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MR. PRESIDENT:

Per the attached letter, you and Rosalynn are being asked to host a White House reception for Bob Strauss before the Fundraising Dinner for the Robert S. Strauss Fellowship Fund at the University of Texas.

I have checked with Hamilton who feels you will have to do this besides attending the dinner.

What's your opinion of this?

PHIL
October 15, 1980

The Honorable and Mrs. Jimmy Carter
The White House
1600 Pennsylvania Avenue
Washington, D. C. 20500

Dear Mr. President and Mrs. Carter:

As you know, on December 9, 1980 the many friends of Ambassador Robert Strauss will gather in Washington to honor him at a dinner endowing The Robert S. Strauss Fellowship Fund at The Lyndon Baines Johnson School of Public Affairs, The University of Texas at Austin, Texas.

I am happy to report to you that I'm very pleased with results to date. I am positive we will meet, if not surpass, our goal.

The success of this program will be the result of much hard work by many people. There is no way to adequately thank these chairpersons, patrons and sponsors, however, I feel it important to try.

Would it be possible for you both to host a pre-dinner reception at The White House for these special friends of Bob's? The hour would be around 5:30 p.m. to 7:00 p.m. and I would expect approximately 200 people.

While I do not know the rules concerning expenses for an event such as this, please know that the LBJ Foundation will stand behind any expenses incurred.

In order to facilitate our planning, may I please have your response to this request no later than November 15th?
The Honorable and Mrs. Jimmy Carter
October 15, 1980

My prayers are with you during the closing weeks of the campaign.

Respectfully yours,

George L. Bristol

CLB:klf
Reception For Bob Strauss

1. AS YOU MAY KNOW, BOB STRAUSS HAD SOMETHING TO DO WITH THE PRESIDENTIAL CAMPAIGN THIS YEAR -- DESPITE WHAT HE MAY TELL YOU NOW.

2. ACTUALLY, BOB HAS BEEN A REAL LOYALIST. I NOTICED THAT HE WAITED A WHOLE WEEK AFTER THE ELECTION BEFORE HAVING DINNER WITH HIS GOOD FRIEND RON REAGAN.

3. I WILL HAVE A FEW OTHER THINGS TO SAY ABOUT MY FRIEND BOB STRAUSS AT TONIGHT'S DINNER.

4. HERE AMONG A FEW OF HIS DEAR FRIENDS, I WOULD LIKE TO MAKE A SPECIAL PRESENTATION TO BOB.

5. SOME OF YOU MAY KNOW THAT BOB ONCE GAVE ME A PICTURE AS A GIFT. HE TOOK THE OPPORTUNITY IN FRONT OF THE ENTIRE CABINET TO PRESENT ME WITH A SPECIAL PORTRAIT OF MYSELF -- A PHOTOGRAPH OF ME WITH A FLY ON MY NOSE.

6. I AM SURE IF ANYONE EVER ASKS ME WHERE I GOT THAT PARTICULAR PORTRAIT, I WILL BE QUICK TO SAY. "OH, THAT ONE. BOB STRAUSS, OF COURSE, GAVE ME THAT."

7. THIS EVENING I WANT TO RETURN THE FAVOR.

8. LET ME BEGIN BY SAYING THAT SOME OF BOB'S COMMENTS THESE PAST FEW WEEKS REMIND ME OF SOMETHING PRESIDENT JOHN F. KENNEDY ONCE SAID -- I THINK IT WAS SOMETHING HE SAID RIGHT
AFTER THE BAY OF PIGS -- ALONG THE LINES THAT VICTORY ALWAYS HAS A HUNDRED FATHERS BUT DEFEAT IS ALWAYS AN ORPHAN.

9. I WAS REMINDED OF THAT RECENTLY WATCHING BOB RESPOND TO A QUESTION BY A NETWORK NEWS CORRESPONDENT ABOUT MY OWN ROLE IN THE RE-ELECTION EFFORT.* HE SAID SOMETHING LIKE, "WELL ... ACTUALLY ... I NEVER KNEW THE MAN PERSONALLY."

10. TO MAKE SURE THAT BOB NEVER FORGETS THE GREAT AND NOBLE EFFORT WE SHARED THIS YEAR, I WANT HIM TO HAVE THIS REPLICA OF NORMAN ROCKWELL'S "THE DEFEATED CANDIDATE."

11. BOB, I THINK THIS WILL MAKE A GREAT CONVERSATION PIECE. YOUR FRIENDS -- MAYBE EVEN SOME OF YOUR CLIENTS -- WILL LOOK UP ON YOUR WALL AND SAY, "THAT'S A WONDERFUL PICTURE BOB. WHERE DID YOU GET IT ANYWAY?"

BOB WILL THEN SAY -- WITH SOME LITTLE MEASURE OF PRIDE -- "PRESIDENT JIMMY CARTER GAVE ME THAT PICTURE."

THEN HIS GUEST WILL SAY, "WHY WOULD HE EVER GIVE YOU A PRESENT LIKE THAT?"

I WISH I COULD BE THERE EVERY TIME -- JUST TO HEAR WHAT BOB SAYS NEXT.

12. BOB, IT IS ALL YOURS. YOU EARNED IT.

* Apocryphal story.
Dinner for Bob Strauss

Senator Bentson, Vice President Mondale, Ambassador Bush, Senator Kennedy, Senator Baker, Lady Bird Johnson, Dean Rostow, George Bristol, and friends of Bob Strauss.

During the tough days of the past campaign, Bob Strauss would say to me.

"Mr. President, your real problem is public relations. People seem to know very little about your great successes the past four years. All they ever know about are those efforts that did not work out so well."

