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THE COUNSELLOR TO THE PRESIDENT

18 February 1984

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The Honorable Orrin G. Hatch United States Senate Washington, D.C. 20510

Dear Orrin:

This morning I read your letter to the Washington Post on the Constitutional Convention. As usual, you did an outstanding job in articulating a very important defense of this provision of the Constitution, particularly your affirmation that ultimate political power must belong to the citizens of this country.

Your reference to the people and the states having a role in Constitutional change, in the perspective of the judicial changes that have taken place over the years, was a very telling point.

I'm sure many others will join me in expressing gratitude to you for coming out with such a fine statement,

Best personal wishes,

Sincerely,

Edwin Meese III

# It's a Constitutional Right

My, how the stakes have risen. It used to be that critics of the constitutional convention amendment procedure were satisfied to argue that a convention would lead to a "constitutional crisis." Now, according to Melvin Laird ["James Madison Wouldn't Approve," op-ed, Feb. 13], such a convention would "totally alter our way of life," disrupt our foreign policy interests, weaken the dollar and create an international global crisis.

Why don't we all step back for just a moment and assay what it is we are talking about here. We are not talking about some extra-constitutional proposal or about suspending parts of the Bill of Rights or about postponing our periodic exercises in mass suffrage.

Rather, we are talking about the provisions of Article V of the Constitution—the amending clause. The first allows twothirds of each house of Congress to propose an amendment subject to ratification by three-fourths of the states. The second, less well known, allows two-thirds of the states to call a convention that may propose an amendment, again subject to ratification by three-fourths of the states.

The principal reason for including the latter method was to ensure that the states could at any time initiate a constitutional amendment, however opposed to it the Congress might be. Particularly in the case of proposed amendments to restrict or better define the powers of Congress, it was considered unlikely that the legislative branch would be receptive to calls for change.

The controversy over the balanced budget constitutional amendment illustrates perfectly the intended role of the state-initiated amendment. The idea of a balanced budget amendment has been part of the public debate for at least several decades. It is one that has drawn consistently high levels of support among state legislators and, according to public opinion polls, the people generally.

Does this necessarily make the amendment a good idea? Of course not. But the balanced budget amendment has never even been accorded a respectful hearing by Congress until the past three years, when the current call for a constitutional convention heated up. Clearly, it is only because of the "specter" of the convention call that the U.S. Senate during the last Congress approved the amendment by a two-thirds vote (with the House subsequently voting in the majority for the measure, but falling short of a two-thirds vote.).

Members of Congress have traditionally argued that such an amendment would be

too "rigid," that it would "straitjacket Congress in its fiscal responsibilities and that it would set up "inflexible" budgetary procedures. To many, including state legislators (the overwhelming number of whom conduct their legislative business within a balanced budget constraint), this sounded much like any other institution of government attempting to justify a somewhat calcified status quo in the face of manifestly reasonable proposals for change. To some, it appeared a classic instance of what the Founders were concerned about preventing ---- a recalcitrant Congress standing perpetually in the way of widely supported changes to its own constitutional authority.

I must confess that I find it at least slightly ironic that so much opposition to the idea of a convention (as distinct from the idea of a balanced budget amendment, for example) has come from those so fervently committed to populist and hyper-democratic rhetoric. Such individuals seem to be so very much more comfortable with changes in the meaning of the Constitution effected by a small core of well-educated, upper-middle-class lawyers, also known as federal judges. When such judges sit as a "continuing constitutional convention" and issue decisions, representing major departures in constitutional policy in such areas as abortion, racial quotas and school prayer, their wisdom is commended. They are subject to tributes and encomiums for understanding the need for a "living" and "growing" and "evolving" Constitution.

When, however, the citizenry, in a genuinely grass-roots effort, attempts to make use of its express constitutional authority by engaging in one of the quintessential exercises in participatory democracy set forth by the Constitution, we are subject to doomsday rhetoric and dire predictions of domestic and international disaster.

It is occasionally sobering to some in American government to learn that it is really the citizenry, not Congress, that is the responsible party in our political system. If any institution threatens to "run away" from its proper role within our constitutional system, it is less likely to be the people through a well-structured constitutional convention than a Congress unable to discipline its own fiscal practices. If there is anything that can now be characterized as "runaway," it is the rhetoric in opposition to the constitutional convention process.

from Utah.

