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COMMONWEALTH OF VIRGINIA



SENATE

March 15, 1983

EVA F. SCOTT
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COMMITTEE ASSIGNMENTS:
AGRICULTURE, CONSERVATION AND
NATURAL RESOURCES
GENERAL LAWS
LOCAL GOVERNMENT

Senator Barry Goldwater
337 Russell Senate Office Building
Washington, D.C. 20510

Re: Helen Marie Taylor
Director
Public Broadcasting

Dear Barry:

I am dismayed to learn that the nomination of Helen Marie Taylor as Director of the Corporation for Public Broadcasting is being delayed. I feel sure that some misinterpretation or misunderstanding is causing this delay.

As you doubtless know, Helen has been a Reagan supporter from the very beginning; willingly contributing time, talent and appreciable sums of money to conservative causes and candidates. We Republicans and our causes have certainly been the recipients of both her efforts and financial support, and it will be our loss if we do not use her talents and experience for the betterment of our society.

In this appointment Helen can particularly make a very worthwhile contribution and be honored by those of us who have not hesitated to call on her when we needed her help. This she deserves, has earned, and will greatly cherish. I know she has sound values with unquestionable dedication to traditions of value. Her many years of experience in the field of performing arts and communications provide eminent qualifications and expertise for this non-salaried position. Our citizens are entitled to a balanced viewpoint in public broadcasting, and Helen will serve them well.

I am very confident that she will use the thoughtful discretion and sound judgement needed for what is best for our country as she works with the other directors.

I do hope you will do everything in your power to assure her confirmation, and I thank you.

Sincerely,

Eva F. Scott

EMS/JME

bcc: Helen Marie Taylor

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Senator Paul S. Tribble
271 Russell Senate Office Building
Washington, D.C. 20515

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March 21, 1983

The Honorable Barry Goldwater,
United States Senate
Washington DC 20510

Dear Senator Goldwater,

This letter is in regard to the nomination of Helen Marie Taylor to the Board of the Corporation for Public Broadcasting. Mrs. Taylor's background eminently qualifies her for this position.

As President of the National Association of Pro America, I am requesting that you support her and allow the Senate to work its will.

Pro America is celebrating its 50th anniversary. It was founded by Mrs. Theodore Roosevelt and is one of the oldest and most prestigious women's organizations in this country. We have chapters across the United States and have played a significant role in the formation of public policy. Enclosed is a brochure stating our principles.

I speak for our membership when I say Helen Marie Taylor is precisely the type of person we need to serve in a position of such importance.

We commend President Reagan's nomination and urge her appointment.

Since you espouse the conservative philosophies, I am certain you will agree.

Mrs. Taylor's nomination is said to have been held up because of her contributions to conservative causes. She is also accused of racism. The latter is a lie and totally unfounded. As a matter of fact she was very instrumental in helping several black young men attain a successful career on the stage. I have read letters from these men in which they praise her and acknowledge that without her help they never would have attained this success.

Being accused of contributing to conservative causes, is discrimination at its worst. As a man of integrity and principle, I know that you will see to it that she has a fair hearing.

Thank you for your consideration in this matter.

Sincerely,

Joan L. Hueter

March 18, 1983

The Honorable Paul S. Tribble, Jr.
United States Senate
Washington, DC 20510

Dear Senator Tribble:

As you are a member of the Commerce Committee, I want to request that you initiate a discharge petition to force Helen Marie Taylor's nomination to the floor of the Senate if Chairman Goldwater or other members of the Sub-Committee on Communications continue to hold up her nomination.

Whatever concerns they have about her personal background or conservative affiliations should be put to her directly so she may answer these in an open hearing.

Helen Marie Taylor has supported our organization. We have supported President Reagan and share his conservative principles. It appears from press releases that Helen Marie Taylor is being denied this hearing and confirmation because she is a conservative and Reagan supporter.

We strongly support diversities of views and feel it is entirely appropriate that the conservative view be represented on the Board of the Corporation for Public Broadcasting.

Members of the Sub-Committee have been quoted by the press as saying that they were concerned about the number of conservative organizations to which Mrs. Taylor has contributed - specifically named were AIM, Christian Broadcasting Network, Moral Majority, American Economic Foundation, the Right to Work Committee and Eagle Forum. All of these are fine organizations. Their letterheads carry the names of many distinguished Americans who feel strongly that they are dedicated to serving the best interests of our nation.

That Helen Marie Taylor should be denied an appointment on the grounds that she has supported these organizations and their leadership is discrimination at its worst.

March 18, 1983

The Honorable John Warner
U.S. Senate
Washington, DC 20510

Dear Senator Warner:

This letter is in regard to the nomination of Helen Marie Taylor to the Board of the Corporation for Public Broadcasting. I am requesting that you support a motion to discharge the nomination of Helen Marie Taylor from the committee.

Whatever concerns the Chairman or other members of the Subcommittee on Communications have about her personal background or conservative affiliations should be put to her directly so she may answer these in an open hearing.

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Senator Goldwater and/or members of his staff or the Subcommittee staff on Communications have been quoted in the New York Times, Post, Richmond papers and others. More recently these have ranged from insinuations of racism to the more vicious charge that her nomination is being held up because of information in her FBI file which Senator Goldwater is "concerned about". Mrs. Taylor has asked what these concerns are, but the Senator refuses to tell her what she is being accused of in an open forum or in the privacy of ~~his~~ office.

The White House counsel and the nomination staff assure that there is nothing in her file that would warrant a "hold" being placed on her name. The counsel has said, "You never would have been nominated in the first place if there had been anything in your file the disclosure of which would have embarrassed you or the President".

I understand that you and Senator Tribble have written in support of Mrs. Taylor's nomination. What I am asking you to do is to please take whatever steps are necessary to see that a discharge motion is presented and that Mrs. Taylor receives a full hearing to answer any and all concerns.

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Sincerely,

Joan L. Huster

Enclosure

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March 15, 1983

The Honorable Senator
Barry Goldwater
U. S. Senate
Washington, D.C. 20510

Dear Senator Goldwater:

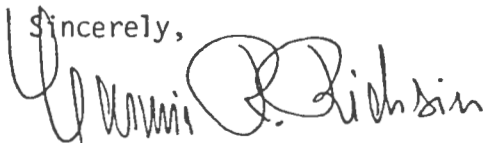
Recently President Reagan has appointed a good friend of mine, Mrs. Helen Marie Taylor of Meadowfarm, Orange, Va. to serve as Director of the Corporation for Public Broadcasting. It is my understanding that you are holding up her Senate Confirmation.

I have known Mrs. Taylor for 9 years, and she is one of the staunchest Reagan Republicans and has been active in our party in so many important positions. She is eminently qualified for this appointment due to her many years in the performing arts field and in the field of communications.