No one ever accused Bob Strauss of having that problem.

When we think of Bob, we think of the great roles he has played in our country's recent history.
We think of the great man who pulled the Democratic Party together after '72;

We think of the man who worked miracles with the multilateral trade negotiations;

We think of the man who worked to keep the Camp David peace process on track.

There was, of course, one other hat that Bob Strauss wore these past few years that does not get quite so well-publicized: Special Counselor on Inflation.

Good luck in finding that little item in Bob's current resume.

You have got to hand it to him. As long as Bob lives, no one will ever have a supporter come up to him and say:

"You know the trouble with you, Bob Strauss, is that people just do not pay enough attention to your successes."
I mean that as a compliment. As the great Dizzy Dean once put it, and as you yourself have said at one time or another: "It ain't braggin' if you done it."

When I think of Bob Strauss, two words come to mind right away: one is "Democrat;" the other is "loyalist."

Since I see a few unfamiliar faces here tonight, I skip right on to the second of these.

Bob Strauss is a loyalist in the deepest, most durable sense of that word. He is loyal to his beliefs. He is loyal to his friends. And when you are lucky, as I have been, to share both his beliefs and his friendship, then you are a lucky man indeed.

Bob has fought many good fights during his time. He has faced some of the world's toughest, most iron-willed, stubborn negotiators in the world -- Prime Minister Ohira...
of Japan ... Minister Ushiba ... President Sadat ... Prime
Minister Begin ... the State Department ... Helen Strauss.

He has won some and lost some, but
Bob has shared some great and noble causes over the
years. He has fought for his party. He has fought for his
country.

Through all those fights -- and long after -- he has
been a loyalist -- loyal to his cause, loyal to his friends.

Bob Strauss believed in Lyndon Johnson -- and everybody
knows it. He never lets anyone forget it.

He fought for Hubert Humphrey -- and will not let anyone
forget that either.

He fought for Fritz Mondale -- and Fritz won't let him
forget that.

He fought for Jimmy Carter -- and I, personally, will
never forget it.
Tonight I join you in returning at least part of the favor, part of the loyalty Bob has given me.

When he served as President, Lyndon Johnson used to say that all the brains in our country did not come from a few prestigious old schools. A lot of people figured he had one particular school in mind.

Lyndon Johnson believed that our country was full of talent. He believed that in every region of our country there were people with a sense of public duty and a talent for politics. He wanted to make sure that young people with a concern for government and public affairs had a chance to nourish that concern, to fulfill their dreams. He wanted them to understand what our system of government was all about. He wanted them to know the "how" of democracy and also the "why."

That is the founding principle of the Lyndon Johnson
School at the University of Texas. I would like to salute the person who has been the guiding light to the Lyndon Johnson school and the L-B-J library -- Lady Bird Johnson.

It would be difficult, if not impossible, for the Robert S. Strauss Fellowship -- or the entire L-B-J school for that matter -- to produce one Lyndon Baines Johnson or Robert Strauss. What it can do is give some young man or woman -- someone with the desire to serve -- the training they need, the background they need to serve well.

I am sure that Bob will find time to visit the school and perhaps impart some of his own political wisdom. I would like to be there for one of his seminars myself.

I would like to end my remarks tonight with something that Lyndon Johnson himself might say about the man we honor tonight.
"The American people," he said, "are tired of wrecking crews. They want builders. They want people who construct."

We are blessed to live in a free country. We are blessed to live in a country of free expression and free political action.

But it takes more than freedom to make democracy work. It takes commitment. It takes hard work. It takes politics -- in the best and noblest sense of that word.

Our political system has many critics. We have commentators -- of every ideological stripe -- who cite the inadequacies of our two great Parties. But there is only one Bob Strauss.

Tonight, in a time when today, we see the emergence of single-issue constituencies, of single-issue candidacies, of single-issue thinking. All across our country, there are people who believe so firmly in one particular cause that they have lost sight of how we
make decisions in our great pluralistic democracy -- through
debate, through bargaining, through tolerance, through politics;

Tonight we honor a builder, a man who knows how to
bring people together, who sees what unites people -- when
all they can see is what divides them.

A half century ago -- someone who I suspect had a lot
in common with our honored guest -- left us these fine words:

"I belong to no organized political party.
I'm a Democrat."

Tonight we salute a Democrat who has spent a good part
of his life

¶ knowing in his heart that Will Rogers was right,
¶ trying to convince the rest of us that Will Rogers
was wrong,
¶ and loving every minute of it.
Tonight we salute Robert S. Strauss, Democrat...

Loyalist... Builder.

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December 8, 1980

MEMORANDUM TO THE PRESIDENT

FROM: Ambassador Robert S. Strauss

I appreciate the fact that you are attending the dinner tomorrow evening to benefit the LBJ School being given in my honor.

The purpose of this memorandum is to give you a feel of what the audience makeup will be. There will be approximately 1,000 people in attendance, about 650 of them are people who have worked with me in the Democratic party over the years and have supported you and your Administration. The remainder will be a mixed bag of more or less political types ranging from academics to businessmen and students. There will also be a substantial number of well-known business figures such as Charles Brown, Chairman of AT&T, Reginald Jones of GE, Tom Murphy of General Motors, Irving Shapiro of duPont, Leonard Goldenson of ABC, and so forth. There will be a mixed bag of Senators and House members ranging from Jack Brooks to Russell Long, Bob Dole and Howard Baker. Lloyd Bentsen will be Master of Ceremonies and Vice-President Mondale, the Vice-President-elect and Howard Baker will each speak for two to three minutes prior to your remarks.