-Orrin G. Hatch The writer is a Republican senator 18 FEB 1984

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#### May 23, 1984

#### Dear Norm:

Thank you for your May 10 letter on behalf of Mr. Austin Cannon, Jr., who requested information on the government's bicentennial celebration of the U.S. Constitution.

On September 29, 1983, President Reagan established a Commission to "coordinate the commemoration of the bicentennial of the Constitution." Although members have not yet been chosen, this Commission will coordinate further plans for the celebration. I would suggest that once the staff members have been chosen you contact them for further information.

I have enclosed a copy of the press release announcing the establishment of the Commission by the President. I hope this information is of help to Mr. Cannon.

With best wishes,

Sincerely,

M. B. Oglesby, Jr. Assistant to the President

The Honorable Norman F. Lent House of Representatives Washington, D.C. 20515

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Enclosure: 09/29/83 press release

NORMAN F. LENT 4TH DISTRICT, NEW YORK

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Congress of the United States House of Representatives Washington, D.C. 20515

May 10, 1984

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Mr. M. B. Oglesby Assistant to the President for Legislative Affairs The White House Washington, D.C. 20500

Dear B.:

Enclosed please find a copy of a letter which I have received from Mr. Austin Cannon, Jr., North Bellmore, New York.

As you will note, Mr. Cannon is a member of the Fourth Degree of the Knights of Columbus and its membership is currently involved in developing a program to celebrate the Bicentennial of the writing and adoption of the U.S. Constitution. Mr. Cannon is interested in obtaining any information regarding the government's plans for a celebration of this event. Any information which you could provide pertaining to Mr. Cannon's request would be appreciated.

Thank you for your kind attention to this matter. I look forward to hearing from you.

With best wishes I remain,

Sincefelv NORMAN F. LENT

Member of Congress

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# Knights of Columbus

Fourth Degree SAINT ISAAC JOGUES S.J. PROVINCE Ninth New York District CARLTON E. BERNTSEN Secretary to the Master 2713 Fox Road Baldwin, New York 11510 516 868-0004

May 1, 1984

Norman F. Lent, M.C. U.S. House of Representatives 2228 Rayburn Building Washington, D.C. 20515

Dear Congressman Lent,

In 1987-1988 the United States will celebrate the Bicentennial of the writing and adoption of the United States Constitution. I would assume that the United States Government will sponsor some type of celebration to recognize this most historic event in the life of our country.

The Fourth Degree of the Knights of Columbus is dedicated to the principle of Patriotism and as such is interested in developing a program for its membership that will recognize the anniversary of the Constitution and showcase the importance of this document in our lives as citizens of our country.

In preparing a program for our membership we would like to be aware of any plans that the U.S. Government might have for the Constitutional Bicentennial Celebration. I would therefore request any information that might be available now or in the future for this event. Any help would be appreciated.

Thanking you for your time and consideration, I am,

Sincerely yours, an lite Gunnel

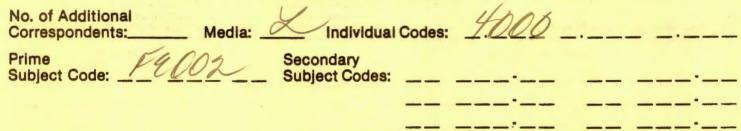
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President Of The United States Mr. Ronald Regan 1600 Pennsylvania Avenue NW Washington, D.C.

Dear Mr. President,

I am a concerned American, Iwant to do the right thing. Several years ago I swore to uphold and defend THE CONSTITUTION OF THE UNITED STATES OF AMERICA. Like most people in this Country I have been too busy tring to earn a living, without special privileges, to read and study OUR CONSTITUTION. I have been taking my rights and liberties for granted, until now.

For my own peace of mind I need to find some answers to several questions and in my attempt to find these answers I am sending a copy of this letter to: Governor Mark White, Congressman Jack Fields, Senator John Towers, Supreme Court Justice Brennen and Channel 11 News Judd Mcflvain. I'm also sending a copy of a letter I received from the Internal Revenue Service, of which I have underlined part of the (4) fourth paragraph.

The questions pertain to the most important document in the HISTORY of our COUNTRY or any other FREE country, the questions are as follows:

(1) Is THE CONSTITUTION OF THE UNITED STATES OF AMERICA the SUPREME LAW of the land?