Helen Marie's loyalty to all that Ronald Reagan stands for is without question and it is shocking that her nomination is being held up.

I urge you to give this matter your immediate attention.

Sincerely,



Carmie R. Richesin
President

(District Chairman
Republican Party of Hawaii)

cc: Senator John Warner }
Senator Paul Tribble }

I have asked both Senators to
file a discharge petition -
God luck, God bless you
Carmie

Lee Smith, Jr.
Representative
ne 879 7096

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March 23, 1983

Senator Barry Goldwater
SR 353 Russell Building
Washington, D. C. 20510

Dear Senator Goldwater,

I have just learned that Helen Marie Taylor (Mrs. J. E. Taylor) of Meadowfarm, Orange, Virginia has been appointed by President Reagan to serve as Director of the Corporation of Public Broadcasting.

My wife, who has known her longer than I, and I have a high regard for Helen Marie who has been an active supporter of President Reagan and an authentic conservative Republican for years.

It is my understanding that you have placed a hold on her nomination in the Senate and that no reason has been given. As a longtime supporter of yours and President Reagan and as a former Congressman from Alabama, I encourage you to support this fine conservative woman.

Any information you could pass on to me as to why you might oppose Mrs. Taylor would be appreciated.

Sincerely yours for a better America,

Albert Lee Smith

Albert Lee Smith, Jr.



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ALBERT LEE SMITH, JR.

4200 STONE RIVER CIRCLE
BIRMINGHAM ALABAMA 35213

March 23, 1983

Dear Paul,

Hope all is going well for you.

Enclosed is a copy of my letter to Senator Goldwater endorsing Helen Marie Taylor for a Director of the Corporation of Public Broadcasting.

Really, I am at a loss to understand why someone with her conservative and professional credentials would be held in question for a minute.

I would appreciate your filing a Discharge Petition to force the approval of Helen Marie's nomination.

With best regards,

Senator Paul Tribble
Senate Office Building
Washington, D. C. 20515

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March 23, 1983

Senator John Warner
Senate Office Building
Washington, D. C. 20510

Dear Senator,

Enclosed is a copy of my letter to Senator Goldwater endorsing Helen Marie Taylor for a Director of the Corporation of Public Broadcasting.

As a former Congressman myself, I am at a loss to understand why someone with her conservative and professional credentials would be held in question.

I would appreciate your filing a Discharge Petition to force the approval of Helen Marie's nomination.

Sincerely yours,

Albert Lee Smith, Jr.



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Mrs. J. Evetts Haley

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April 8, 1983

Senator Barry Goldwater
Senate Office Building
Washington, D.C. 20510

Dear Senator Barry:

Evetts and I frequently speak of you and earnestly hope you are feeling great. At our ages we all do well to raise the hell we do! Evetts is going on 82 and I'm just goind on-and-on-on and on!

The greatest relief to my arthritis (beside a copper bracelet) was an hour spent with Helen Marie Taylor of Orange, Va. where my family lived. I have known her for years and she may look like a doll but she really brings things into acute focus and lifts ones spirits on high.

Do yourself a favor, Senator, and call Helen Marie into your office and ask for answers to whatever might cause you to put a "hold" on her appointment to serve a Director of the Corporation for Public Broadcasting. We honestly believe there is a misunderstanding because Helen Marie's background knowledge and competence qualify her to be thoroughly capable.

Evetts joins in warm regards -

Viva! Ole!

Pos Haley



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March 22, 1983

Senator Paul Tribble
Senate Office Building
Washington, D.C. 20510

Dear Paul:

I am writing to you to ask for your further support for Helen Marie Taylor in her confirmation battle to serve on the Board of Directors for the Corporation for Public Broadcasting. You would probably rather not deal with this, but, I think it is an extremely important matter. It seems that the only reason that Helen Marie is being opposed by Senator Goldwater is her financial commitments to certain groups that are not popular in some circles. It seems to me this is the time to draw the line to support one of our friends.

I hope you will do everything in your power to fight for her confirmation, and if you have any suggestions as to how I might help you in this process, I will be glad to assist. I think we must show our friends that they can count on us for help when the times get tough. I hope we can count on your support.

With best personal wishes I remain,

Sincerely yours,

Paul M. Weyrich



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March 22, 1983

Senator John Warner
Senate Office Building
Washington, D.C. 20510

Dear John:

I was pleased to hear that you have been supporting the confirmation of Helen Marie Taylor to the Board of Directors for the Corporation for Public Broadcasting. As the efforts proceed, I am sure that many who oppose Helen Marie will step up their efforts to scuttle her nomination, and I want to encourage you to continue to support her. I say this not as one who has received much benefit from her generosity, for in fact we have received little from Helen Marie over the years, rather I say this because she is a woman of principle, a rare quality these days.

This nomination is extremely important for symbolic reasons. If support for the President and to conservative principles are to be regarded as an unpardonable sin that should deny someone confirmation in the present Administration, then we may as well all fold our tents and go home.

I think if you were to ask Barry Goldwater personally to support her as a favor to Virginia conservatives, it might be the key to break the log jam. Also if you have any suggestions as to how I might help in this case, let me know, I would be more than happy to do what I can on Helen Marie's behalf.

Once again, thank you for your efforts in behalf of Helen Marie, I look forward to hearing from you on this in the near future.

With best personal wishes I remain,

Sincerely yours,

Paul

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April 12, 1983

President Ronald Reagan
The White House
Washington D.C.

Dear Mr. President:

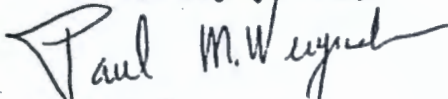
I am writing to ask you to continue to fight for the confirmation of Helen Marie Taylor to the Board of Directors for the Corporation for Public Broadcasting. This is a very good selection, Mrs. Taylor's credentials are first rate. This is also an extremely important political opportunity as well. This is an excellent chance for you to show the other side that you have had enough of them trying to scuttle every nomination you make. The time has come to draw the line in the dirt.

I hope you will not back off from supporting Helen Marie, but rather apply the "full court press" to see to it that she is confirmed. I think that a phone call to Senator Goldwater might be very useful in getting him to remove his "hold" on Helen Marie.

Thank you for your consideration to this matter.

With best personal regards I remain,

Sincerely yours,


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April 12, 1983

Senator Paul Laxalt
Senate Office Building
Washington, D.C. 20510

Dear Paul: *Paul*

I am writing to ask for your help in securing the confirmation of Mrs. Helen Marie Taylor to the Board of Directors to the Corporation for Public Broadcasting.

