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WHITE HOUSE CORRESPONDENCE TRACKING WORKSHEET

FEB 201

☐ O - OUTGOING☐ H - INTERNAL☐ I - INCOMINGDate Correspondence
Received (YY/MM/DD) 1/1/

Name of Correspondent: Charles A. Donovan

☐ MI Mail Report

User Codes: (A) (B) (C)

Subject: Mail to the President regarding a
six-year Presidential term

ROUTE TO:

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DISPOSITION

Office/Agency	(Staff Name)	Action Code	Tracking Date YY/MM/DD	Type of Response	Code	Completion Date YY/MM/DD
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Comments: Ltrs. sent to Beverly Kierman,
Grace J. Fippinger and Wallace W. Booth

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THE WHITE HOUSE

WASHINGTON

January 22, 1985

Dear Ms. Kievman:

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As I am sure you know, a number of other prominent Americans have also expressed strong support for this proposal. While the President understands and has given serious consideration to the arguments advanced for a six-year term, he does not plan, as explained at a recent meeting with several proponents of the idea, to endorse it in the near future.

Thank you again for writing.

Sincerely,



Peter J. Rusthoven
Associate Counsel to the President

Ms. Beverly Kievman
Chairman
Beverly Kievman Enterprises
6145 Barfield Road, N.E.
Suite 135
Atlanta, Georgia 30328

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Peter J. Rusthoven
Associate Counsel to the President

Ms. Grace J. Fippinger
Vice President
Secretary Treasurer
NYNEX Corporation
335 Madison Avenue
New York, New York 10017

THE WHITE HOUSE

WASHINGTON

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Dear Mr. Booth:

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Associate Counsel to the President

Mr. Wallace W. Booth
Chairman, President and
Chief Executive Officer
Ducommun Incorporated
611 West Sixth Street, Suite 2500
Los Angeles, California 90017

MEMORANDUM

THE WHITE HOUSE
WASHINGTON

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December 6, 1984

TO: FRED F. FIELDING

FROM: CHARLES A. DONOVAN *CD*
White House Correspondence

RE: Mail to the President Regarding a Six-Year Presidential Term

Attached is a sample of current mail the White House is receiving which urges the President to express his personal support for a constitutional amendment that would limit the Presidency to a single term of six years. The mail is fairly heavy at present and indicates an organized campaign, but each of the incoming letters is individually written and argued. Many of the letters focus upon the Inaugural Address or State of the Union as a forum in which the President could declare his views on this matter.

We have no previous material on hand that would indicate an existing position or opinion on such an amendment, and we would appreciate any guidance you could provide on an appropriate reply to these writers. Thank you for your review of this request.

cc: Pending File

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November 21, 1984

The Honorable Ronald Reagan
President
The White House
Washington, D.C. 20500

Good morning, Mr. President.

Sincere Congratulations on your campaign and re-election.

I am a Woman Business Owner, and a member of the National Committee for the Single Six Year Presidential Term.

My urgent hope for this letter is that you will strongly endorse the Constitutional Amendment advocating the Single Six year term.

There are numerous experts who will describe the rationale. My intent is to increase your awareness of the "field" support for this, and strongly recommend that you publicly endorse it during the Inaugural Address and State of the Union Message.

I direct your attention to the timing of this crucial issue, and appreciate your anticipated decision to support the Single Six Year Presidential Term.

Very Sincerely,

Beverly Kievman
Chairman
Beverly Kievman Enterprises

BK: cdw

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335 Madison Avenue New York NY 10017
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Grace J Fippinger
Vice President
Secretary Treasurer

Pro-6 yr Pres. Term

NYNEX

November 19, 1984

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

Dear Mr. President:

I understand you are in favor of a single six year Presidential term. The Single Six-Year Term has been urged by Presidents since Andrew Jackson and by leading legislators since Henry Clay. Today, it continues to enjoy wide spread, bi-lateral support.

As a member of the Committee for the Single Six-Year Presidential Term, I hope you will make this issue a major agenda item of your second term. Your public support of the Single Six-Year Term, in your inaugural and state of the union messages, would do much to direct America's thinking toward this improvement in the Presidency.

