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37 d fulding 609 Margnerite Road Metairie Louisiana 70003 August 17, 1983 The President The White House Washington, D.C. Mr. President: In regard to the current issue of he detector tests for those accused of arguing Mr. Carter's notes for use in the previous presidential compaign, I suggest that such tests be agreed to, provided the accusers also are required to take such texts. Further, all members of the news media reporting on this issue should be subjected to similar tests. If we are to get at the truth, we must be assured of the honesty of everyone involved in any investigations - not just the honesty of the accused. Respectfully, Henry & Madden

THE WHITE HOUSE

WASHINGTON

September 7, 1983

Dear Mr. Brigham:

Your letter to the President regarding the allegations that the 1980 Reagan/Bush campaign received certain briefing materials from the Carter campaign has been referred to me for response.

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You express concern that an investigation conducted by the Justice Department or the FBI will be suspect due to the President's friendship with the Attorney General. To alleviate that concern, you embrace Bill Ringle's suggestion that the President publicly urge William Casey and James Baker to take polygraph examinations. As of the present time, there has been no request that lie detector tests be taken. The Deputy Press Secretary to the President, in response to questions, has advised, however, that the President, as a general philosophical matter, does not object to the use of lie detectors.

Thank you for taking the time to share with us your views on this subject.

Sincerely,

Fred F. Fielding Counsel to the President

Mr. Donald C. Brigham 761 So. Main Street Athens, PA 18810

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Why not bring on the lie detectors?

WASHINGTON — The Reagan administration has a heaven-sent opportunity to demonstrate its faith in the lie detector.

Why doesn't the president publicly urge William Casey, director of the Central Intelligence Agency, and James Baker, the White House chief of staff, to take polygraphic examinations of their differing accounts of how President Carter's campaign briefing papers fell into the hands of the 1980 Reagan campaign staff?

Certainly no one in the administration can harbor doubts about the efficacy of such tests.

Casey's own CIA has for years routinely required them of employees suspected of leaking national-security matters. And new employees must take them as a condition of employment. The CIA has even had a program for retesting some people suspected of improper conduct.

And one of the administration's big innovations has been to demand lie detector tests of Defense Department employees who might have leaked stories to the press.

And last March the president himself issued a directive that federal employees may be asked to take a lie detector test in a leak



investigation. If they refuse, that refusal could contribute to a decision to discipline them.

So, requiring such tests of Baker and Casey, as well as of David Gergen, White House communications director, and David Stockman, director of the Office of Management and Budget, who have also told of dealing with Carter papers, should meet with no objections. In fact, you'd expect they'd welcome the opportunity to clear the air.

Such an action could have several benefits. It might:

• Lead to the "mole" in the Carter White House suspected of passing the papers to the Reagan camp. It could, as well, finger the Reagan campaign recipient and determine whether he knew what he was getting.

- Reinforce the public's faith in the CIA director and the White House staffers.
- Demonstrate whether the "filching" of the papers was dirty pool or whether it involved as former national security adviser Zbigniew Brzezinski suggests it might have criminal use of classified documents.
- Help head off a time-consuming, headline-grabbing House investigation.
- Bolster public faith in the use of polygraphs. An objective mechanical device would inspire more public confidence than an investigation run by President Reagan's old friend, Attorney General "Bulldog" Smith.

When you think about it, it's strange that the White House officials have not cried, as former national security advisor Richard V. Allen once did when confronted with a challenge to his credibility: "Bring on the polygraphs!"

It's curious that Messrs. Casey, Baker, Gergen and Stockman, in an administration with so much confidence in lie detectors, have not rushed to hook themselves up to the nearest one.

Why haven't they emulated former Deputy Secretary of Defense Frank Carlucci who, when the Pentagon in 1982 instituted its policy of using lie detector tests to hunt down leakers, took one himself to set an example.

In fact, Reagan — like those presidents who spur on the public by getting photographed receiving the first vaccinations during an epidemic — might go on national television undergoing the first polygraph test to show how reliably it works.

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Fred F. Fielding Counsel to the President

Miss Jennifer Hart 111 Read Avenue Coventry, Rhode Island 02816

Coventry, Rhade Island 02816 July 14, 1983

The President The White House Washington, D.C.

