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June 7, 1985

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NOTE TO AL KINGON:

Don is prepared to sign the attached memo. I would appreciate your thoughts before he does so. Many thanks.

Emily S. DeRocco

Emily S. DeRocco
Assistant to the Secretary
& Director of External Affairs

Attachment

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this merits Presidential
attention at this time.
Perhaps it should be sent
direct to OMB as they will
be requesting a small
appropriation

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Emily DeRocco advised by phone
that OMB should receive memo directly
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Bicentennial of the U.S. Constitution - 1989



THE SECRETARY OF THE INTERIOR
WASHINGTON

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MEMORANDUM FOR THE PRESIDENT

FROM: SECRETARY OF THE INTERIOR

SUBJECT: BICENTENNIAL OF THE U.S. CONSTITUTION -- 1989

The Nation will celebrate the bicentennial of its Constitution in 1989. Federal support for celebration activities is not only desirable but also a certainty. During the monumental bicentennial of the Declaration of Independence, the Department of the Interior, mostly through the National Park Service, played a major role in celebration events.

Because the Constitution represents the very basic values upon which America was founded, we believe its 200th anniversary merits special attention and active participation by your Administration which has stood for a renewal of support for our traditional values.

The National Park Foundation (a private, nonprofit organization chartered by Congress to provide private sector support for the enhancement of the National Park System) has recommended the rehabilitation of Federal Hall National Memorial in New York City and establishment within that building of "We, The People: The Museum of American Constitutional Government."

The Federal Hall site is proposed because it commemorates a series of seminal events in America's quest for freedom and democracy:

- the 1735 trial of John Peter Zenger which marked the notion of freedom of the press in America;
- the Stamp Act Congress in 1765;
- the 1789 swearing in of George Washington and John Adams, members of the first Cabinet, Supreme Court, House of Representatives and the Senate under the Constitution; and,
- also in 1789, House and Senate debate, passage and submission to the States for ratification of the first amendments which became the Bill of Rights.

The "We, The People" Museum is intended to be fully completed by April 30, 1989. The proposed Museum would present the ideas of the Constitution, in theory and dynamic practice, using the latest in electronic information retrieval, presentation and interaction. This emphasis on living ideas is particularly appropriate for Federal Hall since it is the site where the ideas of freedom and individual liberty were planted and took root.

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Although the Foundation originally had hoped to establish the Museum with wholly private funding, they are now seeking federal appropriation of \$1 million in Fiscal Year 1985 or 1986 to refurbish Federal Hall. An additional \$1.5 million will be sought from the private sector for research, planning, design, and installation of the Museum's educational exhibits, as well as adaptation of these exhibits for use throughout the Nation by community groups.

We expect Congressional action to provide the supplemental appropriation for this effort. I believe the Administration should be supportive. This is an historic and patriotic celebration in which we should actively participate.

DONALD PAUL HODEL

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THE WHITE HOUSE

WASHINGTON

June 10, 1985

Dear Mr. Connelly:

This will respond to your recent letter requesting assistance in resolving your continuing contractual disputes with the American East India Corporation.

As a matter of policy, members of the White House staff are precluded from becoming involved in contested or ongoing matters pending before the courts or Executive departments or agencies. Accordingly, I regret to advise you that I cannot become involved in the issues you have raised.

I realize this response may be disappointing to you; however, I trust you can understand our reasons for adhering to this policy as a means of maintaining public confidence in the effective and impartial administration of our laws.

Sincerely,

Orig. signed by FFF

Fred F. Fielding
Counsel to the President

Mr. Eugene W. Connelly
Post Office Box 6-132
Ridge Manor, Florida 33525-1914

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THE WHITE HOUSE
WASHINGTON

June 10, 1985

MEMORANDUM FOR FRED F. FIELDING

FROM: SHERRIE M. COOKSEY *smc*
SUBJECT: Continuing Correspondence from Eugene Connelly

In March of this year you responded to correspondence from Eugene Connelly urging the President to "recall" U.S. District Court Judge Charles P. Sifton. Since then, Connelly has been writing you about his continuing contractual disputes and his failure to obtain any judicial remedy for the wrongs he believes have been done to him. His current correspondence asks you or the Department of Justice to write to the District Court of Philadelphia on his behalf.