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I think if you were to personally ask Barry Goldwater to remove his hold it might do a great deal of good. Also if you have any suggestions as to how I might help in this situation please let me know, I consider this to be of the utmost importance.

Once again thank you for your efforts in this cause, I look forward to hearing from you in the near future.

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To: Executive Committee,
Chapter Presidents,
Standing Committees, and
Members at Large

From: Joan Hueter

SPECIAL ALERT!

Absolutely imperative that you send letters to support Helen Marie Taylor's nomination by President Reagan to serve on the Board of Directors of the Corporation for Public Broadcasting. Media bias is a continuing problem. Now you can strike a blow for some balance!

Senator Barry Goldwater is holding up her Senate confirmation. Ask him why he supported the confirmation of Sharon Percy Rockefeller, a liberal Democrat, to serve on the C. P. B. Board, but blocks an eminently qualified, loyal, generous, hard working Conservative Republican. It makes no sense! Ask him to please remove the hold on her name and to give her, before the Senate and for the record, an opportunity to address, the "concerns" he or any other Senators have in a straightforward manner. It is most unfair, and not what we expect of him, to allow his staff to make public statements undermining the President's nomination of Helen Marie Taylor by suggesting that she is not a splendid choice.

Write President Reagan at the White House. Thank him for nominating Helen Marie and ask him to make a few of his famous telephone calls to Goldwater, Warner, Tribble, Baker, Helms and others. Ask him, particularly, to speak to his own staff to assure that they continue to support his nomination of Helen Marie. We don't want to wake up one morning and find the nomination has been withdrawn by the White House Personnel Staff.

Write Senators Tribble and Warner of Virginia and thank them for supporting Helen Marie. Ask them to vigorously continue that support and to initiate a discharge petition to assure Helen Marie an opportunity for a full and fair hearing. Say that you are shocked that Goldwater could favor and support Sharon Rockefeller, and hold up confirmation of a splendid Conservative Reagan Republican.

It is imperative that you write immediately. This nomination is in a crucial stage during this period. Please, without fail, send copies of your letters to:

Mrs. Helen Marie Taylor
"Meadowfarm"
Orange, Virginia, 22960

She needs proof that she has Broad Public Support!

Please see the attached enclosure for addresses.

2 of 4 nominees multimillionaires

CPB Board Chairman Sharon Rockefeller and three newcomers glided through a brief and amiable confirmation hearing Feb. 4, with all but one nominee sure to be appointed directors of CPB. The shoe-ins are Rockefeller; Richard Brookhiser, senior editor of the *National Review*; and consultant and former Columbia Pictures Communications President Karl Eller.

Helen Marie Taylor, a former actress active in Virginia Republican politics, is the one candidate whose seat on the board is still uncertain. Sen. Ernest Hollings (D-S.C.), ranking minority member of the Senate commerce committee that must confirm the presidential appointees, has queried Taylor on her view of public broadcasting's programming and her future role as CPB director. In addition, sources say, elements of her FBI file are still being examined.

Bouquets: But there was no hint of a controversy in the hearing room last Friday, as senators testified on behalf of their native sons and daughters. West Virginia Senators Jennings Randolph and Robert Byrd flanked Sharon Rockefeller while her husband, West Virginia Gov. John D. Rockefeller sat in the back, holding their youngest son.

Later, Sen. John Warner (R-Va.) warmly presented Taylor, while Charles Percy (R-Ill.) spoke up for Eller, as did Sen. Barry Goldwater (R-Ariz.), who was conducting the hearing.

Only Richard Brookhiser was compelled to go it alone. His New York senators were out of town.

No ads or formula: Rockefeller, a hearing room veteran, did most of the talking. In response to a question by Goldwater, she spoke against commercials on PTV. "Advertising would inescapably alter the public service...nature of public broadcasting..."

Taylor said that she also would "be reluctant to support" product advertising, and believes more could be accomplished

in annual fundraising. For instance, Louis Rukeyser, Alistair Cooke and William Buckley could join fundraising drives, she suggests.

Rockefeller told Goldwater that all the studies CPB has devoted to public broadcasting's funding have led to the same conclusion: federal aid must be kept up.

But she objected to the congressionally imposed formula that tells CPB how its budget must be spent. "It allows absolutely no discretion in this time of tight finances," she said. "I respectfully submit that the allocation scheme be lifted."

She added that "peace" now reigns among former pubcast antagonists—but her call to lift the formula may have set the stage for another struggle. Pubcasting sources tell *Current* that neither TV nor radio would be happy if CPB were to regain entire control over its budget.

Well-heeled nominees: Reagan's nominees are not short for cash. Brookhiser, with an annual income of just over \$40,000, is the poorest of the lot. A distant second is Taylor, whose joint income tax return with retired husband Jacquelin reported \$788,415 in 1981, almost entirely from stock dividends. The Taylor's stocks include General Tire and Rubber, Taft Broadcasting, Schering-Plough Corp. and a variety of oil and tobacco companies.

Karl Eller holds about \$37 million in stocks and bonds and other interests, including 500,000 shares of Gannett, Inc., and 1,000 shares of Turner Broadcasting.

CPB Chairman Sharon Rockefeller's personal "net worth" is reported at \$2.4 million. Her husband's assets, however, total \$94.5 million. The Rockefellers' top investments include IBM, Apple Computers, Exxon, Chase Manhattan and AT&T.

Political perspectives: Rockefeller is well known as a devoted supporter of the Equal Rights Amendment, both as active advocate and financial backer. Her political contributed contributions went to



West Virginia's senators, Jennings Randolph and Robert Byrd, flank Sharon Rockefeller at her nomination hearing last week (Photo: Brooke Gladstone.)

mostly Democratic causes and campaigns, including \$5,000 to the Democratic National Committee, \$2,000 to Sen. Randolph (D-W.Va.), \$1,000 to Senate Minority Leader Byrd (D-W.Va.), \$750 to the campaign of House telecommunications subcommittee chairman Tim Wirth (D-Colo.), \$500 to Sen. Howard Cannon (D-Nev., defeated) and \$500 to the ranking minority member of the House subcommittee that appropriates for CPB, Silvio Conte (R-Mass.).

On the other end of the political spectrum, Helen Marie Taylor has been a staunch contributor to conservative causes and candidates. She has been a supporter of Reagan for the presidency since 1968, and has backed such groups as NCPAC, the American Conservative Union, the American Security Council, the National Conservative Foundation, Conservatives for Immigration Reform, the National Right to Work Legal Defense Fund. She has contributed to the campaigns of Sen. Jesse Helms (R-N.C.), Sen. John East (R-N.C.), Rep. Phil Crane (R-Ill.) and testified before the Virginia State Assembly in opposition to the Equal Rights Amendment, for a freeze on sex education until the state board of education personally reviewed all related study materials, and in favor of "Free Enterprise and Capitalistic and Economic Studies" for high school students.

