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THE WHITE HOUSE

WASHINGTON

April 8, 1985

Dear Ms. Knobler:

Thank you for your recent letter to the President concerning the purchase of foreign automobiles by certain members of an advance team at a discount available to holders of diplomatic passports.

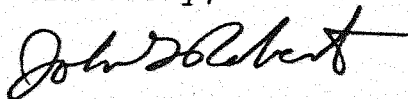
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Sincerely,



John G. Roberts
Associate Counsel to the President

Ms. Hannah F. Knobler
10006 Sidney Road
Silver Spring, MD 20901

**WHITE HOUSE
CORRESPONDENCE TRACKING WORKSHEET**

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Received (YY/MM/DD) 1/1Name of Correspondent: Hannah Knobler☐ MI Mail Report

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F. Fielding

BMW

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Dear Mr President:

Why do your people
embarrass you all the
time?

Re the enclosed clipping
Why not buy American
to help our ailing economy
We owe no allegiance
to any other country!

Yours truly
H. F. Knobler

P.S. I love and revere
our country and hate to see
such actions. I'm an old lady.

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Dear Mrs. Lee:

Thank you for your recent letter to the President concerning the purchase of foreign automobiles by certain members of an advance team at a discount available to holders of diplomatic passports.

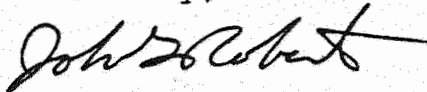
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With respect to your specific question, diplomatic passports are issued under limited circumstances and only to those conducting official United States Government business abroad.

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Sincerely,



John G. Roberts
Associate Counsel to the President

Mrs. Joan Lee
#9 Arundel Place
St. Louis, MO 63105

ID # 309142 CU

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☐ MI Mail Report

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Subject: BMW's

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March 5, 1985

J. F. Fiedling

Dear Mr. President,

We heard on television and read in the newspapers on March 4 and 5 that Michael K. Deaver and other front men assigned to arrange your trip to Germany in May have purchased nine BMW's at a discount of 25% each through use of a diplomatic passport.

My husband and I are planning our first trip to Germany in May and also plan to buy a BMW and tour the country for two weeks before returning to the U.S.

Please advise as to how we can obtain the 25% discount and have the car shipped back to the States. Your direct help, rather than through a bureaucrat will be greatly appreciated, and the substantial saving would mean so much to us.

Most Sincerely,

Joan Lee
#9 Arundel Place
St. Louis, Missouri
63105

THE WHITE HOUSE

WASHINGTON

April 8, 1985

Dear Mrs. Bronson:

Thank you for your recent letter to the President concerning the purchase of foreign automobiles by certain members of an advance team at a discount available to holders of diplomatic passports. Your letter complained about the purchase of 25 automobiles; actually nine vehicles were involved.

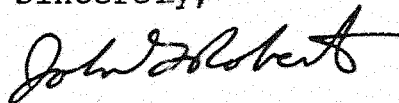
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Sincerely,



John G. Roberts
Associate Counsel to the President

Mrs. I. Bronson
10139 Woodley #234
Sepulveda, CA 91343

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THE WHITE HOUSE

WASHINGTON

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MEMORANDUM FOR KATHY R. JAFFKE
OFFICE OF LEGISLATIVE AFFAIRS

FROM: JOHN G. ROBERTS 
ASSOCIATE COUNSEL TO THE PRESIDENT

SUBJECT: BMW Correspondence

You referred to this office a letter from Senator Goldwater to Mr. Friedersdorf, transmitting a constituent letter complaining about the BMW incident. I have prepared the attached reply to the constituent, based on a form reply we have been sending to all who write in concerning the episode. Please advise if your office has any objection; if not I will send the letter. You will probably want to furnish Senator Goldwater with a copy; I will leave that to you.

Attachment

THE WHITE HOUSE

WASHINGTON

April 8, 1985

Dear Mr. Wray:

You recently wrote to Senator Barry Goldwater concerning the purchase of foreign automobiles by certain members of a White House advance team at a discount available to holders of diplomatic passports. Senator Goldwater has referred your correspondence to the White House for a reply.