Consistent with our standard policy on such requests, attached for your review and signature is a letter to Connelly explaining why we cannot become involved in contested or ongoing matters pending before the courts.

Attachment

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☐ PLEASE PHONE ☐ FTS ☐ AUTOVON

☐ WILL CALL AGAIN ☐ IS WAITING TO SEE YOU

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Eugene W. Connelly

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May 23, 1985

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

Dear Sir:

The Constitutional Guarantees of:
"due process" and
"equal justice under law". (14th Amendment)

Further to my letter of April 30th.

From my earlier letters, you are aware that in 1968
my company imported footwear and resold that footwear to domestic
customers.

You are aware that a dishonest commercial factor
stepped in and stole a portion of my proceeds due from those customers.

You are aware of two complaints (one in the U.S. District
Court For Ea. Pa.; one in the Supreme Court of New York, N.Y. County)
from 1971 and 1968:

neither of which has gone to trial, and

either of which, if permitted to go to trial,
would enable me to recover my stolen proceeds.

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With my letter of April 30th, I sent you a copy of
motion papers to be filed in the U.S. District Court For Ea. Pa.
on May 22, 1985. If granted, the motion would enable me to collect
a portion of my lost proceeds and lead to the recovery of the balance.

I believe that any attempt by a person to obtain
the "guarantees" of our Constitution, but denied by a Court, would
be worthy of support by our President, either direct, or through
the Department of Justice.

In my letter of April 30th, I asked for that support
but received no answer.

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My motion papers of May 22nd also asked for relief
from an earlier U.S. District Court order enjoining me from
proceeding in that court.

Eugene W. Connelly

Mr. Fred F. Fielding

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After service of my motion papers, I received a frightening telephone call from my opponent threatening me with "heavy fines" and "arrest", if I filed my papers in defiance of the injunction.

Not only did I file, but I put the threats in a Supplemental Memorandum to the U.S. District Court. A copy is enclosed.

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A President can do great things, if the glare of publicity is sufficiently bright: a denied social security check can be obtained in one day for an artificial heart patient; a laid-off coal or steel worker can be gotten a job; a news reporter escaped from captivity in Lebanon (or a football player) can be brought to the White House (and it's cameras). Whatever -- if it will "sell".

But what about the "little" things? The "little" things that don't get into the newspapers, or the television news?

A "little" thing like a citizen being denied the very principle on which this country was founded: "equal protection under the law" and "due process".

What would be so harmful for a judge to look at a complaint; look at a plaintiff appearing before him without a lawyer, a "pro se" and say: "State your case"?

What would be so harmful for the Office of the President or the Department of Justice to write to the District Court in Philadelphia with reference to my motion of May 22, 1985:

not in support of my motion papers, but

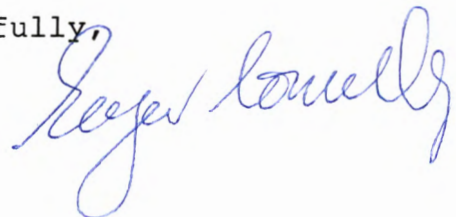
in support of the right of every person to obtain the guarantees of "our" Constitution: "due process" and "equal protection under the law"?

Thank you,

EWC:c

cc: Phillip D. Brady, Dept. of Justice
Sen. L. Chiles
V.G. Sauter

Respectfully,



IN THE UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT
FOR THE EASTERN DISTRICT OF PENNSYLVANIA

AMERICAN EAST INDIA CORPORATION : CIVIL ACTION
v. :
IDEAL SHOE COMPANY : No. 71-856

PLAINTIFF
SUPPLEMENTAL MEMORANDUM

Re: DEFENDANT
THREATS OF MAY 20, 1985

On May 22, 1985, there is scheduled to be filed with the Clerk of the Court, a plaintiff motion for an Order to have the Court recall and annul an earlier Order which enjoins and restrains plaintiff party of interest, Eugene W. Connelly, from proceeding in this court.