Eller has been a member of myriad civic organizations, from the Rotary Club to the Salvation Army, and was named Phoenix "Man of the Year" in 1977. Al-

though his political affiliations are not apparent in reported contributions, he does have strong views about decision-making with potential applications to CPB, judging from a speech he gave to the Tucson Leadership Graduating Class of 1981:

"It makes no sense at all to have our society insisting on a 'democracy of judgment'—a group decision; because a group decision is nothing more than a compromise of mostly mediocre minds...The democracy of judgement seems to worship mediocrity because it is acceptable to the masses.

"The phrase 'elitist' is usually invoked by those who have uncritically embraced the average or ordinary pieties of the new populist morality in today's America."

Richard Brookhiser has been writing on many political issues for the conservative *National Review* since 1977. He is a member of the Council on Foreign Relations, and was employed by the Republican National Committee for several months last year as a speech writer for George Bush.

He'd like the CPB post, he explained on his application filed with the Senate Commerce Committee, because he "is interested in the same things CPB is interested in fostering...I tune in, and I pay for what I get—twice: as a taxpayer, and as a member of WNET in New York. At the same time, I can bring to the job a broad perspective, uncramped by intramural struggles and loyalties."

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March 28, 1983

To: Executive Committee, Chapter Presidents Unit Presidents, and
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From: Joan Hueter

Re: Important Letter to write immediately for HELEN MARIE TAYLOR.

Helen Marie Taylor (Mrs. J. E. Taylor) of Meadowfarm, Orange, VA 22960 has been appointed by President Reagan to serve as a Director of the Corporation for Public Broadcasting. This is a very important non-salaried position which requires Senate confirmation. She is eminently qualified for this appointment because of her years in the performing arts field and in communications. She is an authentic Reagan Conservative Republican, and was a member of Reagan's Family Policy Advisory Board in 1980 and of the Artists for Reagan Committee in 1980. She was a Delegate to the 1980 Republican National Convention and has been active in many positions in the Republican Party in Virginia. She and her husband are among the top donors to the Republican Party and have given well over a million dollars to various Republican and conservative causes over the last decade. (Helen Marie attends Eagle Council nearly every year and received our Eagle Award.)

For reasons that we have been unable to understand (and which must be due to some kind of misunderstanding), Senator Barry Goldwater has put a "Hold" on Helen Marie's nomination. As a result, all the other directors for the Corporation for Public Broadcasting (including the chairman, Sharon Percy Rockefeller) sailed through Senate confirmation quickly. But Helen Marie's nomination is languishing in the Senate and not moving. Helen Marie's loyalty to all that Ronald Reagan stands for is without question and it is shocking that her nomination is held up.

I am asking you today to write immediately to help our friend, Helen Marie Taylor. One letter should go to Senator Barry Goldwater. Urge him to release his "Hold" on Mrs. Helen Marie Taylor of Orange, Virginia. Say that you have known her as a loyal Republican for many years, as well as a generous donor to Republican causes. You can mention that you know her from Republican National Conventions and other Republican meetings. Say you do not understand why her nomination is being held up, and you think there must be a misunderstanding.

Then, write the same kind of a letter to Senator John Warner and to Senator Paul Trible, the two Senators from Virginia. Ask them to file a Discharge Petition to force the approval of Helen Marie Taylor's nomination. Both those Senators are friendly to Mrs. Taylor, but they need mail in order to get them moving on this case. Address all Senators at Senate Office Building, Washington, D.C. 20510.

Then write a letter to President Ronald Reagan, The White House, Washington, DC, thanking him for nominating Mrs. Taylor to this post, and asking him to make a couple of telephone calls and expedite her confirmation. It would be a mistake if the appointment of a truly conservative woman were to fail for lack of support.

This is a priority project for Pro America! PLEASE SEND A COPY OF ALL LETTERS DIRECTLY TO Helen Marie Taylor, Meadowfarm, Orange, VA 22960 (phone 703-672-2875 or 672-5588). She needs to have copies of the letters in her folder when she is questioned by the Senators. Thank you for your prompt help.



SEPTEMBER, 1971

FATHERS and DAUGHTERS NIGHT

MARK THIS DATE
MON., SEPT. 27th
5:30 P.M.

Speaker

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Following is a partial list of professional affiliations and work:

Actor's Equity Association, American Federation of Television and Radio Artists, Screen Actors Guild.

Royal Academy of Dramatic Art, London, England—Board of Governors, Associate Member, 1961-1971; American Auditions Board Member, 1959-1965, Chairman, 1964-1965.

United States Institute For Theatre Technology—National Board, Executive Committee, 1962-1967 — Public Relations Committee, Chairman, 1963-1964, Theatrical Presentation Committee, Chairman, 1964-1966.

National Council on the Arts in Government, 1963-1971.

Clark Center For the Performing Arts—Board of Directors N.Y.C. Advisory Committee, 1962-1964.

Lincoln Square Community Council, 1963-1964.

Association of Producing Artists (A.P.A.—Phoenix) Leading Actress, Founder Member, Promotions Director, 1960-1962.

New York Shakespeare Festival—New York Citizens Committee for Free Shakespeare in Central Park—Co-chairman, 1959.

American Shakespeare Festival Theatre and Academy — Founder, Member, 1955.

Godesberg Theatre, Bonn, Germany—Board of Directors 1952, Teacher, Actress.

Served as Entertainment Director, Headquarters, Special Activities Division, United States Army Europe, Nuremberg, Germany—1953-1954 (Supervision 17 Special Services Clubs, 32 Theatres, German-American Community Theatres, etc.).

Dallas Theatre Center—Advisory Committee 1962-1964, Teacher, Leading Actress.



Mrs. Jaquelin Taylor

Amanda Steel Scholarship For the Royal Academy of Dramatic Arts—Founders Committee, Selections Committee, Chairman.

Theatre Louisville, Inc.—Founder, Executive Committee, Board of Directors, 1963-1964 (later merged to form Actor's Theatre of Louisville, Kentucky).

John Fernald Theatre Company—Detroit, Michigan—Founder, 1966.

Academy of Dramatic Art, Oakland University, Rochester, Michigan—Founder and Consultant, 1967.

Atlanta Memorial Arts Center—Consultant, 1965.

And in Virginia:

Virginia Center For the Performing Arts—President, Founder, 1966-1971.

Mosque — Richmond, Virginia — Consultant, 1967.

Radford College Theatre Arts Center—Consultant, 1968.

Richmond Civic Center, Activities Center—Consultant, 1964.

