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THE WHITE HOUSE
WASHINGTON

August 1, 1983

MEMORANDUM FOR THE HONORABLE EDWARD C. SCHMULTS
DEPUTY ATTORNEY GENERAL
DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE

FROM: FRED F. FIELDING 
COUNSEL TO THE PRESIDENT

SUBJECT: Memorandum to Reagan/Bush Campaign Staff
re: Carter Campaign Debate Materials

The following list of names are individuals to whom the above-referenced memorandum was sent but returned as undeliverable. We have been unable to obtain any other addresses.

1. Marti Frucci
3112 Barrington Ave., Apt. 324
Los Angeles, CA 90066
2. Kay Hughes
519 No. Armistead - Apt. 30
Alexandria, VA 22312
Also sent to:
137-58 Juniper Ave., Flushing, NY 11355
3. Carol Musgrove
1922 No. Woodley
Arlington, VA 22207
4. Robert Tourek
5275 Ninth St., NE
Washington, D.C. 20018

cc: Joseph F. Cottis
Federal Bureau of Investigation

THE WHITE HOUSE

WASHINGTON

July 21, 1983

MEMORANDUM FOR THE HONORABLE EDWARD C. SCHMULTS
DEPUTY ATTORNEY GENERAL
DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE

FROM: FRED F. FIELDING
COUNSEL TO THE PRESIDENT

SUBJECT: Memorandum to Reagan/Bush Campaign Staff
Re: Carter Campaign Debate Materials

Attached for your information are the following items:

1. List of individuals to whom the above-referenced memorandum was sent but were returned as undeliverable. We have been unable to obtain any other addresses.
2. List of individuals for whom we have been able to obtain new addresses. The above-referenced memorandum was sent to each individual on this date.

cc: Joseph F. Cottis
Federal Bureau of Investigation

LETTERS TO THE FOLLOWING INDIVIDUALS WERE RETURNED AS
UNDELIVERABLE:

Diane J. Brown
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Washington, D.C. 20015

Edward Curran
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Candy Chimples
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Falls Church, VA 22041

Lori Posin-Sanger
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Washington, D.C. 20037

Debbie Steorts
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Bethesda, MD 20014

Valdeen Watson
Apt. 211
4615 N. Park Ave.
Chevy Chase, MD 20015

Karyn Wellons
8327 Bella Vista Terrace
Oxon Hill, MD 20021

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The Honorable Theodore C. Barreaux
Vice President
American Institute for Certified
Public Accountants
1620 Eye Street, N.W. Suite 900
Washington, D.C. 20006

Mr. Mark Tapscott
Director of Publications
Republican National Committee
310 First Street, S.E.
Washington, D.C. 20003

The Honorable Darrell M. Trent
134 Deer Meadow Lane
Portola Valley, CA 94025

Mr. Matthew D. Smith
1924 N. Sedgwick Street
Chicago, Illinois 60614

Ms. Ann Kosco
5805 Chevy Chase Parkway, N.W.
Washington, D.C. 20015

Ms. Barbara Higgins
Employment Manager
Bata Shoe Company, Inc.
Belcamp, MD 21017

Zandy Gabriels
Rural Delivery 2
Box 642
Altamont, NY

THE WHITE HOUSE
WASHINGTON

July 19, 1983

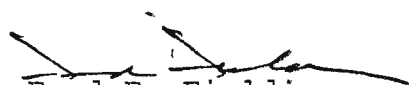
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Dear Messrs. Cottis and Reed:

Attached for your information are copies of letters described as follows:

1. Letter dated 7/18/83 from Edwin Meese III to Congressman Albosta.
2. Letter dated 7/15/83 from Michael K. Deaver to Congressman Albosta.

Sincerely,


Fred F. Fielding
Counsel to the President

Mr. Joseph F. Cottis
Mr. James M. Reed
Federal Bureau of Investigation
1900 Half Street, S.W.
Washington, D.C. 20535

cc: Edward C. Schmults
Deputy Attorney General

THE WHITE HOUSE

WASHINGTON

18 July 1983

The Honorable Donald J. Albosta
Chairman
Subcommittee on Human Resources
Committee on Post Office and Civil Service
U.S. House of Representatives
Washington, D.C. 20515

Dear Mr. Chairman,

This will acknowledge your letter of 7 July 1983 and the request which you made, on behalf of the Human Resources Subcommittee, pertaining to the Presidential Election Campaign of 1980.

To the best of my recollection, I have no knowledge of, and had no participation in, any transactions involving material produced for President Carter or any mechanisms for obtaining such material. Likewise, I have no personal knowledge of the use of any such material by anyone involved in the Campaign.