On May 20, 1985, Connelly received from the defendant's lawyers a telephone call of such extreme disregard for responsible professional practice that the facts must be put before this Court.

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Connelly was told that if his papers were filed on May 22nd:

- i. he faced the possibility of "heavy fines";
- ii. he faced the possibility of "being arrested", and
- iii. there is now a new party of defendant interest in this action who will "vigorously pursue" the imposition of those penalties.

Efforts to learn the new defendant party of interest failed.

("Is it Commercial Trading?"

"No."

"Is it Armco?"

"No.")

Well, whoever the new defendant party is, it is hoped he, or they, will take into consideration the facts and truth:

- I. That by an Order entered in this court on July 17, 1975, a third-party, not a party to the action (except to bear the costs of defense as an indemnitor), a Commercial Trading Co., Inc., was awarded \$ 7,071.40 of the plaintiff's proceeds in this action, with the plaintiff being denied true "due process".
- II. That the complaint in this action (moving affidavit, Exhibit "B") is "a straightforward claim based on goods sold and delivered..." (moving affidavit, p.7, para. 21) but that complaint was never tried on it's merits.
- III. That the Court made a second complaint (moving papers, Exhibit "E") the "law of the case" in this action. That complaint asks only for a declaratory judgment in the "accounts receivable of Walker" (id, "E-7"). That Walker, an agent for Commercial Trading, was not a party to either of the complaints. That the "law of the case" complaint stated:

"Plaintiff (Commercial) has no adequate remedy at law" (id, "E-5")

and was filed and calendared in equity in the Supreme Court of New York (moving affidavit, p. 9, para. 24) and that that complaint was never tried on it's merits (ownership of the goods).

IV. That on June 28, 1971, the named and original party of defendant interest in this action, the Ideal Shoe Co. filed a Memorandum of Law with this court which stated that the two complaints (moving affidavit, Exhibits "B" and "E") were one and the same in principle.

That:

"Here (this Court) (added), the key issue is the same as involved in the New York action, i.e., whether the goods were owned (emphasis added) by American or Walker, and though the parties are different in name, in effect, they are the same because of Commercial's indemnity obligation to Ideal."

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"In this context it should be noted that if the New York proceeding (the "law of the case", herein) (added) is determined in American's favor, this will be dispositive of the litigation because American will have proved that Walker was merely its agent and that it was the owner of the goods. Ideal will then have to pay American for the goods..." (emphasis added)

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The words of the original party of defendant interest cannot be more clear: if American

"was the owner of the goods, Ideal will then have to pay American for the goods."

Before being deceived away from either a trial in this action, or a trial on the "law of the case" complaint, this Court found, clearly and without qualification, that American, indeed, did own the goods and held every document of title (400 F. Supp. 151, 152, 153).

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It is hoped, also, that the new defendant party of interest is aware that the United States Constitution in it's Fourteenth Amendment guarantees to every person "due process of law" and no person will be denied the "equal protection of the laws"....and is also aware that every federal judge takes an oath to uphold those guarantees.

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While the foregoing is directed to the attention of the new defendant party of interest, the following is directed toward any person in this country who believes that he or she has guaranteed protections under "our" Constitution:

IF A FEDERAL COURT CAN DENY TO ANY PERSON A SINGLE
RIGHT GUARANTEED UNDER THE CONSTITUTION, FROM
IT'S PREAMBLE:

"We the People of the United States, in order to.....establish justice.... do ordain and establish this Constitution for the United States of America",

THROUGH IT'S 26TH AMENDMENT GIVING AN 18-YEAR OLD
THE RIGHT TO VOTE, THEN ANY COURT CAN DENY TO ANY PERSON

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ANY RIGHT, SUPPOSEDLY, "GUARANTEED" UNDER
THAT CONSTITUTION.