You know, of course, Mrs. Johnson will be present and from your own discussions, you know of her interest and devotion to the LBJ Library and School. The funds from this affair will go to a fellowship at the school.

P.S. Be sure to wash your face and wear a clean shirt -- there will be a lot of high-class friends of mine and yours there.
AS YOU MAY KNOW, BOB STRAUSS HAD SOMETHING TO DO WITH THE PRES. CAMPAIGN THIS YEAR -- DESPITE WHAT HE MAY TELL YOU NOW.

JUST KIDDING.

ACTUALLY, BOB HAS BEEN A REAL LOYALIST: VERY LOYAL.

I NOTICED THAT HE WAITED A WHOLE WEEK AFTER THE ELECTION BEFORE HAVING DINNER WITH HIS GOOD FRIEND RON REAGAN.

I WILL HAVE A FEW OTHER THINGS TO SAY ABOUT MY FRIEND BOB STRAUSS AT TONIGHT'S DINNER.

(=OVER=) (HERE AMONG....)
HERE AMONG A FEW OF HIS DEAR FRIENDS,
I WOULD LIKE TO MAKE A SPECIAL PRESENTATION TO BOB.

SOME OF YOU MAY KNOW THAT BOB ONCE GAVE ME A PICTURE AS A GIFT,
HE TOOK THE OPPORTUNITY IN FRONT OF THE ENTIRE CABINET
TO PRESENT ME WITH A SPECIAL PORTRAIT OF MYSELF --
A PHOTOGRAPH OF ME WITH A FLY ON MY NOSE.
I AM SURE IF ANYONE EVER ASKS ME WHERE I GOT THAT PARTICULAR PORTRAIT,
I WILL BE QUICK TO SAY
"OH, THAT ONE. BOB STRAUSS, OF COURSE, GAVE ME THAT."
THIS EVENING I WANT TO RETURN THE FAVOR.

LET ME BEGIN BY SAYING THAT SOME OF BOB'S COMMENTS THESE PAST FEW WEEKS REMIND ME OF SOMETHING PRES. JOHN F. KENNEDY ONCE SAID --

I THINK IT WAS SOMETHING HE SAID RIGHT AFTER THE BAY OF PIGS --

ALONG THE LINES THAT VICTORY ALWAYS HAS A HUNDRED FATHERS

BUT DEFEAT IS ALWAYS AN ORPHAN.

I WAS REMINDED OF THAT RECENTLY WHEN SOMEONE TOLD ME ABOUT WATCHING BOB RESPOND TO A QUESTION BY A NETWORK NEWS CORRESPONDENT ABOUT MY OWN ROLE IN THE RE-ELECTION EFFORT. ME

HE SAID SOMETHING LIKE, I UNDERSTAND HE DID A FAIR JOB AS PRESIDENT --

"WELL--ACTUALLY -- I NEVER KNEW THE MAN PERSONALLY." /

(=OVER=) (TO MAKE SURE.....)
To make sure that Bob never forgets
the great & noble effort we shared this year,
I want him to have this replica of Norman Rockwell's
"The Defeated Candidate".

To Bob Strauss - It
"Thanks for making it all possible"

(=New card=) (Bob, I think.....)
BOB, I THINK THIS WILL MAKE A GREAT CONVERSATION PIECE.
YOUR FRIENDS -- MAYBE EVEN SOME OF YOUR CLIENTS --
WILL LOOK UP ON YOUR WALL AND SAY,
"THAT'S A WONDERFUL PICTURE BOB. WHERE DID YOU GET IT ANYWAY?"

BOB WILL THEN SAY -- WITH SOME LITTLE MEASURE OF PRIDE --
"PRESIDENT JIMMY CARTER GAVE ME THAT PICTURE."
THEN HIS GUEST WILL SAY,
"WHY WOULD HE EVER GIVE YOU A PRESENT LIKE THAT?"
I WISH I COULD BE THERE EVERY TIME --
JUST TO HEAR WHAT BOB SAYS NEXT.
BOB, IT IS ALL YOURS.
YOU EARNED IT.
The attached was returned in the President's outbox today and is forwarded to you for appropriate handling.

Rick Hutcheson
MEMORANDUM FOR THE PRESIDENT
FROM: Frank Moore
SUBJECT: Fair Housing

The Motion for Cloture on the Fair Housing bill was defeated in the Senate today by a vote of 54-43. The Republicans held firm against the motion and we lost the strength we had picked up from the Southern Democrats last week.

According to the agreement that was reached last week, the bill was returned to the Senate calendar, which for all intents and purposes means it is dead for this year.

The Republican leaders made statements on the floor which indicated that they wanted to wait until the Republicans had a majority to consider this bill.

Bundy's statement may have hurt it.
DINNER HONORING BOB STRAUSS

SEN. Bentsen, V.P. Mondale, Amb. Bush,
SEN. Kennedy, SEN. Baker, LADY BIRD JOHNSON,
DEAN ROSTOW, GEORGE BRISTOL, & OTHER FRIENDS OF BOB STRAUSS,

TWO AMBITIONS. SERVE 2 TERMS. RETIRE PLEASING
AT LEAST HELPED ONE OF THESE AMBITIONS.
WASH FACE. CLEAR SHIRT. CLASSY PEOPLE HERE.

DURING THE TOUGH DAYS OF THE PAST CAMPAIGN, BOB STRAUSS WOULD SAY TO ME:
"MR. PRESIDENT, YOUR REAL PROBLEM IS PUBLIC RELATIONS."
PEOPLE SEEM TO KNOW VERY LITTLE ABOUT YOUR GREAT SUCCESSES THE PAST 4 YEARS.
ALL THEY EVER KNOW ABOUT ARE THOSE EFFORTS THAT DID NOT WORK OUT SO WELL."