(2) IS THE CONSTITUTION OF THE UNITED STATES binding upon all Americans in the United States?

(3) Who takes the OATH to uphold and defend THE CONSTITUTION OF THE UNITED STATES?

(4) Is Artical I Section 10 of THE CONSTITUTION OF THE UNITED STATES binding upon the States?

(5) What is the MONEY of account?

THE BILL OF RIGHTS

(A) A well regulated Militia, being necessary to the security of a free State, the right of the people to keep and bear Arms, shall not be infringed. ARTICAL II

(B) The right of the people to be secure in their persons, houses, papers, and effects, against unreasonable searches and seizures, shall not be violated, and no Warrants shall issue, but upon probable cause, supported by Oath or affirmation, and particularly describbing the place to be searched, and the persons or things to be seized. ARTICAL IV.

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(C) No person shall be held to answer for a capital, or otherwise infamous crime, unless on a presentment or indictment of a Grand Jury, except in cases arising in the land or naval forces, or in the Militia, when in actual service in time of War or public danger; nor shall any person be subject for the same offence to be twice put in jeopardy of life or limb; nor shall be compelled in any criminal case to be a witness against himself, nor be deprived of life, liberty, or property, without due process of law; nor shall private property be taken for public use without just compensation. ARTICAL V.

(D) In all criminal prosecutions, the accused shall enjoy the right to a speedy and public trial, by an impartial jury of the State and district wherein the crime shall have been committed, which district shall have been previously ascertained by law, and to be informed of the nature and cause of the accusation; to be confronted with the witnesses against him; to have compulsory process for obtaining witnesses in his favor, and to have the assistance of Counsel for his defence. ARTICAL VI.

The question reguarding THE BILL OF is: Are they binding on our LAW officers and judges?

The real questions are (2) two realitively simple ones. How do I as an individual receive the protection GUARNTEED by THE CONSTITUTION OF THE UNITED STATES OF AMERICA and THE BILL OF RIGHTS? Why are the Elected Officals allowed to ignore the individual's rights and liberties?

I shall expect to receive your true, correct, and complete response, at which time I hope to be sufficiently informed.

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Date

Channel 11 Mr. Judd McTlvain 1945 Allen Fkwy. Eouston, Texas 77001

Dear Mr. Judd McTivain,

I am not a TAX DODGER or TAX EVADER. Some years ago, when I entered the Armed Forces, I took an Oath to uphold and defend THE CONSTITUTION OF THE UNITED STATES OF AMERICA, and I was not released from that Oath.

The purpose of these letters is to get our Government and it's elected Officals to HONCR what our forefathers fought and died for, YOU, ME and the rest of the AMERCIAN PECPLE.

From all I have read about the HISTORY of our COUNTRY, the beginning, unjust laws and heavy tax burdens caused our separation from the mother country, England. THE CONSTITUTION OF THE UNITED STATES OF AMERICA was drawn up as THE SUPREME LAW OF THE LAND and its purpose was not to enslave us, but to protect us.

It has been said that by the year 2,000 A.D. (87) eighty-seven per cent of our wages will go to taxes. Wages are not income yet I am taxed on my gross wages on the Federal level, again when I buy gasoline, tabacco, pop or beer and again when I buy clothing.

I will not get into our JUDICIAL SYSTEM where we are innocent after we prove our innocents and your juriors are told by the JUDGE what is or is not law. Nor will I get into how we are forced into giving witness against ourselves.

THE CONSTITUTION OF THE UNITED STATES OF AMERICA begins: "We, the People of the United States, in Order to form a more perfect Union, establish Justice, insure donestic T ranquillity, provide for the common defence, promote the general Welfare, and secure the Blessings of Liberty to ourselves and our Prosterity, do ordain and establish this Constitution for the United States of the first America."

The separation (division) of POWERS; Executive, Legislative and Judicial branches were set up as a check and balance, so that no one person or group of persons could have complete dominion over "We the People".

THE BILL OF RIGHTS: Furthers the individual's rights; PREAMBLE- "The conventions of a number of the States having at the time of their adopting the Constitution expressed a desire, in order to prevent misconstruction or abuse of its powers that further declaratory and restrictive clauses should be added: And as extending the ground of public confidence in the Government, will best insure the beneficient ends of its institution." I am enclosing a copy of letters I have written to: The Fresident of the United States, Governor Mark White, Congressman Jack Fields, Senator John Towers and Supreme Court Justice Brennen, I am also including (2) letters I received from the Internal Revenue Service.

