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Harvey Block
189 Moor Avenue
Leonia, New Jersey 07605

Dear Mister President,

I would like to protect the peace proposals submitted by Secretary of State William Rogers. If Israel were to return her newly conquered lands from the June 1967 war to the Arabs, her main population centers would be vulnerable to Arab artillery fire. Israel has always been America's staunchest ally in the Middle East, and she has never asked direct military aid in her dealings with

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the Arabs. I therefore
think that the U.S.
should be fairer to her
ally when the U.S.
submit her next peace
proposal. Thank-you for
your time.

Sincerely,
Harvey Block

Sent to State
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Jan 21, 1970

President Richard M. Nixon
The White House
Washington, D.C.

Dear Mr. President,

I shall never forget the thrilling moment of stading on the White House lawn and listening to your warm words of welcome and support for Mrs. Golda Meir. I felt then, that you and the Government of the United States really understood Israel's position and Israel's needs and would try to help them bring about a just and lasting peace in the Middle East. The subsequent statements by Secretary of State Rogers on the terms of a settlement not directly negotiated by the parties concerned, and the delay in selling arms to Israel sorely needed to maintain at least a balance of power, have filled me with dismay and fear for the future.

I pray for a re-evaluation of America's position, with at least a return to the belief that details of a settlement will have to be worked out in direct negotiations between Israel and the Arab coutries, and a willingness to sell to Israel the supplies requested by Mrs. Meir.

Sincerely yours,

Helen Block
Helen Block
1010 Playford Lane
Silver Spring, Md.

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The Honorable Mr. Nixon
President of the United States
The White House
Washington, D.C.

Mr. President,

I support the principle
of direct negotiation between
The State of Israel and the Arab
nations to achieve permanent
peace in The Middle East.

Israel
Crawford Block
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P.M. Freeport, N.Y. 11520

STATE
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823 Janor Lane
West Hempstead
Jan, 9, 1970

President Richard Nixon
Or White House
Washington, D. C.

Dear Mr. President

It is understandable that a President must try to safeguard his country's interest. However, the advice given to him by the oil interested parties, to undercut Israeli insistence on direct negotiation, plays into Russian and Arab hands.

Such appeasement will give Russia control of Arabian oil.

Such appeasement will undermine America's moral leadership and encourage Arab intransigence and terrorism.

How can Israel negotiate if there is nothing left to negotiate?

It is tiny Israel in this odd world of proxy war that is holding the fort for the west against Soviet expansionism.

It is therefore a mystery why the three Western big powers seem to be going along with the Russian game in which we will be the losers.

Respectfully

Hennrich L. Block

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MRS. HERMAN BLOCK
1450 KENWOOD AVE.
CAMDEN, N. J. 08103

Jan. 5 - 1970

Dear President: you have pledged support
direct negotiation between Israel and the
~~Arab~~ Arab states. The policy of putting the
situation in the hands of the few great
powers will only bring back the debacle
1957 which meant a complete surrender
on the part of Israel and no peace. Israel will
not put its fate and future in the hands
of the great powers.

The only way to have peace in the Middle
East is by direct negotiation between Israel and
Arab states.

Pressure should be put on the latter to
that effect

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I want to thank you for your course
to be given in this matter.

Sincerely yours
(Mrs) Joe Block

President
White
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J. April 10 1970 575 Ave A
Adverse Criticism Springfield, Mich.
49015
Dear Mr President

My good wife & I, did not like your attitude over the Senate vote on the Judge you nominated

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You act as a dictator namely, Hitler, Castro et al.

Mr President we note you use the word "I". Please be careful with this word. We voted for you but we didn't think you were going to give yourself a big increase in wages. We are unhappy about your spending in the white house. Say \$750. over to cover a swimming pool. Airports at Florida & Calif. etc.

Suggest you start your program from the bottom namely Poverty

From where we sit you are a phony over

We are going to vote for Phil Hart
the man who is for the poor
man. If Barry Goldwater was
President the war would be over.

A big Country like ours - and you
are letting our youth get killed
everyday. When the big bombs -
would stop it in 30 days. Too bad
Harry Truman is not President - he
would show you etiquette of War.

I'm to have to say these nasty words
but you asked for it. You will not
be the next President for the simple
reason that you lack fortitude
Smirler Herbert E. Black

I was born in Chicago 5-22-1902
I am white. I am not against
a Judge from the south. You
goofed when you did not get
an accurate check on the men
you select. You no doubt know
that the man you select must
almost be an angel. You goofed
when you said you would not
select a man from the south.

Please make a thorough investigation
of the men you select - whether he
be black or white - or whether he
be from the north - south - east
or west.

over

We the people are very unhappy
about your procedure. Like going
all out for the men on the moon
and telling poverty go to hell.
You are definitely a show off.
and you will get your record come
the next election day.

