

GENERAL

TR100

IV/1974/3742 (Nashv. Me)

File
(copy sent to Bill Hambel 3-13-74)
THE WHITE HOUSE
WASHINGTON

*Please send
copy to Bill
Hambel FYI*

March 11, 1974

Mr. O'Donnell -

Mr. James R. King, Jr. of Nashville writes the President he read in the paper he was coming to opening of Grand Ole Opry and encourages him to do so.

Mr. King cites the fact that his grandfather, Cohen T. Williams, is one of the oldest sponsors of the Grand Ole Opry through their company, Martha White Foods, Inc. and Opry has played an important part in all their lives for 22 years

Any special handling of this? *not necessary*

MR

Mary R.

RECEIVED
MAR 13 1974
CENTRAL FILES

6
Invitation
3-16-74

J. R. K.

ACTION
T/D _____
SCHEDULE BD. _____
DATE RECEIVED
MAR 7 1974
3 RMN MESSAGE _____
SPEAKERS BUREAU _____
OTHER _____
APPOINTMENT OFFICE

Dear Mr. Nixon,

I read in the newspaper about your planning to attend the opening of the new Grand Ole Opry House in Nashville, March 16th. I encourage you to come to Tennessee for this historic occasion.

My grandfather, Cohen T. Williams is one of the oldest sponsors of the Opry through our company, Martha White Foods, Inc. The Opry has played a big part in our family's life, especially in the 22 years I can remember. Your presence would be a great honor.

Best regards,
James R. King, Jr.

77100
French, Charles O.

file (copy sent to Bill Harkin 3-13-74)

THE WHITE HOUSE
WASHINGTON

*ry of ins
to Harkin
FYI*

March 11, 1974

Mr. O'Donnell -

Roland Elliott send this on to us -

Any special handling (i.e. invitation to opening or greet the President in Nashville or the like)

*NO - arrival
ceremony will be*

MR publicized

Mary R

RECEIVED
MAR 13 1974
CENTRAL FILES



MEMBER OF COUNCIL
205 COURTHOUSE
NASHVILLE, TENNESSEE 37201

March 7, 1974

The President
The White House
Washington, D. C.

Dear Mr. President:

We are happy that you are planning a visit to Nashville next Saturday. Nashville's citizens are proud of The Grand Ole Opry and are honored that you will attend the dedication of the new Opryhouse.

As one of the Republicans on our Metropolitan City Council, I have been happy to support your programs over the years. The fact that Americans are no longer losing their lives in an Asian war is far more important and far outweighs the problems of Watergate. You have my support throughout the remaining years of your administration.

Sincerely,

Charles O. French
Chairman
Public Works Committee

COF:efb

GENERAL

TR100
I. 1974/5742/Nashville

March 12, 1974

Dear Mr. Rogers:

Because I assist with the President's schedule, I have been asked to acknowledge your letter inviting him to dine at The Brass Rail Restaurant when he comes to Nashville. ^x

Unfortunately, time will not give the President the pleasure of dining at The Brass Rail when he comes to Tennessee. He wants you to know, though, he appreciates your cordial and appealing invitation and warmly thanks you, too, for your welcome to Nashville as well as your commendation of his efforts.

With the President's best wishes,

Sincerely,

Terrence O'Donnell
Staff Assistant
to the President

Mr. Skip^x Rogers
Public Relations Director
Quality Takes Time, Incorporated
210 Fourth Avenue, North
Nashville, Tennessee 37219

TO'D:mhr:hja

4

RECEIVED
MAR 13 1974
CENTRAL FILES

First, we made history. Now we've moved it.



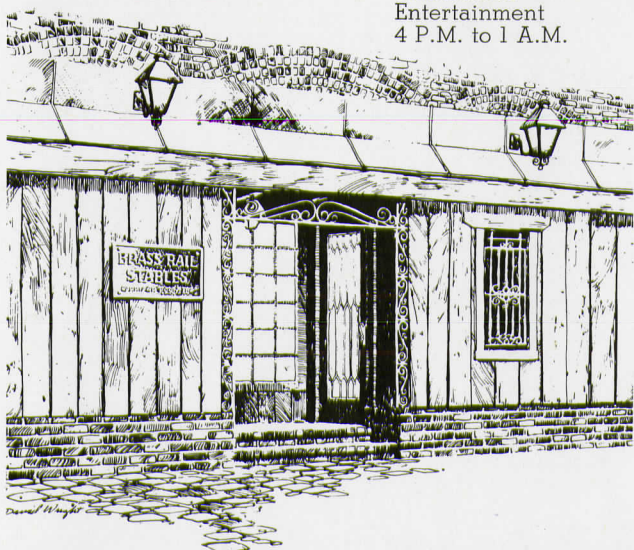
Historic Brass Rail Stables in Printer's Alley originally housed the carriage and horses of Old Hickory himself, Andrew Jackson. In later years, the Brass Rail established a tradition of good food and warm friendship as our city's foremost restaurant. Soon, the surroundings which were once familiar to Old Hickory and countless Nashvillians will be replaced by a new,

modern office complex in the center of our city's continuing growth.

Just a few paces away, in the home of still another Nashville Landmark, the former Utopia Hotel, the new Brass Rail Stables and Carriage Room is now serving in the antique atmosphere our patrons love, welcoming a new era of Nashville with a dedication to tradition.

THE NEW BRASS RAIL STABLES & CARRIAGE ROOM

Happy Hour
4 P.M. to 6:30 P.M.
Dinner
5 P.M. to 12 P.M.
Bar Service
4 P.M. to 3 A.M.
Continuous
Entertainment
4 P.M. to 1 A.M.



"ELEGANT STEAKS...HISTORIC ATMOSPHERE"

FOR RESERVATIONS PHONE 254-1218

Reproduced at the **200 1/2 PRINTERS' ALLEY** Library and Museum

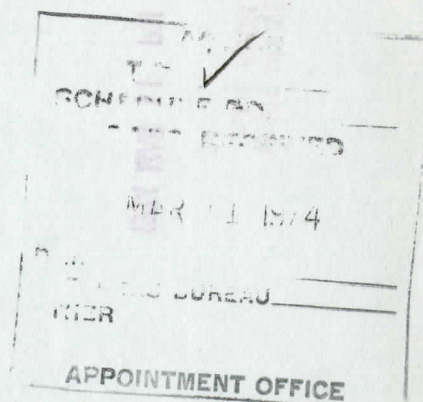
JS
Enroute

Quality Takes Time, Inc.

210 4th Avenue No.

Nashville, Tenn. 37219

March 8, 1974



nl.

Honorable Richard M. Nixon
President of The United States
1600 Pennsylvania Avenue
Washington, D.C.

Dear Mr. President,

We wish to express our appreciation for your upcoming visit to Nashville to dedicate the new Grand Old Opry House.

During your visit to Nashville, we would consider it an honor and a privilege to serve you at The Brass Rail restaurant in World Famous Printers' Alley.

Historically, The Brass Rail has been the favored dining place of many Presidents, among them President Rutherford B. Hayes, President James K. Polk, President Teddy Roosevelt, and President Andrew Jackson, for whom The Brass Rail is named.

We recognize the need for close security, and correspondingly place the services of our staff and management, as well as the entire restaurant facilities at the personal disposal of your staff and security service.

Thank you for your leadership and efforts during this, a most trying period of our country's history and development. May God bless and aid you through all future endeavours.

Again may we thank you for honoring Nashville with your visit and dedication. We look forward to hearing from you.

Cordially yours,

Skip Rogers

Skip Rogers
Public Relations Director
Quality Takes Time, Inc.

SR/vh ; enclosure

<i>The Embors</i>	<i>The Dutchman</i>	<i>Sea Witch Restaurant & Lounge</i>	<i>The Briar Patch</i>	<i>The Jail</i>
210 4th Ave. No.	1101 Gallatin Rd.	2605 Miami Ave.	110 Lee Ave.	1105 Bell Shimas Lane
Nashville, Tenn.	Madison, Tenn.	Donelson, Tenn.	Nashville, Tenn.	Nashville, Tenn.
254-6616	865-8715	859-9933	256-9123	865-4700

GENERAL

7B100
I. 1974/5742/Nashville

March 12, 1974

Dear Mr. Gibbs:

Because I assist with the President's schedule, I have been asked to acknowledge your letter of March 4 inviting the President to visit the YMCA and take advantage of its new health and fitness facilities when he comes to Nashville.

Although the tight schedule to which he is committed on his visit to Nashville for the opening of the Grand Ole Opry will not afford the President the opportunity to accept your kind invitation, he wants you to know he appreciates your thoughtfulness and sends you his best wishes.

Sincerely,

Terrence O'Donnell
Staff Assistant
to the President

Mr. Harold L. Gibbs
Associate General Executive
Nashville Young Men's
Christian Association *Penn.*
1000 Church Street
Nashville, Tennessee 37203

TO'D:mhr:hja

RECEIVED
MAR 13 1974
CENTRAL FILES

28
Invitation
(no date)



NASHVILLE YOUNG MEN'S CHRISTIAN ASSOCIATION

METROPOLITAN BOARD

1000 Church Street • Nashville, Tenn. 37203

Telephone 254-0631

OFFICERS

SYDNEY F. KEEBLE, JR., President
HOMER B. GIBBS, JR., Pres.-Elect
DR. J. M. BRAKEFIELD, Vice-Pres.
DR. ELBERT D. BROOKS, Vice-Pres.
STANLEY D. OVERTON, Vice-Pres.
W. I. HENDERSON, Treasurer
MRS. ALEX PIRTLE, JR., Secretary
MRS. W. L. DAVIS, JR., Asst. Secy.