The Internal Revenue Service's POWER is awesome; they take your home, property and bank account without due process of the law.

I am asking you, Mr. Judd Mcglvain, to take some time to read the letters I am enclosing and give some thought to the questions. You should have a research department at your disposal, that could give me the answers to some of, if not all of, my questions. Newspaper clippings, court cases reguarding Constitutional Law and Taxation and interviews with Officals.

I have (2) questions just for you and they are as follows: A. When was our present tax structure adopted? B. Was Artical XVI (Amendment) to the Constitution ever ratified and if so, when?

I want to thank you for your consideration and help in this very important matter and I do appreciate whatever knowledge you can give me.

Truly yours,

Signature

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Gentlemen:

This letter is being sent to the following people: The President of the United States, Supreme Court Justice-Mr. Brennen, Senator-John Towers, Congressman-Jack Fields, Governor of Texas-Mark White and Channel 11 News-Mr. Judd McIlvain.

These letters are letters of Inquiry, although I am not totally uneducated, I plead ignorance.

First, let me say that I am not a Tax Dodger or Tax Evader, however, I am not a property owner (real estate) nor do I earn a living off the sweat of other men.

Second, I am proud to be an American, I served in the Armed Forces; said good-bye to my Loved ones a half a dozen times thinking I would never see them again.

I do not have the funds to go to Washington, D.C. to research The Constitution of the United States of America, therefore, I am asking You, people who should know.

I have had the occasion read THE CONSTITUTION OF THE UNITED STATES OF AMERICA, Sections of the United States Code - Title 26 and other lititure, which gives me cause for questioning past and future practices.

I found an artical in the Houston Chronical, newspaper, where Mr. Egger, cheif of I.R.S. uses the term Voluntary Payment Of Federal Income Taxes. I have other copies of letters claiming the same. I understand that our taxation today started as a victory tax during WW II as a voluntary victory tax which all Americans voluntarily paid.

I am charging each and every elected or appointed Offical with upholding THE CONSTITUTION OF THE UNITED STATES OF AMERICA and to stand by their CATH of OFFICE. THE CONSTITUTION OF THE UNITED STATES OF AMERICA begins: "We, the People of the United States, in Order to form a more perfect Union, establish Justice, insure domestic Tranquility, provide for the common defence, promote the general Welfare, and secure the Blessings of Liberty to ourselves and our Posterity, do ordain and establish this Constitution for the United States of America." Gentelmen, We are the <u>Posterity</u> of our forefathers.

Does the President of the United States take the following Oath before entering said Office: "I do solemnly swear (or affirm) that I will faithfully execute the Office of President of the United States, and will to the best of my Ability, preserve, protect and defend the Constitution of the United States."? Do other Elected or Appointed Officals take simular Oaths?

Is the Separation of Powers Effective?

Is the States Bound by first the Constitution of the United States and then the States Constitution?

How close are we to becoming a Nation under Dictatorship or becoming a Police state?

Why do I have to ask for the Protection that my forefathers fought and died for?

. Why can't we go into a court room and tell a Judge in our own words, our side of the story, without a paid laywer, and get justice?

Why do Police officers hide over a rise in the road, hidden by trees, between parked car's and other little tricks to shoot passing cars with radar, pull one over and ticket that driver for speeding, when most everyone was also speeding?

Why is an Officer's word (Police) taken over the word of a Citizen's?

A Police officer is human, earns a living, is promoted or demoted because of Job performance; arrest and conviction record, so from time to time he may streach the Truth. Some people call that a lie.

Why is an individual required to take a breathalyzer for D.W.I., when that is against the Fifth Amendment to the Constitution? I have never been stoped, arrested or convicted for D.W.I..

My personal belief is easier convictions and more revenue for cities and states and once again it is the tax payer gets the short end.

Was Articale XVI of the Constitution of the United States ever ratified?

Where does the Internal Revenue Service derive its Supreme Power?

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How can the Internal Revenue Service take your Property without Due Process of the Law?

Is the Internal Revenue Service a part of the United States Federal Government?

I do not agree that every working man, woman and child earning wages over X amount, owes Federal Income Tax. Working to provide housing, food, clothing and other needs is not a Privilege; but a Right and need for survival. If I owned investment property or invested my wages and received a gain from those investments then I would be liable for Federal Income Tax.