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Before that new defendant party of interest "vigorously"
pursues the imposition of any penalties, that party must be made
aware of two facts:

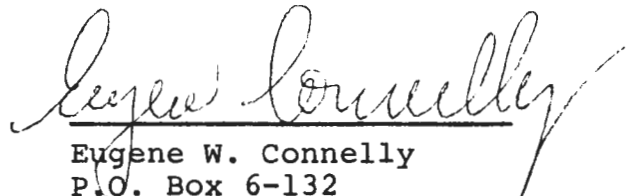
I. Under the law:

until the day Connelly dies, or until ten days
after he receives them, Connelly has a
secured interest in the \$ 7,071.40 awarded
to Commercial Trading (U.C.C. 9-306 (3)), and

II. Under the Constitution:

until the day Connelly dies, or until the
day he receives it, Connelly has a Consti-
tutional "guarantee" that he will be awarded
"due process" to prevent the loss of his
honest and lawful proceeds (Amendment 14).

Dated: Ridge Manor, Fl.
May 23, 1975


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WHITE HOUSE CORRESPONDENCE TRACKING WORKSHEET

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ADMINISTRATIVE ASSISTANT TO
THE CHIEF JUSTICE

July 18, 1985

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

Dear Fred:

Thank you for forwarding the letter from the Descendants of the Signers of the Declaration of Independence. As you may imagine, we are trying to field questions, ideas and offers from many individuals and organizations interested in the Bicentennial of the Constitution.

Once the staff director to the Commission is on board and the Commission's work gets under way, we shall forward all of our information to their headquarters.

With best regards,

Sincerely,

Mark

Mark W. Cannon

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Thanks.

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Supreme Court of the United States
Washington, D. C. 20543

ADMINISTRATIVE ASSISTANT TO
THE CHIEF JUSTICE

July 18, 1985

Dorothy S. Kennedy
President-General
Descendants of the Signers
of the Declaration of
Independence, Inc.
East Meadow Lane
RFD 1
Pembroke, NH 03275

Dear Mrs. Kennedy:

On behalf of the Chief Justice, who is out of the country, I am responding to your letter of June 15th, addressed to Mr. Fred Fielding at the White House.

I share your enthusiasm for helping the country celebrate the Bicentennial of the Constitution, and I shall forward your correspondence to the Staff Director for the Commission, once that person is on board. I am sure that there will be ways in which you, Mrs. Light and your organization can lend your support to this important event.

With best regards,

Sincerely,



Mark W. Cannon

cc: Fred Fielding

MWC/jdw

THE WHITE HOUSE

WASHINGTON

July 8, 1985

Dear Mrs. Kennedy:

Thank you for your letter of June 15, volunteering the services of the Descendants of the Signers of the Declaration of Independence in connection with the observance of the Bicentennial of the Constitution.

By Public Law 98-101, Congress established the Commission on the Bicentennial of the United States Constitution, "to promote and coordinate activities to commemorate the bicentennial of the Constitution." The President recently announced the membership of the Commission, and designated the Chief Justice to serve as Chairman. A copy of this announcement is enclosed for your information.

In light of the responsibilities of the Commission, I have taken the liberty of referring your gracious offer of assistance to the office of the Chief Justice.

Thank you for advising us of the willingness of your organization to assist in the bicentennial observances.

Sincerely,

Orig. signed by FFF

Fred F. Fielding
Counsel to the President

Mrs. Dorothy S. Kennedy
President-General
Soc. DSDI, Inc.
East Meadow Lane, RFD 1
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THE WHITE HOUSE

Office of the Press Secretary

For Immediate Release

June 25, 1985

The President today announced his intention to appoint the following individuals to be Members of the Commission on the Bicentennial of the United States Constitution. The President also intends to designate Chief Justice Warren E. Burger as Chairman, who is a member by law.

FREDERICK K. BIEBEL is Executive Vice President and Treasurer of the International Republican Cooperation Fund in Washington, D.C. He was born April 5, 1926 in Bridgeport, Connecticut, and now resides in Stratford, Connecticut.