NO ONE EVER ACCUSED BOB STRAUSS OF HAVING THAT PROBLEM.

TONIGHT—SHARE PART OF MY PROBLEM WITH HIM.

(over) (when we think......)
WHEN WE THINK OF BOB,
WE THINK OF THE GREAT ROLES HE HAS PLAYED IN OUR COUNTRY'S RECENT HISTORY:
• WE THINK OF THE MAN
  WHO PULLED THE DEMOCRATIC PARTY TOGETHER AFTER '72;
• WE THINK OF THE MAN
  WHO WORKED MIRACLES WITH THE MULTILATERAL TRADE NEGOTIATIONS;
• WE THINK OF THE MAN
  WHO WORKED TO KEEP THE CAMP DAVID PEACE PROCESS ON TRACK.

(=new card=) (There was, .......)
THERE WAS, OF COURSE,
ONE OTHER HAT THAT BOB STRAUSS WORE THESE PAST FEW YEARS
THAT DOES NOT GET QUITE SO WELL-PUBLICIZED:
SPECIAL COUNSELOR ON INFLATION.
GOOD LUCK IN FINDING THAT LITTLE ITEM IN BOB’S CURRENT RESUME.
I'M GLAD: ACHIEVEMENTS ARE GREAT—YOU ALL KNOW
AS THE GREAT DIZZY DEAN ONCE PUT IT,
& AS BOB HAS SAID AT ONE TIME OR ANOTHER --
"IT AIN'T BRAGGIN' IF YOU DONE IT."

(=OVER=) (WHEN I THINK.....)
WHEN I THINK OF BOB STRAUSS, 2 WORDS COME TO MIND RIGHT AWAY:
ONE IS "DEMOCRAT" -- THE OTHER IS "LOYALIST".

SINCE I SEE A FEW UNFAMILIAR FACES HERE TONIGHT,
I SKIP RIGHT ON TO THE 2ND OF THESE.

BOB STRAUSS IS A LOYALIST IN THE DEEPEST, MOST DURABLE SENSE OF THAT WORD.
HE IS LOYAL TO HIS BELIEFS.
HE IS LOYAL TO HIS FRIENDS.
AND WHEN YOU ARE LUCKY -- AS I HAVE BEEN --
TO SHARE BOTH HIS BELIEFS & HIS FRIENDSHIP,
THEN YOU ARE A LUCKY MAN INDEED.

(=NEW CARD=) (Bob has fought...)
BOB HAS FOUGHT MANY GOOD FIGHTS DURING HIS TIME.
HE HAS FACED SOME OF THE MOST TOUGH,
IRON-WILLED, EFFECTIVE
STUBBORN BARGAINERS IN THE WORLD:
- PRIME MINISTER OHIRA OF JAPAN,
- MINISTER USHIDA, WESTERN ALLIES
- PRESIDENT SADAT,
- PRIME MINISTER BEGIN,
- DEMOCRATS
- THE STATE DEPARTMENT,
- HELEN STRAUSS.

(=OVER=) (HE HAS WON......)
HE HAS WON SOME & LOST SOME, BUT BOB HAS SHARED SOME GREAT & NOBLE CAUSES OVER THE YEARS.
HE HAS FOUGHT FOR HIS PARTY.
HE HAS FOUGHT FOR HIS COUNTRY.

THROUGH ALL THOSE FIGHTS -- & LONG AFTER -- HE HAS BEEN A LOYALIST -- LOYAL TO HIS CAUSE, LOYAL TO HIS FRIENDS.

- BOB STRAУSS BELIEVED IN LYNDON JOHNSON -- & EVERYBODY KNOWS IT.
  HE NEVER LETS ANYONE FORGET IT.
  Proud of it
- HE FOUGHT FOR HUBERT HUMPHREY -- & WILL NOT LET ANYONE FORGET THAT EITHER.
  Proud of it
- HE FOUGHT FOR JIMMY CARTER -- & I, PERSONALLY, WILL NEVER FORGET IT.

(=NEW CARD=) (TONIGHT I JOIN.....)
TONIGHT I JOIN YOU

IN RETURNING AT LEAST PART OF THE FAVOR,
PART OF THE LOYALTY BOB HAS GIVEN ME.

WHEN HE SERVED AS PRESIDENT,
LYNDON JOHNSON USED TO SAY THAT ALL THE BRAINS IN OUR COUNTRY
DID NOT COME FROM A FEW PRESTIGIOUS OLD SCHOOLS.
A LOT OF PEOPLE FIGURED HE HAD ONE PARTICULAR SCHOOL IN MIND.

NOW THERE'S ANOTHER ONE

(=OVER=) (LYNDON JOHNSON.....)
LYNDON JOHNSON BELIEVED THAT OUR COUNTRY WAS FULL OF TALENT.

- HE BELIEVED THAT IN EVERY REGION OF OUR COUNTRY
  THERE WERE PEOPLE WITH A SENSE OF PUBLIC DUTY & A TALENT FOR POLITICS.

- HE WANTED TO MAKE SURE
  THAT YOUNG PEOPLE WITH A CONCERN FOR GOVT. & PUBLIC AFFAIRS
  HAD A CHANCE TO NOURISH THAT CONCERN,
  TO FULFILL THEIR DREAMS,
  TO UNDERSTAND WHAT OUR SYSTEM OF GOVT. WAS ALL ABOUT.