Additional Affiliations:

Virginia Museum of Fine Arts—Fellow, 1965.

Historic Richmond Foundation—Member.

Poe Foundation—Member.

Valentine Museum—Member.

Dolly Madison Garden Club, Orange, Virginia, Member.

National Trust for Historic Preservation—Member.

Monument Avenue Association—Planning and Preservation

Chairman and Founder Member—By-Laws Committee Chairman.

Monument Avenue Commission—Member, Appointed by Richmond City Council, 1969.

PHILIP CYRUS MEYER, 33° I.G.H.

FALL REUNION CLASSES

NOVEMBER 8th, 9th, 10th and NOVEMBER 15th, 16th, 17th, 1971

Our Speaker on September 27th

Mrs. Helen Marie Taylor

Our speaker on September 27th is Helen Marie Taylor, the wife of (in a good old Virginia tradition) her cousin Mr. Jaquelin E. Taylor of Richmond and Orange, Virginia. Mrs. Taylor is the mother of four sons ranging in age from 23 years to one year.

Mrs. Taylor was graduated, with honors from the Royal Academy of Dramatic Art in London, England in 1952 and received her teacher's training, with special studies in Architecture and Design, from the University of London.

Mrs. Taylor has taught and lectured on Shakespeare, Greek Classics, History of the Theatre, Development of the Theatre in the United States, at the American Academy of Dramatic Arts, N. Y. C., Princeton University, and a number of Colleges and Universities and before Civic and Professional organizations throughout the United States. She is a Senior Professional Consultant for planning and programming and has served as a consultant and/or founder to a number of cities in connection with the establishment of Theatres and Art Centers.

Mrs. Taylor has been a guest speaker and critic on Theatre Architecture and Building at the National Conferences of the United States Institute for Theatre Technology and the American Institute of Architects. She has served on the American Institute of Architects national judges panel, representing the American performing artist, to evaluate current design in theatre, art and civic center buildings through the United States.

Mrs. Taylor has been an active producer, director, and actress in the theatre, in addition to her work as a professional consultant, and founder of professional repertory theatres. She received the Brandeis Award for her performance as 'Ophelia' in the Shakespeare-Wrights production of "Hamlet," N. Y. C. in 1957 which also received the "Best Dramatic Production of 1957 Award." For her

direction of "Love Poetry Through the Ages," she received the N. Y. C. "Public Library Award" in 1961; the "Award of Merit" was presented by the Poetry and Drama Ensemble for her direction of "Evenings With Great Writers" with the New York Pro Musica.

As a kinswoman of Edmund Pendleton, John Taylor of Caroline, James Madison, Zachary Taylor, and more recently General George Patton of World War II fame, it is not surprising that this daughter and granddaughter of lawyers, politicians and soldiers should couple an impressive record of acclaimed talents and professional experience with a dedicated, knowledgeable, and active interest in civic affairs. Her determination to safeguard Richmond's civic treasures, as well as her ability to identify, illuminate, and develop the value of existing facilities, has been amply demonstrated as has her determination to serve the good interests of the taxpayer. Few Richmonders are unaware of her steadfast efforts to preserve and enhance two of Richmond's priceless assets—historic and beloved old Monument Avenue and our even more historic, though long neglected, James River-Kanawha Canal.

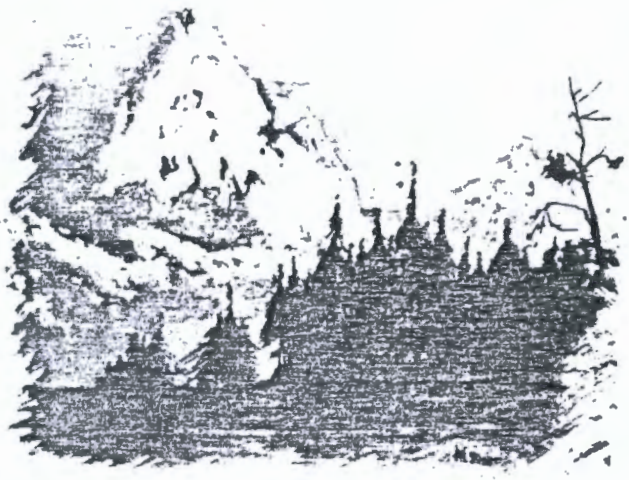
At a time when Richmond has millions of dollars committed to the Development of the Coliseum, the new Civic Center, the James River Project, the Performing Arts Study, a Science Museum, and the fate of the Kanawha Canal still hangs in the balance, the City is fortunate indeed to have such an outstanding and gifted lady and proven champion to call upon.

But more importantly, Mrs. Taylor has been sounding the alarm with increasing insistence for the need for earnest Citizen participation to combat the assaults being made on our state and Federal Constitutions and the need to expose and oppose these as well as subversive and revolutionary thrusts being made in our own Community and State. We are honored to welcome Mrs. Taylor as our speaker.

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Robert J. Plarr

16 Shepherd Hills Avenue, Wescosville, Pa. 18100

14 April 1983

Doubts are more cruel than the worst of truths.
(Moliere)

Senator Barry Goldwater
Major General, USAAF-ret
United States Senate, Arizona
Washington, D. C. 20510

Sir, good morning . . .

I have long been a great admirer of yours . . . dating back to the great 1964 campaign . . . and when I was Officer-in-Charge of the Signal Corps MARS Station at Fort Monmouth, New Jersey, we enjoyed many hours of Goldwater Amateur Radio Traffic.

Sir, I find it very disturbing that a hold has been put on Mrs. Helen Marie Taylor, nominated to serve as a Director of the Corporation for Public Broadcasting. The conflicting information I have is the purported view that "something is in her FBI file" on the one hand . . . and on the other, that Senators John Warner and Paul Trible claiming not so!

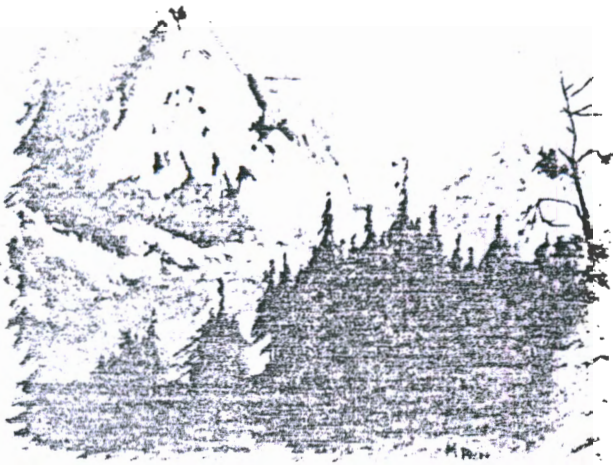
I have long loathed the liberal domination of the Public Broadcasting Corporation --- especially the outright sponsoring of programs deprecating President Reagan and their anti-Christian crusade. Ironically, I don't mind too much the humanism religion they present - if only they would identify it as such, the way they never hesitate to label any criticism by Christians. No, I'm not moral majority and I don't belong to any church now --- but I am hell on fairness.