OTHER DIRECTORS

W. LANE ABERNATHY
RICHARD G. ADAMS, DDS
CHARLES S. AMES
JOHN S. BEASLEY, II
CLARENCE H. BERSON
JOHN S. BRANSFORD
ROGERS C. BUNTIN
JOHN CANTER (E)
GEORGE H. CATE, JR.
CHARLES L. CORNELIUS, JR.
HUBERT A. CROUCH, JR.
JAMES W. DAVIS (B-N)
ROBERT J. GREENLER
H. LYNN GREER, JR.
MAURICE E. GRIGGS, JR.
TOM GRISCOM
ROUPEN M. GULBENK
L. HALL HARDAWAY, JR.
E. M. HAYWOOD (DT)
TOM P. HENDERSON, JR.
RONALD O. HOGUE (W)
VADEN LACKEY, JR. (SW)
B. W. LANDSTREET, III
CLIFFORD LOVE, JR.
HUGH B. MOTT
WHATLEY SCOTT
DR. BILL SHERMAN
REV. ROBERT H. SPAIN
WILLIAM W. STIFLER, JR.
C. RAYMOND THOMBS
DR. A. P. TORRENCE
W. B. WADLINGTON, MD (D-H)
RUSSELL L. WAGNER
TED WELCH

HONORARY BOARD MEMBERS

THOMAS E. BALDRIDGE
MARK BRADFORD, JR.
RUSSELL W. BROTHERS
GUILFORD DUDLEY, JR.
HORACE G. HILL, JR.
STIRTON OMAN
A. BATTLE RODES
JAMES M. WARD

CENTER EXECUTIVE STAFF

MILTON IVEY, Exec. Director
Bordeaux-North Center
MAX W. COOK, Exec. Director
Donelson-Hermitage Center
JAMES RAYHAB, Exec. Director
Downtown Center
CHARLES CLEVELAND, Exec. Director
East Center
WILLIAM M. PORTMAN, Exec. Director
Southwest Center
WILLIAM M. PORTMAN, Exec. Director
Widjiwagan Center

March 4, 1974

METROPOLITAN STAFF

RALPH L. BRUNSON, General Executive
JAMES RAYHAB, Associate General Executive
GENE H. MILLER, Associate General Executive

The Honorable Richard M. Nixon
President, United States of America
White House
Washington, D. C. 20500

Dear President Nixon:

We were delighted to learn about your trip
to Nashville for the grand opening of the
"New Opry House."

We are aware of the tight scheduling of your
time; however, we would be honored to have
you and members of your Staff visit and take
time to relax and enjoy the most unique new
YMCA health, fitness facility in the whole
U S A -- massage, hot room, steam room, tracks,
handball and racquetball courts.

I was the General Executive of the YMCA in
Racine, Wisconsin when Mrs. Nixon (Pat) visited
our new facilities in 1960.

From a transplanted Yankee and Republican,
y'all come.

Sincerely,

Harold L. Gibbs
Associate General Executive

hlg:cs

ACTION
T/D _____
SCHEDULE BD. _____
DATE RECEIVED

MAR 7 1974

RMN MESSAGE _____
SPEAKERS BUREAU _____
OTHER _____

APPOINTMENT OFFICE



Gifts and Bequests to the Y.M.C.A. Building or Endowment Fund Will Help Perpetuate Your Interest In Youth!

Reproduced at the Richard Nixon Presidential Library and Museum

UGF

GENERAL

1/19/74/ST42/Nashville

March 12, 1974

Dear Mr. Ittig:

Because I assist with the President's schedule, I have been asked to acknowledge your letter of March 8 advising him the student body at the College of Law at The University of Tennessee hopes that he might extend his schedule to be their guest when he visits Nashville.

Regrettably, it will not be possible for the President to add further to his schedule when he comes to Tennessee. He warmly thanks you and all those in whose behalf you wrote for your thoughtfulness, nevertheless, and sends you an expression of his warm, best wishes.

Sincerely,

Terrence O'Donnell
Staff Assistant
to the President

Mr. Gerard W. Ittig
Co-chairperson
S.B.A. Speakers Committee
College of Law
The University of Tennessee
1505 West Cumberland Avenue
Knoxville, Tennessee

TO: mhr:hja

RECEIVED

MAR 13 1974

CENTRAL FILES

15
*Invitation
(March, 74)*

STUDENT BAR ASSOCIATION
THE UNIVERSITY OF TENNESSEE
COLLEGE OF LAW
1505 WEST CUMBERLAND AVENUE
KNOXVILLE

March 8, 1974

ACTION	
T/D	
SCHEDULE BD.	
DATE RECEIVED	
MAR 11 1974	
RMN MESSAGE	
SPEAKERS BUREAU	
OTHER	
APPOINTMENT OFFICE	

The President
The White House
Washington 25, D.C.

Dear Mr. President:

I understand that you are planning to visit Nashville this month. The members of the student body at the College of Law would appreciate it if you could extend your schedule to include a speaking engagement at our school. We know that you are particularly interested in the quality of legal education and that you share with us the belief that it is enhanced when we are challenged by the views of those in leadership positions in our government.

We hope that you are able to accept this invitation and we look forward to your visit to Tennessee.

Very truly yours,

Gerard W. Ittig

Gerard W. Ittig
Co-chairperson
S.B.A. Speakers Committee

GWl:pc

GENERAL

(3)

TR100

Jul 1974 BTAR (Nashville)

Palmer, Charles

THE WHITE HOUSE
WASHINGTON

March 13, 1974

Mr. O'Donnell -

The Minister of the Madison
Presbyterian Church (3 miles
from the Grand Ole Opry) invites
the President to worship there
THIS next Sunday morning-- he
cite that while he has not met
the President he has met David
and Julie.

All right to telephone that the
President is not staying over
in Nashville but is grateful for
his kind invitation, etc.

Mary R.

*File
(M. Rankin
called Pres.
at home
+ told
him Pres.
returning to DC
Sat Eve for
Service here
next day -
very grateful
through for
his kind
invitation
+ courtesy
to the Pres.*

*yes
planning
a worship service
here at the WH*

*T.
MR*

RECEIVED
MAR 13 1974
CENTRAL FILES

The White House
Washington

WHA014(1750)(2-031156E071)PD 03/12/74 1750

ICS IPMBNGZ CSP

1974 MAR 12 PM 5 55 ACTION
T/D

SCHEDULE BD.
DATE RECEIVED

6158683847 TDBN NASHVILLE TN 321 03-12 0550P EDT

PMS HONORABLE RICHARD M NIXON PRESIDENT OF THE UNITED STATES

WHITE HOUSE DC

MAR 13 1974

DEAR MR PRESIDENT THE SESSION OF THE MADISON PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

MADISON, NASHVILLE, TENNESSEE CORDIALLY WELCOMES YOU TO MIDDLE

TENNESSEE AND RESPECTFULLY INVITES YOU TO WORSHIP WITH US SUNDAY

MARCH 17 AT 11AM

OUR MODEST CONGREGATION WORSHIPS IN THE BEAUTIFUL, HISTORIC
SANCTUARY THAT HAS STOOD FOR MORE THAN A CENTURY. THE BRICKS
WERE MADE BY CHARTER MEMBERS ON THE CONSTRUCTION SITE. THE LOCATION
IS 650 GALLATIN ROAD SOUTH APPROXIMATELY 3 MILES NORTH OF OPRYLAND.
THERE IS EASY ACCESS AND EXIT TO THE CHURCH THE SIMPLE BUILDING
STRUCTURE OFFERS NO PROBLEMS FOR AMPLE SECURITY MEASURES

I AM A NEW PASTOR HERE BUT PREVIOUSLY SERVED IN THIS AREA MY

RMN MESSAGE
SPEAKERS BUREAU
OTHER
APPOINTMENT OFFICE

2
3
4
5
6
1
2
3
4
5
6
7 WIFE AND I PARTICIPATED IN YOUR 1960 NASHVILLE VISIT. FOR THE
8 PAST 12 YEARS WE HAVE SERVED IN FLORIDA, ATTENDED YOUR 1968
9 TAMPA RALLY AND THAT SUMMER MET YOUNG JULIE AND DAVID AT HILLSVILLE
10 VIRGINIA. IN 1971 YOU KINDLY SENT CONGRATULATIONS TO MY WIFES
11 PARENTS MR AND MRS JOHN M SUTPHIN, WILLIS VIRGINIA ON THEIR
12 65TH WEDDING ANNIVERSARY. IN 1972 MRS ARBAUGH WORKED IN THE
13 BRADENTON, FLORIDA REPUBLICAN HEADQUARTERS. WHILE PASTOR OF
14 FIRST PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH IN LAKE LAND THE JUNIOR SENATOR FROM
15 FLORIDA, HONORABLE LAWTON CHILES THEN SERVED AS A DEACON OF
16 THE CONGREGATION. OUR BELOVED DIRECTOR OF MUSIC THERE MRS SUE
17 ELLA SKIPPER IS THE SISTER OF MRS SPESSARD HOLLAND. THE LATE
18 SENATOR AND MRS HOLLAND SHARED MANY OF OUR SPECIAL OCCASIONS.
19 MR PRESIDENT, OUR PUBLIC AND PRIVATE DEVOTIONS UPHOLD YOU, AND
20 WITH THE SESSION I FEEL YOUR VISIT WOULD BE A LONG CHERISHED

7 HONOR TO THE MADISON CHURCH AND COMMUNITY, AND WE PRAY A BLESSING
8 AND ENCOURAGEMENT TO YOU IN THESE TRYING TIMES. GOD BLESS AND
9 KEEP YOU RESPECTFULLY

11 RALPH C ARBAUGH, MINISTER /CHARLES PALMER, CLERK OF SESSION
12 THE NONIMATIONAL REFERENCE THE REVEREND MR NEAL DEAN EXECUTIVE
13 SECRETARY THE PRESBYTERY OF MIDDLE TENNESSEE TELEPHONE 615-833-5491
14 MADISON PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH PHONE 615-868-2489 MONDAY THROUGH
15 FRIDAY 9AM TIL 1PM MINISTERS RESIDENCE 615-868-3847 MR CHARLES
16 PALMERS RESIDENCE 615-865-5525
17
18
19
20 NNNN
21
22
23
24
25
26

March 14, 1974

Dear Congressman:

Max Friedersdorf has forwarded, along with his own personal endorsement, your letter to the President endorsing the invitation he received from Mr. J. E. Lacy to attend the 2nd Annual Girl Scout Birthday Party when he is in Nashville on this Saturday.