- HE WANTED THEM TO KNOW THE "HOW" OF DEMOCRACY -- & ALSO THE "WHY".

  THAT IS THE FOUNDING PRINCIPLE
  OF THE LYNDON JOHNSON SCHOOL AT THE UNIV. OF TEXAS.

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(=NEW CARD=) (I WOULD LIKE.....)
I WOULD LIKE TO SALUTE THE PERSON WHO HAS BEEN THE GUIDING LIGHT TO THE LYNDON JOHNSON SCHOOL & THE "LBJ" LIBRARY -- LADY BIRD JOHNSON.

IT WOULD BE DIFFICULT -- IF NOT IMPOSSIBLE -- FOR THE ROBERT S. STRAUSS FELLOWSHIP, OR THE ENTIRE "LBJ" SCHOOL FOR THAT MATTER, TO PRODUCE ONE LYNDON BAINES JOHNSON OR ROBERT STRAUSS. WHAT IT CAN DO IS GIVE YOUNG MEN OR WOMEN WITH THE DESIRE TO SERVE THE TRAINING THEY NEED, THE BACKGROUND THEY NEED TO SERVE WELL.

(=over=) (I WOULD LIKE.....)
I WOULD LIKE TO END MY REMARKS TONIGHT WITH SOMETHING THAT LYNDON JOHNSON HIMSELF MIGHT HAVE SAID ABOUT THE MAN WE HONOR TONIGHT.

"THE AMERICAN PEOPLE," HE SAID, "ARE TIRED OF WRECKING CREWS. THEY WANT BUILDERS. THEY WANT PEOPLE WHO CONSTRUCT."

WE ARE BLESSED TO LIVE IN A FREE COUNTRY -- A COUNTRY OF FREE EXPRESSION & FREE POLITICAL ACTION. BUT IT TAKES MORE THAN FREEDOM TO MAKE DEMOCRACY WORK.

- IT TAKES COMMITMENT.
- IT TAKES HARD WORK.
- IT TAKES POLITICS -- IN THE BEST & NOBLEST SENSE OF THAT WORD.

(=NEW CARD=) (OUR POLITICAL SYSTEM...)
OUR POLITICAL SYSTEM HAS MANY CRITICS.

WE HAVE COMMENTATORS -- OF EVERY IDEOLOGICAL STRIPE --

WHO CITE THE INADEQUACIES OF OUR TWO GREAT PARTIES.

BUT BOTH PARTIES CAN BE THANKFUL THAT THERE IS ONE BOB STRAUSS,

(=over=) (Tonight --.....)
TONIGHT --

IN A TIME WHEN THERE ARE MANY PEOPLE
WHO BELIEVE SO FIRMLY IN ONE PARTICULAR CAUSE
THAT THEY HAVE LOST SIGHT
OF HOW WE MAKE DECISIONS IN OUR GREAT PLURALISTIC DEMOCRACY --

• THROUGH DEBATE,
• THROUGH BARGAINING,
• THROUGH TOLERANCE,
• THROUGH POLITICS;

TONIGHT WE HONOR A BUILDER,
A MAN WHO KNOWS HOW TO BRING PEOPLE TOGETHER,
WHO SEES WHAT UNITES PEOPLE --
WHEN ALL SOME CAN SEE IS WHAT DIVIDES THEM.

 (=NEW CARD=) (A HALF CENTURY,.....)
A HALF CENTURY AGO,
SOMEONE WHO I SUSPECT HAD A LOT IN COMMON WITH OUR HONORED GUEST
LEFT US THESE WELL KNOWN WORDS:
"I BELONG TO NO ORGANIZED POLITICAL PARTY.
"I'M A DEMOCRAT."

TONIGHT WE SALUTE A DEMOCRAT WHO HAS SPENT A GOOD PART OF HIS LIFE
• KNOWING IN HIS HEART THAT WILL ROGERS WAS RIGHT;
• TRYING TO CONVINCE THE REST OF US THAT WILL ROGERS WAS WRONG;
• AND LOVING EVERY MINUTE OF IT.

TONIGHT WE SALUTE A GREAT AMERICAN:
ROBERT S. STRAUSS — DEMOCRAT...LOYAL...BUILDER.
Phil Wise
Jerry Rafshoon

The attached was returned in the President's outbox today and is forwarded to you for appropriate handling.

Rick Hutcheson
December 9, 1980

MR. PRESIDENT:

Yousuf Karsh, the world's leading portrait photographer, would like to do your photographic portrait before you leave office. He has done some of the great portraits of statesmen and others throughout the world (see attached list).

This would be a photograph taken with history in mind and not dictated by the needs of newspapers, magazines, or ads.

From his shooting, which would take one hour and could be partly accomplished during a meeting, you would have from 20 to 40 images to choose from. You would also have unlimited use of the photographs yourself which would be good for book jackets, to send to people who request it, etc.

I recommend that you do this. If you approve, I will set it up with Phil.

APPROVE 

DISAPPROVE 

Jerry Rafshoon

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Dear Mr. President:

I am happy to tell you that we will issue a block of four stamps featuring a camellia and three other flowers in April 1981. The stamps will be placed on sale during the week that follows Easter to be available for Mother's Day mailings.

We will consult with the American Camellia Society as we plan the dedication ceremony for these stamps, and are prepared to hold the ceremony at the Society's headquarters at Massee Lane near Marshallville, Georgia, if the organization so desires.

I will advise you of the exact date of the issuance as soon as it is fixed so that you may make the announcement we discussed.