BETTY SOUTHARD MURPHY is Partner in the law firm of Baker & Hostetler in Washington, D.C. She was born March 1, 1928 in East Orange, New Jersey, and now resides in Alexandria, Virginia.

PHYLLIS SCHLAFLY is President of Eagle Forum in Washington, D.C. She was born August 15, 1924 in St. Louis, Missouri, and now resides in Alton, Illinois.

BERNARD H. SIEGAN is Distinguished Professor of Law at the University of San Diego. He was born July 28, 1924 in Chicago, Illinois, and now resides in La Jolla, California.

RONALD H. WALKER is Managing Director and Partner of Korn/Ferry International in Washington, D.C. He was born July 25, 1937 in Bryan, Texas and now resides in Potomac, Maryland.

CHARLES ALAN WRIGHT is Professor of Law at the University of Texas at Austin. He was born September 3, 1927 in Philadelphia, Pennsylvania, and now resides in Austin, Texas.

Upon the recommendation of Warren E. Burger, Chief Justice of the United States:

HERBERT BROWNELL is currently of Counsel with the law firm of Lord, Day and Lord in New York City. He was born February 20, 1904 in Peru, Nebraska, and now resides in New York City.

CORNELIA G. KENNEDY is currently U.S. Circuit Judge for the Sixth Circuit. She was born August 4, 1923 in Detroit, Michigan, and now resides in Grosse Pointe Woods, Michigan.

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OBERT CLARK TANNER is Founder and Chairman of the Board of OC Tanner & Company. He was born September 20, 1904 in Farmington, Utah, and now resides in Salt Lake City, Utah.

CHARLES EDWARD WIGGINS is currently U.S. Circuit Judge for the Ninth Circuit. He was born December 3, 1927 in El Monte, California, and now resides in San Francisco, California.

Upon the recommendation of the President Pro Tempore of the Senate, in consultation with the Majority Leader and Minority Leader of the Senate:

HARRY MCKINLEY LIGHTSEY, JR. is Dean, University of South Carolina School of Law. He was born December 27, 1931 in Columbia, South Carolina, and now resides in West Columbia, South Carolina.

EDWARD P. MORGAN is owner of the law firm of Welch & Morgan of Washington, D.C. He was born May 28, 1913 in St. Louis, Missouri, and now resides in Bethesda, Maryland.

THEODORE FULTON STEVENS is a U.S. Senator for the State of Alaska. He was born November 18, 1923 in Indianapolis, Indiana, and now resides in Chevy Chase, Maryland.

Upon the recommendation of the Speaker of the House of Representatives in consultation with the Minority Leader of the House of Representatives:

LYNNE ANNE VINCENT CHENEY is currently Senior Editor of the Washingtonian Magazine. She was born January 14, 1941 in Casper, Wyoming, and now resides in Washington, D.C.

PHILIP M. CRANE is U.S. Representative for the 12th District of Illinois. He was born November 3, 1930 in Chicago, Illinois, and now resides in Washington, D.C.

WILLIAM JOSEPH GREEN is an attorney with the firm of Wolf, Block, Schorr & Solis-Cohen of Philadelphia. He was born June 6, 1938 in Philadelphia, Pennsylvania, and still resides there.

THOMAS HENRY O'CONNOR is a Professor of History at Boston College. He was born December 9, 1922 in Boston, Massachusetts, and resides in Braintree, Massachusetts.

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THE WHITE HOUSE

WASHINGTON

July 8, 1985

Dear Mark:

I am enclosing a letter addressed to me from the President-General of the Descendants of the Signers of the Declaration of Independence, offering the assistance of that organization in connection with the bicentennial of the Constitution. In light of the Chief Justice's responsibilities as Chairman of the Commission on the Bicentennial of the Constitution, I thought it best to refer the correspondence to him, and have advised Mrs. Kennedy that I have done so.