Unfortunately, the President will be in Nashville for such a short time there will not be an opportunity for him to share this birthday celebration with the Girl Scouts. He wants you to know, though, how much he appreciates your interest and thoughtfulness in writing on their behalf and hopes you will convey to this group his warm thanks for their kind invitation.

With the President's best wishes,

Sincerely,

Terrence O'Donnell
Staff Assistant
to the President

Honorable Richard H. ✓Fulton
House of Representatives
Washington, D. C. 20515

Courtesy copy to Cong. Fulton ✓
cc: Max Friedersdorf ✓
info copy to Bill Henkel ✓
(routed through Mr. Friedersdorf for notation before dispatch)

TO'D:mhr

10

RECEIVED

MAR 15 1974

CENTRAL FILES

March 15, 1974

Memo to Files:

Congressman Fulton advised us incorrectly. The invitation was to Mrs. Nixon. Arrangements have been made for the Girl Scouts to meet Mrs. Nixon at the Nashville Airport and present her with a bouquet of red roses. Congressman Fulton's office (Jim Drake) who had called about the error was advised by phone of the arrangements for the Girl Scouts.

V. Olson

v

IL/1974/STAR (Memphis)

March 13, 1974

Dear Mr. Fulton:

I would like to acknowledge receipt of your March 11 letter to the President endorsing the invitation to him from Mr. J. E. Lacy to attend the Second Annual Girl Scout Birthday Party when he is in Nashville on March 16. I will make certain that your letter is called to the President's attention. It will also be shared with the members of the staff who are formulating his schedule for the forthcoming trip. You will hear further as soon as possible.

With kind regards,

Sincerely,

Max L. Friedersdorf
Deputy Assistant
to the President

The Honorable Richard H. Fulton
House of Representatives
Washington, D.C. 20515

bcc: w/incoming to David Parker for DIRECT REPLY to
Mr. Fulton - ASAP.

Xerox copy of incoming letter sent to Mary Rawlins Red Tag
this date.

MLF:VO:vo

RECEIVED
MAR 14 1974
CENTRAL FILES

PLEASE ROUTE THROUGH MAX FRIEDERSDORF

BEFORE DISPATCH

de *mt*

THE WHITE HOUSE
WASHINGTON

March 13, 1974

Mary Rawlins:

I am sending you an advance copy of the attached because Cong. Fulton's office has been on the phone with Bill Timmon's office on it.

I thought you might like to get the wheels moving so a reply can go to Mr. Fulton - ASAP. We will do a routine ack. to him over Max Friedersdorf's signature and you will get the original as soon as ~~the~~ ~~the~~ ~~the~~ the ack. is signed.

Virginia Olson

1
7
Re Introduction

RICHARD FULTON
5TH DISTRICT, TENNESSEE

COMMITTEE ON
WAYS AND MEANS

DEPUTY DEMOCRATIC WHIP

3/13
2422 HOUSE OFFICE BUILDING
WASHINGTON, D.C. 20515

552 FEDERAL OFFICE BUILDING
NASHVILLE, TENNESSEE 37203

Congress of the United States
House of Representatives
Washington, D.C. 20515

11 March 1974

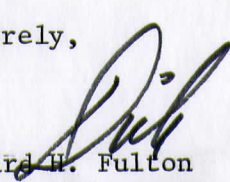
The President
The White House
Washington, D. C. 20500

BT
Dear Mr. President:

In connection with your visit to Nashville this coming weekend, Mr. J. E. Lacy, Manager, Rivergate Mall, Goodlettsville, Tennessee, has forwarded me a copy of his letter to you of March 6, 1974, inviting you to attend the 2nd Annual Girl Scout Birthday Party to be held at the J. C. Penny Store on that same day.

Permit me to express the hope that if your schedule permits, you will be able to accept this invitation, for nothing could be more appropriate that the President of the United States and the Girl Scouts of America, of which you are so supportive, should share a birthday celebration.

Sincerely,


Richard H. Fulton
Member of Congress

RHF:mc

144
No record of letter in Mail Room.

TR100

Iv/1974 BT42 (Nashville)

RE1

March 19, 1974

Dear Mr. McCormack:

I have been asked to thank you, on behalf of the President, for your letter of March 10 inviting him to drop by the Mid-East Section Wheelchair Basketball Tournament at McMurray Junior High School when he came to Nashville for the opening of the Grand Ole Opry House.

Due to the large volume of mail about his trip to Nashville, it was not possible to write or contact you prior to the President's trip there last Saturday. Even so, he would have had to say that, as much as he wanted to accept your kind and appealing invitation, his schedule during the very short time he was in Nashville would not allow him the opportunity to do so.

The President expressly asked that I warmly thank you for your letter and that I convey to you and all those in whose behalf you wrote his very best wishes.

Sincerely,

Terrence O'Donnell
Staff Assistant
to the President

Mr. William H. McCormack
Director

✓ Music City Wheelers Wheelchair Athletic Association
1808 Rosebank Avenue
Nashville, Tennessee 37216

TO'D:mhr:ckb

RECEIVED

MAR 20 1974

CENTRAL FILES

MUSIC CITY WHEELERS WHEELCHAIR
ATHLETIC ASSOCIATION

1808 Rosebank Avenue
Nashville, Tn. 37216
March 10, 1974

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

Dear President Nixon:

It is my understanding that you are going to be in Nashville, Tennessee on March 16 for the opening of the Grand Ole Opry House.

Since I have observed that you are a great sport enthusiast, I would like to extend an invitation to you to drop by the Mid-East Section Wheelchair Basketball Tournament being held at McMurray Junior High School on that same weekend and meet some of our fine wheelchair athletes.

This is one of four Sectionals being held throughout the United States to qualify four teams to compete in a National Tournament. Even though these athletes are handicapped they take their competition very seriously and I feel they would be very honored if someone of your standing showed an interest in wheelchair athletics. The teams competing in this Sectional Tournament are: Topeka, Kansas; St. Louis, Missouri; Chattanooga, Tennessee and our own Music City Wheelers.

I realize this is probably an impossibility because of the pressures of your schedule, but it would be a tremendous boost to wheelchair sports throughout the United States if it could be worked out.

Sincerely,

William H. McCormack

William H. McCormack, Director
Music City Wheelers Wheelchair
Athletic Association

March 22, 1974

Dear Mr. Thompson:

Thank you for your letter of March 19.

The President greatly enjoyed his visit to Nashville, as I think the attached transcript of his remarks indicates.

I am sure his reference to the yo-yo in Houston was intended to be humorous.

Sincerely,

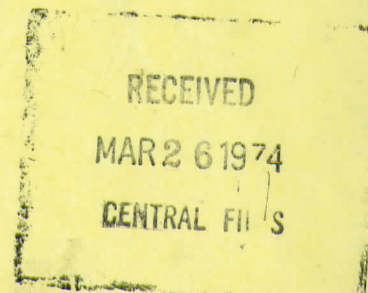
Ronald L. Ziegler
Press Secretary
to the President

Mr. Harold Thompson
263 Congressional Lane Apt. 102
Rockville, Maryland

8

RZ:AW:ld

✓ enc: transcript of Nashville remarks



March 19, 1974

Dear Ron,

Only the gravest urgency prevents me from having this typed by my Secretary in the morning. Forgive me and bear with me, please.

My family and I have the admiration and respect for our chosen President. His performance tonight was masterful as always.

Please remind the President that his enemies are the two-bit toads like Don. Rather not the Grand Ole Opry folk. They, the Grand Ole Opry people, were saying in their own way, we love you Mr. President.

I believe our President mis understood the question, but for God's sake, our nations sake and the President sake -

have him say some kind words for the people of Nashville. Ron, that question was friendly and we need all the friends we can get.

I am Joe-average and believe me the President scored heavy point in Nashville. In golf terminology he scored a double-eagle. But tonight amid an otherwise brilliant performance he scored a double bogey with a two inch putt.

Ron dammit many of us love this country and will fight to keep it from being taken over by the TV cartel in New York, the feint-hearted and gutless Buckleys, notwithstanding.

But Please, Please have the President say some gracious words on Nashville.

I'll bet your boss is stubborn as hell and fights everybody who comes near him, but throw a hamerlock on him and get this point across!

God bless you all,
Harold Thompson + Family

Dg

GENERAL
TR100

March 25, 1974

Dear Mr. Wright:

Many thanks for your recent thoughtful letter about my visit to the Grand Ole Opry. You may be sure that my wife and I will long remember the gracious hospitality extended to us by the fine people of Tennessee.