Is the Federal Reserve Bank a part of the Federal Government?

What is the Money of Account of the United States of America?

It is said that by the turn of the century 85% of wages will go for taxes and my question is: What will make us different from other countries where the people work for the Government?.

I shall expect to receive your true, correct and complete response, at which time I hope to be sufficiently informed.

Truly yours,

Signature\_\_\_\_

Name Lannie D. Burlingame

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City, State Porter, Texas 77365

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Office of the Deputy Assistant Attorney General Washington, D.C. 20530

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Robert Previdi 20 La Farge Lane Manhasset, New York 11030

Dear Mr. Previdi:

The White House has forwarded to this Office your letter of June 15, 1984 concerning the repeal of the Twenty-Second Amendment. For the moment, however, President Reagan is concentrating on re-election to a second term. We note, moreover, that the Executive has no formal legal role in the amendment process prescribed by Article V of the Constitution. This is not to say that the President is precluded from proposing constitutional amendments that he deems wise or expedient. Nevertheless, as you explained in your article, "[t]he best way to [consider repeal of the Twenty-Second Amendment] is to ask your senators and congressmen to act."

We thank you for sharing your ideas with us.

Sincerely,

Robert B. Shanks Deputy Assistant Attorney General Office of Legal Counsel THE WHITE HOUSE OFFICE

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#### Robert Previdi 20 La Farge Lane Manhasset New York 11030

June 15, 1984

Honorable James A. Baker III Chief of Staff The White House 1600 Pennsylvania Avenue Washington, D.C. 20500

Dear Mr. Baker:

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I'm sure repeal of the 22nd Amendment is the last thing on your mind. However, I believe it's an illogical amendment and should be repealed.

Here is an article I wrote for the <u>Presidential Studies</u> Quarterly which explains my logic.

From an historical perspective, repeal of the 22nd Amendment might be an excellent issue for President Reagan to push in his second term. If it works, he can go down in history for another accomplishment like the economic revolution of his first administration.

Please let me know if I can help in any way.

Sincerely,

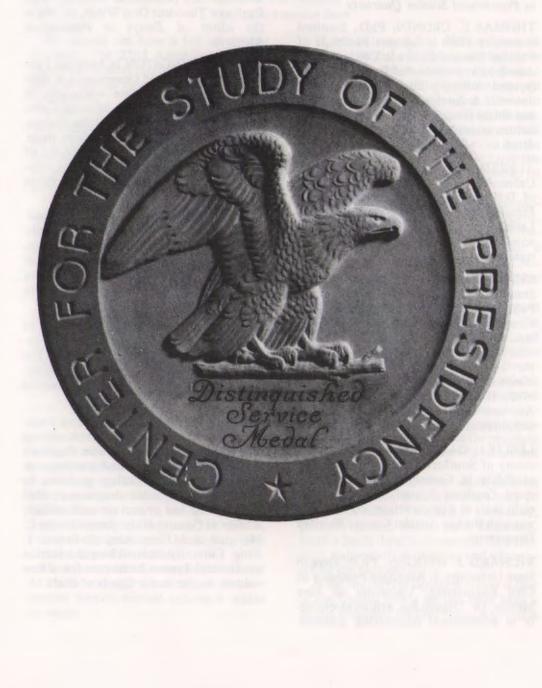
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### GUEST EDITORIAL

### WHY DO WE LIMIT THE DEMOCRATIC PROCESS ONLY WHEN IT COMES TO THE PRESIDENCY?

#### by

ROBERT PREVIDI Senior Vice President European American Bank

We should not have a law to prevent freedom. The 22nd Amendment to the Constitution does this by limiting the people's ability to elect who they want for President.

There is nothing more important in a democracy than to be able to elect to office the person "we the people" choose and for as long as we want. In the final analysis, the ability to elect freely is the crucial element of freedom.

If they were alive today, George Washington, Thomas Jefferson, Dwight D. Eisenhower and even Franklin D. Roosevelt could not be elected President no matter what the people wanted. This does not make sense. Either we believe in our system of checks and balances or we don't.

Interestingly enough, anybody, including ex-presidents, can be elected and re-elected without limit to the Senate and House of Representatives and even be appointed to the Supreme Court for life. However, the people are now forbidden by law to re-elect their President more than once-no matter what threat faces the country or how well the job is being done.