Respectfully,

Bill Bolger

The President
The White House
Washington, D.C. 20500
To Postmaster General Dodge

As we discussed personally,
I would be very pleased
if you can approve a
commemorative stamp for the
Camellia.

You have my best
wishes and my appreciation
for doing such a fine job
in a very difficult position.

70 commemorative stamps

The Hon. William F. Dolger
45 Post Office Building
Wash., DC 20260

30/13/71

Jimmy Carter
11-19-80

To Postmaster General Bolger.

As we discussed personally, I would be very pleased if you can approve a commemorative stamp for the Centennial.

You have my best wishes and my appreciation for doing such a fine job in a very difficult position.

Sincerely,

Jimmy Carter
THE WHITE HOUSE
WASHINGTON

11/20/80

Rick Hutcheson --

Original for forwarding to Bolger -- with info attached for your files....

The President said to send a bcc only to Ann Dodson, which has been done.

Everything else has been sent to Central Files.

Thanks -- Susan Clough
THE WHITE HOUSE
WASHINGTON

Is ANN DODSON

of Plains, a close personal
friend?

[Signature: FCC, Ann Dodson]
November 14, 1980

Honorable Jimmy Carter  
President of the United States  
White House  
Washington, D. C.

Dear Mr. President:

Our friend, Mrs. Ann Dodson, of Plains, suggested that I resubmit this correspondence to you and that you might find time to again urge the issuance of a stamp honoring the Camellia. All the major countries of the world have recently issued new stamps and this year we have imported the yellow Camellia from Mainland China. There are presently several plants growing at the National Arboretum in Washington, D. C. Dr. William L. Ackerman is over-looking these new imports and is doing a magnificent job in hybridizing Camellias. With these yellow Camellias there should be a color break thru before too long which will be wonderful to see.

Enclosed is a copy of my August 2, 1979 letter and reply from the U. S. Postal Service, as well as a recent letter to The Honorable Jack Brinkley for your information.

With best wishes,

Sincerely,

Daniel E. Nathan, M.D.

DEN:m

Enc: 6
Honorabla Jimmy Carter  
President of the United States  
White House  
Washington, D.C.  

Dear Mr. President: 

In 1976 I wrote the Postmaster General and the Chairman of the Citizens Stamp Advisory Committee in an attempt to have a Camellia Commemorative Stamp issued in November of 1978 to honor the first joint meeting of the American Camellia Society and International Camellia Society in this Country and also the first International Camellia Society meeting in this Country. The International Camellia Society is charted in Glynn Co., Georgia and the American Camellia Society as you well know has it's National Headquarters at Massee Lane-Fort Valley, Georgia. It is the only National Horticulture Society with Headquarters in Georgia. The entire Georgia Delegates of Senators and Representatives entered into the attempt to get the Stamp issued in 1977 in time for this meeting. Enclosed is a copy of some of the correspondence relative to the issuance of the Camellia Commemorative Stamp. Needless to say the joint meeting met in Perry, Georgia November 1978 and was a sucess without the Commemorative Stamp. 

The American Camellia Society Headquarters and Membership in Middle and South Georgia over the years has provided Camellias in season for many of the prestigious affairs at the White House including your Inauguration and the recent White House Dinner for the Vice Premier of the People's Republic of China. Mr. Roy Stringfellow of Shreveport, La. the current President of American Camellia Society, supported by the Chairman and Chairman Emeritus of the American Camellia Society Endowment Fund Mr. G. Stuart Watson and Spencer C. Walton, Jr., both of Albany, Georgia, has designated 1980 as the year of the Camellia. We are also starting a drive to raise $500,000.00 for the Endowment Fund and your support to obtain the issuance of a Camellia Commemorative Stamp in 1980 would be appreciated. Enclosed is a copy of the form letters we get from the Citizens Stamp Advisory Committee. The last three
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Paragraphs are always the same except for the dates. Thanking you for your support in this endeavor. With best wishes and personal regards.

Sincerely,

Daniel E. Nathan, M.D. F.A.A.F.P.
Director of American Camellia Society

ENCL:
DEN/de
Volume Reaches Historic Mark

Annual mail volume reached the 100 billion mark this fall. With preliminary data for the fiscal year ending Sept. 30, 1979 indicating the Postal Service handled 99.9 billion pieces, the current volume—on an annualized basis—is easily at this historic benchmark.

In the past 12 months, mail volume has grown by three billion pieces. Ed McCaffrey, Assistant Postmaster General for Rates and Classification, says that much of the increase in the past year has been in presorted First Class and in the new Carrier Presort for Bulk Third Class.

A decade ago, annual mail volume was 82 billion pieces. At that time, total Postal Service employment was 739,000. Today, 663,000 workers are handling 100 billion pieces per year.

Special Stamps Often Build Interest in Mailings to Specific Audiences

Commemorative postage stamps and postal stationery items call attention to persons, institutions and cultural activities important in American life.

The series scheduled for release during 1980 is no exception. Commemorative stamps will treat 14 subjects, while another six will be honored by postal stationery items.

Because these commemoratives are often of interest to organizations and companies which can identify with the subject honored, the 1980 stamps and items are listed.

Where there is a relationship, commemoratives can frequently increase interest in the mailing piece among recipients.

Commemorative stamps will be issued on the following subjects:

- W.C. Fields—A single stamp to be issued January 29.
- Winter Olympics—A previously-announced block of four stamps to be issued February 1.
- Benjamin Banneker—A single stamp in the Black Heritage USA Series will honor the noted mathematician and astronomer who assisted Major Andrew Ellicott in surveying the site for the nation's capital in 1791. The stamp will be issued on a date in February to be announced.

