almost certain to run, as are Rep. **James Oberstar** and department store heir **Mark Dayton**, who spent \$7 million of his own money in losing to GOP Sen. David Durenberger last year.

★ Not only is Syria viciously attacking Lebanese President Gemayel for concluding a peace agreement with Israel, but U.S. intelligence officials have reportedly linked Hafez Assad's government to the April 18 **bombing of the U.S. embassy** in Beirut. Cables intercepted en route from Iran to Damascus, Syria, indicate that the Syrian and Iranian governments may have sent 12 commandos into Beirut just before the bombing, and that a \$25,000 payment was approved for a terrorist attack against an unnamed installation in Beirut.

★ An unusual trio last week announced creation of the **Committee for Free and Open Elections**—**Terry Dolan**, head of the National Conservative Political Action Committee, liberal fatcat **Stewart Mott** and former Senator (and presidential candidate) **Eugene McCarthy** (D.-Minn.). The group will oppose Common Cause legislation introduced by Rep. David Obey and other liberals to place harsh limits on political action committees and to fund House and Senate elections out of the treasury.

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## Public Broadcasting

### Goldwater Blocks Conservative Nominee

Sen. Barry Goldwater (R.-Ariz.), the one-time conscience of American conservatives, has disappointed his former comrades-in-arms with increasing frequency in recent years, but on no former occasion has the Arizonan's performance been quite



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so inexplicably unfair as in his shoddy treatment of Mrs. Helen Marie Taylor, a solid conservative nominated by President Reagan to serve on the board of directors of the Corporation for Public Broadcasting.

Taylor was among four persons whose nominations to the CPB board were submitted to the Senate early this year. But while the other three nominees—including Sharon Percy Rockefeller, an ultra-liberal Carter appointee who was reappointed as CPB chairman by Reagan—breathed to easy confirmations, Goldwater, who chairs the Senate Commerce Subcommittee on Communications, put a "hold" on the Taylor nomination. As a result, her appointment has languished in the subcommittee for months and is likely to die unless Goldwater has a change of heart.

**That Barry Goldwater, of all people, was bottling up the Taylor appointment was astounding to many of his veteran admirers.**

Phyllis Schlafly—the author of Goldwater's 1964 campaign biography *A Choice Not an Echo* and a strong supporter of Taylor—sent a memo to members of her Eagle Forum organization urging them to write to the Arizonan on Taylor's behalf.

Noting that Taylor is "an authentic Reagan conservative Republican" who "is eminently qualified for this appointment because of her years in the performing arts field and in communications," Schlafly wrote that Goldwater was blocking the nomination for "reasons that we have been unable to understand (and which must be due to some kind of misunderstanding)."

This view that Goldwater's opposition to Taylor had to be the result of some misunderstanding was expressed over and over by prominent conservatives, many of whom are old friends of Goldwater's.

In an April 8 letter, for example, Mrs. J. Evetts Haley of Lubbock, Tex., wrote: "Do yourself a favor, Senator, and call Helen Marie into your office and ask for answers to whatever might cause you to put a 'hold' on her appointment. . . . We honestly believe there is a misunderstanding because Helen Marie's knowledge and competence qualify her to be thoroughly capable."

Similarly, former Sen. Harry F. Byrd Jr. (Ind.-Va.) wrote to Goldwater in a letter dated March 29 that "I do hope you will keep an open mind and give her [Taylor] every opportunity to rebut any arguments that might have been made against her. I think she is a fine person and is dedicated to serving the best interests of our nation. . . ."

What was particularly upsetting to many conservatives was that, as the months went by, Goldwater refused to be specific about his objections to Taylor while his aides told the media that he was concerned about something in her FBI background report. The effect of these unsubstantiated allegations—which were eagerly seized upon by the liberal press—was unjustly to damage Mrs. Taylor's good reputation. But though her supporters have repeatedly called upon Goldwater to undo this damage, to date the senator has made no effort to do so.

In fact, HUMAN EVENTS has learned that the real reason for Goldwater's hostility to the Taylor nomination has little if anything to do with anything in her FBI report. Instead, it develops that Goldwater—who has yet to go public with the nature of his objections—told retired Gen. Albert C. Wedemeyer in a telephone conversation two months ago that he was concerned that, if Mrs. Taylor were appointed, the chairman-designate of the CPB board would not serve.

When it is considered that the chairman designate is none other than Sharon Percy Rockefeller, this is a truly mind-boggling revelation. Mrs. Rockefeller, the daughter of GOP Sen. Charles Percy (Ill.) and wife of Democratic Gov. Jay Rockefeller of West Virginia, is an active member of the Democratic party's liberal wing.