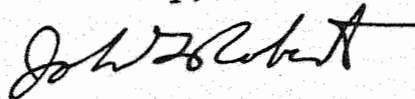
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Sincerely,



John G. Roberts
Associate Counsel to the President

Mr. Park Q. Wray
11813 N. Oakhurst Way
Scottsdale, AZ 85254

WHITE HOUSE CORRESPONDENCE TRACKING WORKSHEET

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User Codes: (A) _____

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Subject: Encloses correspondence from Mr. Park Q. Wray regarding automobile purchases by White House staff.

ROUTE TO:

ACTION

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Dear Mr. Darnton:

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Sincerely,



John G. Roberts
Associate Counsel to the President

Mr. Thomas E. Darnton
11802 S.E. Village Drive
Jupiter, Florida 33458

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THOMAS E. DARNTON
11602 S.E. VILLAGE DRIVE
JUPITER, FLORIDA 33458

March 19, 1985

President of the United States
Washington D.C.

Dear Mr. President,

I'm writing to voice my objection
to the reports carried in the press
about members of your staff taking
advantage of their positions and
busping automobiles for their own
private gain.

The report (20th Squire) states that
your response was, "this practice
has gone on for many years in our
embassies & is standard practice".
If our leader, & knowing how you
have not tolerated wrong practices,
I would hope you will set the
record straight.

Sincerely
Thomas E. Darnton

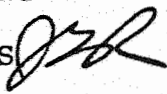
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MEMORANDUM FOR FRED F. FIELDING

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Sincerely,

Fred F. Fielding
Counsel to the President

Mr. Lowell Myers
Post Office Box 6759
Dhahran, Saudi Arabia

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Lowell Myers
P.O. Box 6759
Dhahran, Saudi Arabia

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March 10, 1985

President Ronald Reagan
The White House
Washington, D.C.

Dear Mr. President:

Honestly? You don't see anything wrong with Mike Deaver buying (9) cars using a diplomatic passport to get a good discount? NINE CARS?

To me it smacks of Mike using a DP for personal gain.

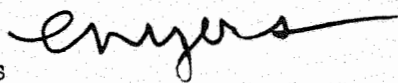
My opinion is that it is WRONG, Ron, very wrong!

How about 100 cars? Would that be wrong?

As an American citizen I recommend that a DP be used for buying no more than 2 family cars a year on special discount.

Sincerely,

Lowell Myers



Washington (UPI) - President Reagan says he sees nothing wrong with top aide Michael Deaver and other staff members using diplomatic passports to get discounts on nine BMW cars while in West Germany to arrange the president's state visit.

"You're talking about something that has gone on for a great many years, that exists in our embassies in all different countries," Reagan replied when asked whether Deputy Chief of Staff Deaver acted appropriately.

"It's a standard practice that's been used for many, many years," he said.

Asked if he believed there was "nothing wrong with what Deaver did," Reagan said, "no."

Earlier, spokesman Larry Speakes refused to comment, saying White House Counsel Fred Fielding was studying the facts of the case.

Deaver, who has announced he will leave his post in April or May, probably to take a lucrative job in public relations, led a 30-member advance party to West Germany to set up the president's May 1-6 stay in West Germany.

WIRE SR. RPT., 3/10/85

✓ C.C. FRED FIELDING

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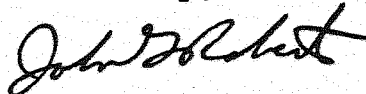
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JUDGE JOHN N. MAGUIRE
14 HAMPSHIRE WOODS
TOWSON, MARYLAND 21204

March 18, 1985

President Ronald Reagan
1600 Pennsylvania Avenue
Washington, D. C.

Dear Mr. President:

I was shocked to read the article in the Baltimore Morning Sun on March 5, 1985, with respect to the activities of Michael K. Deaver and other members of your advance team with respect to the purchase of BMW automobiles in Germany at sizeable discounts.

Thereafter, your White House counsel, Mr. Fielding, was advised by Mr. Regan to look into the matter. Within a week apparently Mr. Fielding found no illegal activities on the part of Deaver, et. al.

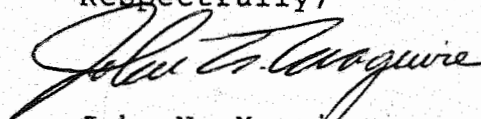
The legality of the transaction is not my concern. I am appalled that a close aide to you and his associates have the audacity to purchase German made vehicles when your great concern is unemployment in America. They purchase foreign goods while our labor groups are seeking jobs for Americans.