Sincerely,

Orig. signed by FFF

Fred F. Fielding
Counsel to the President

Dr. Mark Cannon
Administrative Assistant
to the Chief Justice
Supreme Court of the United States
Washington, D.C. 20543

Enclosure


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THE WHITE HOUSE

WASHINGTON

July 8, 1985

MEMORANDUM FOR FRED F. FIELDING

FROM: JOHN G. ROBERTS 
SUBJECT: Descendants of the Signers of the
Declaration of Independence Offer
of Services in Connection with the
Bicentennial of the Constitution

The President-General of the Descendants of the Signers of the Declaration of Independence has written you to offer the services of that organization in connection with the Bicentennial of the Constitution. There is, according to General Kennedy, no active society of descendants of the signers of the Constitution, so her society is prepared to fill the breach, apparently under some notion of geneological cy pres (and also because several signers of the Declaration also signed the Constitution). A Mrs. William Light of McLean is listed as the appropriate person to contact.

The attached draft reply advises General Kennedy of the existence of the Bicentennial Commission, under the recently announced chairmanship of the Chief Justice. Also attached is a brief note to Mark Cannon, transmitting General Kennedy's letter.

Attachment

Descendants of the Signers of the Declaration of Independence

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June 15, 1985

Mr. Fred Fielding
Chrm. BiCentennial USA
c/o The White House
1600 Pennsylvania Avenue
Washington, DC 20001

My dear Mr. Fielding,

At the recent Annual Congress of the Society for the Descendants of the Signers of the Declaration of Independence, the membership expressed a desire to participate actively in the Commemorative preparations and celebrations for the BiCentennial of the Constitution.

There is no active Society for Descendants of the Signers of the Constitution; however more than 100 members of the Society for the Descendants of the Signers of the Declaration of Independence have a dual heritage, descending from one of the following: Benjamin Franklin, Robert Morris, George Read, George Clymer and Roger Sherman.

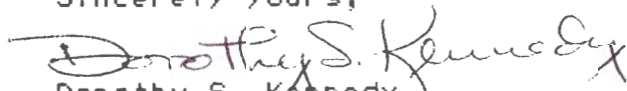
Mrs. William R. Light has knowledge of several original items peretaining to the men who signed the Constitution. She is extremely interested in the listing of these paintings, artifacts and memorabilia , that they may be made known to the public.

Mrs. Light would also make available to you the names of members of the DSDI who agree to work with her and with you should you agree to accept their services.

Her address is: Mrs. William R. Light
1113 Waverly Way
McLean, Virginia 22101

Thank you for your attention to my letter. I, too, shall be most pleased to participate in any way that I can.

Sincerely yours,


Dorothy S. Kennedy
President-General
Soc. DSDI, Inc.

cc: Mr. Frank Hodsell
Ms. Sheila Mann
Mr. Wm. Ward, IV
Mrs. Hans Bielenstein

June 20, 1985

Dear Jonathan:

Your kind letter has just come to my attention, and I want to thank you for your warm words of friendship and support. I'm sorry for the delay in this reply, but mail sometimes takes awhile to reach my desk.

You raised some good points in your letter about the 22nd Amendment and, as you can imagine, I don't mind the context in which you chose to discuss this subject even though I've made my decision clear about this being my last go-round. As a rule, I've given my views about amendments to our Constitution only when an issue was under active consideration in the Congress, and then only with a clear recognition that the President plays no direct role in the submission or ratification of such amendments.

I can, however, speak directly about my own intentions. As I've said on a number of occasions, I look forward to my remaining time in office as an opportunity to cement in place our agenda for a Second American Revolution. For our guidepost, we have looked unabashedly at the principles of the first American Revolution -- a revolution which took place in the Americas but which was truly a revolution for the entire world and for all time.

Our goals are profoundly simple, for they rely for their complexity not on the bureaucratic machinations and hedged guesses of government but on the myriad and miraculous workings of the human spirit. I've expressed it often as three short words: Trust the people. If we accomplish nothing else during my Administration than a real expansion of individual freedom -- the ability to dream, to work, to build and plan a better future, and to acquire by one's labors the means to fulfill that dream -- then I will count our efforts a success and content myself with the judgment of history.