The February 11 issue of *Current*, a publication dealing with public broadcasting, reported that "Rockefeller is well known as a devoted supporter of the Equal Rights Amendment, both as active advocate and financial backer. Her political contributions went to mostly Democratic causes and cam-

paigns, including \$5,000 to the Democratic National Committee, \$2,000 to Sen. [Jennings] Randolph [D.-W.Va.], \$1,000 to Senate Minority Leader [Robert] Byrd [D.W.Va.], \$750 to the campaign of House Telecommunications Subcommittee Chairman Tim Wirth [D.-Colo.], \$500 to Sen. Howard Cannon [D.-Nev., defeated] and \$500 to the ranking minority member of the House subcommittee that appropriates for CPB, Silvio Conte," a liberal Republican from Massachusetts.

Mrs. Rockefeller is also associated with Peace Links, a women's organization whose National Advisory Council includes representatives of such far-left groups as the Women's International League for Peace and Freedom, Women Strike for Peace, and the United States Student Association. (For more on Peace Links, see HUMAN EVENTS, Oct. 16, 1982, page 3.)

Under Rockefeller's tutelage as its Carter-appointed chairman, the CPB has endlessly subsidized left-wing propaganda at the taxpayers' expense.

In July 1982, for instance, the Public Broadcasting Service distributed a film entitled "Roses in December," which was subsidized by the CPB to the tune of \$248,034. This film, an exploitative and sensationalistic account of the murders of four American churchwomen in El Salvador in December 1980, was broadcast across the nation just as President Reagan was preparing to certify that the government of El Salvador was making progress on human rights and social reforms.

The Salvadoran ambassador to the United States, Ernesto Rivas-Gallant, described this CPB-funded film as an "obvious" attempt to discredit the presidential certification on El Salvador.

"Roses in December" was but the first in a series of films entitled "Crisis to Crisis," funded by the Rockefeller-chaired CPB at a total cost of \$2,301,000. Others in the series included "How Much Is Enough? Decision Making in the Nuclear Age," which was described by the CPB itself in a news release as charging that "the American arsenal grew out of a capricious political process and a 'macho' mentality, not military need."

Ever since Reagan entered the White House, conservatives have been pushing for him to appoint new CPB board members who would put a stop to this blatant propagandizing at public expense. For that reason, they were sorely disappointed when the White House announced a year ago that the President intended to reappoint Mrs. Rockefeller. But now, from what Goldwater told Gen. Wedemeyer, it appears that he is allowing the liberal CPB chairperson to exercise a personal veto over the appointment of Mrs. Taylor, whose only "crime" seems to be that she is an outspoken Reaganite.

When HUMAN EVENTS last week tried to reach Goldwater's press secretary, Earl Eisenhower, to ask him about the senator's reported statement to Wedemeyer, Eisenhower did not return our call. But when columnist M. Stanton Evans finally did

get to talk to Eisenhower after making numerous phone calls, the Goldwater spokesman refused to confirm or deny the accuracy of Mrs. Rockefeller's reported influence on Goldwater.

However, Gen. Wedemeyer, a World War II hero and an old friend of Goldwater's, told us that in order to confirm the substance of what the senator had told him over the phone, he recounted his recollection of the conversation in a "Dear Barry" letter dated April 7. "And he [Goldwater] hasn't denied that to me; I don't expect him to," said Wedemeyer. "Because that, substantially, is what he said."

The real tragedy is that, should Goldwater succeed in blocking Mrs. Taylor's nomination for this highly important unsalaried position, the government will be deprived of the services of an extremely able individual who has given unstintingly to a wide array of civic causes over several decades.

Contrary to the adverse publicity generated by the Goldwater office with regard to Taylor's FBI background report, any fair reading of the report, a copy of which has been obtained by HUMAN EVENTS, will find that it is highly laudatory concerning both Mrs. Taylor's moral character and her abilities.

The report notes that, in its background investigation, the FBI interviewed 49 persons, including "current and former co-workers, present neighbors, references, professional associates, and social acquaintances." Among those interviewed were Rep. Thomas J. Bliley Jr. (R.-Va.); John M. Fisher, president of the American Security Council; Richmond Police Chief Frank S. Duling and Donald O'Dowd, executive vice chancellor of the State University of New York.

