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THE WHITE HOUSE

April 8, 1987

MEMORANDUM FOR ARTHUR B. CULVAHOUSE, JR.

FROM: C. CHRISTOPHER COX

SUBJECT: Reagan Library Fundraising

As requested, I have prepared the attached memorandum from you to the President, reminding him of last year's directive that the identity of donors not be disclosed to the President.

THE WHITE HOUSE
WASHINGTON

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April 8, 1987

MEMORANDUM FOR THE PRESIDENT

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FROM: ARTHUR B. CULVAHOUSE, JR.
COUNSEL TO THE PRESIDENT

SUBJECT: Reagan Library Fundraising

Your upcoming speech to the Ronald Reagan Presidential Library Foundation is an opportune time to review briefly our policy of seeking to avoid apparent conflicts of interest in fundraising.

By letters dated May 5, 1986, you advised the Ronald Reagan Presidential Library Foundation, as well as other charities with which you are directly involved, that they should seek to avoid disclosing to you the identities of donors until your term of office ends. (A copy of your letter to the Foundation is attached.) The purpose of this policy is to prevent the kind of situation that can develop if, for example, a major donor known to you subsequently receives a governmental appointment, concession or favor.

Of course, it is impossible to insulate yourself completely from any knowledge of the identity of donors to a charity with which you are directly involved. The best that can be done is to exercise caution and circumspection. Wherever possible, acknowledgments of particular gifts should be left to others until after January 1989.

At the upcoming luncheon, you will of course be meeting with supporters of the Library, many of whom undoubtedly will also have donated funds. It will not, however, be evident from any of the information provided to you which of the attendees has in fact contributed funds, in furtherance of the general policy.

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Again, my heartfelt thanks for all your time and trouble.

Sincerely,
RON

The Honorable W. Glenn Campbell
Chairman of the Board of Trustees
The Ronald Reagan Presidential
Library Foundation
1025 Thomas Jefferson Street, N.W.
Washington, D.C. 20007

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Sincerely,
RONALD REAGAN

Mr. George Hearne
President
Eureka College
300 East College Avenue
Eureka, Illinois 61530

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Drug Abuse Fund
Community Foundation of
Greater Washington
3221 M Street, N.W.
Washington, D.C. 20007
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Sincerely,

RONALD REAGAN

Mr. Norman E. Wymbs
Chairman
Ronald Reagan Home
Preservation Foundation
818 South Hennepin Avenue
Dixon, Illinois 61021

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Signed by Potus

Dear Mr. Stinchcomb:

I hope you and the members of the Board of Directors of the Greater Washington Community Foundation will accept my personal thanks for all your efforts on behalf of the Nancy Reagan Drug Abuse Fund. All your hard work, and that of the many volunteers, is contributing in an important way to the elimination of drug abuse, especially among young people, in the Washington community.

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Executive Director
Community Foundation
of Greater Washington
3221 M Street, N.W.
Washington, D.C. 20007

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May 28, 1986

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MEMORANDUM FOR PETER WALLISON

FROM: Christopher Hicks *CH*
SUBJECT: Proposed Presidential Letters To Certain Charities

You asked for my thoughts on a proposed letter that would be sent to the Chairmen of the boards of trustees of certain charities which raise funds implicitly or explicitly with the blessing of the President. Specifically, you asked my thoughts on proposed letters that would go to the White House Preservation Fund and the White House Historical Association.

Frankly, I am not familiar enough with the manner in which those 501(c)(3) organizations solicit or handle donations to be able to give you much guidance. I would suspect, however, that it would be very difficult for the President or First Lady not to know who the donors of major art or furniture are, or of money donated to purchase art or furniture, since they are often involved in the actual receipt of the item when it is given to the White House collection. For example, the White House collection recently acquired a painting of John Adams to hang in the Blue Room. The First Lady presided over a function in the Residence to receive that portrait.

I would suggest that you talk to Rex Scouten, the White House Curator, about this matter.

THE WHITE HOUSE
WASHINGTON

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May 9, 1986

MEMORANDUM FOR: DAVID CHEW
KATHY OSBORNE
FRED RYAN

FROM: PETER J. WALLISON 
COUNSEL TO THE PRESIDENT

I have attached a proposed letter for the President to send to the chairman of the board of trustees, or other appropriate governing organization, for certain of the charities which raise funds implicitly or explicitly with his blessing. I would like your comments on whether this would be satisfactory for the purposes we want to achieve.

Letter to the Chairman of the Board of Trustees of the Ronald Reagan Presidential Library Foundation.