Jonathan, there may come a time when Congress carefully considers whether it is advisable to remove the limitation on the number of terms a President may serve. For now, I am confident that our people will choose their leader wisely when it comes time for decision in 1988 and that they will choose on the basis of the fundamental principle which has guided our nation so well since its birth -- that love of liberty, as Lincoln said, which God has planted in us.

Your message confirms my faith in our nation's future. May God bless you and fill your life with every good fortune.

Sincerely,

RONALD REAGAN *RR*

Mr. Jonathan B. Minaker
14615 Southwest 64th Avenue
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THE WHITE HOUSE
WASHINGTON

June 21, 1985

MEMORANDUM FOR CHARLES A. DONOVAN
PRESIDENTIAL CORRESPONDENCE

FROM: JOHN G. ROBERTS *JGR*
ASSOCIATE COUNSEL TO THE PRESIDENT

SUBJECT: Draft Letter re the President's Views on the
Twenty-Second Amendment

Counsel's Office has reviewed the proposed reply to Mr. Minsker. We recommend changing "proposal" to "submission" in the last line of the second paragraph. The President can and has proposed several constitutional amendments.

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being sworn in if it is unconstitutional
to affirm belief in God

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14615 S.W. 64 Avenue
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February 10, 1985

President Ronald Reagan
c/o The White House
1600 Pennsylvania Avenue
Washington, D.C. 20500

Dear Mr. President:

SLR.

I am writing to address a particular amendment to the United States Constitution that could hinder the social and economic growth of our country. First, I would like to congratulate you on your re-election, and I hope I was successful in recruiting as many votes for you as I could. I am truly delighted that our country will spend its next four years under your leadership. My name is Jonathan Minsker and I am a sophomore ~~attending~~ attending Palmetto Senior High School in Miami. I am a bit of a procrastinator, so when Mrs. Rosenberg, my honors English teacher, assigned my class to write a letter to the President, I was rather pleased.

As I said earlier, I am delighted you have earned "four more years," but because of the twenty-second amendment, adopted in 1951, which limits you to only two terms in office, these will be your last four years as our leader. I am truly concerned about this because over the last four years you have led our country down the road to recovery. I feel that this is an area in which, just like the twenty-first amendment which repealed the eighteenth, government should initiate a change.

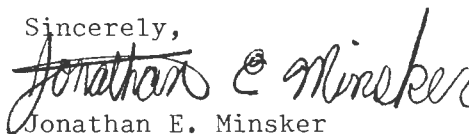
In the mid-twentieth century-during Franklin D. Roosevelt's terms-our nation was desperate for recovery and accepted Roosevelt's policies with no questions asked. That time was a time of war and economic instability, and many economic experts feel the war would have brought America out of its economic depression, even without Roosevelt's "New Deal." The country did not realize this (for even you voted for Mr. Roosevelt), and therefore Franklin Delano Roosevelt was elected to four terms.

I am reviewing this period for the reason that Congress used the Roosevelt period as a "prima facie" argument for ratifying the twenty-second amendment to the Constitution. In today's America people greater understand the ramifications of your policies, and judging from the mandate they gave you, the people approve. It is often said that it is harder to rule in a time of peace than a time of war. Roosevelt led in a time of war, while you, Mr. President, are leading in a time of peace and are still winning the people's approval. Your programs are working, and it is a simply unjustifiable action to curtail our nations growth using the events of forty years ago as a justification. The major argument in support of the twenty-second amendment is to guard against one man or administration gaining too much power, but today we stress a resistance to change, especially when it is not needed--and today that change of leadership is simply not needed.

Thanks to you , Mr. President, the economic stagnation this country suffered is finally beginning to disappear, but without repealing the twenty-second amendment, further growth will not be assured. I may sound like a pessimist, but to that I say, "Why change 'leadership that's working'." As for now, I hope your second term is a successful one, and I am looking forward to the next four years, maybe even more.