BLOCK
Robert E. Beach
575 Ave C
Springfield, Miss.
49015

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MRS. HERMINE A. BLOCK
1239 CATALONIA AVENUE, CORAL GABLES, FLORIDA 33134

Apr. 6, 1970

President Richard M. Nixon,
White House,
Washington, D. C.

RE Pacifica Foundation.

Dear Mr. President,

I just finished a letter to Nicholas Johnson of the Federal Communication System, and I sure would like to know who come they give out stations to peple that spout the Communist line and the Black Panther, tapes from Red China and Hanoi, what in heavens name is this country coming to? I feel the investigation of this agency is long over due, and also few other departments, such as the STATE DEPARTMENT, I remember so vividly President E¹senhower promising an investâgation, did we get is, NO and I am still waiting- just to say something , I am a little disappointed. I believe we are going to have Mr. Wallace to do it-

A disgusted voter.

H. Block

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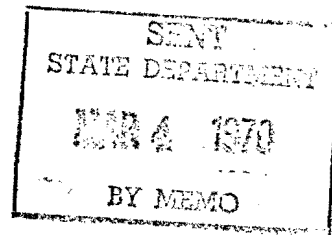
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MR AND MRS HERBERT J BLOCK 2045 EAST 73 STREET CHICAGO ILLINOIS.

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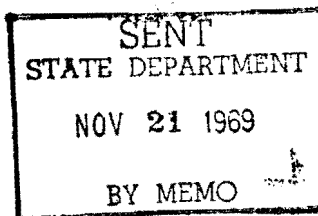
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June 18, 1970

Dear Mr. Block: *J. Block*

President Nixon appreciates the spirit of good citizenship and deep concern for our nation which prompted you to give him the benefit of your thoughts. Although the demands of his time prevent him from sending you a personal reply, he wants you to know that his efforts are dedicated to solving the problems you discussed which relate to the well-being of each of us and to the future of our beloved country.

With the President's best wishes,

Sincerely,

Nobis M. Melnessamp
Staff Assistant
to the President

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HARRY BLOCK
60 EAST 42ND STREET
NEW YORK, NEW YORK 10017

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Mr. Harry Block
54-40 Little Neck Parkway
Little Neck, L. I. N. Y.

President's Club

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The Honorable Richard Nixon
President of the United States
Washington
D. C.

Dear Mr. Nixon:

Approximately 1½ years ago I voted for you to be the President of the United States. I thought then, without a doubt in my mind that you would never take a back seat to our former President Johnson. I must admit now, I made a mistake by voting for you. Why? My answer is as follows:

1. Your first mistake was not ending the war in Vietnam. I know it has been a tremendous task in trying to end it, but end it I would have, somehow.

2. Just figure out or try and sit down and see what you have done to this country with your decisions. You have played youth against youth with the draft situation, ruining the morals of our youth that they are all against one another.

3. Our college students, the future brains of the country, are losing their love for this country and this is the most wonderful country in the world, only because of your decisions. These kids do not know from day to day what to expect from you, the leader of our country, I'll tell you this Mr. President if you shortly do not take the bull by the horns and end this war you will have no country to preside over.

4. The stock market. Due to inflation, the war in Vietnam, now Cambodia, can only deepen our present recession, I just figured out 500,000 troops at an average of \$150. per month salary amounts to approximately \$52,000,000 per month. Where is the money going to come from? Unless you tax the air we breathe let's be honest Mr. President is big business really worth to hurt our country the way your decisions are doing? If this war

lasts much longer I personally do not believe you will have a country to be President of.

5. Are the lives of our youth worth giving up to help out a country like Vietnam with so many corruptions for one American life. I never heard of Vietnam or Cambodia and I am sure one half of the people in this country never heard of it also, to waste one American life, for what?

Let's not kid ourselves Mr. President some of your Cabinet are starting to feel the same way I do. Is all this worth it? If eventually we have to fight a war which would be our war, I am positive every college student or so called radicals, including myself, a World War veteran (World War II), and now am 60 years of age, would fight willingly to defend our country. I entered the war willingly in 1943 at the age of 34 only because our country was at stake. The college kids today are being taken apart because the politicians have made it look bad for the kids, as unpatriotic, believe me, Mr. President, if our country was in jeopardy, every so called radical would put on a uniform to defend their country with no trouble.

Please Mr. President, to save this country from chaos, sit down and analyze this letter. I did not write this to you as a radical but as a true American who has sit down and watched this country deteriorate slowly and slowly until there will be no more America, the country that was built up many years by so many Americans.

Look at the stock market, who has done this? No one but poor leadership. Interest zooming, prices, rent, everything is out of hand unless you sit down with the brains of this country and do something about it. Billions of dollars are going down the drain each day only because of improper decisions.