Dear mr. President:

of am writing to you about your acides' stealing papers from Mr. Carter. I think this was unfour because it enabled you to know all the answers to mr. Carter's questions and what he was going to talk about. This put mr. Catter in a dough situation. If I did something like that at school, I would be purished for cheating. The President of the United States should not cleat either.

Sincerely yours, Jennifes Hout

Miss. Jennifer Hart

THE WHITE HOUSE

WASHINGTON

September 1, 1983

Dear Mr. Fitzgerald:

Washington, D. C. 20515

333 So Enclid sadma and In accordance with your telephone request of August 31, 1983, I am providing you with the telephone numbers and addresses for the following individuals:

> Robert Garrick Post Office Box 65 5819 Redondo Drive Bonsall, California 92003

213/577-2110 - office

Lotus Ann Wagner 8213 Old Court House Road Vienna, Virginia 22180

703/893-7860 - residence

Sincerely,

Richard A. Hauser Deputy Counsel to the President

(NOTE -- 9/7/83) phone numbers and addresses for Mr. Garrick and Ms. Wagner relayed via phone John Fitzgerald, Esquire to Mr. Fitzgerald at 10:20am via Genny Murray. Counsel Subcommittee on Human Resources House Office Building, Annex 1 Room 511

House of Representatives

Committee on Post Office and Civil Service

Washington, P.C. 20515

TELEPHONE (202) 225-4054

June 30, 1983

The Honorable Fred Fielding Counsel to the President The White House Washington D.C. 20500

Dear Mr. Fielding,

Please allow me to introduce myself and express my desire to work very closely with you during the ensuing investigation by Chairman Albosta of the Human Resources Subcommittee of the Post Office and Civil Service Committee.

As General Counsel to the Minority on the full Committee, I shall be coordinating the staff effort on behalf of Mr. Taylor of Missouri who serves as ranking Minority member of the full Committee and Mr. Dan Crane of Illinois and Mr. Gilman of New York, both of whom are members of Chairman Albosta's Subcommittee.

There will most likely prove to be instances where the Chairman and the Majority staff will not share completely with me or my staff their plans or results of certain aspects of the investigation. I do hope however, that I can depend upon the Administration to keep me informed as to the inquiries of the Majority staff and apprised of how I may be of assistance to the Administration.

If I can be of assistance at any time throughout this matter, please do not hesitate to contact me.

Stephen R. Hemphill

General Counsel to the Minority

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STATEMENT BY CHAIRMAN DON ALBOSTA SUBCOMMITTEE ON HUMAN RESOURCES JULY 21 1983

I WANTED TO TAKE THIS OPPORTUNITY TODAY, IN THE SPIRIT
OF BIPARTISANSHIP AND TO COMPLY WITH OUR RECENTLY PASSED
GUIDELINES, TO ADVISE ALL MEMBERS OF THE SUBCOMMITTEE OF
THE STATUS OF THE INVESTIGATION, AND SPECIFICALLY THE STATUS
OF THE NEGOTIATIONS WITH THE WHITE HOUSE OVER ACCESS TO
RELEVANT MATERIALS IN FILES AT THE HOOVER INSTITUTION.

THE PRESIDENT HAS REPEATEDLY STATED PUBLICLY THAT HE
AND HIS STAFF WILL FULLY COOPERATE WITH THE INVESTIGATIONS
BEING UNDERTAKEN TO DETERMINE WHETHER INFORMATION WAS
TRANSFERED IN AN UNAUTHORIZED MANNER INVOLVING FEDERAL
EMPLOYEES FROM THE CARTER ADMINISTRATION TO THE REAGAN-BUSH
CAMPAIGN.