Summarizing the results of these interviews, the report says the FBI was "advised Mrs. Taylor is a loyal American whose character, reputation and associates are above reproach. She was described as honest, patriotic, assertive, articulate, energetic, personable, intelligent, forthright, confident and diligent.

"It was stated by one social acquaintance of Mrs. Taylor's that she is a diligent worker who is attempting to restore and preserve the historical past of Orange County, Virginia. A close personal associate described her as an organizer and a motivator who will accomplish any task given to her faithfully and with perfection. A professional associate described her as a rare person of laudable reputation who takes nothing for granted and who will look at everything with an 'independent eye.' This individual further described her as strong-willed, serious about her involvements in civic activities, and single-minded and assertive about those things in which she believes."

Of 49 persons interviewed by the FBI, all but two strongly recommended Mrs. Taylor for "a position of trust and responsibility." Even the two who expressed a reluctance to recommend her, acknowledged that she had many good qualities. Thus, according to the report, one person who had "worked with Mrs. Taylor on a project during the late 1960s and early 1970s to construct a theater in Richmond...described Mrs. Taylor as a very capable, talented, charming, generous and civic-minded individual," but added that she "does not get along well with others unless things are being done her way."

The vast majority of those interviewed,

however, had nothing but good to say about her ability to work well with others.

O'Dowd, for example, who "advised he has known Mrs. Taylor on a professional basis for approximately 18 years," described her "as a dynamic, articulate, and 'take charge-type' person who is extremely hardworking and who handles stress well."

Probably the worst injustice inflicted on Mrs. Taylor has been the repeated suggestion to the press by Goldwater staff members that she is a rigid right-wing extremist and that she is anti-black. In fact, she is a solid conservative with views much akin to those held by President Reagan and by Sen. Goldwater himself throughout most of his career. As for the insinuations of racism on her part, nothing could be further from the truth.

On the contrary, when she was a young girl in New York, she contributed to the NAACP and to the Sydenham Hospital, which she was told at the time was the only hospital in the U.S. where blacks could be trained as surgical interns. As a young actress in 1946, she gave up the lead role and a high salary in a USO show because those in charge would not cast a black actress in a role that had been written for a black.

And as chairman of the American Audition Committee of the Royal Academy of Arts in 1962, she sent the first American black man and woman to London for training in dramatic art. (The latter was Olivia Cole, who has since won an Emmy award for her role in "Roots" and an Emmy nomination for her part in "Backstairs at the White House.")

If Goldwater had been forthright enough to air any of these charges against Mrs. Taylor in public, she would have had little difficulty answering them. Instead, she has been subjected to month upon month of vicious innuendo, trial by media, and double dealing of the worst stripe.

To undo the harm Sen. Goldwater has done to Mrs. Taylor and the resulting damage to his own reputation, many of his longtime admirers are hoping that—albeit belatedly—he will give her nomination the fair hearing it deserves.

## HATCH BUDGET / From page 1

'85. The Hatch budget called for a 14.5 per cent hike, but it was still considerably higher than any of the other serious budget proposals.

So, on the basis of the President's own priorities for spending, taxes and defense, on the basis of the White House's own estimates, Hatch's was the budget resolution to push, if for no other reason than to establish for the Congress and the public the *Republican* position on the budget.

But the White House, for inexplicable reasons, failed to press for the Hatch plan in the tiniest fashion, allowing it to suffer a crushing defeat, 75 to 23. No fewer than 31 Republicans opposed Hatch, including Majority Leader Howard Baker (Tenn.), Budget Committee Chairman Pete Domenici (N.M.), and even such conservatives as William Roth (Del.) and Dan Quayle (Ind.), who had repeatedly told Hatch that they were with him all the way.

Hatch himself was known to be furious with the White House. He says the entire White House

lobbying team—from Chief of Staff Jim Baker, to Baker Deputy Richard Darman to legislative lobbyist Ken Duberstein—knew about his plan and gave it lip service throughout, but "they never lifted one finger" for the amendment. "I'm sure," the Utah senator told us, "the President didn't even know about it or he would have backed me."

"My guess is we could have gotten 45 votes if the White House had been behind us," Sen. William Armstrong (R.-Colo.), a member of the Budget Committee and a Hatch supporter also contended.

**Even though it was likely to lose, say Hatch supporters, a close vote would have delineated a strong Republican position and made it possible to pass a better budget than the horrendous Gorton budget—providing over \$70 billion in new tax increases over the next three years—that the Senate has just embraced.**

"There is not a great deal of enthusiasm over there [at the White House] for the continuation of the overall spending pattern originally proposed by the President when he came to office," said Ron Utt, a lobbyist and economist for the Chamber of Commerce who fought for the Hatch measure. "They seem to have a loss of will on spending."