With my appreciation for your kind words and with my best wishes to you and Mrs. Wright,

Sincerely,

RICHARD NIXON

x
Mr. E. A. Wright
Chairman of the Board
The First National Bank
Lawrenceburg, Tennessee 38464

B
RNLJBE:RLE:blh

38

RECEIVED
MAR 28 1974
CENTRAL FILES

15
THE FIRST NATIONAL BANK
LAWRENCEBURG, TENNESSEE 38464

B. A. WRIGHT
CHAIRMAN OF THE BOARD

March 18, 1974

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

Dear President Nixon:

RE
My wife and I were privileged to be in the Grand Ole Opry audience this past Saturday night and we want to express our personal appreciation to you and Mrs. Nixon for traveling to Tennessee for this historic occasion.

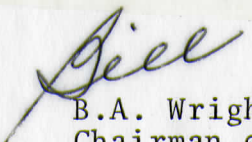
The warm reception you received indicates the people of Tennessee genuinely respect the President of these great United States of America.

The Grand Ole Opry and country music are as American as apple pie and ice cream. Your personal appearance in Nashville Saturday night added a stamp of approval that will never be surpassed.

We appreciate you and Mrs. Nixon and what you both have done for our country.

With warmest regards, I am

Cordially,


B.A. Wright
Chairman of the Board

BAW/bs

March 25, 1974

GENERAL 4

JL3

Ac3

TR97

TR100

Dear Mr. Berry:

Many thanks for your letter of March 17, bringing me up to date on the results of your fine work on behalf of the President. I was particularly pleased to receive copies of some of the letters which were sent to the Members of Congress by various citizens throughout the country -- this appears to have been a particularly successful effort.

It was happy to note your comments concerning the President's recent appearances in Chicago and Nashville. The reactions we have received from both phone calls and letters indicate that many of those who heard the President speak share your views.

President Nixon is fortunate to have a friend like you, and I want you to know of my personal gratitude for your staunch support and for your many kindnesses over the years.

With every good wish,

Sincerely,

Rose Mary

Rose Mary Woods
Executive Assistant
to the President

Mr. Loren M. Berry^X
L. M. Berry and Company
Post Office Box 6000
Dayton, Ohio 45401

RMW:MAF:RLE:blh
cc: Mary Fenton

RECEIVED

MAR 28 1974

CENTRAL FILES

3/28/74 P.S. It was great to see you yesterday - and to attend your reception! Thanks.

Enclosures filed in
+ Oversize Attachments #

GENERAL

TR 100

March 26, 1974

Dear Mr. Rucker:

It was good of you to write me following my appearance at the opening of the new Grand Ole Opry on March 16. Seldom have I had a more thoroughly enjoyable time than I did that evening in Nashville. It shall remain one of the most memorable occasions of my Presidency, and I deeply appreciate your kind words.

Sincerely,

RICHARD NIXON

X
Mr. Cason Rucker
377 Old Mamaroneck Road
White Plains, New York 10605

13
RN:RLE:clw

60
P-639

RECEIVED
MAR 28 1974
CENTRAL FILES

COX HAS 'MISGIVINGS'
ON MEDIA COVERAGE

Prw 3/16

26

CONCORD, N. H., Feb. 18
(UPI)—Archibald Cox, the former Watergate special prosecutor, said today that part of the press regarded itself as "the fourth branch of government" and that he had "quite a few misgivings" about the way the media covered Watergate.

"The media certainly is turning gradually to a more active role in shaping the course of events through their news columns and commentaries as well as on their editorial pages," Mr. Cox told students and faculty at St. Paul's School, from which he was graduated in 1930.

"It isn't true of smaller papers around the country, but I think it's true of The Washington Post, The New York Times, Newsweek and a number of big papers, and I rather think it seems to be true of some of the network presentations," he said.

March 18, 1974
377 Old Mamanoneck Rd.
White Plains, New York,
10605

P639

RE

Dear President Nixon,

Your participation in the
Grand Jury was magnificent.

America needs both you and
your tremendous courage

Respectfully,
Cason Ruckler

GENERAL

March 26, 1974

TR 100

Dear Mrs. Long:

It was good of you to write me following my appearance at the opening of the new Grand Ole Opry on March 16. Seldom have I had a more thoroughly enjoyable time than I did that evening in Nashville. It shall remain one of the most memorable occasions of my Presidency, and I deeply appreciate your kind words.

Sincerely,

~~RICHARD NIXON~~
~~RICHARD NIXON~~

X
Mrs. Marie Long
10171 Florin Lane
Anaheim, California 92804

13
RN:RLE:clw

60
P-639

RECEIVED
MAR 28 1974
CENTRAL FILES

8 Support & Cnts

Re: Pres + grand old opry

March 16, 1974

1-639
Dear President Nixon,

RE I am a 20 year old housewife and mother and I just want to express to you in this letter my support and confidence in you as President of the United States and a great human being. Going down a freeway in this state I saw a bill board off to the side of the road. It read Thank God for our country and our President. So this I say YEAH !!! As for the rating poll on your behalf as President - I don't agree with it. So this I can't figure out how they get their ratings in the first place. I have never been stopped and asked about you - Lord help them if they ever did. Because what I would have to say they couldn't ever repeat. You're a

damned good President. I
admire you telling the people
who want you to resign to forget
it. You're a very determined
man. I hope to God you never
give in to those go-yo's. There
are a heck of alot of people
who support you. I am one of
them all the way. Please
keep fighting - you're right and I
believe you. It takes alot of
courage to take the beating you're
getting, but you and your wife
can still keep your heads high.
Remember you're right - you know
it and so do the many smart
Americans all the disbelievers
can go to hell. My family & I
support you whole heartedly.

I have had the great
honor and pleasure in meeting
you at El Toro one evening.
I even got to talk to you - You're
a very kind man and I love

you. I also had the pleasure of
listening to you on KLAC ~~radio~~
radio when you visited the
Grand Ole Opry in Tennessee.
You and Mrs. Nixon sounded as if
you thoroughly enjoyed yourselves.
This I hope is true. I also hope
you took time out of the rat-
race and stayed to the end.
You've certainly deserved some time
off. You are besides a great
President a great musician!!
I enjoyed listening to you play
the piano. I hope I get a
chance in meeting you again some
day soon. I also hope you will
read this letter of support.

One of your many
supporters,

Marie Long

10171 FLORIN LN.

ANAHEIM, CA 92804

<OVER

Keep up the good work.
By the way HAPPY BIRTHDAY
TO THE MOST GRACEFUL &
GRACIOUS WOMAN I HAVE EVER
MET THE FIRST LADY MRS.
PAT NIXON- AND MANY MORE
MAY YOU HAVE.

Love you & THIS GREAT
COUNTRY OF OURS //

GENERAL

TR 100

March 26, 1974

GIR/SCOUTS/TENN

Dear Miss Burr:

It was good of you to write me following my appearance at the opening of the new Grand Ole Opry on March 16. Seldom have I had a more thoroughly enjoyable time than I did that evening in Nashville. It shall remain one of the most memorable occasions of my Presidency, and I deeply appreciate your kind words.

Sincerely,

RICHARD NIXON

Miss Marie Burr
Girl Scout Troop 104
313 Twin Hills
Madison, Tennessee

37115

^B
RN:RLE:clw

60
P-639

RECEIVED
MAR 28 1974
CENTRAL FILES

28

Re: Nashville visit

1.6.39

March 18

RE

Dear Mr. President,

You will never know how very much you have thrilled a group of Girl Scouts, (and their leader included) at your recent visit to Nashville. One of our girls cried as your plane taxied up.

As thrilled as I was at the '72 Inaugural Parade and later at The Ball, I was not as overwhelmed as much as when I shook your hand Saturday afternoon. Thank you for giving us the honor of seeing you here - these

girls will be in Washington
the week before Easter
for a tour of all the his-
toric sights and the expe-
rience of your arrival
has really ignited their en-
thusiasm for our own trip.

I have also written
Mrs. Nixon to express our
gratitude to her for shar-
ing her birthday with us.
God bless you both!

Sincerely,
Marie Burr
313 Twin Hills
Brook 104
Madison, Tenn

March 26, 1974

GENERAL

TR 100

Dear Mr. DeLong:

It was good of you to write me following my appearance at the opening of the new Grand Ole Opry on March 16. Seldom have I had a more thoroughly enjoyable time than I did that evening in Nashville. It shall remain one of the most memorable occasions of my Presidency, and I deeply appreciate your kind words.

Sincerely,

RICHARD NIXON

Mr. Harold W. DeLong
Post Office Box 871
Culpeper, Virginia 22701

RN:RLE:ckb

60
P-639

RECEIVED
MAR 29 1974
CENTRAL FILES

Pro 3/16 r sup

HAROLD W. DELONG
P. O. Box 871
Culpeper, Virginia 22701

Mr. President
Washington, D.C.

p 639

RE

Dear Mr. Nixon,

I have enjoyed hearing about
your + Mrs. Nixon's visit to Nash-
ville and hope you have had a
thoroughly enjoyable time,

Also, Mr. Nixon, these wear
minded Americans who criticize
you were unable to keep you
out by voting and, yes, they
would like for you to quit -
but I wouldn't - So, Mr. President,
I trust that you will make them
throw you out - if they can - because
any good American would feel
terribly about anyone not standing
up to those worthless clowns,
My most sincere and Best wishes,
Harold W. DeLong

GENERAL

March 26, 1974

TR 100

Dear Mr. Bannon:

It was good of you to write me following my appearance at the opening of the new Grand Ole Opry on March 16. Seldom have I had a more thoroughly enjoyable time than I did that evening in Nashville. It shall remain one of the most memorable occasions of my Presidency, and I deeply appreciate your kind words.