I TOOK AT FACE VALUE THE PRESIDENT'S DESIRE TO FULLY

COOPERATE, SO ON JULY 9TH I INSTRUCTED THE SUBCOMMITTEE

STAFF TO SEND A TELEGRAM TO THE CURATOR OF THE REAGAN

RECORDS FOUND AT HOOVER. THIS TELEGRAM REQUIRED ACCESS TO

FILES RELEVANT TO THE SUBCOMMITTEE INVESTIGATION OF UNETHICAL

CONDUCT BY FEDERAL EMPLOYEES. ON JULY 11TH, UNLIMITED ACCESS

TO THOSE FILES WAS GRANTED TO THE JUSTICE DEPARTMENT BY

MR. MEESE, ONE OF THE TRUSTEES OF THOSE FILES. THE FOLLOWING

DAY, I ASKED JAMES HAMILTON, NOW OF THIS STAFF TO ENTER INTO

NEGOTIATIONS WITH MR. FRED FIELDING, COUNSEL TO THE PRESIDENT,

ACTING FOR THE TRUSTEES IN AN ATTEMPT TO WORK OUT THE TERMS

OF ACCESS UNDER WHICH THE SUBCOMMITTEE WOULD BE ALLOWED

TO EXAMINE HOOVER INSTITUTION FILES CONTAINING REAGAN-BUSH

CAMPAIGN MATERIALS. VARIOUS PROPOSALS WERE MADE BY
MR. HAMILTON AND MR. FIELDING. WHILE I DO NOT BELIEVE IT
WOULD BE USEFUL TO DISCUSS ALL THE ASPECTS OF THE
NEGOTIATIONS, I HAVE PLACED BEFORE THE SUBCOMMITTEE A
DOCUMENT THAT EMBODIES THE SUBCOMMITTEE'S LAST PROPOSAL
MADE BY MR. HAMILTON ON TUESDAY, JULY 19TH, 1983, WHICH
WAS SIMILAR IN MANY RESPECTS TO A COUNTER PROPOSAL EARLIER
SUBMITTED BY MR. FIELDING.

MR. FIELDING RESPONDED TO THIS PROPOSAL YESTERDAY WITH A LETTER WHICH IS ALSO BEFORE THE SUBCOMMITTEE. I FIND MR. FIELDING'S RESPONSE DISTURBING IN SEVERAL RESPECTS.

FIRST OF ALL, IT DOES NOT ADEQUATELY DESCRIBE THE SUBCOMMITTEE'S LATEST PROPOSAL. THE SUBCOMMITTEE HAS NOT SOUGHT EXAMINATION OF ALL REAGAN-BUSH CAMPAIGN FILES, BUT ONLY AN EXAMINATION OF ALL RELEVANT FILES. THE SUBCOMMITTEE, OF COURSE, WOULD RESERVE THE RIGHT TO DETERMINE WHAT MATERIAL IS RELEVANT.

SECONDLY, IT IS NOT CORRECT THAT THE SUBCOMMITTEE IS NOT EXAMINING CARTER WHITE HOUSE FILES. TO THE CONTRARY. IT INTENDS TO INTERROGATE NUMEROUS CARTER OFFICIALS AND EXAMINE RELEVANT FILES IN THEIR POSSESSION.

MORE IMPORTANTLY, MR. FIELDING'S PROPOSAL IS THAT THE SUBCOMMITTEE ACCEPT RECORDS GATHERED BY THE FBI'S SEARCH BEFORE IT REQUESTS ANY FURTHER REVIEW OF THE HOOVER INSTITUTION MATERIALS. THIS PROPOSAL IGNORES THE FACT THAT THE SUBCOMMITTEE HAS INDEPENDENT JURISDICTION IN THIS MATTER AND HAS THE AUTHORITY TO CONDUCT ITS OWN INVESTIGATION.

THERE IS NO LEGAL REQUIREMENT THAT IT TAKE ON WHAT THE FBI
PROVIDES. MOREOVER, THE FBI'S INVESTIGATION INTO CRIMINAL
CONDUCT HAS A NARROWER SCOPE THAN THE SUBCOMMITTEE'S
INVESTIGATION, WHICH MORE BROADLY SEEKS TO DISCOVER
EVIDENCE OF ETHICAL VIOLATIONS BY FEDERAL EMPLOYEES IN
THE EXERCISE OF ITS OVERSIGHT RESPONSIBILITIES AND TO CONSIDER
WHETHER LEGISLATIVE CHANGES ARE NECESSARY. THE SUBCOMMITTEE
CAN HAVE NO ASSURANCES THAT THE FBI WILL ISOLATE AND COPY
ALL OF THE DOCUMENTS IN WHICH THE SUBCOMMITTEE HAS A
LEGITIMATE INTEREST.