Utt added, "We knew all along it was never going to pass. But we wanted to go on record favoring an alternative solution that tries to debunk the myth" that nothing can be done to control spending and/or deficits. As for the Administration's strategy, Utt said: "I can't really interpret what the White House is doing because, frankly, it's a mystery to me."

Frankly, it's a mystery to us as well. The President says he's determined to stop the hemorrhaging of the budget, and he's laid a lot of the blame on Congress. But if he's so determined, why did his White House lobbying team, in the words of Sen. Hatch, fail to lift "one finger" for the budget proposal most in line with the President's priorities, for the budget proposal that was most likely to stem the explosive federal spending that the chief executive has so roundly criticized?

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May 27, 1983

Hon. Barry Goldwater  
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Dear Senator Goldwater:

I write you again as one of your long-time admirers who seeks to assist in the resolution of an undesirable situation. I am sure you are aware that Mrs. Helen Marie Taylor has been both distressed and mystified by the objections which you have interposed to her nomination for membership on the Board of Directors of the Corporation for Public Broadcasting. However, the matter was clarified when she learned from General Albert C. Wedemeyer that you had understood that the Chairman designate of that Corporation, Mrs. Sharon Percy Rockefeller, would not serve if Mrs. Taylor was appointed.

Mrs. Taylor has told me that upon receiving this information Mrs. Taylor called Mrs. Rockefeller and Mrs. Rockefeller advised Mrs. Taylor that she, Mrs. Rockefeller, has no objection whatever to Mrs. Taylor's nomination and would of course serve as Chairman if Mrs. Taylor was appointed. Without exploring the reasons for the apparent misunderstanding, the important thing seems to be that no reason remains for Mrs. Taylor's nomination not to go forward in regular course.

One aspect of the matter does seem to call for consideration, however. Mrs. Taylor has an understandable desire to see this situation approached in such a manner as to expunge the stains which have been placed upon her reputation by the varied statements and news accounts which have appeared reciting the reasons earlier assigned as the basis for your opposition to her nomination. With your long experience, and your courtly natural instincts, I feel sure that you will know how to meet Mrs. Taylor's need effectively.

I have been especially distressed at the charges, which I judge originate with myopic critics of

conservatism, that Mrs. Taylor has been overzealous in her support of conservative causes. This is the kind of criticism many find complimentary. No one will ever forget the magnificent peroration of your acceptance speech at the Cow Palace:

"Extremism in the defense of liberty is no vice! --

Moderation in the pursuit of justice is no virtue."

Mrs. Taylor has stood firm for the causes in which she believes; causes and ideals which you and I share with each other and with the President. It would be ironic, to say the least, if members of the Republican Party were not willing to give their wholehearted support to a nominee who is so clearly in sympathy with the general principles upon which President Reagan was elected to office. For this reason, a number of us who have followed the course of this nomination process were pleased to hear that James Baker, President Reagan's Chief of Staff, and Senator Paul Laxalt, General Chairman of the Republican National Committee, have together called on you representing the President and the Republican Party leadership to express to you their and the President's firm support and sincere interest in seeing that the President's nomination of Mrs. Taylor be properly considered by the Committee and confirmed by the Senate.

With this clarification by Mrs. Rockefeller, and the President's reaffirmation of his support for Mrs. Taylor, permit me to hope that within a few days Mrs. Taylor will learn that her nomination is going forward with your approval.

My earlier letter has indicated fully my long respect for you, and with that respect I suggest that the subject has now attracted so much public attention that an early conclusion would be desirable for all concerned. In that thought I ask you to please let me have a response to this letter as soon as convenient.

With appreciation and kind regards, I am

Sincerely yours,

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April 1, 1983

Hon. Barry Goldwater  
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Dear Senator Goldwater:

I am an old veteran who has admired you for many years. I also admire Mrs. Helen Marie Taylor. She is not as old as we are, but she too is a veteran who has acquitted herself gallantly in many hard struggles for principles which are important to all of us. I need not recite her extraordinary qualifications. They have been laid before you, and you know she has a rare combination of experience and ability that are particularly suitable for a Director of the Corporation for Public Broadcasting. Also, Senator, she has demonstrated great courage, an attribute we both respect but which is in sadly short supply nowadays. The quality of her courage reminds me of the English saying that all soldiers are brave, but that the British are brave longer.