In response to your further request for the preservation of certain property, please be informed that I have in my possession no documents, records or other materials that would have any bearing on, or relation to, the subject of the inquiry described in your letter.

If I can be of any further assistance to you and the Subcommittee, please do not hesitate to let me know.

Sincerely yours,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Edwin Meece, III". The signature is written in dark ink and is positioned above the printed name and title.

EDWIN MEESE III
Counsellor to the President

cc: The Attorney General

THE WHITE HOUSE
WASHINGTON

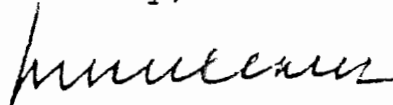
July 15, 1983

Dear Mr. Chairman:

I have read your letter of July 7 and reviewed the requests contained therein. While the requests pertain to events which took place almost three years ago, I have refreshed my recollection to the best extent possible.

Based upon that recollection, a search of any files I might have from that period and a review of documents sent to you by other Administration officials in response to these same or similar questions, I wish to advise you that to the best of my knowledge and recollection at no time during the period involved did I have any direct or indirect knowledge of, or any participation whatever in, any transactions involving material prepared for President Carter. I also wish to advise you that a review of files presently in my possession discloses that I have no records except personal non-substantive memorabilia from the period of time in question.

Sincerely,


MICHAEL K. DEAVER
Assistant to the President
Deputy Chief of Staff

The Honorable Donald J. Albosta
U. S. House of Representatives
Washington, D.C. 20515

cc: The Attorney General

THE WHITE HOUSE

WASHINGTON

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MEMORANDUM FOR THE ATTORNEY GENERAL

As you know, I am determined to get to the bottom of the allegations that members of my campaign staff have possessed illegally obtained campaign materials from the White House or campaign of former President Carter. To that end, I have determined that a prompt and thorough investigation be conducted by the Department of Justice to determine how certain materials came into the possession of my campaign workers, and to determine if any laws were violated and by whom.

Once it became apparent that some Carter materials were found in the possession of some of my campaign workers, the White House Counsel requested that the Hoover Institution review the files of the campaign and transition which were on deposit at that facility, to determine whether any additional documents from the Carter campaign or White House were located there, or if there were any materials which might shed light on the question of the source of these documents. When the Federal Bureau of Investigation became involved in the inquiry, the Hoover Institution was directed by my Counsel that it turn over the results of its file search to the FBI directly.

I have no desire to in any way direct the course of the FBI's investigation or second-guess its investigative program. However, I must observe that in regard to their file search at the Hoover Institution, certain concerns have been expressed as to the security of these files and as to the ultimate acceptability of this current search. Thus, I would appreciate it if you satisfy yourself that these concerns are not justified or that appropriate steps are being promptly taken to obviate them.

Again, let me stress to you my strong direction that this matter be investigated promptly and thoroughly. Likewise, let me again repeat my direction that the Department meet

with Congressman Albosta to work out procedures to provide Congressman Albosta and his Subcommittee access to documents needed for its inquiry. These serious allegations must be resolved; if wrongdoing occurred, it must be discovered and appropriate action taken. The public's confidence must not be shaken and the public must be confident that any wrongdoing will be revealed and dealt with.

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Memorandum to the AG

As you know, I am determined to get to the bottom of the allegations ~~have been made~~ that members of my campaign staff may ^{have possessed} illegally obtained campaign materials from the White House or Campaign ~~of~~ former President Carter. To that end, I ~~have~~ ^{do} directed ^{that} a prompt ^{and thorough} investigation be ~~conducted~~ ^{by the Department of Justice} to determine how certain materials came into the possession of my campaign workers, and to determine if any laws were violated and by whom.

~~In order to~~

~~As part of this investigation, the White House requested the Hoover Institute to review~~

Also, Once it became apparent that some ~~of the~~ ^{Carter} material was in fact in the possession of some of my campaign workers, the White House ~~and~~ requested that ^{the} Hoover Institute ~~to~~ review the files of the campaign and transition which were in deposit at that facility, to determine whether any additional documents from the Carter campaign or White House were located there, and if there were any materials which might shed light on the question of ^{the source of} these documents. ~~Once~~ ^{When} the Federal Bureau of Investigation ^{has been} involved in the inquiry, the Hoover Institute was directed ~~to~~ ^{by my counsel} ~~to~~ ^{that is to turn over} the results of its file search ~~to~~ ^{be turned over} to the FBI directly.