Sincerely,

Grace Fippinger



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WALLACE W. BOOTH

CHAIRMAN, PRESIDENT AND
CHIEF EXECUTIVE OFFICER

November 16, 1984

The Honorable Ronald Reagan
President of the United States
The White House
Washington, D.C. 20500

Re: Endorsement of a Single Six-Year Term

Dear Mr. President:

I believe you should declare your support for a constitutional amendment that provides for a single six-year presidential term.

You have been reelected to a second term and cannot stand for a third term. You will enjoy a freedom from reelection politics and special interest politics that you did not enjoy during your first term. Every President should enjoy this same freedom for his whole term. Every President should have the same freedom to lead the American people that you now have.

President Eisenhower, the last full two-term President, endorsed the idea. You can make a lasting imprint on American history by endorsing a one-term system that will allow difficult decisions to be made with consistency from the day an administration takes office. By taking the lead at this moment, you can improve the ability of your successors to govern responsibly on the foreign and economic policy questions that transcend transitory pressures.

I support this amendment as do many of my friends and business associates. I urge you to publically endorse the amendment soon.

Very truly yours,

Wallace W. Booth

/csb

cc: The Honorable James A. Baker

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THE WHITE HOUSE

WASHINGTON

January 22, 1985

Dear Bill:

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Thank you again for writing. With best regards,

Sincerely,

Orig. signed by FFF

Fred F. Fielding
Counsel to the President

R. William Ide, III, Esquire
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41 Marietta Street
Atlanta, Georgia 30303

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cc: FFFielding/PJRusthoven/Subject/Chron.
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December 5, 1984

The Honorable Ronald W. Reagan
President of the United States
The White House
1600 Pennsylvania Avenue, N.W.
Washington, D.C. 20500

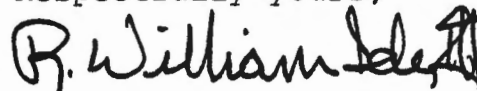
Dear Mr. President:

Your reelection brings you the opportunity to move forward the concept of the six-year presidential term; I urge you to endorse this concept during an early point of high visibility in your second term, such as the Inaugural Address or the State of the Union Address.

Current leaders of both parties and former Presidents of both parties have endorsed an amendment to the Constitution which would limit the President to a single, six-year term. Their support is based on the conclusion that only with a single, six-year term can a President make difficult decisions without consideration of how any of those decisions will affect him politically. Moreover, substantial management time is lost to the reelection process. One of the arguments consistently made against the single, six-year term is that the President is immediately a "lame-duck." Of course, that same argument may be made as to a second, four-year term, but you can dispel this belief that a President will automatically be ineffective as a leader because he is not facing reelection.

I hope you will join those who support an amendment to the Constitution which would limit the President to a single, six-year term. With your assistance, the very real possibility for success of this initiative exists.

Respectfully yours,



R. William Ide, III

cc: The Honorable James A. Baker
Fred F. Fielding, Esq. ✓

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Date Correspondence
Received (YY/MM/DD) 84/12/22

Name of Correspondent: Donald Kumsfeld

☒ **CN Mail Report** **User Codes:** (A) _____ (B) _____ (C) _____

Subject: Writer urges opposition to any proposals for a single six year presidential term.

DISPOSITION

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DONALD RUMSFELD

Box 1045

SKOKIE, ILLINOIS 60076

December 18, 1984

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Mr. Edwin Meese, III
Counsellor to the President
The White House
1600 Pennsylvania Avenue, N.W.
Washington, D.C. 20500

Dear Ed:

I just saw the latest circular from the Committee for the Single Six-Year Presidential Term, urging everyone to write the President, asking him to make an early endorsement of the proposal.

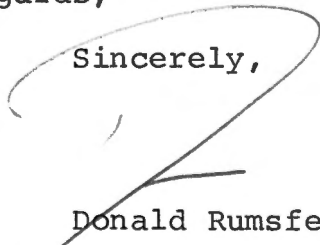
For what it is worth, I think it is a terrible idea. I can remember talking with President Eduardo Frei of Chile, back in the 1960's. Frei pointed out that Chile had such a provision and that it was very harmful. Allende followed Frei.