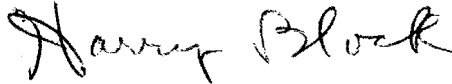
Mr. President, I could write 6 more pages, but I am tired.

In closing, Mr. President, this is being written to you by one who is a Lifetime Member of the Million Dollar Round Table (one must sell \$1,000,000. life insurance for 6 consecutive years to become a life time member). You can check my name and company, Mutual Benefit Life Insurance Co. to corroborate my standing.

Again, I repeat, this letter is being sent to you by a 60 year old man, not a nut, but one who is a true American and who is terribly hurt at what is happening to this country.

A reply from you would be appreciated.

Sincerely yours,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Harry Block". The signature is written in dark ink and is positioned above the typed name.

Harry Block

54-40 Little Neck Parkway
Little Neck, Long Island
New York 11363
December 4th, 1968

The Honorable Richard Nixon
The Hotel Pierre
Fifth Avenue and 61st Street
New York City, New York

•DEAR President:

I know I am premature in calling you Mr. President-
What is a few weeks?

I know that your experience a few years ago , losing
the Presidency will make you a better President. Do I envy
you, the anser is no. You are taking a country that is with-
out doubt the worst shape since President Lincoln. If you are
lucky to straighten out the affairs of this country it will
be a miracle. I think you can do it if you will take
advantage of the many promising men in this country.

My name is Harry Block, in the Insurance Business with
my brother Cy Block, a former professional ballplayer. We
are both Life Members of the Million Dollar Round Table .

Before I continue I would like you to know that I am just
recovering from a Stroke. I have been hospitalized and have
been home for 3 months. I am on my way to a partial recovery.
I am not be able to go back to the Insurance business, where
the pressure is terrific. However, I will be able to
participate with Young Fellows in a future athletic program for
so many misfits you have staring you in the face. In many
ways, I feel sorry for you undertaking a job as you will have
at this time.

I am enclosing for you the News of December 3rd, just look
at these pictures! Do these leaders look as though they are
14 years of age? Junior High School students, maximum age
should be 14 - These look like paid agitators. Where do they
come from? As you know when these agitators speak to kids
from 12 to 14 they follow and destroy property. Once you
dispose of men like Carmichael and Brown, this country will
really be in less trouble. They are paid agitators. When
we were kids from Emigrant Parents, we never knew or heard words
Black and White people. These agitators have really done the

Now the question is How do we combat this, now comes the interesting part.

A few years ago, my brother, who always loved to teach baseball and other sports to boys, flew to Washington at his own expense, to speak to a man named Mr. Hackett. He tried to influence him to set up an athletic building and program where he was willing to forgo his business and help with these Juveniles. Mr. Hackett answer to my brother was, sorry, no funds. Can you imagine the cost to this country by some of these Juveniles these past few years in the riots and destruction. I assure you, Mr. President, the avoidance of one destruction in one town would have paid for a building and a play area like Park Circle in Brooklyn.

The key to the whole thing is keep the boys minds occupied. Give them something to do and that would avoid destruction. You came from poor people, am I right?

Only this past April, we, my brother and I, brought Mr. Leonard Lewin, Sports Writer for the New York Post, with us to see some of your future U. S. Citizens in action. These were boys ages from 10 to 14 years old. This out fit was called Blue Curtain Foundation, run by a Retired Actress. How do you like that? I am enclosing a letter from her to Cy Block, perhaps you, may know her. It has cost my brother personally thousands of dollars for baseball uniforms for these boys. When Leonard Lewin saw these boys, he was shocked, Mr. President. I Believe me, we were brought up in Williamsburg, Brooklyn, in a cold water flat, we thought we were tough, we couldn't even take a back seat. These were the toughest future citizens you ever saw. They lined up against the wall when my brother Cy, handed out the uniforms. They were quiet Little Boys. I know that these and other similar boys with proper guidance that neither the Carmichaels or Rat Brown could change your country with the proper men and guidance.

I am enclosed a book for you and your family to read - "So you want to be a Major Leagear? A true story written by Leonard Lewin of the New York Post. A great Sportswriter. I am also enclosing an article written by Leonard Lewin after he personally found time to visit with these boys which is self explanatory. Everyone want to know how all these riots originated. Curbing them when they are young and keep their minds occupied with things they like is the only solution. Can you picture the Black or white kids giving up a baseball or basketball game to listen to agitators - NEVER-

I think I have given you more than a gist of what is on my mind. My daughter Carol Shiffman is married, her husband is a 1st Lieutenant, now in Viet Nam. My son is 19 and attends Ohio State, he is a Junior. I therefore, even with my illness know I will recuperate enough to participate in any program my brother will come up with. He is a born leader and would love any athletic program he enters into.

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In closing, Mr. President-Elect, if you can find time to sit down with my brother and myself. I know we can be of help to you with

the youths of America. There are so many fellows like us to help this country if men like you would let us help do our part in making this eountry a better place to live in.