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Again, let me stress to you my strong direction that this matter be investigated promptly, ~~as thorough as these allegations~~ ^{as thorough as these allegations} ~~that~~ ^{that} ~~to~~ ^{to} ~~shake public confidence~~ ^{shake public confidence} ~~if it is needed~~ ^{if it is needed} ~~possibly~~ ^{possibly} and likewise, let me again repeat my direction that the Department meet with Congressman Albosta to work out procedures to

his Subcommittee provide campaign materials to the access to documents never for its info. There is nothing to be said if anything occurred, it must be disclosed. The public's confidence must not be shaken. Examination of appropriate action taken. The public must be confident that any wrongdoing will be revealed and dealt with.

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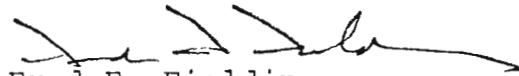
July 11, 1983

Dear Messrs. Cottis and Reed:

The following items are forwarded for your information:

1. Letter dated 6/28/83 from Fred F. Fielding to Edward C. Schmults forwarding a copy of the debate briefing book prepared by the Reagan campaign and copies of the Carter campaign briefing materials forwarded to this office by Patrick H. Caddell. This letter was inadvertently omitted from my letter to you of July 7, 1983 and should have been included at Tab B.
2. Memorandum dated 7/8/83 from Edwin Meese III to The Cabinet and Selected Agency Heads titled "Carter Campaign Debate Materials".
3. Letter dated 7/11/83 from Edwin Meese III to Dr. Glenn Campbell authorizing the release of documents from the Hoover Institution to the Department of Justice.
4. Memorandum dated 7/11/83 from Fred F. Fielding to Marie B. Allen regarding the review of Presidential Archives materials.
5. Letter dated 7/11/83 from Fred F. Fielding to Congressman Donald J. Albosta responding to 6/29/83 letter to the President.

Sincerely,



Fred F. Fielding
Counsel to the President

Mr. Joseph F. Cottis
Mr. James M. Reed
Federal Bureau of Investigation
1900 Half Street, S.W.
Washington, D.C. 20535

cc: Edward C. Schmults
Deputy Attorney General

THE WHITE HOUSE

WASHINGTON

July 11, 1983

Dear Dr. Campbell:

This is to authorize the Hoover Institution, upon the completion of its search of 1980 Presidential campaign and transition office records for any briefing materials prepared for former President Carter's use in the televised debate with President Reagan, to transmit the results of that search directly to the Department of Justice. The Hoover Institution is further authorized to provide representatives of the Department of Justice with access to the above-described documents, if requested, and to permit copying of any document which the Department of Justice deems relevant to its ongoing inquiry.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Edwin Meese III".

Edwin Meese III
Counsellor to the President

Dr. Glenn Campbell
Director
Hoover Institution
Stanford University
Stanford, California 94304

cc: The Attorney General

THE WHITE HOUSE

WASHINGTON

July 11, 1983

Dear Mr. Chairman:

The President has requested that I respond to your letter to him dated June 29, 1983.

In that letter you acknowledge receipt of the materials we provided to you on June 28, and request that we provide you with any additional materials that we supply to the Department of Justice in regard to its investigation of the possible unauthorized acquisition of Carter White House or Campaign material.

As you may be aware, on July 1, 1983, we directed the Hoover Institution to forward the product of its file search directly to the Department of Justice. Thus, the White House has not received and will not be receiving any documents found as a result of that search. However, in accordance with your request, the President has directed that representatives of the Department of Justice meet with you to work out procedures to provide you and your Subcommittee with access to any such materials located in the Hoover Institution or elsewhere to assist you in your investigation while assuring the integrity of the Department of Justice investigation.

Sincerely,

Orig. signed by FFF

Fred F. Fielding
Counsel to the President

The Honorable Donald J. Albosta
U. S. House of Representatives
Washington, D.C. 20510

cc: The Attorney General

THE WHITE HOUSE

WASHINGTON

7/11/83

Copies of FFF 7/11/83 letter to Congr. Albosta
sent via messenger to:

The Attorney General

The Honorable Edward C. Schmults
Deputy Attorney General

The Honorable Daniel B. Crane
U. S. House of Representatives
Room 115 Cannon Building
Washington, D.C. 20510

Original:

The Honorable Donald J. Albosta
U. S. House of Representatives
Room 1434 - Longworth Building
Washington, D.C. 20510

Ken Duberstein's office handled delivery
of two envelopes to the Hill.

15ccs to FFF for Press Office (sig stamped copies)