The unsoundness and illogic of the 22nd Amendment is shown by the fact that when the people would have reelected President Eisenhower in 1960, he was prevented from running – not because of his record – but because of a law. As he said to General Lyman Lemnitzer at the time, "Think of it, I'm the only person in the country who can't be elected President."

How can we let this situation continue? At a time when good leaders are rare, our current narrow-minded approach makes no sense. If this is truly a free country, then we should abolish the 22nd Amendment to the Constitution, which limits the President to two terms. Repeal of the 22nd Amendment would enable the people – not a law – to elect and re-elect to the Presidency the person they want. If this is done, we would again be a true democracy. We can do this with full confidence, because we know the system of checks and balances works so well.

Not only is the two-term limit undemocratic, it is also dangerous and inefficient. For example, there are enormous consequences resulting from the fact that a President elected for a second term immediately becomes a lame duck on the day of his or her election.

In the give and take of politics there is nothing worse than being a lame duck. The Presidency is primarily a political job. And a lame duck President cannot be effective in dealing with Congress and the bureacracy. Think of the consequences of this simple fact: The leader of the executive branch of the government and the one person elected to speak for all the people cannot be a strong leader because the people in the bureaucracy know they will be around when he's gone.

A related problem is that senior officials in the Executive Branch average only 20 months in office. This lack of continuity, partially caused by the term limitation, further limits the effectiveness of the President, particularly in directing and administering the bureaucracy.

What the current situation means is that in the United States we can only have a strong President for four years. And this is why we have so many stops, starts and inconsistencies in our national policy. In addition, as most good managers know, four years is a very short time to achieve truly lasting progress.

The same logic goes for foreign affairs. Both our enemies and our allies know when they deal with a second term President that he or she will not be around for long. This limitation is illogical, dangerous, and must be ended.

The concept that in a free democracy the people cannot be trusted to elect their leader is incomprehensible. How can this be justified? Are the people just not smart enough? When it comes to the Presidency, is limited freedom better than total freedom? Why did Congress pass the 22nd Amendment? And why was it ratified by the states? When the Amendment was proposed, shortly after the administration of Franklin D. Roosevelt, many in Congress were still reacting negatively and quite strongly to the fact that FDR had been elected four times.

Advocates of the two-term limit wanted to make certain that we would never again have the opportunity to allow one person to govern the country indefinitely. Underlying their concern was the fear that a strong President, not limited to a specific number of years in office, would usurp the powers of government.

In the political climate of those times, Congress overlooked the fact that the men who originally wrote the Constitution trusted the people and our system of checks and balances. The fact is that amending the Constitution at any time is a serious issue. It certainly should only be done after great thought and, most important, after the heat of any issue has died down. Surely one year after Roosevelt's death was not enough time to begin the process of thoughtful evaluation.

Those who passed the 22nd Amendment forgot that FDR was elected freely by the people who had the wisdom not to change a leader they believed in during a time of great peril. That trust in the people, built into the Constitution at the birth of our nation, still makes sense today.

Think of it - now, no matter how great the threat, no matter what the people want, the electorate cannot choose to keep someone in office who has a proven record of success.

Some are even urging that the President be limited to just one term. This misguided notion has gone so far that now we even have a commission of presitgious public figures planning to recommend the idea of a single six-year term.

This is a bad idea because it's based on the concept that for some reason the power or ability of the President to function freely must be further limited. It's one thing to consider lengthening the presidential term, but this should have nothing to do with the freedom of the people to re-elect who they want for as long as they want.

My argument is that because of the system of checks and balances the President's power is already limited by the Congress and the courts and by the ability of the people to choose who they want and vote out who they don't want.

What the 22nd Amendment has done is tip the balance of power in favor of Congress and the courts. This is certainly not what the founding fathers intended. They wanted the system of checks and balances to be equal among the three branches of government. The facts are that by limiting, in contradiction to the Constitution, one of the three branches, we have gone against our fundamental principles.

The current imbalance is a threat to the health and future of this great country of ours. Let's re-think what we have done and return the power of our democracy to the people. The best way to do this is to ask your senators and congressmen to act.

Tell them "we the people" want our freedom back.

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28 AUG 1984

Mrs. Joyce M. Flott 1405 Bracher Houston, TX 77055

Dear Mrs. Flott:

This is in response to your letter to the President of August 6, 1984, concerning your ancestor, Benjamin Rush, not mentioned in the mural of the Declaration of Independence.

