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THE WHITE HOUSE

WASHINGTON

August 11, 1984

MEMORANDUM FOR ROGER B. CLEGG  
ASSOCIATE DEPUTY ATTORNEY GENERAL

FROM: PETER J. RUSTHOVEN *PJR*  
ASSOCIATE COUNSEL TO THE PRESIDENT

SUBJECT: Letter about Robert Cohen from  
Congressman Benjamin A. Gilman

Congressman Benjamin A. Gilman has written to Chief of Staff and Assistant to the President James A. Baker, III on behalf of one of his constituents, an attorney named Robert Cohen, who needs to move to a warmer climate for health reasons and has solicited the Congressman's help in finding employment. Attached are copies of Congressman Gilman's letter to Mr. Baker, our acknowledgment of that letter and Mr. Cohen's letter to the Congressman.

As we discussed, these are forwarded for your information and such action, referral and further response, if any, as you may think appropriate. We have no information about Mr. Cohen or his experience and qualifications beyond that set forth in the attached letters.

Thanks.

Attachments

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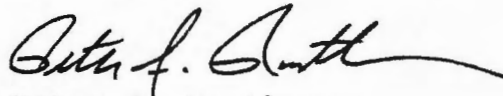
Dear Congressman Gilman:

I wanted to acknowledge and thank you for your recent letter to Chief of Staff and Assistant to the President James A. Baker, III on behalf of Mr. Robert Cohen.

Your strong endorsement of Mr. Cohen, together with a copy of his letter to you describing his legal experience and qualifications, have been called to the attention of appropriate officials of the Department of Justice.

Thank you again for writing.

Sincerely,



Peter J. Rusthoven  
Associate Counsel to the President

The Honorable Benjamin A. Gilman  
United States House of Representatives  
Washington, D.C. 20515

bcc: Katherine Camalier

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Benjamin A. Gilman

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Relocation of Robert Cohen

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TO: FRED FIELDING'S OFFICE

FROM: **KATHERINE CAMALIER**  
*Staff Assistant to*  
*James A. Baker, III*

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Please respond on behalf of  
Jim Baker as you deem appropriate

Thanks.

BENJAMIN A. GILMAN  
22ND DISTRICT, NEW YORK

# Congress of the United States

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Mr. Jim Baker  
Special Assistant to the President  
The White House  
Washington, D.C. 20500

*JIM*  
Dear Mr. Baker:

I would appreciate any assistance you may be able to render to one of my constituents, Robert Cohen of Monticello, New York 12701, who is a young attorney and who has to move to a warmer and drier climate because of an asthmatic condition.

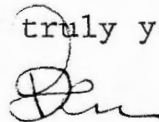
Please note that Robert Cohen has an excellent background, having been a partner in a law firm in Monticello for the past four years and having served as an Assistant County Attorney for Sullivan County, New York, for a two-year period.

I have known Robert and his family for more than twenty years having served with his father in the New York Attorney General's Office for a number of years.

Both Bob and his family enjoy an excellent reputation in their community and it is without hesitation that I recommend him for any position in the public sector that he may be seeking.

Thank you for your kind attention and cooperation.

Very truly yours,



BENJAMIN A. GILMAN  
Member of Congress

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*JIM,  
ANY INTRO'S TO  
CALIF. LAW FIRMS  
WOULD BE WELCOME,  
Ben*

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IRA J. COHEN  
ROBERT S. COHEN

MALVIN A. COHEN (1915-1981)

May 31, 1984

Congressman Benjamin Gilman  
223 Route 59  
Monsey, New York 10952

Dear Congressman Gilman:

Your assistance on my behalf is greatly appreciated. The following information is offered to give insight into my background and present situation.

I hold a Bachelor of Science degree with a major in political science from the State University of New York at New Paltz. Thereafter, I participated in the clerkship program, reading law, sponsored by the New York State Court of Appeals. I was admitted to practice before the Bar in 1979 and, since 1980, I have been a partner in the firm of Cohen Law Offices of Monticello, New York.

I have handled matters in most all areas of law. Quantitatively, they include entertainment, family law, civil practice, as well as many forms of the real estate practice, including land transactions, residential, commercial, mobile home parks, apartments and joint ventures.

As Assistant County Attorney for Sullivan County from January of 1981 through October of 1982, I had experience in legal practice in the public sector, focussing on Family Court matters, Social Services matters, condemnation proceedings, as well as numerous other County matters.

The organizations I belong to include the New York State Bar Association, the American Bar Association, the New York State Trial Lawyers Association, and the International Narcotics Enforcement Officers Association.

As we discussed, my relocation is predicated solely out of necessity due to my severe allergic sensitivity to my present environment. My physicians, therefore, have recommended a dryer, more stable climate in an effort to maintain optimum health.

I do not make this move lightly, as I leave behind a close family and a substantial, well-built practice.

Thanking you again for your considerations, I remain

Respectfully yours,

ROBERT S. COHEN

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