The goal ought not to be to detach a President from politics. A President is a political leader. The task is to provide effective political leadership, and a single six-year presidential term works against that goal, rather than for it.

I hope you will urge the President not to endorse the single six-year term. Indeed, I hope you will urge him to oppose it publicly. If you agree, and if I can do anything else, let me know.

Best personal regards,

Sincerely,



Donald Rumsfeld

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COMMITTEE FOR THE SINGLE SIX-YEAR PRESIDENTIAL TERM

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Backgrounds of Persons Scheduled to visit the President regarding the
proposal for a single six-year term for U.S. Presidents on Jan. 7, 1985 at 1:30 p.m.
(in alphabetical order)

- CHARLES BARTLETT - writer and volunteer coordinator for the Committee for a Single Six Year Term. Until 1981 was a syndicated columnist for the Field Syndicate.
- GRIFFIN B. BELL - Attorney-General under President Carter. Former federal judge. Now a partner of King and Spaulding in Atlanta.
- HERBERT BROWNELL - Attorney-General under President Eisenhower. Manager of the Dewey and Eisenhower campaigns 1948 and 1952. Now a partner of Lord Day and Lord, NYC.
- HARRY F. BYRD JR. - Senate from Virginia 1965 to 1983. Publisher of newspapers in Winchester and Harrisonburg.
- LLOYD N. CUTLER - Counsel to President Carter and Chairman, over the years, of several presidential commissions. Partner of Wilmer, Cutler and Pickering, Washington, D.C.
- PETER M. FLANIGAN - Special Assistant for international economics to President Nixon and presently a member of the President's Advisory Committee on Economic Affairs. A partner in Dillon, Read, NYC.
- HENRY H. FOWLER - Secretary of the Treasury under President Johnson. Presently a partner in Goldman, Sachs, NYC.
- JOHN CARTLAND - An assistant to Secretary of the Treasury William Simon and a founder of the group which organized this Committee. He is presently the Washington representative for Amway on loan to the President's Inaugural Committee.
- FREDERIC V. MALEK - Special Assistant to President Nixon and Deputy Director of OMB under President Ford. Now Executive Vice President of the Marriott Corp.
- GERARD C. SMITH - Has held a number of high level posts under Presidents Eisenhower, Nixon, Ford, and Carter. Negotiated the ABM Treaty with the Soviets in 1972. Now associated with

(SMITH cont'd)

a Washington consulting firm.

ALEXANDER B. TROWBRIDGE

-Secretary of Commerce under President Johnson. Now President of the National Association of Manufacturers.

JACK VALENTI

-Special Assistant to President Johnson. Now President of the Motion Pictures Association.

GEORGE WILLS

-Former White Housefellow - now public affairs consultant to the Committee for a single six-year term.

THE WHITE HOUSE
WASHINGTON

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MEMORANDUM

TO: JAMES BAKER

FROM: FREDERICK J. RYAN, JR. *FR*

SUBJ: APPROVED PRESIDENTIAL ACTIVITY

Done on 7th

MEETING: with Committee for the Single Six-Year Presidential Term

DATE: January 28, 1985 (changed from January 7 as previously notified)

TIME: 1:30 pm

DURATION: 30 minutes

LOCATION: Cabinet Room (changed from Oval Office)

REMARKS REQUIRED: Talking points to be covered in briefing paper

MEDIA COVERAGE: If any, coordinate with Press Office

FIRST LADY
PARTICIPATION: No

NOTE: PROJECT OFFICER, SEE ATTACHED CHECKLIST

cc: R. Darman	J. Rosebush	M. Tutwiler
R. Deprospero	R. Scouten	C. Camalier
B. Elliott	B. Shaddix	
D. Fischer	W. Sittmann	
C. Fuller	L. Speakes	
W. Henkel	WHCA Audio/Visual	
E. Hickey	WHCA Operations	
G. Hodges	A. Wroblewski	
C. McCain	Nell Yates	
B. Oglesby		

THE WHITE HOUSE
WASHINGTON

January 4, 1985

Fred --

Re Monday's schedule.