At this time I will not engage in the pros and cons of the purchase of foreign goods by Americans. But, I do remember vividly the foxholes in World War II and the White Crosses and Stars of David in Normandy.

I am your ardent supporter and had the pleasure of exercising my franchise right to vote for you in both elections. You do not need people like this around you.

Continued good health to you and Mrs. Reagan.

Respectfully,



John N. Maguire
Retired Judge

JNM/js

CC: Honorable Donald Regan

THE WHITE HOUSE

WASHINGTON

April 9, 1985

MEMORANDUM FOR:

JOHN G. ROBERTS

FROM:

KATHY RATTÉ JAFFKE *KRJ*

SUBJECT:

BMW Correspondence from
Senator Barry Goldwater

I have no objection to the letter you prepared to Senator Goldwater's constituent, Mr. Park Q. Wray, concerning the BMW incident. I have copied the Senator.

Thanks for your assistance.

THE WHITE HOUSE

WASHINGTON

April 8, 1985

Dear Mr. Wray:

You recently wrote to Senator Barry Goldwater concerning the purchase of foreign automobiles by certain members of a White House advance team at a discount available to holders of diplomatic passports. Senator Goldwater has referred your correspondence to the White House for a reply.

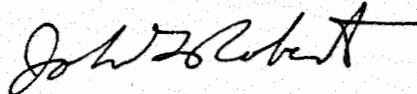
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With respect to your comments on the particular make of automobile chosen by the individuals in question, I can only state that such decisions are matters of personal consumer preference which it would be inappropriate for the Government to regulate.

I hope the foregoing information responds to your concerns.

Sincerely,



John G. Roberts
Associate Counsel to the President

Mr. Park Q. Wray
11813 N. Oakhurst Way
Scottsdale, AZ 85254

THE WHITE HOUSE
WASHINGTON

April 8, 1985

MEMORANDUM FOR KATHY R. JAFFKE
OFFICE OF LEGISLATIVE AFFAIRS

FROM: JOHN G. ROBERTS 
ASSOCIATE COUNSEL TO THE PRESIDENT

SUBJECT: BMW Correspondence

You referred to this office a letter from Senator Goldwater to Mr. Friedersdorf, transmitting a constituent letter complaining about the BMW incident. I have prepared the attached reply to the constituent, based on a form reply we have been sending to all who write in concerning the episode. Please advise if your office has any objection; if not I will send the letter. You will probably want to furnish Senator Goldwater with a copy; I will leave that to you.

Attachment

THE WHITE HOUSE

WASHINGTON

March 22, 1984

MEMORANDUM FOR:

DIANNA HOLLAND

FROM:

KATHY RATTÉ JAFFKE *Kij*

SUBJECT:

BMW Incident

Attached is a letter to Max Friedersdorf from Senator Barry Goldwater regarding the purchase of BMW's by White House staff while advancing the President's European trip.

I would appreciate your advice on whether to respond to the attached. If the Counsel's office recommends a response from B. Oglesby, I will need your guidance on language. If you suggest no response, just let me know.

Thank you for your help in this regard.

STROM THURMOND, SOUTH CAROLINA
JOHN W. WARNER, VIRGINIA
GORDON J. HUMPHREY, NEW HAMPSHIRE
WILLIAM S. COHEN, MAINE
DAN QUAYLE, INDIANA
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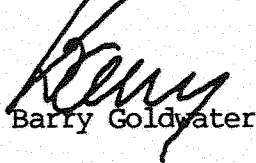
March 18, 1985

Mr. Max Friedersdorf
Assistant to the President
for Legislative Affairs
The White House
Washington, D.C. 20500

Dear Max:

It would be much appreciated if your office would provide me with a reply for my constituent, Mr. Wray, relative to his question. He claims to have no objection to a possible discount for White House staff purchasing automobiles, but wonders why a discount wasn't pursued with an American manufacturer instead of a foreign one. I reminded him that we sell a lot of Toyotas in Arizona so that one answer is "freedom of choice," but I also assured him that I would try to get a reply for him.