Respectivly Yours,

Harry Block

P.S. Mr. President, do you think if this book were given out Free to all the boys in school, as a must to read, if it would help or hurt the boys.

Cub Scout



LEONARD LEWIN

"I ain't a new one," insisted 10-year-old Carlos. "I was here last week." The other kids had on their baseball uniforms with 'Blue Curtain' across the chest. Carlos didn't, so they figured he was not entitled to the stockings being handed out.

"I got my uniform home," Carlos said. "Do you want me to run home and put it on?"

They gave him his stockings, blue with white trimming, and he took off his dirty sneakers and he put the stockings on over his trousers and he wore them proudly.

Cy Block grinned at Carlos' enthusiasm. He watched as the kids swarmed around the young man distributing the stockings and suggested they lineup against the wall. "Against the wall. Against the wall," shouted 11-year-old Eddie and the kids immediately lined up against the wall.

"Eddie's the captain," explained Cy's brother Harry. "He's a real, tough kid. He has it in him to be a leader if he can be reached. Sometimes he goes to school, sometimes he doesn't. He is the brightest talker. When he was made captain, he said: 'I'll take charge.' And he does."

Pretty soon Eddie walked over to Cy Block and said: "What team you with, the Cubs?". Eddie knew Cy was with the Cubs because he wears his old Chicago uniform everytime the Blue Curtain kids practice at the Franklin Roosevelt Drive ball fields around Houston St. "I've got to wear the Cub uniform all the time because it means something to these kids to have anything major league around," said Cy, a lot heavier and older since he was in the National League in the 1940s.



Little Eddie did not wait for an answer. "You still play with them?" he inquired. "No, I retired," Cy said. "Why?" Eddie asked. Cy backed off without answering and Eddie joined the other kids, now scattered around the make shift diamond and engaged in batting practice.

"Most of them can't play at all," said Cy. "They are kids who really are lost but give them direction and encouragement and they'll come out. Call 'em any-

time and they'll be here." There were Puerto Rican kids and Negro kids and Polish kids and Hungarian kids. They weren't even really a team but they were there. Partly because they were the only kids with uniforms and big league baseballs and partly because of Cy Block.

"I'm going to try and get them into a Little League, Cy, who lives in Lake Success but devotes every Monday night to the Blue Curtain kids. Once he took about 200 youngsters around Bayside and built them into a league that now boasts 1,380 players. He also has organized the only girl's soccer—baseball league, which is based in Lake Success and involves six teams, 16 on a team.

Why these Blue Curtain kids?

"I got involved last year through Dr. Rose Franzblau and Judge Sylvia Liese of the Manhattan juvenile court," he explained.

"I came down here, organized the team, chipped in with Mel Heiman (a friend) to pay for all the equipment and got these kids involved and interested though they were not good enough to play in any league. They come out because someone shows some interest in them. Otherwise they would be wandering around the neighborhood stealing things and getting into trouble."

This was nothing new for Cy. Some years ago he attempted to organize a Little League in Harlem. "I registered 750 kids in an area from 110th to 125th St. withing walking distance of Central Park," he said.

"I was interested strictly in kids from 8-12 because you can and should steer them when they are young enough and not wait until it is a lost cause."

* * *

Cy approached New York City and Washington because he needed \$25,000 for his program. "I know how vital it is in problem areas to interest the parents," he further explained. "I planned to give \$5 in food stamps to parents who showed up at the games. I also was going to hire teenage umpires from the neighborhood and pay \$3 a game. I wanted the community involved."

He shook his head as he recalled how he was forced to give up because no one had the vision or interest to invest in the young where and when it would do the most good. "Can I pitch, I pitch hard," begged nine-year-old Alberto as practice continued. "I'm saving you for the game," Cy said with a pat on the head. Another youngster walked over. "Are you Puerto Rican?" he was asked. "No," said 10-year-old Nestor. "I was born here. I am American, my father is Puerto Rican."

The kid behind the plate was catching without a mask because it had been stolen. "These kids have guts," Cy observed "they don't know what it means to be afraid yet. They are Dead End kids. They live around here and are members of a group organized by Katharine Anderson Frické, who has done a great job for the Middle Collegiate Church on Second Av., and Seventh St. They are kids who can grow up into trouble if someone does not help."

That is why he puts on his Cub uniform every Monday and holds practice for the Blue Curtain kids and then takes them to Katz' delicatessen for sandwiches and frankfurters. He knows they will care if someone cares. "Hey, Cy Block," 10-year-old Nestor shouted enthusiastically. "Can I pitch now?" Cy nodded and Nestor grinned and practice went on.