Kathy Camalier said fine to change the appointment for the Committee for the Six-Year Presidential Term to January 28, 1985 at 1:30 p.m. for 30 minutes in the Cabinet Room. There are 35 people, but she said that she would discuss with Mr. Baker to see if he wants the whole committee to attend.

Incidentally, I talked with Caron Jackson again and as far as we know, noone has notified the group. Kathy will call them to day to set up the Jan. 28 appointment.

Jean

bcc: Helen
Cecilia
Netta
Ann

THE WHITE HOUSE
WASHINGTON

Jan 28
1:30 (30)
Cabinet Room

12/21/84

MEMORANDUM

TO: JAMES BAKER

FROM: FREDERICK J. RYAN, JR. *FJR*

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G. Hodges	A. Wroblewski	
C. McCain	Nell Yates	
B. Oglesby		

THE WHITE HOUSE
WASHINGTON

TO: Fred Ryan

FROM: BILL SITTMANN
Special Assistant to the President
and Special Assistant to the
Deputy Chief of Staff

☐ **Information**

~~XX~~ ☒ **Action**

Pls. set up for 30 minutes
early January
Baker has the ACTION...

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*Bill
set up 30
minutes sometime
in early Jan.
Cabinet room*

Hon. James A. Baker
The White House
Washington, D.C.
(hand delivered)

APPROVED FOR
Date 1-7-85
Time 1:30
Length 30 min
Date 12-21-84 **FJR**

Dear Jim,

Writing on behalf of the Committee for a Single Six-Year Term, I respectfully request a meeting with the President for key members of our Committee. Some ~~35~~ committee members, all of whom have held high government posts and whose names are included on the enclosed list, will be invited to join in the meeting if the appointment is granted.

These members would like to present the President with their request that he consider an early indorsement of the Constitutional amendment that would provide the President with a single, six-year term. The thinking within the committee runs along the lines of the enclosed one-page brief and these citizens would like the opportunity to contend to the President that he has a tremendous opportunity to make a change in the system that will give us lasting prospects of better government.

The Committee is now over two years old and it has enlisted over 200 leaders in communities all over the nation. It has also set the stage for a broad-based grass roots campaign which can be very effective if the President will take the initial step of putting the issue before the public.

We know these are busy days in the White House and we will not encroach on the President's time. The committee's case can be made succinctly and we hope very much for the opportunity to make it.

This letter would properly be signed by the Committee Chairmen but in the interests of time, I am moving ahead to get this request before you.

Sincerely,

Charles Bartlett
Charles Bartlett

Dec. 3, 1984

The former government officials who are serving as members of the organizing
committee for a national campaign in behalf of a single six-year term
for the President:

Griffin B. Bell
Winton M. Blount
Michael B. Blumenthal
Herbert Brownell
Harry F. Byrd
John B. Connally
John T. Connor
C. Douglas Dillon
Charles W. Duncan Jr.
Milton S. Eisenhower
Robert Finch
Peter M. Flanigan
Henry H. Fowler
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Cyrus R. Vance
Jack H. Watson
Marvin Watson

Arguments Which Can be Made to President Reagan

For An Early Indorsement of the Single Six-Year Presidential Term

-You correctly told reporters who pressed you for a commitment to regular press conferences on Nov. 9, "Look, I won the election!" This is the essence of the new situation and just as the media will not determine the schedule for your press conferences, it should not determine the agenda for your second term. If these precious four years are lost in responding to headline pressures and if the media is permitted to set your priorities, there will be no chance to use your vantage point to press for changes that will give us a better system for the long term.

-A major reform proposal has to circulate and mature in the public's mind for a few years after a President brings it forward. The timing factor makes it seem urgent to start promptly on the single six-year term. Most people have never thought of it and of the ones who have, a majority has never heard the case for the reform. By putting it on your 1985 agenda, you will launch the public education process so that the drive for the change can go the full cycle while you are still in the White House.