3.1-CENT COIL STAMP

A 3.1-cent America Series stamp in coil form was authorized for nonprofit organizations.

The new issue is the first stamp, as opposed to embossed stamped envelopes, identified specifically for use by nonprofit organizations, the Postal Service said. The 3.1-cent denomination reflects the rate for authorized nonprofit organizations effective since July 6.

The design features a standard six-string guitar and follows the musical instrument theme of previous America Series bulk rate coil stamps. Previous bulk rate stamp designs in the series featured a drum, a grouping of saxhorns and a grand piano.

business reply mail pieces with preprinted adhesive address labels assume full liability for the postage and fees on all such pieces returned to them without a complete address.

This amendment to the regulations will be incorporated into the next issue of changes to the DMM.

Commemoratives Scheduled

General Bernardo de Galvez—A single stamp to be issued on a date in March to be announced. Galvez, the governor of Spanish Louisiana during the American Revolution, waged a successful campaign against the British from 1779 through 1781 and thus contributed significantly to the struggle for American independence.

American Architecture—A block of four stamps in the American Architecture Series to be issued on a date to be announced.

Emily Bissell—A single stamp honoring the woman who introduced Christmas seals into the United States and was a leader in the fight against tuberculosis. The stamp will be issued May 31.

Veterans Administration—A single stamp marking the 50th anniversary of the founding of the VA to be issued on a date in June to be announced.

Northwest Indian Masks—A block of four stamps to be issued on a date to be announced.

Helen Keller and Anne Sullivan—A single stamp honoring Miss Keller and her famed teacher will be issued on a date in June to be announced.

Dolley Madison—A single stamp to be issued on a date to be announced.

Space Achievement—A set of eight stamps marking U.S. achievements in space will be issued on a date to be announced. The issue may be delayed until 1981 if the Space Shuttle orbital flight does not take place before late 1980.

Coral Reels—A block of four stamps to be issued on a date in August to be announced.

Edith Wharton—A single stamp to be issued on a date in September to be announced.

Christmas—Two single stamps will be issued on a date in October to be announced.

Commemorative postal stationery items will be issued on the following subjects:

- Battle of King's Mountain—A 10-cent postal card to be issued on a date in October to be announced.
- Landing of Rochambeau—A 10-cent postal card to be issued on a date in July to be announced.
- The Golden Hind—A 14-cent international surface rate postal card featuring Sir Francis Drake's ship will be issued on a date in September to be announced.

Historic Preservation—A 10-cent postal card featuring the Mormon Temple in Salt Lake City, Utah, will be issued on a date in April to be announced.

Bicycling—A 15-cent embossed stamped envelope to be issued on a date to be announced.

Honey Bee—A 15-cent embossed stamped envelope to be issued on a date to be announced.
Dr. Daniel E. Nathan  
P.O. Box 1179  
Westview Doctors Building  
Fort Valley, Georgia 31030  

Dear Dr. Nathan:

Your letter of September 26 to the President, expressing continued interest in having a stamp issued to honor the Camellia, has been referred to this office for response. Although we inadvertently returned your letter of August 2 to you, a copy was retained and brought to the attention of the Citizens' Stamp Advisory Committee.

Thousands of requests for new stamps are received annually. Of course, only a limited number can be issued each year. For this reason, the Committee was established to review all suggestions and to make recommendations for future stamps based on national interest, historical perspective, and other criteria. The Committee has found it necessary to work eighteen months to two years in advance of the stamp issuance date and is presently developing the 1981 stamp program.

You may be assured that your proposal has been brought to the attention of the Committee for their review as future stamp programs are developed.

Sincerely,

Edward E. Horgan, Jr.
August 20, 1979

Dr. Daniel E. Nathan
P. O. Box 1179
Fort Valley, Georgia 31030

Dear Dr. Nathan:

Your letter of August 2 to the President, expressing interest in having a stamp issued to honor the camellia, has been referred to this office for response.

This proposal remains with the Citizens' Stamp Advisory Committee but, thus far, has not been adopted. As you are aware, the Committee has completed the 1980 program and is now working on the 1981 and later programs.

We appreciate your interest in the Postal Service's stamp program.

Sincerely,

Glenn A. Metzdorf
General Manager - Administration
Government Relations Department
January 17, 1980

The Honorable Jack Brinkley
2412 Rayburn House Office Building
Washington, D.C. 20515

Dear Jack:

I realize that the attached copy of some stamps is not as attractive as they are in full color. However, I did want you to see what the People's Republic of China has done in 1979. They have printed ELEVEN beautiful stamps displaying eleven different varieties of camellias.

We continue to be bugged by the horrible bureaucracy of Bolger and Company. I notice that they are putting out a stamp in 1980 on the honeybee and another one on the almost non-existent in America coral and various others almost as innocuous as these.

I did want to tell you that Dan Nathan and I and all of the members of ACS greatly appreciate what you and all of the other members of the Georgia delegation have done to try to get the camellia stamp printed in this country. We also had support and letters to the Stamp Committee by Senators and Congressmen of several other important states--I particularly note those of Louisiana and California among a list of several.

Ann and I send our best wishes to you. We hope that you will continue the long-time excellent voting record that you have established in Congress. We hope that you and your family will have a prosperous and enjoyable 1980 - The Year of The Camellia.

I have one other thought, Jack, that I would like to mention. Would it be possible or feasible for you to write, with our assistance if you want it, some remarks about 1980 - The Year of The Camellia as extended remarks to be handed over to the Library of Congress for their printing in the Congressional Record. Again, this need not be as innocuous as some of the items that I have read in the Congressional Record in the past 25 years or so.