NEW YORK POST, SATURDAY, JUNE 1, 1968

Please Note Mr. President
2 years ago this was written

AN OPEN LETTER TO PRESIDENT NIXON

Edwin S. Lowe
812 Fifth Avenue
New York, N.Y. 10021

May 22, 1970

Dear Mr. President

In the past I championed your cause and helped you to be elected President, as you so graciously acknowledged in your letter to me dated January 29, 1969. Now I am quite discouraged over your inaction and lack of awareness that your policies to stem inflation are not working and will not work unless you institute, immediately, Wage, Price, Interest and Credit controls.

I have written and wired you on May 8th, 12th, 15th, 19th and again on May 22nd, about the dangers of inflation, and what may happen to our economy if you delay instituting effective controls.

Events, since I started to communicate with you, bear out the fact that all the 7 points contained in my letters to you and in my N. Y. Times ad published May 15th have unfortunately happened. A further delay in instituting controls will aggravate our sagging economy—and it might take us years to get our depressed economy stabilized again.

Please pause and ponder and read this message in its entirety. Our future and the destiny of our country are at stake.

We have now reached the unfortunate stage in which our problem is not only to stem inflation. Now, the urgency is to PREVENT CONFUSION, CHAOS, and possibly the worst DEPRESSION imaginable.

Respectfully,
Edwin S. Lowe

July 2, 1970

Dear Herb:

It was perhaps the most memorable half hour of his life!

I still don't know exactly what happened. His view last evening that the discussion was all very technical, that a layman probably would be bored, and in any event would not really understand.

Here is the list catalog he had expected to bring. If you have a moment it would be worth your while. Especially if you have not spent much time in the National Portrait Gallery. It really is a triumph.

Please know of my great gratitude to you.

Best,

Daniel P. Moynihan
Counselor to the President

★
Mr. Herbert Block
The Washington Post
1515 L Street, N.W.
Washington, D. C. 20005

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MRS. HERMINE A. BLOCK
1239 CATALONIA AVENUE, CORAL GABLES, FLORIDA 33134

July 25, 1970

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President Richard M. Nixon,
1600 Pennsylvania Ave.,
Washington, D. C.

Dear President,

Your scolding the Congress in their excessive spending, is what we need more of, and I am sure you know the heavy burden the tax payer is carrying at this time- I also am very much opposed to the Family Assitance Plan, and another is the Arts and Humanities, this is a plain and simple waste of money.

Please let us have a little more of the belt tightening - When you see your fellow countrymen putting their money in Swiss Banks, and out of the country you begin to wonder where this will all end.

Sincerely

H.A. Block

July 1, 1970

MOYNIHAN, DANIEL P. / S*

Dear Mr. Swann:

My son and I and a young friend visited the Thomas Hart exhibition this afternoon, the day before it is to open, but everything was beautifully hung. It was as fascinating a half hour as I have had in a very long while and I want to thank you for not only making it possible but drawing it to my attention.

It happens my son is a would-be cartoonist himself and it was especially interesting to him. We are going to see Herb Block tomorrow. He had not known of the opening and so we are bringing him a catalog.

Sincerely,

Daniel P. Moynihan
Counsellor to the President

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New York, N. Y. 10019

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September 3, 1970

Dear Mrs. Whitley:

On behalf of the President, I wish to thank you for your letter of July 2 concerning columnist Howard K. Smith and cartoonist Herbert Block.

We appreciate knowing your strongly held views. In our free society, these men have every right to call the shots as they will. The President would never use his office to infringe upon our cherished tradition of press freedom.

With best wishes,

Sincerely,

(Mrs.) Margita E. White
Assistant Deputy Director
of Communications

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Mrs. C. E. Whitley
Pageland, South Carolina, 29728

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January 12, 1971

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Mr. Richard Nixon
The White House
Washington, D. C.

Dear Mr. Nixon:

Perhaps I am remiss in not addressing you as Mr. President. Agreed you have, through political maneuvering with adequate financial backing, filled a vacancy in the White House. Unfortunately, our political system does not permit the full expressed will of the people from the selection of who the candidate should be and which candidate should prevail. To this citizen, however, the political achievement of a title, particularly that of President of these United States, does not make a President. The occupant of that office must win for himself by his manners, words, and deeds that place within the heart reserved for the respect, concern, admiration and loyalty reserved for the President.

Unfortunately, you were born too late, and in a different era. You should have been King Richard with the Tower and the Guillotine as your accessories, or for the more fortunate, banishment or available pilgrimages. It is extremely doubtful that this letter will ever reach you and no doubt will be meaningless if it does, to a man who doesn't even listen to his cabinet. This letter does, however, achieve a purpose for this citizen by attempting to purge from his system the anger and frustration of having someone holding the title of President, who selfishly places his political future and his loyalty to (financial) supporters first. A man whose words do not support his deeds and will sacrifice anyone near him, friend or foe who gets in his way, or reach out to anyone, friend or foe, if that association will forward selfish objectives.