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THE WHITE HOUSE
WASHINGTON

May 13, 1986

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MEMORANDUM FOR THE PRESIDENT

FROM: PETER J. WALLISON 
COUNSEL TO THE PRESIDENT

SUBJECT: Attached Letters to the Chairmen of
Various Charitable Groups

I have attached letters from you to the chairmen of various charitable groups in which you and Mrs. Reagan have a particular interest:

Ronald Reagan Presidential Library Foundation
Ronald Reagan Boyhood Home Foundation
Eureka College
Nancy Reagan Drug Abuse Fund

These letters express your continuing support for the work of these organizations, but request that neither you nor Mrs. Reagan be advised in the future of the names of contributors.

I have noted from time to time that contributors to one or more of these organizations have business relationships that imply a substantial amount of interest in decisions made by the Federal Government, and although you would obviously not be influenced in making decisions by a contribution of this or any other kind, I think it is important that you avoid even the appearance that such influence might exist.

Accordingly, I recommend that you send the attached letters in order to make clear your desire to avoid any appearance of a conflict of interest with your official functions, and to assure that we have established a written record of your position in case questions are asked about this matter in the future. Don Regan concurs in this recommendation.

Attachments

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KATHY OSBORNE
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TUCKER AND ASSOCIATES
1775 PENNSYLVANIA AVENUE, N.W.
SUITE 450
WASHINGTON, D.C. 20006
(202) 835-0746

May 13, 1986

Dear Kathy,

The following is a rough draft, so please feel free to edit.

I'll be in Fred Ryan's office tomorrow morning at 9:00, if you wish to speak with me. Today, I spoke with Chris Cox and I will be seeing him after my appointment with Fred.

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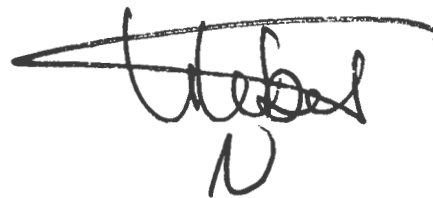
Dear Dan,

I want you to know how much I appreciated your participation in the past with the Reagan Home in Dixon, Illinois.

The second phase of the project is now beginning and should be completed in the near future. The house and surrounding area apparently has some interest to the public and if it will inspire others to carry on the work we have started in this administration it will be a worthwhile project.

Thank you Kathy.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in dark ink, appearing to read "Tucker", with a large, sweeping horizontal stroke above it.

Welcome Back!

THE WHITE HOUSE

WASHINGTON

February 26, 1985

Dear Dick and John:

As you have been previously advised, you are authorized to form and to incorporate as a California non-profit public benefit corporation the Ronald Reagan Presidential Foundation.

I also approve the appointment of Martin C. Anderson, W. Glenn Campbell, William P. Clark, Michael K. Deaver, John S. Herrington, Edwin Meese III, Ronald P. Reagan and William French Smith as Trustees of the Ronald Reagan Presidential Foundation. As officers of the Foundation, I approve the appointment of W. Glenn Campbell, Chairman; Edwin Meese III, Vice Chairman; Martin C. Anderson, Secretary; and William P. Clark, Treasurer.

Your assistance in this matter is greatly appreciated.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in dark ink, reading "Ronald Reagan". The signature is written in a cursive style with a large, stylized "R" and a long, sweeping underline.

Mr. Richard T. Burress
Mr. John M. Donegan
Incorporators
Suite 101
801 Welch Road
Palo Alto, California 94303

THE WHITE HOUSE

WASHINGTON

22 June 1981

Dear Glenn:

You will never believe what I just found!

Enclosed is the original letter addressed to you that the President signed authorizing the deposit of the materials from the transition to the Hoover Institution.

Best personal wishes,

Sincerely,



EDWIN W. THOMAS
Assistant Counsellor
to the President

Dr. Glenn Campbell
Director
Hoover Institution
Stanford University
Stanford, California 94305

cc: Dick Hauser

20 January 1981

Dr. Glenn Campbell
Director
Hoover Institution
Stanford University
Stanford, California 94305

Dear Glenn:

This will confirm our previous conversation and those between you and Ed Meese that I am placing on deposit with the Hoover Institution at Stanford University the papers and documents from the 1980 Presidential Campaign and from the Office of the President-elect and the Transition Organization.

This deposit is made in anticipation of my donating all such materials to the Hoover Institution for historical and scholarly research purposes in the future.

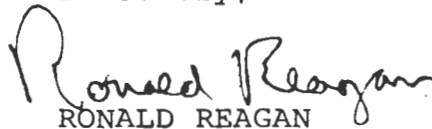
I am also designating Ed Meese and Mike Deaver as Trustees of these materials and empower them to act individually or collectively in directing all aspects of their handling and/or future disposition.

I look forward to our continued relationship in the work of the Hoover Institution.

This letter of deposit is executed this 20th day of January 1981 at 9 AM o'clock eastern standard time.

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Sincerely,


RONALD REAGAN