The two murals by Barry Faulkner in the Rotunda of the National Archives represent "The Declaration of Independence" and "The Constitution." Although the portraiture for both murals was based on authentic picutures and busts, the mythical scenes do not portray a real event or moment in time. "The Declaration of Independence" shows twenty-eight delegates to the Continental Congress of 1776, only twenty-six of whom signed the Declaration. Of the fifty-six delegates who signed the Declaration, thirty are not shown in the mural including, unfortunately, Benjamin Rush. Enclosed is a copy of the key to the mural which you may find interesting.

We appreciate your careful attention to our displays and hope you will visit the National Archives again soon.

Sincerely

G. N. SCABOO Deputy Archivist of the United States

Enclosure



### THE DECLARATION OF NDEPENDENCE

Mural by Barry Faulkner



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7.	John Dickinson	Pennsylvania	16.	John Adams	Massachusetts	26.	Francis Hopkinson	New Jerney
8.	Abraham Clark	New Jerney	11.	Robert R. Livingston	New York	27.	George Wythe	Virginia
9.	William Ellery	Rhode Island	18.	Benjamin Franklin	<b>Penney Ivania</b>	28.	William Floyd	New York
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This mural shows twenty-eight delegates to the Continental Congress of 1776--twenty-six of whom signed the Declaration. John Dickinson and Robert R. Livingston did not sign.

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The President White House Washington, D. C.

Dear Mr. President:

Quite some time ago I wrote the National Archives and received no reply. Then I re-wrote to them the attached letter, and do not ask me why, but today they mailed me the attached form and returned my letter to me.

I still want an answer to my attached letter and wonder if you can help?

I am very concerned about the caliber of clerks we apparently have in government offices. I definitely want a return to quality personnel instead of always having to satisfy some quota, whether the people are capable of performing their jobs or not.

Thanking you in advance and I do think a signer of the Declaration of Independence deserves his name alongside his fellow signers.

With every good wish, I am

Sincerely yours,

(Mrs.) Joyce M. Flott 1405 Bracher Houston, Texas 77055

Attachment

July 26, 1984

Director National Archives Washington, D. C.

Dear Sir:

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Quite some time ago we visited Washington D. C. and visited the National Archives.

While there I viewed the great picture of the signers of the Declaration of Independence and was most disturbed to discover my great, great, great (I don't know how many greats.) grandfather's name was not mentioned. That is Benjamin Rush, one of the delegates from Pennsylvania.

I wrote about this matter right after our return home but never even received a reply. Has this been corrected? With every good wish, I am

Sincerely yours,

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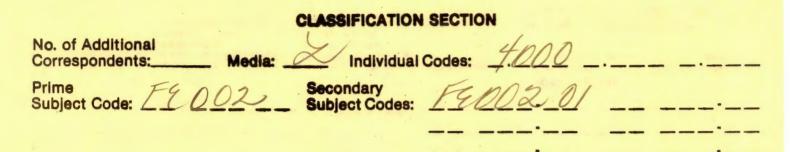
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The President The White House Washington, D.C.

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Dear Mr. President:

This is an unusual letter but I assure you a it sincere one. I hope the staffer who reade it will to someone who can provide the answer. Under the U.S. Constitution, the Congress makes the laws and the President either approves them or disapproves them. Further, article 2, Section 3 says, in part," he shall take care that the laws be faithfully executed." That is my problem. after Congress has made a law, which creates a new program or department and it is approved by the President, and funds are appropriated, is it the responsibility of the President to appoint some one to head and staff it and be reaponsible for the administration thereof! Thank you, Respectfully submitted Trank J. Kranta

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### November 5, 1984

Dear Mr. Fontana:

Mr. Deaver has indicated your interest to me in serving on the Commission for the Bicentennial of the Constitution.

Many qualified people have contacted us regarding their desire to serve on this Commission and I will be happy to add your credentials to the others being given consideration.

Thank you for your willingness to serve President Reagan.

Yours truly,

John S. Herrington Assistant to the President for Presidential Personnel

Mr. Philip Fontana 203 Main Road Montville, N.J. 07045

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WASHINGTON

October 22, 1984

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Dear Mr. Fontana:

Your October 18, 1984 letter to Mr. Deaver has arrived at the White House. Mr. Deaver is now traveling with the President.