Yours truly,

Harold Block
Harold Block

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January 17, 1971

The Hon. Richard M. Nixon
President of the United States
The White House
Washington, D.C.

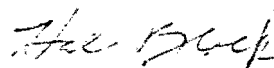
Dear Mr. President:

I have just learned of the dismissal of John M Burns III, Assistant U.S. Attorney for Southern New York. In the light of this man's effective fight against the industrial polluters of our country, no matter what their size, I am shocked to learn of your action. Such action can only be considered a victory for polluters. At a time when your administration has passed legislation curbing automobile pollution; it now seems you are attempting to placate these same companies by your action.

I strongly protest this action which rewards an individual only with dismissal for doing a good job. I therefore request Mr. Burns' reinstatement.

I respectfully wish to point out that now is the time for industry to pay for the damage which they have done, now is the time to stop them from further damaging our society and now is the time for you to show the people of our country that their government will act to preserve our environment for them and future generations.

Very truly yours,



Hal Block



February 19, 1971

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Dear Mrs. Block:

Your support for my decision ^X to halt further construction on the Cross Florida Barge Canal is deeply appreciated, and I want to thank you for your recent letter. I hope the Administration's efforts to protect our natural heritage will merit your continued approval in the months and years ahead.

With best wishes,

Sincerely,

SECRET
Mrs. H. H. Block
1100 Northwest 16th Street
Gainesville, Florida 32601

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50th Wedding
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June 7

258 Harrison Avenue
Island Park, New York 11558

February 26, 1970

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The Hon. Richard M. Nixon
President of the United States
Executive Mansion
Washington, D.C.

My Dear Mr. President:

Recently I learned that those Americans fortunate enough to arrive at their "Golden Wedding Anniversaries" receive from you a congratulatory message.

I do hope that you can find the time to forward your best wishes to Mr. & Mrs. Harry Block, of 428 East 46th Street, Brooklyn, New York.

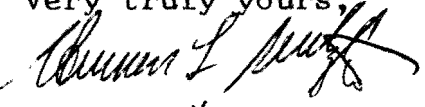
On June 7th., the family and friends of Mr & Mrs Block, will gather to celebrate their "50th Wedding Anniversary" and I would consider it an honor to convey to them and to present to them your congratulatory message.

May I Mr President convey to you my sincere wishes that your efforts to end the war in Viet Nam will be fulfilled within a short time.

May I also convey to you my very best wishes for continued good health.

Thanking you, I am

Very truly yours,



Herman L. Seltzer

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THE TIMES-UNION *no covering letter*

'Not Rich, But I Have Freedom'

(The following letter reflects the spirit of Law Day, observed nationally today to celebrate the American system of freedom under law.)

By Harry Block

I came to this land from Russia just before World War I at the age of 15.

My parents were poor. We had a home with no furniture in it, just a couple of broken chairs on which I used to sleep at night. My cover on a cold winter night was my father's old and torn sweater.

Now I'm already retired. I didn't get rich in this good land of ours, but I had good chances. During my life I spent many months in hospitals where my life sometimes was in very critical danger but I got cured—at a time when I had no money to pay the hospital and doctors.

This country has given me the opportunity to raise a fine family and to drive an automobile.

Yes, I have no riches, but I live in a clean home with a carpet on the floor and a good bed to sleep in.

I have no riches, but I have freedom. And it comes back to memory that at the age of 14, in Russia, I was forced to earn my own living. So I traveled from one city to another. I was forced to cheat the government because I had no passport. In this country, we can travel thousands of miles from one state to another and to feel the freedom of a bird.

Yes, I have no riches, but when I wake up in the morning I thank the Lord and I bless our land.

87 Ketchum St.

HARRY BLOCK
87 KETCHUM ST,
ROCHESTER, N.Y.

December 22, 1970

Dear Mr. Block:

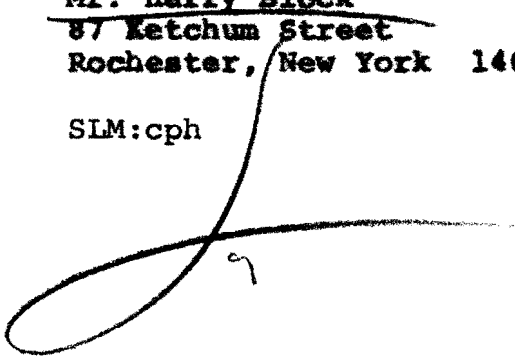
President Nixon appreciated your thoughtful letter. I am pleased to send you this note to express his thanks and to convey his best wishes.