I feel fully confident that Helen Marie Taylor would temper this bad situation at Public Broadcasting and bring much need fairness to that organization . . . besides, she was personally appointed by Ronald Reagan and this surely is not comfortable for him to endure such a hold.

Please . . . please look into this further and give her your support.

Respectfully yours,

Major, Signal Corps
U.S. Army - ret
High School Teacher



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10 Shepherd Hills Avenue, Wescosville, Pa. 18100

14 April 1983

The cruelest lies are often told in silence.
(Stevenson)

Senator John W. Warner
United States Senate, Virginia
Washington, D. C. 20510

Greetings . . .

I ask that you review the letter I have written to Senator Barry Goldwater, xerox copy attached.

True, I am writing at the suggestion of Phyllis Schlafly, whom I admire very much and have been an ardent supporter for over 5 years.

Be that as it may, I am quite incensed at this hold on Helen Marie Taylor to serve as a director of the Public Broadcasting Corporation. This organization has been one of the meanest in spirit and direction in promoting anything - repeat anything - offensive to Christian morality - to say nothing of the gross unfairness of their radical-liberal-leftist propaganda --- and taxpayers are paying for this, what gall!!

Here is a golden opportunity to have a strong and gracious lady serve on that board, to put the brakes on their free reign of abuse.

What's happening down there anyway . . how comes false liberals, Carter holders, Ford/Nixon retreads always seem to sail through the Senate confirmations, but when a genuine Conservative/Reaganite comes along, there's usually a hazzle? Hey! Carter never had this trouble . . . everyone knew 'to the victor belong the spoils' and accepted it . . . why not now??

Senator Warner, please exert the necessary indignant pressure for the favorable selection of Helen Marie Taylor to serve as a Director of the Corporation for Public Broadcasting.

Respectfully,

Robert J. Plarr

Retired Military
Tenured HS Teacher



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April 11, 1983

The President
The White House
Washington, D. C. 20500

Dear President Reagan:

Thank you so much for nominating Mrs. Helen Marie Taylor to the position as Director of the Corporation for Public Broadcasting.

As you well know Mrs. Taylor has been a very active Republican in the party in Virginia for many years as well as being a delegate to the 1980 Republican National Convention. Her qualifications and her background are those traits that are desirable in your administration. I hope that you can do everything within your power to expedite her confirmation.

Sincerely,


Ruth Prendergast

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BCC's — H. M. Taylor



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The Honorable John Warner
United States Senate
Senate Office Building
Washington, D. C. 20510

Dear Senator Warner:

Helen Marie Taylor of Meadowfarm, Orange, Virginia has been appointed by President Reagan as Director of the Corporation for Public Broadcasting. It is my understanding that Mrs. Taylor's nomination has been put on hold in committee. I would urge you to file a Discharge Petition to force the approval of Mrs. Taylor's nomination.

Helen Marie Taylor is a well-known supporter of President Reagan. She was also a delegate to the 1980 National Convention and I personally feel she would be an asset to the Reagan Administration.

Your attention to this matter would be greatly appreciated.

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The Honorable Barry Goldwater
United States Senate
353 Russell Senate Office Building
Washington, D. C. 20510

Dear Senator Goldwater:

Helen Marie Taylor of Meadowfarm, Orange, Virginia has been appointed by President Reagan as Director of the Corporation for Public Broadcasting. It is my understanding that Mrs. Taylor's nomination has been put on hold in your committee. I urge you to release the hold on Mrs. Taylor's nomination and expedite the confirmation of her nomination for this very important post.

Helen Marie Taylor is a well-known supporter of President Ronald Reagan. She was also a delegate to the 1980 National Convention and I personally feel she would be an asset to the Reagan Administration.

Your attention to this matter would be greatly appreciated.

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The Honorable Paul Tribble
United States Senate
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Ruth Prendergast

RP:DS

April 11, 1983

Mrs. Helen Marie Taylor
Meadowfarm
Orange, Virginia 22960

Greetings, Mrs. Taylor!...

...and blessings upon you and your day!

I'm writing briefly but sincerely to let you know I have sent letters to President Reagan, Senators Goldwater, Warner, and Tribble as well as several friends--letters which will hopefully help your nomination to the board of directors of the Corporation for Public Broadcasting, ending in your confirmation by the Senate.

We have a Pacifica station here in Houston that carries National Public Radio's "Morning Edition" and "All Things Considered" (Public Broadcasting Service), and as you know, the greater portion of the programming is extremely biased--which would be all right to some extent, if the CPB and PBS were not supported by taxpayer dollars.

Well, I could snort, rant, and rail for three or four pages, but I'll end this missive with a hope, encouragement to you, and prayer that you will become a member of the board of directors of the CPB and that during the confirmation proceedings or before, you will not allow yourself to be "edged out." In other words, don't let those of us who are supporting you down by withdrawing your name for consideration.

"My left yields; my right is broken through; situation excellent; I attack" (General Ferdinand Foch during World War I, in a telegram message from the battlefield).

Charge!



Robert Bearce
3928 Amherst
Houston, Texas 77005

CURRENT

March 25, 1983—Current—

Dangers seen in appeal on editorializing

Pacifica radio's top staffer Sharon Maeda says public broadcasters' right to editorialize is overshadowed by broader implications of the Justice Department's appeal recently accepted for review by the Supreme Court.

In its appeal, the Reagan Administration contends that it can impose restrictions on free speech of organizations that receive federal money, Maeda told *Current*. Specifically, the Justice Department is arguing that the high court should uphold a 15-year-old law banning editorials by public broadcasters. A District Court judge in California ruled last August that the law is unconstitutional.

Maeda says the wider dangers of the case will attract *amicus curiae* briefs from concerned organizations outside public broadcasting. Plaintiffs in the case, besides the Pacifica Foundation are the League of Women Voters of California and Rep. Henry Waxman (D-Cal.).

...while "Princess" appeal goes nowhere

The Supreme Court has declined to review the "Death of a Princess" cases, leaving standing a Circuit Court ruling last fall. That decision affirmed the right of state-owned public broadcasters to cancel previously scheduled broadcasts of the controversial 1980 documentary. Viewers, who pressed the appeals for nearly three years in separate cases in Houston and Birmingham, Ala., "had no constitutional right to compel the broadcast of the programs," the Circuit Court majority ruled last fall.