Sincerely,

RICHARD NIXON

Mr. Frank J. Bannon
50-A Beaver Park Road
Framingham, Massachusetts 01701

RN:RLE:ckb

60
P-639

6

RECEIVED

MAR 29 1974

CENTRAL FILES

16 SUNDAY - NIGHT
MARCH - 17 -

FRANK J. BANNON
50-A-BEAVER PARK
ROAD
FRAMINGHAM, MASS

p. 39

RE

PRESIDENT - NIXON:

HAPPY - ST-PATRICK'S DAY

I HOPE MRS NIXON IS FEELING BETTER
I SAW A HEARD - CONG MILLS - ON
TV TODAY - HE SOUNDED - AND LOOKED
LIKE HE WAS SORRY FOR - WHAT
HE SAID - ABOUT - YOUR - INCOME TAX
I ALSO - SAW - THE

GRAND ONE - ORRY - I HOPE
YOU WILL - PRACTICE ON THE YO-YO -
YOUR PIANO - PLAYING - WAS GOOD
I WAS GLAD TO SEE - PEOPLE
SINGING - ABOUT - THIS - COUNTRY - AND
NOT - RUNNING IT - DOWN:

I AM GLAD YOU ARE
TALKING - ABOUT - THE OFFICE
OF THE PRESIDENT - AND WHAT
IT WOULD - MEAN IF YOU QUIT
THIS WOULD - LEAD - TO - A-DICTATOR
AS - THE PRESS IS SO - STRONG IN
THIS COUNTRY THEY CAN DO
ANY THING. STAY ON - AS
PRESIDENT. THIS COUNTRY, NEEDS
YOU

Frank J. Bannon

March 26, 1974

GENERAL
TR 100

Dear Mrs. Perry:

It was good of you to write me following my appearance at the opening of the new Grand Ole Opry on March 16. Seldom have I had a more thoroughly enjoyable time than I did that evening in Nashville. It shall remain one of the most memorable occasions of my Presidency, and I deeply appreciate your kind words.

Sincerely,

RICHARD NIXON

Mrs. Etta Perry
Box 232
Neon, Kentucky 41840

RN:RLE:ckb

60
P-639

6

RECEIVED
MAR 29 1974
CENTRAL FILES

9
Monday eve.

March 18th. 74

RE

P. 639
Mr President Richard M
Nixon

Dear Sir

this note is to say that I truly
hope that you & Mrs Nixon
really enjoyed your trip & visit
to the Grand Ole Opry in Nashville
the weekend. & to say Dear
Mr President I'm still glad &
voted for you to be our President
in 73

God bless you & yours
As Always
Mrs Ethel Perry

March 26, 1974

GENERAL
TR 100

Dear Mr. Fain:

It was good of you to write me following my appearance at the opening of the new Grand Ole Opry on March 16. Seldom have I had a more thoroughly enjoyable time than I did that evening in Nashville. It shall remain one of the most memorable occasions of my Presidency, and I deeply appreciate your kind words.

Sincerely,

RICHARD NIXON

Mr. George A. Fain
234 Barham Drive
Milan, Tennessee 38358

RN:RLE:kb

60
P-639

RECEIVED
MAR 29 1974
CENTRAL FILES

MAY be your Secretaries will see fit TO
pass this on to you. (Saf.)

26

Pro 3/16

Comm Presidione

The Honorable President
of The United States of
America

16 MAR 74
234 Barham DR.
Milan, Tenn. 38358

RE

Dear President NIXON,

Hopefully I can express to you what I personally think and feel for you and Mrs. NIXON, as well as my family and generally the majority of the people in our area of contact. I was prompted to write after seeing a T.V. special of your visit to our Great State of Tennessee today. The program was one of the very few favorable filmings that the news media somehow lets slip through. I admire you so much for your plain "Guts" in being able to stand up under all the pressures and knifing that the Press and politics that you have been subject to recently and throughout the years and am proud that you are our president and hope and pray and wish you all the luck in the world in being able to win completely the battle you are now into.

I hope this does not appear to Corney and you will excuse this sloppy method of communication, but feel like you do not get but a small amount of good news from either the little fellows or the big guys.

I can appreciate to a small extent the pressures and the very few thanks that you get as I have been in the service to people business, in a much smaller way for several years.

I volunteered for the U.S. Marines in May of 45 at 17 and have been actively involved when possible every since, in the Active Reserves or National Guard - with

Over 27 good years hopefully I can remain in the N.G. until 1979 to complete 28 yrs of Commissioned Service. Also I am now employed as The Supt. of Water and Wastewater for our small town which requires quite a lot as I am responsible for planning, supervision, hiring, buying and Engineering for distribution and treatment plants. In my spare time I operate a surveying and land development service, for the past 21 years have been active in athletics as a football and basketball official for local high schools and small colleges, serve actively in the U.T. alumni association and service in the Tenn. Army N.G.

My side of my family have been strong Dems, my wife's are Reps. The only president I have ever voted for other than the States Righters was Goldwater, I do wish I had voted for Truman, and I did not figure you needed my one vote and the American party bid in the last race. You are very highly thought of by my wife's family and quite well supported by her uncle, Mr. Sam Via, of Milan, Tenn. -

The only criticism that I have, which is a little tough for all of us to understand is the difference in income tax for yourself and other high income people while we little fellows in our area do work long and hard and then have to kick in so much.

My son, Sgt. DAN A. FAIR, served very honorably in Vietnam as a gunship gunner and received several awards, he is back in the Army as a M.P. now at Ft. Gordon.

Please come back to Tenn. soon - and I extend to you an invitation to visit our N.G. Convention in Nashville this coming Saturday -

Very Sincerely
DAN A. FAIR

March 26, 1974

GENERAL

TR 100

Dear Mr. Rice:

It was good of you to write me following my appearance at the opening of the new Grand Ole Opry on March 16. Seldom have I had a more thoroughly enjoyable time than I did that evening in Nashville. It shall remain one of the most memorable occasions of my Presidency, and I deeply appreciate your kind words.

Sincerely,

RICHARD NIXON

Mr. Darrell Rice
Post Office Box 15071
Nashville, Tennessee 37215

RN:RLE:ckb

60
P-639

RECEIVED
MAR 29 1974
CENTRAL FILES

March 19, 1974.

RE

p. 639

Dear Richard :

I wish to express my regrets concerning your wife's reported illness after her visit here. I also want to thank you for your visit here; I was in the crowd at the airport. You have very high connections, I have found. The day of your visit was very overcast, Upon your exit from the airplane, the sun broke through and seemed to me to be shining down directly upon the area that you were inside. Upon your exit by motorcade, the sun was cut off again by the clouds, not to reappear that day. I was impressed enough by it to write a letter to the editor of the Banner here in Nashville. Thanks again for your visit.

Love,

Danell Rice

GENERAL

TR 100

March 26, 1974

Dear Mr. Jackson:

It was good of you to write me following my appearance at the opening of the new Grand Ole Opry on March 16. Seldom have I had a more thoroughly enjoyable time than I did that evening in Nashville. It shall remain one of the most memorable occasions of my Presidency, and I deeply appreciate your kind words.

Sincerely,

RICHARD NIXON

Mr. Richard Jackson
17503 Wanderson
Detroit, Michigan 48203

RN:RLE:ckb

60

P-639

RECEIVED
MAR 28 1974
CENTRAL FILES

3-19-74

Dear Mr. President

P 635

RE It was certainly a wonderful sight to see you pay tribute to the performers at the Grand Ol' Opry. I felt a real deep sense of pride when you, our President, played "God Bless America" on the piano.

You are a good man + a good American and I know you are doing the best that you possibly can do for your country.

You have devoted most of your life to serving your country.

Some day I hope I can have the privilege of shaking your hand.

May God bless you and guide you in these troubled times.

With kindest regards,

Richard Jackson

17503 Wadsworth

Detroit, Michigan 48203

GENERAL

March 26, 1974

TR 100

PR3

Dear Mr. Martin:

It was good of you to write me following my appearance at the opening of the new Grand Ole Opry on March 16. Seldom have I had a more thoroughly enjoyable time than I did that evening in Nashville. It shall remain one of the most memorable occasions of my Presidency, and I deeply appreciate your kind words.

Sincerely,

RICHARD NIXON

Mr. Dennis W. Martin
15 Price Avenue
Waynesboro, Pennsylvania 17268

13
RN:RLE:ckb

60
P-639

RECEIVED
MAR 28 1974
CENTRAL FILES

JRP

pres. Grand old oprey
Support

0639

March 16, 1974

Dear Mr. President,

RE I am sitting here tonight
listening to the Grand Old Oprey.

You are a guest on the show
tonight, and I think its great
that you can take time out of
your schude to attend. It
is the first night in the new
oprey and you make this celebra-
tion one that will long be remen-
bered.

I've been meaning to write
you a letter for quite some time. The

reason for this letter is to let you know how I think the majority of the Americans in this country feel about our President.

I am a veteran of the Viet Nam War, and I backed you 100% in your decisions concerning the war. I backed you the night you announced we would go into Cambodia. I was proud to know we had a President with some guts! The decision proved to be decisive in the ending of the war. You also kept our honor in the withdraw and managed the release of our Prisoners of war. This was another great ~~discomplement~~ ^{compliment} in my

book.

My folks are all strong Democrats and I guess I favor the Democratic party. Even though I favor them I have supported you and your believes since 1968, and I still feel you're the best man going.

I am glad to hear that you are going to stick this thing out. I agree with you, that if you quit, that it will be a great burden on our following Presidents. So Mr. President remember that no matter how rough the going gets, I feel that the American people will back their President, and in one who will.