Sincerely yours,

Milton H. Brown
Executive Secretary

cc: Dr. Daniel E. Nathan
Honorable Jimmy Carter
President of the United States
White House
Washington, D. C.

SPECIAL TO THE PRESIDENT
PROF. DR. DAN NATHAN

NATHAN
P. O. BOX 1179
FORT VALLEY, GA. 31030
Mr. President:

Bill Clinton will be around town for the next couple of days and would like to drop by. Donilon thinks it would be OK even though Clinton is involved in the Chair fight.

[ ] approve drop by

[ ] disapprove

Phil
Today, Ella will announce her resignation as Governor of Connecticut effective December 31. Her health will simply not permit her to continue performing her responsibilities and duties. She is, as you know, terminally ill.

Since you spoke with her only last week, you realize how much she struggled to make this decision. I think a call to her today would mean a great deal to her.

\[\text{Date of Call} \quad 12-8\]

Feeling ok - Press is vicious
Representative Ottinger called you this afternoon to discuss cuts in the solar and conservation budgets. He feels very strongly that only your influence at this point could save these areas.
The Senator's father died this weekend of heart failure. He had a history of heart illness. Tsongas has wanted to feel closer to you and I believe that this call would mean a great deal to him.

NOTES: (Date of Call 12-8)

Phil. Paul wants to come to Georgia to see me. He will call.
THE WHITE HOUSE
WASHINGTON

Meeting with Lew Wasserman
Tuesday, December 9
The Oval Office
5 minutes

(by: Fran Voorde)

I. PURPOSE: courtesy call and photo opportunity

II. PARTICIPANTS:
The President
Lew Wasserman
Edie Wasserman, his wife

III. BACKGROUND:
You recently called Mr. Wasserman
to thank him for his support. He
mentioned to you at that time that
he and his wife would be in New York
now and that they would like to come
to Washington to see you.

IV. PRESS:
White House Photographer
MEETING WITH MEMBERS OF THE
EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE OF THE DEMOCRATIC NATIONAL COMMITTEE

Tuesday, December 9, 1980
Roosevelt Room 11:30 a.m. (20 mins)

by: Sarah Weddington

I. PURPOSE:
Brief support meeting with the members of the
DNC Executive Committee.

II. BACKGROUND, PARTICIPANTS, PRESS:

A. BACKGROUND:
The members of the Executive Committee are in
Washington for a meeting at the DNC (agenda
is attached). Despite the fact that some
of these people will be present at the
reception of the dinner for Strauss' LBJ chair,
it was thought important to have a meeting
with them as a group to thank them for their
partnership over the years.

They will be interested in hearing your informal
thoughts about your own future, that of the
Democratic Party, and the role you wish to play
regarding the Party.

B. PARTICIPANTS:
Alphabetical list attached. (32)

C. PRESS:
None/White House Photo

III. TALKING POINTS:
1. Thank them all for coming over while in
town for their meeting. (White-Chairman;
   Manatt-Finance Chair; Kelly-Treasurer)

2. Thank them as a group for their work with
   your campaign and others (congressional &
   state and local,'78 and '80).

3. Stress to them the need for the Democratic
   Party to continue its financial recovery
   and to strengthen its role as the Party of
   the people in the true sense.
PARTICIPANTS IN MEETING WITH DNC EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE  12/09/80

Mayor Lee Alexander (Syracuse)
Suellen Albrecht (Wisconsin)
Polly Baca Barragan (Colorado)
Obera Bergdall (Oklahoma)
Henry (Hank) Braden, IV (Louisiana)
Dorothy Bush (Secretary of the Party)
Senator Robert Byrd (West Virginia)
Governor Bill Clinton (Arkansas)
Joe Crangle (New York)
Pat Cunningham (New York)
Betty Drumheller (Washington State)
Sandy Duckworth (Virginia)
Dale Emmons (Kentucky - Young Democrats)
Jerry English (New Jersey)
Hazel Evans (Florida)
Kathy Farley (Colorado)
Sam Fishman (Michigan)
Don Fowler (South Carolina)
Congressman Tom Foley (Washington)
Peter Kelly (Treasurer -- Connecticut)
Carmela Lacayo (Deputy Chair -- California)
Bruce Lee (California)
Alice McDonald (Kentucky)
Chuck Manatt (Finance Chair -- California)
Don Michael (Indiana)
Tip O'Neill - Speaker (Massachusetts)
Bob Washington (District of Columbia)
Glenn Watts (Wash, D.C.)
John C. White (Chairman, DNC)
Morley Winograd (Michigan)
Mayor Coleman Young (Deputy Chair, DNC -- Detroit)
Dottie Zug (Pennsylvania)

Sarah Weddington, Assistant to the President
PROPOSED AGENDA

Executive Committee Meeting December 9, 1980, Maryland Room, Sheraton Washington Hotel, 2660 Woodley Road, Washington, D.C.

2:00 P.M.

Call to Order . . . . . . . . . Chairman John C. White
Call of Roll . . . . . . . . . . Secretary Dorothy Bush
Chairman's Remarks . . . . . Chairman White
Finance Report . . . . . . . . Peter G. Kelly, Treasurer
Charles T. Manatt, Finance Council Chairman

Status Reports

1. ERA Advisory Committee

2. Commission for Representation of Low and Moderate Income Democrats

3. Commission on Platform Accountability

4. Commission for the Review of the Presidential Nominating Process

1981 Agenda

DNC Meeting

Old Business

Report on Democratic . . . . . Ron Eastman
Party v. Wisconsin DNC General Counsel

New Business

Adjournment