Taylor out, O'Conner in as CPB nominee

Though her name has not yet been officially withdrawn, Helen Marie Taylor will *not* be confirmed by the Senate Commerce Committee as a director of CPB, predicts a committee aide. She was supposed to have succeeded Gillian Sorensen on the CPB Board.

Meanwhile, Harry O'Conner, who distributed President Reagan's "fireside chats" on radio, has been nominated to the CPB Board. If confirmed, he will succeed Charles Roll.

First Lady consorts with Chemical People

Nancy Reagan will host two one-hour PTV specials to air Nov. 2 and 9. The two-parter from WQED, Pittsburgh, *The Chemical People*, tackles school-age drug and alcohol abuse.

"We are in danger of losing an entire generation unless we act now to educate ourselves and our children," the First Lady said in a press conference March 21. "*The Chemical People* is a powerful tool and I am pleased to be part of the project."

Communities have been urged to hold town meetings concurrently with the first program, which combines documentary and drama to illustrate the extent of chemical and drug abuse by the young. The second hour advises communities on how to form permanent task forces to prevent and combat "substance abuse." To date, 26 national organizations have pledged active involvement in organizing town meetings and task forces.

When the program first was broadcast locally by WQED in the spring of 1982, more than 12,000 residents in western Pennsylvania met in groups to watch. As a direct result of the program, 112 allied task forces in 15 counties were established to confront chemical abuse by youths.

Cume tops 70% hurdle in Chicago

Goldwater still against Mrs. Taylor

By News Leader
Washington Correspondent

WASHINGTON — After talking to Virginia's two U.S. senators, U.S. Sen. Barry Goldwater remains unswayed in his concerns about a Virginia woman nominated to an administration board.

The nomination of Helen Marie Taylor of Richmond to the Corporation for Public Broadcasting board of directors appeared in serious trouble yesterday, Senate sources said.

Goldwater, a Republican from Arizona, is chairman of a Senate Commerce Committee panel that oversees the board.

Sens. Paul S. Trible Jr. and John W. Warner, Virginia Republicans, talked with Goldwater Wednesday and yesterday, respectively, aides said.

"The situation hasn't changed that I know of," Earl Eisenhower, Goldwater's press secretary, said yesterday.

"I have not seen or heard anything that has alleviated (Goldwater's) concerns."

Asked whether Goldwater would ask the White House to withdraw the nomination, Eisenhower said, "I think that would be the wisest course for everybody at this point." He said he did not know whether Goldwater would follow that course.

"The concerns came out of the FBI background report," Eisenhower said. He could not elaborate because only senators are allowed to examine the reports.

In addition, sentiment in the Commerce Committee is running about 80 percent to 20 percent against confirmation of Mrs. Taylor, he said.

The committee last week delayed confirmation of Mrs. Taylor but voted unanimously to recommend confirmation of three other nominees. In addition to Goldwater, Sen. Ernest Hollings, D-S.C., had questions then about her appointment.

Mrs. Taylor, a conservative Republican, once stood in front of a paving machine to help paving on Richmond's historic Monument Avenue in 1968.

She is a supporter of several conservative organizations, including Accuracy in Media, the Christian Broadcasting Network and Moral Majority.

memo
from

Mrs. Helen Marie Taylor
(Mrs. Jaquelin E. Taylor)

Booker Bradshaw
is only one of a
number of younger
artists I have helped
over the years who
happens to be black.

February 28, 1983.

Ms. Helen Marie Taylor
Meadowfarm
Orange, Virginia 22960

Dear Helen,

It is my extreme pleasure to respond to your request for verification of your role in establishing and supporting my participation in the communications media.

To begin with, it was principally through your faith and considerable support that I was able to make the transition from Harvard Undergraduate School to the artistic challenge of The Royal Academy of Dramatic Art in London.

Next, you came to my assistance and eternal betterment by establishing a firm repertory base for the growth of my craft in this country once I completed my course at RADA. (Both with APA/Phoenix and, subsequently with the John Fernald Repertory Company at Meadowbrook in Michigan.) These were the formulative years, and the years for which I am most grateful for your encouragement.

Finally, you have continued, to this day, to be a friend and artistic confidant -- a fact for which I shall be eternally grateful. I can think of no better benefactor or true lover of the best that Theatre in this country and abroad has to

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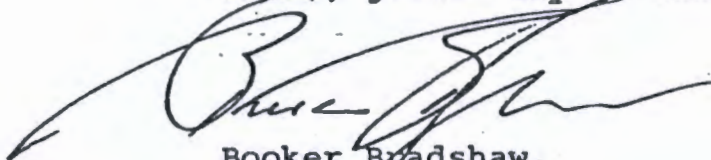
February 28, 1983.

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It is an honor to offer my unqualified endorsement to your future efforts to enrich the lives of the artistic communities of the world, and to lend my total support to your energies on all of our behalfs.

My thanks, my best, and my undying appreciation and love to you.

Yours, gratefully as always,



Booker Bradshaw,
Story Editor,
"Gimme A Break"

BB/cm

EDUCATIONAL BACKGROUND:

Harvard University, 1962
 Royal Academy, London, 1964

STAGE PRODUCTIONS:

"And People All Around"... Musical with George Sklar.
 Winner of the B.M.I. Award.

"Company of Three" ... For Theater West, Los Angeles.

TELEVISION:

Tenaflly ... (Opening Show + 1 Episode)	Universal
Columbo ...	"
Lucas Tanner ... (2 Episodes)	"
McMillan & Wife ... (2 Hour)	"
Ellery Queen ...	"
Rockford Files ... (Nominated for WGA Best Mystery Award, '77)	"
McCoy ... (2 Hour)	"
Get Christie Love ...	"
Truman & Roosevelt ... (Pilot)	"
Firehouse ... (3 Episodes)	20th Cent. Fox
Disco ... (2 Hour Movie of the Week)	"
Planet of the Apes ... (3 Episodes)	"
ABC Mystery Movie ...	Metromedia
Adventures of Ali ... (2 Episodes -- Animation Series)	NBC
Rollout ...	20th Cent. Fox
What's Happening ...	Tandem Prods.
Good Times ...	"
The Jeffersons ...	"
Richard Pryor Specials ... (Staff Writer)	NBC
Redd Foxx Show ... (Staff Writer)	ABC
Samson, Inc. ... (Pilot with Harold Robbins)	ABC
Douglas Family ...	Lorimar Prods.
Ultra-High ... (2 Hour Pilot with Chris Bearde)	NBC
Skyrider (Man of Metal) ... (Pilot with Chris Bearde)	CBS
Gimmie A Break (Staff)	NBC
Diff'rent Strokes	NBC

FEATURE FILMS:

"All The Flowers Are Mine" ...	Canadian Film Board
"Tattoo On The Flesh" ...	Sochiko Films, Tokyo, Japan
"Bonnet Man" ...	Universal

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 856-1861

"unwarranted intrusion." Bill would permit govt. access to records only through subpoena or ex parte court order and would require govt. to notify individual if subpoena is sought to gain access to his records. Person then could go to court and challenge govt. request for records. If govt. agent believed notifying individual would harm investigation, Weiss plan would permit agent to seek court order similar to that required to tap phone if "reasonable cause" were shown. Bill also would set limits on later use and "redisclosure" by govt. agency of such records.