-Your indorsement of the single six-year presidential term will not complicate your dealings for the rest of your legislative agenda. One of the great charms of this proposal is that it has a totally non-partisan cut. It draws support almost equally from the left and the right and is not at all connected with the matters at issue between liberalism and conservatism. On this one, you will in fact pick up some staunchly Democratic allies like Lloyd Bentsen, Jack Brooks, and John Conyers. Andrew Jackson was after all the first President to argue for the change and it was incorporated into the Democratic platform in William Jennings Bryan's day.

-A strenuous attempt to leave the nation with a more rational political system that will be less vulnerable to demagogic influences has to be an integral part of what historians will call "the Reagan revolution". The single six-year term proposal is a better prospect than even the item veto of moving in that direction. It is a concept which can be more easily understood and more readily sold. There is widespread fatigue with the pursuit of office. The "lame duck" criticism is the chief argument raised against the reform and as your second term unfolds, we believe it will furnish the answer to that one. We have broad-based sponsorship in Congress and a broad-based committee of leading citizens ready to join with you.

-You are the only hope of getting this reform squarely before the nation. But if you wait until after the 1986 election, the proposal will not share the full momentum of your second term and we fear that a magnificent opportunity will have been lost.

WHITE HOUSE CORRESPONDENCE TRACKING WORKSHEET

FE002-01

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Winton M. Blount

☐ MI Mail Report

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Subject:

Endorsement for a single, six-year
Presidential term

ROUTE TO:

ACTION

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THE WHITE HOUSE

WASHINGTON

January 24, 1985

Dear Red:

I simply wanted to acknowledge and thank you for your recent letter requesting that the President endorse the concept of a single, six-year Presidential term.

As I am sure you know, a number of other prominent Americans have also expressed strong support for this proposal. While the President understands and has given serious consideration to the arguments advanced for a six-year term, he does not plan, as explained at a recent meeting with several proponents of the idea, to endorse it in the near future.

Thank you again for writing. With best regards,

Sincerely,

Orig. signed by FFF

Fred F. Fielding
Counsel to the President

Mr. Winton M. Blount
Chairman of the Board
Blount, Inc.
4520 Executive Park Drive
Montgomery, Alabama 36192-1201

FFF:PJR:ph 1/24/84
cc: FFFfielding/PJRusthoven/Subject/Chron.



THE WHITE HOUSE

WASHINGTON

January 24, 1985

MEMORANDUM FOR FRED F. FIELDING

FROM: PETER J. RUSTHOVEN 
SUBJECT: Six-Year Presidential Term Letter

Attached for your review and signature is a response to one of the numerous letters on the above-referenced subject that have been forwarded to us by Correspondence.

As previously advised, I am responding to most of these directly. Since this particular letter came from former Postmaster General Winton Blount, however, I thought a reply from you would be more appropriate.

Attachment

5 Pro-6 yr term for Pres.

*Peter
Russett*

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MONTGOMERY AL 36192 1201
205 272 8020

WINTON M BLOUNT
CHAIRMAN OF THE BOARD AND
CHIEF EXECUTIVE OFFICER

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The Honorable Ronald Reagan
President
United States of America
The White House
320 First Street, S.E.
Washington, DC 20003

December 5, 1984

Dear Mr. President:

I would like to encourage you to publicly support the single six-year term amendment, and it seems to me that the Inaugural and State of the Union messages would provide a perfect opportunity to direct Americans' thinking toward this improvement for the Presidency.

I believe your endorsement of this amendment will make a lasting imprint on American history and strengthen the confidence of the American people in their elected public officials. It will also improve your ability and that of your successors to govern responsibly on the foreign and economic policy questions that transcend reelection and special interest group pressures.

As you know, there is widespread support for this amendment, and I hope you will take advantage of this time to publicly make known your support.