I feel that you may not be completely innocent in this Watergate crisis, but you are not any more guilty than any previous President, Congressman or American in the same situation. I hope that the American people and especially our men in Congress can soon drop this Watergate mess, and get back to help running this country and supporting our President. I feel that you have carried the nations problems and guilt long enough. It's too bad the American people and press have ~~such~~ short memories and have forgotten the great things you have done for us. I guess the American have held it to you for too long,

and are too spoiled and greedy to roll up their sleeves and bear down to help this country ~~to~~ get out of a slump. It's going to take the American people not the President to put this Country back on its feet.

So in short, I feel and as many Americans feel. It's time that we and our so called Representatives in Washington, Start working with you, rather than against you.

Mr President, I live approximately 15 miles from Camp David. Some evening or Sunday you are welcome to visit or enjoy a Sunday dinner with my family. 3/4 and

your family will always be
welcome in my home.

Sincerely your friend,

James H. Martin

15 Price Ave.

Waynesboro, Penna.

21783

P.S. Happy Birthday Mrs Nixon
May you and Mr. Nixon have
many more happy years ahead
of you.

ms
March 26, 1974

~~GENERAL~~

TR 100

Dear Mr. Faul:

It was good of you to write me following my appearance at the opening of the new Grand Ole Opry on March 16. Seldom have I had a more thoroughly enjoyable time than I did that evening in Nashville. It shall remain one of the most memorable occasions of my Presidency, and I deeply appreciate your kind words.

Sincerely,

RICHARD NIXON

X
Mr. Fred A. Faul, Jr.
1901 Jennie Lane
La Habra, California 90631

RN;RLE:ckb

B
60
P-639

RECEIVED
MAR 28 1974
CENTRAL FILE

8 One press conf. 3/15
RICHARD NIXON + Grand old opny

MARCH 16, 74

PRESIDENT OF THE
UNITED STATES:

639 DEAR SIR

APPROXIMATELY ONE WEEK^{AGO} I WAS WATCHING

RP A press conference from the WHITE HOUSE, AS I
WATCHED YOU ON THE TELEVISION I WAS SILENTLY
THINKING THAT YOU ARE ONE TOUGH MAN. I COULD
SEE THE DETERMINATION ON YOUR UPPER LIP AND I KNEW
THAT YOUR THROAT & MOUTH WERE PROBABLY AS DRY AS
CALIFORNIA DESERT, BUT YOU HUNG RIGHT IN THERE.

AT THIS MOMENT MY NINE YEAR OLD SON WHO HAD
BEEN WATCHING WITH ME REMARKED "BOY THAT GUY
HAS REALLY GOT GUTS" WHEN I ASKED HIM WHAT HE
MEANT BY HIS REMARK, HE STATED THAT ALL THOSE
NEWS PEOPLE ARE OUT TO GET YOU AND THAT MILLIONS
OF PEOPLE ARE WATCHING AND LOTS OF THEM ARE NOT
PLEASED WITH YOU. HE WENT ON TO SAY THAT DESPITE
THIS YOU ARE NOT GIVING UP. I WAS ASTONISHED,
AS THESE WERE MY THOUGHTS. TONIGHT I WATCHED
YOU SPEAK ON T.V. FROM THE OPENING OF THE
NEW "GRAND OLD OPBY" AND I FELT COMPELLED TO

write and wish you and your glorious wife
better times in the ^{remaining} years of your term. Hang
in there Mr President and let Congress
shoot their best shot.

I am not a blind loyal dog in the wool
Republican, as a matter of fact I am deeply
unhappy with the past 2 years performance
of our administration. I believe that we
must stay together and as our president
you must lead us to a cohesive country
once again

Sincerely
Fred A. Faul Jr.

FRED A. FAUL JR.
1901 JENNIE LANE
LA HABRA, CALIF 90631

ms
GENERAL

March 26, 1974

TR 100

SP3-175

Dear Mrs. Williamson:

It was good of you to write me following my appearance at the opening of the new Grand Ole Opry on March 16. Seldom have I had a more thoroughly enjoyable time than I did that evening in Nashville. It shall remain one of the most memorable occasions of my Presidency, and I deeply appreciate your kind words.

Sincerely,

RICHARD NIXON

X
Mrs. Harriett F. Williamson
2132 Willivee Place
Decatur, Georgia 30033

RN:RLE:ckb

13
60
P-639

RECEIVED
MAR 28 1974
CENTRAL FILES

Bro Pres's visit to Tenn.
Bro 3/19 PC

2132 Willivee Place
Decatur, Georgia 30033

March 20, 1974

RE
PL 39

The President, Richard M. Nixon
The White House
Washington, D.C. 20500

Mr. President:

It was a real delight to hear your broadcast from Houston, Texas last night on TV and made me proud that I had voted for you on two different occasions.

I would just like you to know you have my full support and that it was a real thrill to listen to you and especially to hear you say you would not resign.

The hour's question and answer forum must have been very tiring but anyone listening to you had to agree that you really know what you are doing in directing the destiny of this country. I had also had the extreme pleasure of watching you and your very lovely wife last Saturday when you were in Nashville, enjoyed the way you played the piano. So your remark last night that you had left your Yo Yo in Nashville, really amused me. I have a feeling that someone will eventually use that remark for a song title.....probably one who writes country music!

My sincere best wishes are extended to you, your wife and your family and I shall pray that God will continue to guide you and help you.

Respectfully yours,

Harriett F. Williamson

(Mrs.) Harriett F. Williamson

HFW/h

ms
GENERAL

March 26, 1974

TR 100

Dear Mr. and Mrs. Blount:

It was good of you to write me following my appearance at the opening of the new Grand Ole Opry on March 16. Seldom have I had a more thoroughly enjoyable time than I did that evening in Nashville. It shall remain one of the most memorable occasions of my Presidency, and I deeply appreciate your kind words.

Sincerely,

RICHARD NIXON

X
Mr. and Mrs. A. M. Blount
Route 1, Box 304
Eutawville, South Carolina 29048

RN:RLE:ckb

60
P-639

RECEIVED
MAR 23 1974
CENTRAL FILES

6 Pro-Nashville appearance

3/19/74

Don Richard M. Nixon

Entawville, SC

White House
Washington, D.C.

Mr. & Mrs. A.M. Blunt
Route 1 Box 304

Dear (F) Entawville, SC

29045

RE

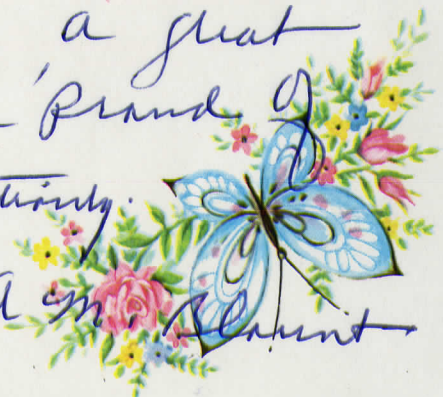
you and
come across great in Nashville
Tenn.

Please, continue the great
things you are doing and
getting across to the American
people and news media and
I.V. you and the whole world
will see how much the
American people love you -

A great man, a great
President, we are proud of
you.

affectionately.

Mr. & Mrs. A.M. Blunt



March 26, 1974

GENERAL

TR 100

PR3

Dear Mr. Correll:

It was good of you to write me following my appearance at the opening of the new Grand Ole Opry on March 16. Seldom have I had a more thoroughly enjoyable time than I did that evening in Nashville. It shall remain one of the most memorable occasions of my Presidency, and I deeply appreciate your kind words.

Sincerely,

RICHARD NIXON

Mr. Terry G. Correll^x
317 Virginia Avenue
Florence, Alabama 35630

RN:RLE:ckb¹³

60
P-639

RECEIVED
MAR 28 1974
FBI - MEMPHIS

35

Bro Pres. at Bond Ole Spny Del.
Warm support

0639

RE

March 19, 1974

Dear Mr. President,

The last time I wrote a letter to you of which I commended you for your superb service as our president including the bridging about an end to the Southeast Asia conflict, I received a most welcome answer. I have again decided another letter should be written to you.

First of all, I should like to say that regardless of the unfortunate situation in Washington at present, that myself and many others in this area are behind you! Even though you have stated occasionally on television that you have no intentions of resigning, I feel it is my duty to yield much encouragement to you regardless of what the

future holds. As you have seen since your trip to Huntsville not long ago, Alabama, a traditionally Democratic state, is all for you. Seemingly, the party issue is irrelevant when the President of the United States is concerned. What is important is how he does his job. So please keep in mind that we're behind you all the way!

Before I close, I would like to elaborate on your recent opening of the new Grand Ole Opry building. Being an avid country music lover myself with an ambition to someday even be an artist I was most interested that you ^{were} able to be there. I listened to the radio that night and was quite impressed to hear you explain what country music is. Beautifully said! But we are very glad that you and

Mrs. Nixon had such a good time. It is an over-whelming honor to the Country-music lovers of America that they can possess the interest of the President - Our hats are off to you sir! By the way you are also a very good piano player! How did you like the way they played "Hail to the Chief"? I thought it sounded spectacular - the best I've ever heard it!

Thank you for your time Mr. President and remember the people of the South and that we are all behind you! Take care and may God go with you and your family -

Respectfully,

Mr. Perry G. Cornue
317 Virginia Ave.
Tomball, Ala 35630

GENERAL

March 26, 1974

TR 100

Dear Mrs. Hows:

It was good of you to write me following my appearance at the opening of the new Grand Ole Opry on March 16. Seldom have I had a more thoroughly enjoyable time than I did that evening in Nashville. It shall remain one of the most memorable occasions of my Presidency, and I deeply appreciate your kind words.