Videotex America, Times Mirror Co.'s joint venture with Infomart, signed up Chronicle Publishing Co., owner of San Francisco Chronicle, as local marketing affiliate for its videotex service. Publisher will share in research from Times Mirror field trial in southern Cal. and decide later whether to form partnership to operate videotex service in San Francisco Bay area. Phoenix Newspapers Inc. and Fla. Publishing Co. already have signed agreements to explore feasibility of offering such services in their areas. Videotex America officials are analyzing results of trial before they decide whether to do more testing in 1983 or 1984.

NCTA-CRT court battle update: Copyright owners have filed motion to strike from court record part of brief filed by United Video in support of NCTA appeal of CRT-imposed 3.75% distant signal rate. United Video, common carrier for WGN-TV Chicago, included appendix to brief (Daily, Jan. 25) consisting of letters from client cable operators giving notice they planned to drop WGN as of Dec. 31 because of higher copyright rates. United Video intended to show by letters widespread industry movement to drop distant signals because of higher copyright rates. Copyright owners (MPAA, sports interests, NAB, BMI, et al.) argue appendix should be stricken for several reasons, mainly that some letters are from non-Form 3 systems (those with semi-annual revenues of at least \$214,000) or are systems outside all TV markets, meaning higher copyright rates wouldn't apply to them.

Nominations of current CPB Chmn. Sharon Rockefeller, media consultant Karl Eller & National Review editor Richard Brookhiser to CPB board are expected to sail through Senate Commerce Committee next Tues. However, nomination of Helen Taylor of Richmond may be held up because of concerns raised by her background file. Taylor belongs to several racially-exclusive clubs and has contributed money to organizations such as Accuracy in Media and Moral Majority which have criticized public broadcasters. In addition, she reportedly gave money to Prince Edward School Foundation set up to get around school desegregation order in 1950s. Once okayed by committee, nominations will be sent to Senate for approval.

National Council of Churches has asked CBS for time to answer charges on Jan. 23 segment of 60 Minutes that Council has become politicized and aids Marxist-Leninist revolutionaries. Segment, hosted by Morely Safer, said funds from church members are being used to buy guns for revolutionaries. CBS had no comment. Council said it was considering complaint to National News Council.

Sen. Nunn (D-Ga.) introduced 3-bill package "designed to halt the flow of American high technology and defense secrets to the Soviet Union." He said hearings last year by Senate Permanent Subcommittee on Investigations "indicated that the Soviets are increasingly adept at obtaining American technical knowhow, while all too often the U.S. response has been inadequate to the challenge." He said bill would improve export controls by focusing on key high-technology items. Under present system, he said, govt. "tries to control too many commodities and thus fails to keep track of those products the Soviets desire most."

Problems and promise of expanding cable industry are discussed in 3 new books (Communications Press, about 200 pp. each, \$21.95 each). "The Cable/Broadband Communications Book, Vol. 3, 1982-1983" is edited by Mary Louise Hollowell. "Creating Original Programming for Cable TV" is edited by Drew Shaffer & Richard Wheelwright. "Cable TV Renewals & Refranchising" is edited by Jean Rice. Details, orders: Communications Press, 1346 Connecticut Press, Washington, D.C. 20036. 202-785-0865.

Storer Communications declared stock dividend of 10¢ per share, described by Chmn. & CEO Peter Storer as "reduced payout." He said reduced dividend is necessary due to "current

The
Christian
Broadcasting
Network
Inc.



Pat Robertson
PRESIDENT

March 31, 1983

The Honorable John Warner
United States Senate
405 Dirksen Senate Office Bldg.
Washington, DC 20510

Dear John:

There is a matter of some importance that I would like to bring to your attention concerning a mutual friend and fellow Virginian, Helen Marie Taylor.

As you know, President Reagan has nominated Mrs. Taylor for the Board of the Corporation for Public Broadcasting.

Reportedly Senator Barry Goldwater has placed a hold on her nomination. Incredibly one reason being given is the fact that she gave a contribution to our organization, The Christian Broadcasting Network, to help establish our Washington News Bureau, where you and other senators have been interviewed by me on national television.

I consider this restriction on Mrs. Taylor's First Amendment freedoms to be an absolute outrage!

I have just gotten off the phone with Dr. Mildred Jefferson of Boston who called on Mrs. Taylor's behalf. Dr. Jefferson is a professor of surgery at Boston University Hospital and holds twenty-five honorary degrees. She is black. Dr. Jefferson tells me that another innuendo about Mrs. Taylor is one of racism.

To set the record clear, Dr. Jefferson tells me that Helen Marie Taylor was an early contributor to the NAACP, and was a major supporter of the Sydenham Hospital, which Dr. Jefferson says was the only hospital in the entire United States where blacks could be trained as surgical interns. She also told me that Mrs. Taylor was chairman of the New York Audition Committee of the Royal Academy of Arts. In that capacity she sent the first American Negro man and woman to London for training in dramatic art.

Dr. Jefferson feels that Sharon Percy Rockefeller does not like Helen Marie Taylor and is trying to frustrate the President's wishes in this appointment.

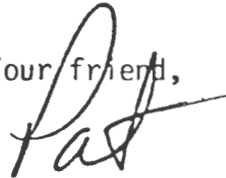
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John, I think it is an absolute crime what happens to conservative nominees to various public positions. First there is a hold; then the Washington Post and its associates begin a smear campaign; then the candidate is labeled "controversial"; then the pressure increases as further liberal editorial voices are raised against them; and finally The White House is forced to withdraw the nomination in favor of someone acceptable to the Eastern establishment.

I hope that you will use your influence on the Communications Sub-Committee to rectify what seems to be a grave injustice to a woman, who although extremely outspoken as we know, has tried to use her wealth and position to foster traditional values in the United States.

I would appreciate hearing from you on this matter. With cordial personal regards, I am

Your friend,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Pat", with a stylized flourish extending from the end.

Pat Robertson
President

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cc: Edwin Meese, III
Counsellor to the President
The White House