Respectfully,

WMB

WMB/fd

cc: The Honorable James A. Baker
The White House
Washington, DC 20500

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Constitution**ROUTE TO:****ACTION****DISPOSITION**

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THE WHITE HOUSE

WASHINGTON

February 1, 1985

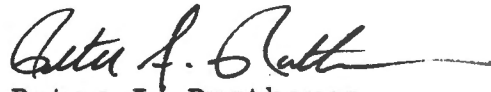
Dear Mr. Howe:

Thank you for your recent letter to the President urging repeal of the 22nd Amendment to the Constitution, which limits a President to two terms in office.

While your support for the President and belief that he should be able to serve beyond the expiration of his present term in office are appreciated, the President has not endorsed repeal of the two-term limitation and we are not aware of any strong support for this proposal.

Thank you again for writing, and for your very kind words about the President.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in dark ink, appearing to read "Peter J. Rusthoven", with a long horizontal flourish extending to the right.

Peter J. Rusthoven
Associate Counsel to the President

Mr. Richard Howe
510 Linn Street
Prescott, Wisconsin 54021

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Peter Rusten

510 Linn Street
Prescott, WI 54021
Dec. 19, 1984

President Ronald Reagan
1600 Pennsylvania Avenue
Old Executive Office Building
Washington, D.C. 20500

Dear President Reagan,

I think Amendment 22 of the constitution that limits the President to two terms in office should be changed. I feel that if A country is confident enough to elect a President more than twice that they should have the right to run as many times as they want to.

Look at what FDR did for this country in his four terms. FDR got us out of the depression and I think you can get us out of the recession if you have the time. Who needs someone else coming into office and changing everything you have done.

Also I like what you are doing about the defense program, but I feel you should be more careful of how you spend the money. I've seen on shows like 20/20 that we spend 100 dollars on a bolt that is worth about 10¢.

I was not old enough to vote for you in your last two elections, but if you could get that amendment repealed, I would vote for you in the next election.

Please send me a response.

Sincerely yours,



Richard Howe

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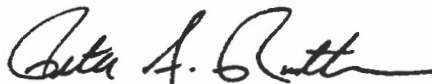
Dear Ms. Krivesti:

Thank you for your recent letter to the President urging repeal of the 22nd Amendment to the Constitution, which limits a President to two terms in office.

While your support for the President and belief that he should be able to serve beyond the expiration of his present term in office are appreciated, the President has not endorsed repeal of the two-term limitation and we are not aware of any strong support for this proposal.

Thank you again for writing, and for your very kind words about the President.

Sincerely,



Peter J. Rusthoven
Associate Counsel to the President

Ms. Carol A. Krivesti
19199 Twilight Trail
Eden Prairie, Minnesota 55344

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JANUARY 2, 1985

DEAR PRESIDENT REAGAN:

I WATCHED A VERY INTERESTING TELEVISION PROGRAM TONITE CALLED AIR FORCE ONE:
THE PLANES AND THE PRESIDENTS HOW I ENJOYED IT.
AM SO GLAD YOU ARE ONCE AGAIN OUR LEADER. YOU SURE CARE FOR YOUR COUNTRY & HER
PEOPLE. WHILE WATCHING THE SHOW I GOT A BRIGHT IDEA AND TOLD MY HUSBAND JERRY I
HAVE THIS IDEA AND AM GOING TO DROP A NOTE TO THE PRESIDENT AND SEE WHAT HE THINKS.

HERE IS MY IDEA:

I DO NOT SEE WHY A GOOD PRESIDENT LIKE YOURSELF HAS TO ONLY SERVE (2) TERMS.
~~YOUR DOING A GREAT JOB AND I THINK YOU SHOULD BE ALLOWED TO SERVE TIL YOUR DY-~~
~~ING DAY., IF YOU CHOOSE TO.~~ THINK OF THE PENSIONS THE GOVERNMENT WOULD SAVE AND
YOU LIKE ME KNOW SOME DO NOT DESERVE ANY PENSION, PROTECTION OR POSTAGE ONCE
THEY LEAVE OFFICE. RATHER SEE YOU GET A HEFTY RAISE ON THE PENSIONS THEY'D BE
SAVING.