With best wishes,


Barry Goldwater

11813 N. Oakhurst Way
Scottsdale, AZ 85254

March 5, 1985

The Honorable Barry Goldwater
United States Senate
Washington, D.C. 20510

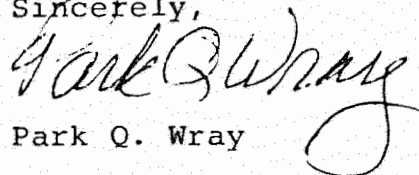
Dear Senator:

I have never written a Senator before, but having just watched the evening news, I'm genuinely annoyed. The report stated that 9 White House staff members had purchased BMW automobiles at a discount.

My complaint: The fact that their diplomatic passports garnered them a substantial discount doesn't bother me at all. Every key job has certain perquisites. However, with our balance of payments problems, what kind of example from Ronnie's people is this?

It's actions such as these that make it difficult to be supportive of our federal government.

Sincerely,


Park Q. Wray

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WASHINGTON

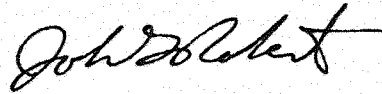
April 11, 1985

Dear Congresswoman Roukema:

Thank you for your letter of March 28 to Counsel to the President Fred F. Fielding. That letter requested that this office respond directly to an inquiry received by your office concerning the purchase of foreign automobiles by certain members of a White House advance team.

Enclosed for your information is a copy of the letter we have sent in response to your request. Please do not hesitate to contact this office if we may be of any further assistance.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in dark ink, appearing to read "John G. Roberts", written in a cursive style.

John G. Roberts
Associate Counsel to the President

The Honorable Marge Roukema
United States House of Representatives
Washington, D.C. 20515

THE WHITE HOUSE

WASHINGTON

April 11, 1985

Dear Mrs. Simonoff:

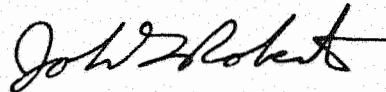
Congresswoman Roukema has advised this office of your concerns about the purchase of foreign automobiles by certain members of an advance team at a discount available to holders of diplomatic passports.

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Sincerely,



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Associate Counsel to the President

Mrs. Helene Simonoff
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March 28, 1985

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

Dear Mr. Fielding:

Enclosed you will find a copy of a message I received from my constituent, Mrs. Helene Simonoff, concerning Mr. Deaver's recent trip to West Germany.

I would appreciate your direct response to Mrs. Simonoff on this matter.

Thank you for your cooperation with this request.

Sincerely,

Marge Roukema
Member of Congress

MR:Kd

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March 28, 1985

Mrs. Helene Simonoff
13-3 Tamaron Drive
Waldwick, New Jersey 07463

Dear Mrs. Simonoff:

Thank you for contacting my office to express your opposition to the discounts received by Presidential Advisor Michael Deaver and his staff, for the purchase of automobiles while in West Germany.

I have taken the liberty of forwarding your comments to the Honorable Fred Fielding, Counsel to the President, for his direct reply.

As always, I appreciate having the benefit of your thoughts on matters of concern. I hope you will continue to share your concerns with me on this and other matters of importance in the future.

Sincerely,

Marge Roukema
Marge Roukema
Member of Congress

MR:Kd

MEMORANDUM

TO: John and Cindy
RE: Constituent's views
FM: Julie

March 11, 1985

Mr. William Eckerhardt
21 Riverdale St.
Hillsdale, NJ 07642

Mr. Eckerhardt would like Marge to vote for the MX.

Marie and Walter Popp
23 Palm Ct.
Paramus, NJ 07652

Mr. and Mrs. Popp are against both Star Wars and the MX.

Diane and Ruben Samuels
195 Harwood Pl.
Paramus, NJ 07652

Mr. and Mrs. Samuels are opposed to MX and Star Wars.

Ms. Helen Simonoff
13-3 Tamaron Dr.
Waldwick

Ms. Simonoff is upset at Michael Deaver trip to West Germany and the discount his staff got on BMW's.

Simonoff

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THE WHITE HOUSE

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April 19, 1985

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April 18, 1985

MEMORANDUM FOR FRED F. FIELDING

FROM: JOHN G. ROBERTS *JGR*

SUBJECT: BMW Correspondence

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