I ALSO FIND MR. FIELDING'S PROPOSAL UNACCEPTABLE IN LIGHT OF PRESIDENT REAGAN'S REPEATED STATEMENTS THAT HE WISHES TO COOPERATE WITH ALL INVESTIGATORS. I WOULD HOPE THAT MR. FIELDING AND THE PERSONS FOR WHOM HE SPEAKS WOULD RECONSIDER THE LAST OFFER MADE BY THE SUBCOMMITTEE AND ALLOW ACCESS TO THE HOOVER INSTITUTION FILES THAT IT REQUIRES TO FULFILL ITS LEGAL OBLIGATION. WITHOUT SUCH ACCESS, THE SUBCOMMITTEE WILL BE FORCED TO TAKE FURTHER ACTION TO FULFILL ITS RESPONSIBILITIES. I WOULD HOPE WE HAVE A RESPONSE FROM MR. FIELDING BY NEXT TUESDAY MORNING.

A SUBPEONA IS NOT OUT OF THE QUESTION. IT IS JUST NOT THE QUESTION YET. I WANT TO EXHAUST EVERY POSSIBILITY TO OBTAIN ACCESS TO THOSE RELEVANT DOCUMENTS THROUGH COOPERATION BETWEEN THE PRESIDENT AND THE CONGRESS. THIS WOULD INCLUDE, IF NECESSARY, A PERSONAL MEETING WITH THE PRESIDENT, WHO AS A TRUSTEE OF THE HOOVER FILES COULD GRANT

THE SUBCOMMITTEE THE ACCESS IT NEEDS. .

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THAT SOME HAVE PLACED IN ITS WAY, THE SUBCOMMITTEE IS INTENT
ON FULFILLING SUCH OBLIGATIONS. THE SUBCOMMITTEE HAS
INTERVIEWED APPROXIMATELY A DOZEN WITNESSES AND HAS MADE
PLANS TO INTERVIEW MORE THAN FIFTY ADDITIONAL WITNESSES,
WITH THESE INTERVIEWS BEGINNING IMMEDIATELY.

WE HAVE NOT YET NEGOTIATED DIRECTLY WITH THE

JUSTICE DEPARTMENT TO GAIN ACCESS TO OTHER RELEVANT

INFORMATION THEY MAY HAVE. WE HAVE WAITED ON THESE

DISCUSSIONS BECAUSE OF THE MOVEMENT IN OUR NEGOTIATIONS WITH

THE WHITE HOUSE. THAT PROCEDURE CAN WAIT NO LONGER. I

WILL CONTACT THE JUSTICE DEPARTMENT DIRECTLY TO BEGIN THOSE

NEGOTIATIONS.

THE SUBCOMMITTEE WILL CONTINUE ITS INQUIRY WITH ALL DISPATCH. WE ASK THE PRESIDENT TO LIVE UP TO HIS PROMISES OF COOPERATION AND ALLOW THE SUBCOMMITTEE TO FINISH ITS TASK QUICKLY AND AVOID UNNECESSARY DELAYS AND DISPUTES.



July 12, 1983

The Honorable Fred F. Fielding Counsel to the President The White House Washington, D.C. 20500

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As you know, on July 10 the <u>Washington Post</u> ran a specious story inferring Chuck Crawford (of my staff then and now) told a member of the Carter campaign staff he knew about the debate briefing book.

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Best,

Enclosure



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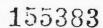
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A Mrs. Mary Jane Echols is at the Northwest Gate w/info on briefing papers and wants to talk to someone - she is returning to Atlanta this evening -

Need guidance:

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June 30, 1983

The Honorable Fred Fielding Counsel to the President The White House Washington D.C. 20500

Dear Mr. Fielding,

Please allow me to introduce myself and express my desire to work very closely with you during the ensuing investigation by Chairman Albosta of the Human Resources Subcommittee of the Post Office and Civil Service Committee.

As General Counsel to the Minority on the full Committee, I shall be coordinating the staff effort on behalf of Mr. Taylor of Missouri who serves as ranking Minority member of the full Committee and Mr. Dan Crane of Illinois and Mr. Gilman of New York, both of whom are members of Chairman Albosta's Subcommittee.

There will most likely prove to be instances where the Chairman and the Majority staff will not share completely with me or my staff their plans or results of certain aspects of the investigation. I do hope however, that I can depend upon the Administration to keep me informed as to the inquiries of the Majority staff and apprised of how I may be of assistance to the Administration.

If I can be of assistance at any time throughout this matter, please do not hesitate to contact me.

Very truly yours,

Stephen R. Hemphill General Counsel to the Minority

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