Sincerely,

RICHARD NIXON

X
Mrs. T. H. Hows
7461 Charlotte Pike
Nashville, Tennessee 37209

¹³
RN:RLE:ckb

60
P-639

RECEIVED
MAY 28 1974
CENTRAL FILES

76
R6

P639

Mar. 18, 1974.

Richard M. Nixon

It was a thrill to have you and (Pat) Mrs. Nixon in Nashville, Music City it was just great. Saw on TV.

We would like to say we are for you. Please don't resign and hopefully you won't be impeached. We want you to serve the full time you were elected to, you are the Greatest since I K E. You have done so much to bring about peace at home & abroad, and brought so many boys home I don't like war I have lived thru so many. I am 78 yr old. Hope I haven't waited too long to express my feelings

-2-

there are a lot of other people
for you, maybe they have put
off saying so just like I
have. It is people like you
and your family that we
need in office. I just don't
have words to express my
self. Trust Mrs Nixon, Julie
will soon be well. I hear
a lot of compliments on her.
Our prayers go with you
and your Family.

May God Bless each
one of you.

Sincerely

Mrs. T. H. Howe
7461 Charlotte Pike
Nashville, Tenn.
37209.

ms
March 26, 1974

GENERAL

TR 100

JL 3

Dear Mr. and Mrs. Durbin:

It was good of you to write me following my appearance at the opening of the new Grand Ole Opry on March 16. Seldom have I had a more thoroughly enjoyable time than I did that evening in Nashville. It shall remain one of the most memorable occasions of my Presidency, and I deeply appreciate your kind words.

Sincerely,

RICHARD NIXON

Mr. and Mrs. Sherman B. Durbin
4101 55th Avenue
Eladensburg, Maryland 20710

RN:RLE:ckb

60

P-639

RECEIVED

MAR 28 1974

FILES

35
Pro Pres. trip to Tenn.
Grand Ole Opry

0639

RE
March 20, 1974

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

Dear President Nixon:

I wish you and your family the stamina necessary to withstand the present "Watergate" problems.

My husband and I heard Grand Ole Opry on the radio last Saturday and were thrilled to hear the warmth accorded you and your wife.

I think you are doing a fine job and so will others some day.

Sincerely yours,

Jean L. Durbin - Sherman B. Durbin

Jean L. Durbin & Sherman B.
4101 55th Ave.
Bladensburg, MD 20710

ms
GENERAL

March 26, 1974

TR 100

SP3-173

Dear Miss Wright:

It was good of you to write me following my appearance at the opening of the new Grand Ole Opry on March 16. Seldom have I had a more thoroughly enjoyable time than I did that evening in Nashville. It shall remain one of the most memorable occasions of my Presidency, and I deeply appreciate your kind words.

Sincerely,

RICHARD NIXON

X
Miss Josephine Wright
221 Southeast Tenth Street
Hallandale, Florida 33009

RN:RLE:ckb

3
60

P-639

RECEIVED
123 1974
CENTRAL FILES

35/ Bro Pres. at Grand Ole Hallandale, Fla.
Opny & pro 3/15 up
Mar 17, 1974.

President Richard M. Nixon
Washington, D. C.

RE

0639

Dear Mr. President,

It Was such a joy to see and hear you from Chicago Friday March 15, you stood so tall and "strong" your words were loud and clear. you did give me a scare when you were leaving - 'til you came back and made a correction, when you would be leaving the White House - thank you for that correction Mr. President. "Stay in there, I don't want to leave my Vote."

The A. B. C. News Carried part of your visit to the "Grand Ol' Opray" loved your playing Happy Birth day to Our First and louely lady - and God bless America - and God bless you, for making America so strong - free of War. you are the greatest President this Country has ever had. That's why the democrats are fishing so hard & fast. they know you've done more than any other President.

Alan Courtney Wood radio had one of his polls last week - for or against impeachment. in one + 1/2 hour - 137 calls against - 16 for - the 16 didn't vote for you in the first place - I agree with Alan Courtney this is all be. coming to back-lash - God bless you Mr. President and your louely family -
Josephine Wright

Dg

March 26, 1974

GENERAL
TR 100

Dear Mr. Pridgen:

It was good of you to write me following my appearance at the opening of the new Grand Ole Opry on March 16. Seldom have I had a more thoroughly enjoyable time than I did that evening in Nashville. It shall remain one of the most memorable occasions of my Presidency, and I deeply appreciate your kind words.

Sincerely,

RICHARD NIXON

Mr. Ernest L. Pridgen
61 Victory Drive
Cheraw, South Carolina

29520

RN:RLE:ckb

60
P-639

6

RECEIVED
MAR 29 1974
CENTRAL FILES

8. 45 P.M.
 Saturday 16th 1974
 Cheraw, S.C.
 61 Victory Dr.

RE

Mr. President,
 R.E.F. Grand Ol' opera
 Nashville, Tenn.

Mr. President, My name is Ernest (Lay)
Pridgen, 61 Victory Dr. Cheraw, S.C.
 I am a Trunk Driver for Estes Express Lines,
 Richmond, Va.

My wife Mae & Granddaughter Charlotte
 Marsh, was listening to the Broadcast from
 the New Opera House tonight.

It is a Heart warming Feeling to know
 that our Leader, The President and Mrs. Nixon
 Celebrated as may I say .. this great
 Occasion on his Birthday.

We really thought it was wonderful for you
 to play the piano that was Heart Touching,
 also the speech you Made about Country Music.
 Mr. President that speech and you being there meant
 alot to our Country and will help to Bring More
 of our American People together in pleasure and
 Business. God Bless you & Mrs. Nixon. We love you.
 Ernest L. Pridgen

pg

March 26, 1974

GENERAL

TR 100

PR 3

Dear Mr. Hanson:

It was good of you to write me following my appearance at the opening of the new Grand Ole Opry on March 16. Seldom have I had a more thoroughly enjoyable time than I did that evening in Nashville. It shall remain one of the most memorable occasions of my Presidency, and I deeply appreciate your kind words.

Sincerely,

RICHARD NIXON

Mr. George E. Hanson⁺
13625 West Hope Street
Brookfield, Wisconsin 53005

RN:RLE:ckb

60
P-639

6

RECEIVED

MAR 29 1974

CENTRAL FILES



p. 434

George E. Hanson
13625 West Hope Street
Brookfield, Wisconsin 53005

RE
Mr. Richard M. Nixon
President of the United States
White House
Washington, D.C.

March 17, 1974

Dear Mr. President:

I liked what I read in this Sunday morning news paper about your caper Saturday evening at the Grand Ole Opry in Nashville, Tennessee.

I'm a working man like millions of others and backing you, don't let us down, keep up the fight, you're looking much better.

To Mrs. Nixon, a Very Happy Birthday.

Sincerely yours,

George E. Hanson
George E. Hanson

Dg
March 26, 1974

GENERAL

TR 100

Dear Mr. and Mrs. Leeds:

It was good of you to wire me following my appearance at the opening of the new Grand Ole Opry on March 16. Seldom have I had a more thoroughly enjoyable time than I did that evening in Nashville. It shall remain one of the most memorable occasions of my Presidency, and I deeply appreciate your kind words.

Sincerely,

RICHARD NIXON

X
Mr. and Mrs. Ansel E. Leeds
4 West 15th Street
Cincinnati, Ohio 45210

RN:RLE:ckb

6

RECEIVED

MAR 29 1974

CENTRAL FILES

28
p. 639

The White House
Washington

RE

WHA031(2201)(2-023578E075)PD 03/16/74 2201

1974 MAR 16 PM 10 07

ICS IPMBNGZ CSP

5134216825 TDBN CINCINNATI OH 15 03-16 1001P EDT

PMS PRESIDENT RICHARD NIXON

WHITE HOUSE DC

CONGRATULATIONS ON YOUR PERSONAL APPEARANCE ON GRAND OLD OPERA

MR AND MRS ANSEL E LEEDS 4 WEST 15 ST CINCINNATI 45210

NNNN

1974 MAR 21 AM 10 29

WHITE HOUSE
MAIL ROOM

Dg
March 26, 1974

GENERAL

TR 100

PR 3

Dear Miss Miller:

It was good of you to wire me following my appearance at the opening of the new Grand Ole Opry on March 16. Seldom have I had a more thoroughly enjoyable time than I did that evening in Nashville. It shall remain one of the most memorable occasions of my Presidency, and I deeply appreciate your kind words.

Sincerely,

RICHARD NIXON

*
Miss Evelyn Miller
19677 Waubascon Road
Battle Creek, Michigan 49017

RN:RLE:ckb

60
P-639

6
RECEIVED
MAR 29 1974
CENTRAL FILES

2
3
4
5
6

p. 639

The White House
Washington

1974 MAR 17 AM 8 21 AM 10 29

WHITE HOUSE
MAIL ROOM

RE

WHA004(0836)(2-003780E076)PD 03/17/74 0836974 MAR 17 AM 8

ICS IPMBNGZ CSP

6169655206 TDBN BATTLE CREEK MI 42 03-17 0836A EDT

PMS PRESIDENT NIXON

WHITEHOUSE DC

BRAVO... BRAVO... I CANT FIGURE OUT WHY YOU ARENT AN EXPERT AT
YELLOW YOYOS, WHEN YOU HAVE BEEN UP AND DOWN SO MUCH. PROBABLY
IS BECAUSE THERE IS NOTHING YELLOW ABOUT YOU HANG IN THERE...