It gives me concern that some news accounts suggest that the FBI has submitted material to you which has influenced you against Mrs. Taylor. May I ask whether you have discussed these revelations with Mrs. Taylor and given her an opportunity to consider them? If this is not done I suggest, forgive the phrase, that memories arise of the Star Chamber.

I read that some senators take exception to Mrs. Taylor's contributions to the Moral Majority and to AIM. I am not a great admirer of the Reverend Jerry Falwell. I believe we have too much ecclesiastical participation in political matters already. However, the choice of activities to support involves highly personal judgments. As for Reed Irvine, I think there is a great need for the work he is doing, and that he does it exceptionally well. I should be very much surprised if you found his activities objectionable.

Ironically, you and Mrs. Taylor have many attributes in common. You are both courageous and determined, both supporters of our nation's traditional standards, and

both participants in the quest for individual excellence. Each of you has that quality of individualism which derives from inner strength. I doubt very much if either of you have an exact counterpart anywhere. Perhaps Mrs. Taylor's views are not unfailingly consonant with your own, but with my experience of Mrs. Taylor's work I cannot imagine that the difference between your viewpoints can be substantial.

Last, Senator Goldwater, I am 70 years old, prideful, stubborn, and with a record of steadfastness under stress. It is for others to judge of my grace. I can well understand your desire to hold fast to a position you have established. You are a senior Senator after the old Roman style, a man of personal honor who has earned the esteem of his peers. However, you are, with all respect, only one senator. If your individual interdiction of this nominee continues, you will have foreclosed the opportunity that your fellow senators would otherwise have to vote on this nomination, and would bar the nominee from that full consideration by all the senators to which I suggest that she is entitled.

I have stated my position straightforwardly, having confidence that you are too big a man to take offense at the candid expressions of another old veteran. I urge you to take the forthright and honorable course of letting Mrs. Taylor's nomination be considered by the entire body of which you are a distinguished member; by expressing your views concerning the nomination as vigorously as you think appropriate; and by letting the chips fall where they may.

Sincerely yours,

Andrew W. Duncan

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cc: Senator Tribble

Reference: Paul Tribble will be able to tell you something about me if you desire, but it is my reasoning rather than my stature which I am offering for your consideration.

May 18, 1983

A. C. Wedemeyer  
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Dear General Wedemeyer:

Thank you very much for your letter of May 12. You will be amused to know that I had intimated to Helen Marie that though I had done a fair amount of ghostwriting for political figures, I had some doubt about the acceptability of such action to a man with your rank and background. I think you will also be amused to know that my exposure to generals during my service in the armed forces was limited but memorable. By reason of a gross mistake which I shall not detail, I was taken to a briefing for officers of very high rank before we departed Norfolk for Operation Torch. The speaker whose presentation stands out most strongly in my memory was General George S. Patton, Jr. I wish you and I had time for me to tell you what he said, but I suppose you have heard General Patton speak, and in any event you will understand my approach to this matter.

It is very kind of you to explain your position so thoroughly. I appreciate your having taken the time to do this, particularly since the problem you have had with your back must have made other important matters accumulate for your attention. I appreciate your position fully, and would not think of suggesting any further action on your part.

As you continue with your plan to watch the world go by I hope the peace and quiet which you have earned so well will not be further disrupted either by political affairs or by volunteers like me who invade your privacy with what Tallyrand might have termed excessive zeal.

With much appreciation, I am

Sincerely yours,

cc: Helen Marie Taylor

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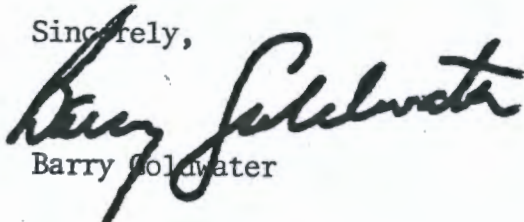
Mr. Andrew W. Duncan  
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Dear Mr. Duncan:

Thank you for your letter expressing your support for the nomination of Mrs. Helen Marie Taylor to be a Member of the Board of Directors of the Corporation for Public Broadcasting. The Senate Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation did hold a hearing on Mrs. Taylor's nomination on February 4, 1983. Her nomination is still pending before the Committee.

Now, I am aware of Mrs. Taylor's many contributions to conservative causes and although, I, too, support many of these same principles, I do have personal reservations about Mrs. Taylor's credentials for the position. With all due respect to your view, I do not believe that Mrs. Taylor should be voted out of the Commerce Committee, and there are no plans at this time to move forward with her nomination.

Sincerely,

  
Barry Goldwater