HOW CAN WE CITIZENS GO ABOUT THIS HAVING YOU BE OUR PRESIDENT AS LONG AS YOU
WANT TO. EVERY ONE KEEPS BOOKS DIFFERENTLY AND YOU COME ALONG AND GET THEM ALL
STRAIGHT AND BEFORE YOU KNOW IT YOUR TERMS ARE UP, WE GOT A GOOD BOOKKEEPER &
COUNTRY KEEPER WHY NOT LET THE BOOKS STAY STRAIGH ONCE AND FOR ALL, AND KEEP THE
SAME MAN IN OFFICE. ALL THIS BOOK JIGGLING NO WONDER WE WERE SLIDING OFF THE DEEP
END FOR AWHILE.

IF WE ALL HAVE TO GET TOGETHER AND SIGN OR VOTE FOR IT LET ME KNOW I'LL DO MORE
THAN MY SHARE TO KEEP YOU IN OFFICE.

DO YOU THINK ITS A GOOD IDEA, I HOPE SO. I DO!

YOU SURE GOT IT ALL TOGETHER AND HOPE WE CAN KEEP THINGS THAT WAY, AND WITH YOU
IN COMMAND WE WILL.

GOD BLESS YOU & YOURS

CAROL A. KRIVESTI
19199 TWILIGHT TRAIL
EDEN PRAIRIE, MN 55344

WE ARE NEW HERE IN MINNESOTA GOT TRANSFERRED HERE FROM ILLINOIS. ITS COLD
BUT AM GRATEFUL I HAVE MY JOB.

THE WHITE HOUSE
WASHINGTON

January 25, 1985

MEMORANDUM FOR DIANNA G. HOLLAND

FROM: PETER J. RUSTHOVEN *PR*

SUBJECT: Six-Year Presidential Term Letters

Attached for forwarding to Central Files for records purposes is a list of the persons to whom some version of our standard response to letters on the above-referenced subject has been sent (either over Mr. Fielding's signature or mine). Also attached for filing is a memorandum for me from Charles Donovan of Correspondence by which some of the incoming letters were forwarded.

Finally, attached for filing is the original of the letter to the President on this subject from R. William Ide, III, on which Mr. Fielding was copied and to which he has already replied. Hence, no further response to this letter is needed.

Thank you.

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Blount, Winton
Booth, Wallae W.
Brown, Charles
Dillon, C. Douglas
Fippinger, Grace J.
Hamil, Claud B.
Hesburgh, Reverend Theodore M.
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Ide, R. William III
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Meador, Daniel J.
Pillsbury, George S.
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Ricker, John B. Jr.
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Seaborg, Glenn T.
Semel, Terry
Smith, Gerard C.
Symington, Stuart
Winkelman, Stanley J.

MEMORANDUM

THE WHITE HOUSE
WASHINGTON

January 23, 1985

TO: PETE RUSTHOVEN

FROM: CHARLES A. DONOVAN *cad*

As we discussed, I am forwarding to you for appropriate response the incoming mail sent to the President regarding the single, six-year Presidential term. Most of the mail was received within a window of two weeks at the beginning of December, and the issue has not proven to be one of sustained public interest. I have asked our Mail Analysis unit to forward any new pieces that are received on this subject directly to your office.

Thanks for taking care of these writers for us.

cc: SLR File/Presidential Six-Year Term
Dan Engler
Lillie Bell

*File
Rusthoven*

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DENVER
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December 5, 1984

YLF

The Honorable Ronald W. Reagan
President of the United States
The White House
1600 Pennsylvania Avenue, N.W.
Washington, D.C. 20500

Dear Mr. President:

Your reelection brings you the opportunity to move forward the concept of the six-year presidential term; I urge you to endorse this concept during an early point of high visibility in your second term, such as the Inaugural Address or the State of the Union Address.

Current leaders of both parties and former Presidents of both parties have endorsed an amendment to the Constitution which would limit the President to a single, six-year term. Their support is based on the conclusion that only with a single, six-year term can a President make difficult decisions without consideration of how any of those decisions will affect him politically. Moreover, substantial management time is lost to the reelection process. One of the arguments consistently made against the single, six-year term is that the President is immediately a "lame-duck." Of course, that same argument may be made as to a second, four-year term, but you can dispel this belief that a President will automatically be ineffective as a leader because he is not facing reelection.