I want you to know I will have your correspondence awaiting him upon his return. I'm sure he would want me to thank you for letting him know of your interest in an appointment to the Bicentennial Committee of the U.S. Constitution. Please be assured your credentials will be given every condideration. You should expect to hear from John Herrington, Director of Presidential Personnel in the near future regarding your appointment.

Thank you again for writing and letting Mr. Deaver know of your interest in serving the Administration.

Sincerely, 1 Lidu

Gail W. Ledwig Staff Assistant to Michael K. Deaver

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Mr. Philip Fontana 203 Main Road Montville, N.J. 07045

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203 Main Road Montville, N.J. 07045 October 18, 1984

Mr. Michael K. Deaver The White House 1600 Pennsylvania Avenue Washington, D.C.

Dear Mr. Deaver:

I would like to be considered for appointment to the Bicentennial Committee of the U.S. Constitution. The President has signed legislation to create the Committee. To my knowledge, the Committee has yet to be appointed.

I am a secondary school history teacher in New Jersey. I have taught the U.S. Constitution for a decade to middle school students and have written my own curriculum materials on the Constitution.

My credentials are enclosed for review.

Best wishes for November 6th.

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Yours truly. Contaria

Philip Fontana

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Professional Objective

A position on the Bicentennial Committee of the U.S. Constitution.

### Personal

Born: Jeteber 13, 1946	Marital Status: Married 9/2/72
Health: excellent	Home owner: an 1884 Dutch-Colonial
Height: 5'9"	Dependents: 3 sons
Weight: 145 lbs.	Military: Vietnam veteran

### Education

Seton Hall University, South Orange, supervision & administration certifications, 30 credits, completed Dec. 1976, GPA 4.0 (A+).
Drew University, Madison, MA degree, 1974, Political Science, political theory specialization, GPA 4.0 (A+); a bound copy of the thesis, <u>Obscanity and Public Policy: Striking A Balance Between Freedom and Public Order</u>, is available on loan at the Drew University Library.
Fairleigh Dickenson University, Madison, teacher certification program, social studies, K-12, completed May 1973, GPA 4.0 (A+).
wayne State University Law School, Detroit, Michigan, Sept 1968 to Feb 1969, one semester completed, no grades before two semesters.
Rutgers-The State University, New Brunswick, BA degree, 1968, History Major, GPA 2.9 (B), Class Rank 353rd of 1000, Dean's List, Head Dormitory Preceptor, Rutgers Glee Club President.
Paranus High School, graduated 1964, GPA A+, Class Rank top 10% of 360, National Honor Society, Citizenship Award, Student Government President, Cross Country Captain.

### Experience

- Middle School Teacher, March 1974-present, 7th & 8th grade social studies, Ridgedale School, Florham Park, N.J., advisor for Student Council & Intramurals, 7th Grade Level Team Leader, T & E District Steering Committee member, and member of various staff and district committees. Elementary School Teacher, Sept 1972-June 1973, 7th & 8th grade social studies, Holy Family School, Florham Park, N.J.
  - Elementary School Teacher, Feb-June 1972, 5th grade all subjects, (leave of absence for military duty), Feb-June 1969, 6th grade all subjects, Cleveland School, Central Ward, Newark, N.J.
  - U.S. Army, Aug 7, 1969-Aug 6, 1971, duty assignments in South Vietnam & Fort Dix, N.J., Specialist 4, military policeman and statistical clerk, Bronze Star Medal recipient.
  - As a student held a variety of summer jobs, travelled extensively through Europe, Asia, & Australia.

### Publications

"Moral Persuasion: The Administrator/Manager In New Jersey's Municipalities, <u>New Jersey Municipalities</u>, June 1974, pp. 21-20.

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Additional professional leadership positions:

Middle States Assembly, representative and subcommittee chairman

Social Studies Curriculum Workshop, chairman

Seventh Grade Team, chairman

School Discipline Committee, recorder

T & E District Steering Committee, member

T & E Research Subcommittee, chairman

Social Studies Curriculum Evaluation Committee, member

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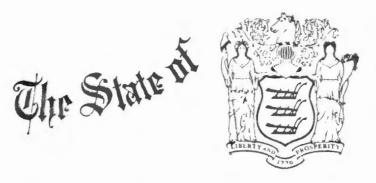
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