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THE WHITE HOUSE
WASHINGTON

May 1, 1986

MEMORANDUM TO ALAN RAUL

FROM:

C. CHRISTOPHER COX *CC*

SUBJECT:

Letter to Trustees of Ronald Reagan Presidential
Foundation

Attached for your editorial comments is a draft letter from the President to the Trustees of the Ronald Reagan Presidential Foundation.

Based upon the information provided by your memorandum on the subject, Dick and Jay are of the opinion that such a letter is a good idea. However, they do not agree that the letter should contain anything more than a generalized statement of the reasons for the President's request, which is to be delivered in as straightforward a fashion as possible. See what you think.

Attachment

*↓ I think it looks
good. Like any
lawyer, naturally
I couldn't
resist making
a few suggestions
Alan.*

THE WHITE HOUSE
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consider
using RR
stationary
rather than WH
letterhead.
my opinion is that
WH letterhead
is ok.

and your participation
in it.

Dear _____:

I am honored by
You have my sincerest congratulations and best wishes for having volunteered to serve as a Trustee of the Ronald Reagan Presidential Foundation. The Foundation's work of receiving and administering funds for, and seeing to the accomplishment of, the Establishment of a Presidential library at Stanford University are of exceptional importance to the preservation of history and the enrichment of Stanford's own academic programs.

as well as
should be

private,
In accomplishing (this) mission, it is of utmost importance that the independence of the Foundation, which is separately constituted as a non-profit corporation, be preserved. This is particularly the case with respect to the receipt and administration of funds so that neither actual nor apparent conflicts of interest with the responsibilities of the Administration arise. I ask, therefore, that the fundraising activities of the Foundation, including the identities of actual and potential donors, be maintained by the Foundation in confidence. All fundraising information should be kept not only from the White House, but from the public generally until after the end of this Administration.

Special
Sensitivity
is required

You are to be commended for your fine work with the Foundation, and for the noble work that lies ahead of you. You have my sincerest appreciation and support.

appropriate

Sincerely,

deep

Ronald Reagan

God bless you.

Thank you and

I would
appreciate
it

DRAFT



Dear Dr. Campbell:

I deeply appreciate the invitation which you have extended on behalf of the Hoover Institution and Stanford University to locate my Presidential Library on the Stanford campus in close proximity to the Hoover Institution.

The designation of this site to house my Presidential papers would be a natural extension of my long association as an honorary fellow of the Hoover Institution and would make possible the unification of my Presidential papers with my gubernatorial papers and the 1976 and 1980 campaign files, totalling some 2,600 cubic feet, that have already been donated to the Hoover Institution. The location of the library on the campus of Stanford University would make the historical record of my Administration widely accessible to the academic community, and, I hope in turn enrich Stanford's own academic programs. Stanford University and the Hoover Institution have the added advantage of being in my home state.

With my Administration, the Presidential Records Act of 1978 will be applied to Presidential papers for the first time. Under this Act, the Archivist of the United States will assume custody of such materials upon the conclusion of my term of office and deposit them in a Presidential Archival Depository, operated by the United States. The Presidential Libraries Act, as amended, authorizes the Administrator of GSA to utilize a library constructed with private funds to house Presidential records and other historical materials. Before entering into any agreement to utilize the library as a Presidential Archival depository, the Administrator must submit the details of any agreement to Congress so that it will have an opportunity to review any conditions and consider the future maintenance costs to the United States.

Because of the numerous requirements of law as well as important policy issues that must be addressed, I believe we should begin now to make plans for a library and for the preservation of the fullest possible record of the Administration. You, therefore, have my approval to discuss this matter with the Archivist and to proceed with preliminary planning for the location of the Presidential Library on the Stanford campus.

Sincerely,