Sincerely,

Noble M. Melencamp
Staff Assistant
to the President

Mr. Harry Block
87 Ketchum Street
Rochester, New York 14621

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DEC. 12, 1970

DEAR MR. PRESIDENT,

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NOT LONG AGO I SAW A GROUP OF PEOPLE AT THE
WHITE HOUSE AND ONE OF THEM WAS A YOUNG GIRL WHO
PROTESTED AGAINST THE WAR IN ASIA AND WE ALREADY
HAD THAT ONCE BEFORE ON THE INVITATION OF MRS. JOHNSON
WHEN EARTHA KITT PROTESTED AGAINST THE WAR AND
SHE MADE HER CRY, WE HAVE SUCH CLEVER PEOPLE IN
THE WHITE HOUSE - SO WHY INVITE SUCH PUNKS?

I AM OF JEWISH FAITH AND I CAME TO THIS COUNTRY
FROM RUSSIA AT THE AGE OF 16 AND I HAVE RAISED
A WONDERFUL FAMILY IN THIS LOVELY AND GREAT
LAND AND NOW, BEING ALREADY RETIRED, I BELONG
TO SOME FRIENDSHIP CLUBS AND BEFORE WE START OUR
MEETING, WE ALL STAND UP AND WE PROUDLY SING -
GOD BLESS AMERICA,

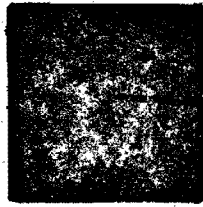
I WOULD LIKE TO SEE THE END OF THE WAR MYSELF,
BUT WE SHOULD KNOW THAT THIS WONDERFUL COUNTRY IS
IN GOOD HANDS AND MAY GOD BLESS YOU AND ONCE MORE:
GOD BLESS AMERICA,

Mr. HARRY BLOCK

87 KETCHUM ST.

ROCHESTER, N.Y.

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JAN 18 1972
Dear Mr. President,



Creeighton, Nebraska 68729
Box 163
January 13, 1972

This may not reach you, but if it did I'm sure you would give it consideration. From your A.V. appearance I believed your motives are more than power or prestige. "Love" for my son in Viet Nam has prompted my writing, which may or may not meet with his approval or that of my son who is a Mr. Synod Luth Pastor and one who is a church college professor.

Nevertheless it will relieve the stress and strain of my impaired heart condition to plead for his safety.

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With no draftees for January, February and maybe March I feel my son, Dale has faithfully served his country having been in Chu Lai and Da Nang since July 12, 1971 in Petroleum Depots - mostly in command and accounting; and working at least 16 hours a day, but with no complaint. He strongly believes in allegiance to his country. Dale will be 27 years old in June.

In the light of the fact he has now been accepted by the Nebraska Medical College of Omaha, Neb., and due to the fact of the new draft laws, under which some younger than he will never serve, I decidedly feel he should be allowed to serve mankind in the medical field which possibly will be more important in the near future than continuing at the Petroleum Depot, should he yet be alive.

He has not had word from him since the Da Nang airstrip was bombed and some American soldiers killed.

He is a man of reputable character, having served in P.O. J.C. in college in South Dakota and drafted from his home county in Nebraska.

He received a grant to obtain his Masters Degree in zoology and was among the 1969 donors to the National Museum of Natural History in the Smithsonian Institution, having donated snails which he found were the host media in his research paper on causes of Lung Storms of Mountain Goats in the Black Hills of South Dakota.

In face of the situation at present in South Viet Nam and with worsening conditions, as there will be less air force to "back up" the remaining American soldiers, I do fear for his life and he has been ill with lymph gland infection in the wet season.

I realize he is not any dearer to me than the many other mothers' sons; nevertheless with so many coming home to U.S.A. now he may yet live to further his ambition of helpfulness in this world of distress.

I do pray we may again hear he is safe in his Father's keeping.

This may end up in the wastebasket as it does or may seem trivial to you with all the many, many world problems; but God knows and I know in my heart I have tried.

In Christ

Mrs. H. St. Block

1st. Lt. Dale W. Block
506-60-8932
525th A.M. Co. (PD)
San Francisco California

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March 14, 1972

Dear Mr. Block:

I am sorry that we were unable to make connections when you were in Washington. I hope you had a successful conference.

In response to your letter of February 9th, I have consulted with our staff members who work in the drug field, and they have all been highly complimentary of the work done by Mr. William M. Brennan. At present, some consideration is being given to the development of a full citation program for those who are contributing to this effort, and I have been asked to keep Mr. Brennan's name on current record for consideration when that program is initiated. In the meantime, I am notifying the Special Action Office for Drug Abuse Prevention of Mr. Brennan's contributions, as they have very large responsibilities in this field.

Thanks once again for your thoughtful suggestions.

Sincerely,

David R. Gergen
Staff Assistant

Mr. ~~Harvey Steven~~ Block
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Hollywood, Florida 33021

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Dear Mr. Block:

This will confirm the date we have set for me to address the Metropolitan Club on Wednesday, May 3. I appreciate your understanding of the complexities of my schedule which have made postponements necessary and have every intention of finally being able to meet with you on the third.