I hope you will join those who support an amendment to the Constitution which would limit the President to a single, six-year term. With your assistance, the very real possibility for success of this initiative exists.

Respectfully yours,

R. William Ide, III

R. William Ide, III

cc: The Honorable James A. Baker
Fred F. Fielding, Esq.

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THE WHITE HOUSE

WASHINGTON

January 24, 1985

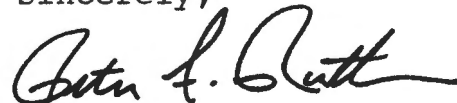
Dear Mr. and Mrs. Lewis:

I simply wanted to acknowledge and thank you for your recent letter requesting that the President endorse the concept of a single, six-year Presidential term.

As I am sure you know, a number of prominent Americans have also expressed strong support for this proposal. While the President understands and has given serious consideration to the arguments advanced for a six-year term, he does not plan, as explained at a recent meeting with several proponents of the idea, to endorse it in the near future.

Thank you again for writing.

Sincerely,



Peter J. Rusthoven
Associate Counsel to the President

Mr. and Mrs. William Lewis
Box 2542
Stuart, Florida 33495

December 14, 1984

BOX 2542
STUART, FLORIDA 33495

WJ
W. J. Lewis
President

Dear Mr. President:

The United States can not afford to have our Presidents running for reelection at the expense of our long-term national interests at home and abroad.

When a President runs for reelection, special interests and short-term issues call on the President's time and attention to the detriment of the nation.

The solution is the SINGLE SIX-YEAR PRESIDENTIAL TERM.

Please, Mr. President, be the person to launch this idea to the nation - right now!

Yours respectfully,

William Lewis
+ Victoria P. Lewis

THE WHITE HOUSE
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INCOMING

DATE RECEIVED: FEBRUARY 11, 1985

NAME OF CORRESPONDENT: MR. ROBERT O. ANDERSON

SUBJECT: WRITES IN SUPPORT OF CONSTITUTIONAL
AMENDMENT PROVIDING FOR A SINGLE SIX-YEAR
PRESIDENTIAL TERM

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REFER QUESTIONS AND ROUTING UPDATES TO CENTRAL REFERENCE
(ROOM 75, OEOR) EXT. 2590
KEEP THIS WORKSHEET ATTACHED TO THE ORIGINAL INCOMING
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February 19, 1985

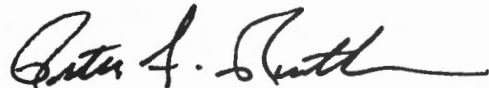
Dear Mr. Anderson:

I simply wanted to acknowledge and thank you for your recent letter requesting that the President endorse the concept of a single, six-year Presidential term.

As I am sure you know, a number of other prominent Americans have also expressed strong support for this proposal. While the President understands and has given serious consideration to the arguments advanced for a six-year term, he does not plan, as explained at a recent meeting with several proponents of the idea, to endorse it in the near future.

Thank you again for writing.

Sincerely,



Peter J. Rusthoven
Associate Counsel to the President

Mr. Robert O. Anderson
Chairman of the Board
Atlantic Richfield Company
515 South Flower Street
Los Angeles, California 90071

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

Dear Mr. President:

For some time I have been impressed with the rationale for a constitutional amendment providing for a single six-year presidential term.

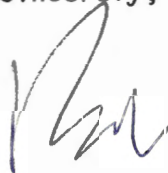
Such a provision would allow the Chief Executive of our country ample time to carry out his program, through Congressional approval and executive action, without the interruption of a year of political campaigning.

Furthermore, the growing and almost prohibitive cost of frequent campaigning has been counter-productive to the objectives of our political system - to enable the President to achieve his goals in a reasonable period of time.

Given the overwhelming mandate you have received from the voters in November, you are in a unique position to advocate this amendment, if you agree that the time has come for a fundamental change.

With appreciation for your outstanding leadership, and best wishes to both you and Nancy for many happy years to come.

Sincerely,



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