I truly appreciate you spending your valuable time to read my letter, and I would greatly appreciate if you could respond to my opinions. I am looking forward to hearing more of yours, and maybe we can extend that "Second American Revolution" you discussed in your State of the Union Address to more than four years. Thank you very much.

Sincerely,

Jonathan E. Minsker

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THE WHITE HOUSE

WASHINGTON

July 22, 1985

Dear Mr. Perry:

Thank you for your letter to the President earlier this year. I apologize for the delay in responding, but the Supreme Court only recently finished its Term and the cases it decided frequently touched on the First Amendment.

I am not acquainted with the court case you refer to, but the President certainly shares your belief that this area of the law has become confused and contradictory. It is certainly not unconstitutional to swear the oath of office on the Bible, and the Supreme Court only recently ruled that it is not unconstitutional for a chaplain to open the session of a state legislature with a prayer. It is difficult, if not impossible, to square these principles with the decision you describe. Please be assured, however, that the President shares your conviction that swearing an oath of office that includes a reference to God is appropriate. He himself has done it four times in the last twenty years.

Sincerely,

Orig. signed by FFF

Fred F. Fielding
Counsel to the President

Mr. Peary Perry
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THE WHITE HOUSE

WASHINGTON

July 17, 1985

MEMORANDUM FOR FRED F. FIELDING

FROM: HUGH HEWITT 
SUBJECT: Letter to the President
from Peary Perry

Mr. Peary Perry wrote the President in February to protest a decision of a federal court declaring unconstitutional the Texas requirement that elected officials affirm their belief in God. Attached for your review and signature is a draft reply.

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Dear President Reagan:

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Last week it was announced that atheist Madilyn M. O'Hair won a law suit in which she challenged the requirement that Texas elected officials and others affirm their belief in a superior being (God).

The reason for the settlement of the suit was that a federal judge ruled that this requirement was not in the federal constitution and since it superceded the state, then the Texas requirement was unconstitutional.

My question is, if that is true, then why would you hold a Bible while being sworn in? Is this done to appear to the citizens that you believe in God? If this is not required by law, shouldn't it be?

Please do not misinterpret the tone of this letter. I do not doubt your faith or your dedication to your position. I have supported you in both elections and think you are doing a fine job. I am concerned over another of our rights or freedoms being legislated away without the knowledge or support of the American public.

I don't understand how our leaders can be fighting for prayer in our schools, when they are not required to acknowledge that there is anyone to pray to.

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Sincerely



Peary Perry

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Mr. John J. Koelemij
National Association of
Home Builders
15th and M Streets, NW
Washington, DC 20005

Dear Mr. Koelemij:

I am responding to your letter of September 20, 1985, also signed by Messrs. Cairn, Roberts, Albers, and Zellars, to the President about the deficit.

The President shares your concern about the need to balance the Federal budget. President Reagan supports the Gramm-Rudman amendment, which would lead to a balanced budget by 1990 without raising taxes. This proposal reduces the deficit by enforcing spending restraints while honoring commitments on social security and defense. Adoption of Gramm-Rudman should help to ensure the continued strength of the economy.

Thank you and your colleagues for the thoughts of your respective trade associations on this important subject.

Sincerely,

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Edwin L. Dale, Jr.
Assistant to the Director
for Public Affairs

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September 20, 1985

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The President
The White House
Washington, D.C.

Dear Mr. President:

The undersigned organizations are deeply concerned with the inability of Congress and the Administration to achieve a significant reduction in the federal budget deficit as embodied in the FY'86 congressional budget resolution.

We therefore strongly urge that the Congress enact this year a constitutional amendment to balance the budget. We support a constitutional amendment which would require both a three-fifths vote to approve a budget in which outlays exceed receipts and a three-fifths vote to approve raising taxes at a rate faster than the growth in gross national product (GNP).

Without such action this year, we are concerned that over the long run, large deficits will lead to higher interest rates, higher unemployment, and inflation, and the economic vitality of the country will be seriously jeopardized.

Sincerely,

J. G. Cairns, Jr.
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