I hope that you will continue to stay in touch with my office about any additional details.

Best regards,

Henry A. Kissinger

**Mr. Huntington T. Block
Chairman, Special Events
The Metropolitan Club
Washington, D. C. 20006**

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MEMORANDUM

THE WHITE HOUSE
WASHINGTON

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KISSINGER, HENRY A.

April 28, 1972

MEMORANDUM FOR:

DICK CAMPBELL

FROM:

IRENE

SUBJECT:

Metropolitan Club Dinner -
Wednesday, May 3, 1972

Dick, I talked to Mr. Huntington Block at the Metropolitan Club this morning regarding the following:

- / -- Telephone arrangements - the main switchboard will be open (298-7500) and the place where Mr. Kissinger will be at any given time will be left with the switchboard operator so Mr. Kissinger will be able to be reached or get any messages.
- I told Mr. Block you would be accompanying Mr. Kissinger as his aide. (FYI: This is a black tie affair.)
- Security agents - I informed him there would be only one who would sit outside the door. (We did not get into the details of the possibility of the agent being fed.)
- List of attendees - he is sending this over in the mail today.
- The reception starts at 7:00 p.m. in the Anderson Room followed by dinner at 7:30 - I do not know ~~if~~ in what room the dinner is being held.
- I confirmed the fact that it is off-the-record.
- They will have a PA system

Mr. Block will meet you and Mr. Kissinger at the door to take you to the room. Mr. Gordon Gray will introduce Mr. Kissinger.

I told Mr. Block you would call him this afternoon regarding any other arrangements necessary:

August 16, 1972

Exec
MEL/ JH

Dear Mrs. Ismach:

Mrs. Nixon and I were delighted to learn that you recently celebrated your eightieth birthday.

We know this must have been a day filled with congratulations from your family and friends, and we want to add our own warm good wishes that peace, joy, and contentment will always be yours.

Sincerely,

*RICHARD NIXON

Mrs. Rebecca Ismach
38 Hillside Road
Deerpark, New York 11729

RH:AVH:cjd

cc: AVH - Senior Citizen

cc: Henry Block

October 22, 1972

Dear Mrs. Block:

The President has asked me to thank you for your recent message about the tragic incident at the Olympic Village in Munich. He too, President Nixon, was both pro-peace and pro-sports and deeply outraged that a crime against international athletes broke the peace of the Olympiad and caused the death of innocent people.

Our deepest hope is that the acts of terror will cease, and the President has instructed the Secretary of State to contact on an urgent basis with other governments to find collective measures which the international community can bring to bear against the scourge of terrorism. Mr. President hopes that people of goodwill throughout the world, outraged by the Munich tragedy, will not join together to renew and strengthen the cause of peace and brotherhood which the tradition of the Games represents for us all.

With the President's best wishes,

Sincerely,

W. E. Elliott
Deputy Special Assistant
to the President

Mrs. Beverly Block
c/o Mrs. J. Block
10101 Wilshire Blvd. 40650

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Traverse, Mich.
Sept. 7, 1972

Dear Mr. President:

MS I realize that you are a very busy person and could not possibly take time to reply to every concerned citizen that writes to you, regarding a situation of national interest, but the enclosed clipping from our local daily newspaper, caught my eye, as well as my concern, and I thought its contents might interest you as well, so am sending it to you.

I shiver with fear to think that any foreign terrorists could, possibly enter America and try to disrupt our government or hurt our citizens in the Capital.

It is shameful what has been done at the Olympics in Germany. I hope justice triumphs & speedily. It would be good if the U. S. had the power to punish in this, & any future cases. (God forbid!)

I wished to state that I have voted for you both times & shall do so again in November. You are a good president.

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Wishing you and your family
the very best of luck, and praying
that God extends his blessings to your
household, I am

Sincerely yours,
J

Mrs. Harold Block
1 - Sophia Street
Manistee, Michigan
49660

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November 3, 1972

Dear Mr. Bloch:

Please excuse the delay in responding to your letters of October 19 and 28. As election day approaches I have spent increasingly more time away from the office on the campaign trail.

I enjoyed our discussion and certainly appreciate your concern regarding the Internal Revenue Service's policy toward your industry. I have no doubt that the paramount interest of the IRS is to police the fraudulent practitioners in this important industry and not to infringe upon the interests of legitimate businesses such as yours.

As I mentioned at our meeting I think it would be fruitful to discuss your concerns directly with Treasury officials. This would not only afford them an opportunity to clarify any misunderstandings but also provide you with a chance to deliver the views of the industry first hand.

With warm regards,

Sincerely yours,

Peter M. Flanigan
Assistant to the President

Mr. Henry W. Bloch
H & R Block, Inc.
4410 Main Street
Kansas City, Missouri 64111

Sent by Mr. Flanigan's office.