EVELYN MILLER 19677 WAUBASCON RD BATTLE CREEK MI 49017

NNNN

1
2
3
4
5
6
7
8
9
10
11
12
13
14
15
16
17
18
19
20
21
22
23
24
25
26

Rg

March 26, 1974

GENERAL

TR 100

R3

Dear Mr. Simpson:

It was good of you to write me following my appearance at the opening of the new Grand Ole Opry on March 16. Seldom have I had a more thoroughly enjoyable time than I did that evening in Nashville. It shall remain one of the most memorable occasions of my Presidency, and I deeply appreciate your kind words.

Sincerely,

RICHARD NIXON

Mr. ^XWes Simpson
7242 Stanford Avenue
La Mesa, California 92041

RN:RLE:ckb

60
P-639

6

RECEIVED
MAR 29 1974
CENTRAL FILES

V

6
Bro 3/16 appearance Tenn. 16 March 1974



WES SIMPSON
7242 Stanford Ave.
La Mesa, CA. 92041

Mr. President,

In the troubled times our country is going through, it is good to know that we have a strong Preseident. America needs that now more than ever.. Hang in there, Mr. President, I'm behind you all the way.. Also, please say Happy Birthday to Mrs. Nixon for me.. I wish you and her all the best in '74.

It is also good ~~to know~~ to know that you also enjoy Country Western music. America is country music. It expresses the feelings of America. Its dreams about the past, the reality of the present, and the hopes she holds for the future. It talks of everyday life. From the life of a miner, to the lonely life of the cross-country trucker, and songs of love and the ladies of the night. I'm glad that Country music has found a place in the White House. It's your music and mine, and America is indeed better for hearing and living it.

God bless and keep you Mr. President. Welcome to the world of "countrified" people.

In our countries future,

Wes Simpson

P.S. You're a good piano player too. G is good to play in.

Dg

March 26, 1974

GENERAL

TR 100

SP3-174

Dear Miss Foster:

It was good of you to write me following my appearance at the opening of the new Grand Ole Opry on March 16. Seldom have I had a more thoroughly enjoyable time than I did that evening in Nashville. It shall remain one of the most memorable occasions of my Presidency, and I deeply appreciate your kind words.

Sincerely,

RICHARD NIXON

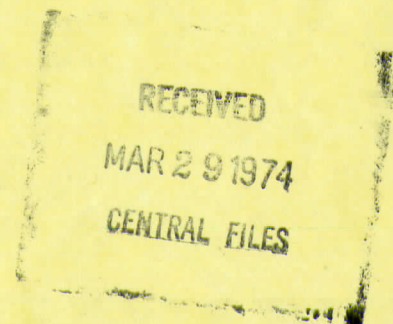
X

Miss L. Ernestine Foster
207 First Street
Pennsboro, West Virginia 26415

RN:RLE:ckb

60
P-639

6



V

21.
P. 639

Pro: Pres at Grand
ole opy 3/16

Sunday, March 17-78

Mr. Richard Nixon.

President of United States,

Dear Sir: I have listened to
the program, in Nashville
Tenn, of Grand Old Opry in their
new home, and have had a
wonderful, afternoon. I presume
it would be much more fun, on
T.V., - but I live with my Radio,
and get much pleasure, from
it. Am now over 86 - been retired
from Postoffice, Bank, and Cashier
of Theatre, since 1967 - walked these
streets 60 years, day and night, and
am now, enjoying the days as they
come: read a lot, write many letters,
Radio, and have many friends to
come visit, and feel very grateful
for it all. I went into Postoffice,
1907 out of high school, worked
under several postmasters, the
lost my brother, Lindsey B. Fester,
who left me Dec. 5-76 - so I'm on my

own now; After hearing the program
today, and your part in it, I can't see
where you can be accused of the many
things of today; Anyone who can
mingle with folk, like you do, and
be so real - Can't be bad. I send all
good wishes, and I certainly enjoyed
you, Mrs. Nixon and your music
today, and felt I had to tell you -

Sincerely
L. Ernestine Foster
207-First St.
Pennsboro, W. Va.
26415

Pg
March 26, 1974

GENERAL

TR 100

RE3

Dear Mr. Doak:

It was good of you to write me following my appearance at the opening of the new Grand Ole Opry on March 16. Seldom have I had a more thoroughly enjoyable time than I did that evening in Nashville. It shall remain one of the most memorable occasions of my Presidency, and I deeply appreciate your kind words.

Sincerely,

RICHARD NIXON

Mr. Gary Doak
Route 3, Lot 12
Cortland, Ohio 44410

RN:RLE:ckb

60
P-639

6

RECEIVED
MAR 29 1974
CENTRAL FILES

6
support
Pno - Nashville appearance

RE

1-639

3/18/74

Dear Mr. President:

Just a line to let you know I appreciate everything you have done for America. And I pray for you often.

You know, you have a wonderful family also. They have contributed so much.

Once again, keep up the good work, despite the watergate mess your critics think is so fantastic.

How was your trip to the Grand Ole Opry? I'm a country music fan, and your day there will be remembered.

Sincerely

Gary Doak

Dg

March 26, 1974

GENERAL

TR 100

SP3-174

Dear Mr. and Mrs. Coveney:

It was good of you to write me following my appearance at the opening of the new Grand Ole Opry on March 16. Seldom have I had a more thoroughly enjoyable time than I did that evening in Nashville. It shall remain one of the most memorable occasions of my Presidency, and I deeply appreciate your kind words.

Sincerely,

RICHARD NIXON

x
Mr. and Mrs. A. Howard Coveney
Route 4, Ridge Road
Canton, Georgia 30114

RN:RLE:ckb

60
P-639

6

RECEIVED

MAR 29 1974

CENTRAL FILES

17
p. 639
RE

Performance Sales, East

*Route 4, Ridge Road
Canton, Georgia 30114*

(404) 345-5454

March 18, 1974

The President
The White House
Washington 25, D. C.

My dear Mr. President:

This greeting is from the heart of our household. We wish to express our joy for you and the First Lady over the sensational broadcast we heard last Saturday evening at the Grand Ole Opry. That appearance by you and Mrs. Nixon has done more to help your image than anything in the last year. Our only sorrowful thought is that we were unable to attend this performance, as we have seen so many before at the old opryhouse.

We very much agree with the stirring statements by Roy Acuff as to what a great American and leader you really are. We hope these thoughts from the silent majority will actually reach your desk at this most trying hour in your political career.

Remember 1962? Well, my sister was a dedicated Nixonette; my parents have been behind you since the Helen Gahagan Douglas days--so you can see we have believed in you for a long time. But in conclusion, squash the IRS bums, whip the Watergate freaks and keep the Faith, baby. God bless you, Mr. President.

Very respectfully yours,

A. Howard Coveney
A. Howard Coveney

Maureen Coveney
Maureen Coveney

Dg

March 26, 1974

GENERAL

TR 100

Dear Mr. Mann:

It was good of you to write me following my appearance at the opening of the new Grand Ole Opry on March 16. Seldom have I had a more thoroughly enjoyable time than I did that evening in Nashville. It shall remain one of the most memorable occasions of my Presidency, and I deeply appreciate your kind words.

Sincerely,

RICHARD NIXON

Mr. Stephen H. Mann^{*}
Director
Insurance Consultant Services, Co.
Peach Court Building
Brentwood, Tennessee 37027

RN:RLE:ckb

60
P-639

6

RECEIVED

MAR 29 1974

GENERAL FILES

V



INSURANCE CONSULTANT SERVICES, CO.

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

March 18, 1974

Dear Mr. President,

I just wanted to extend my appreciation for your recent visit to Nashville, and the Grand Old Opry. I personally supported your re-election in the last campaign working for the committee to re-elect the president. I have never been disappointed in my selection. I wanted you to know that I thoroughly enjoyed seeing you on stage and humanizing the presidency. I think that many of us tend to forget that the president is human like us all. Most of us expect you to be a little more than human, and sometimes become disheartened when we see that you are not.

I didn't want to make this note this long, but just wanted to let you know that I feel that you are doing a great job for the most part and you have this man's support. With the grace of God we will survive these difficult times and continue to be the driving force for peace and understanding in the world.

Sincerely

Stephen H. Mann
Director

Dg
March 26, 1974

GENERAL

TR 100

Dear Miss Feinberg:

It was good of you to write me following my appearance at the opening of the new Grand Ole Opry on March 16. Seldom have I had a more thoroughly enjoyable time than I did that evening in Nashville. It shall remain one of the most memorable occasions of my Presidency, and I deeply appreciate your kind words.

Sincerely,

RICHARD NIXON

X
Miss Minna L. Feinberg
384 Second Avenue
Long Branch, New Jersey 07740

RN:RLE:ckb

60
P-639

6
RECEIVED
MAR 29 1974
CENTRAL FILES



Pho 3/16

From the desk of

MINNA FEINBERG

384- 2nd Ave.,
Long Branch, N.J.
- 07740 -

RE

p. 639

March 19, 1974

Dear President Nixon,

I had the good
fortune to listen to your
performances at the piano.
It was just charming!

Your touch, timing
and expression were
excellent!! I especially
enjoyed your rendition
of the "Happy Birthday
Song to dear Pat" — at
the Ole Opry House
in Memphis, Tennessee.

I too play
the piano at home and
for the "Young at Heart"
Senior Citizens Club at
our Monmouth Y.M.H.A. in
Deal Park N.J. We sing
mostly "Folk songs" and love

Wishing you the best
of everything! Keep a song
in your heart, always.

Most sincerely,
(Mr.) Minna L. Feinberg

Dg
March 26, 1974

GENERAL
TR 100

Dear Mr. and Mrs. Muscarella:

It was good of you to write me following my appearance at the opening of the new Grand Ole Opry on March 16. Seldom have I had a more thoroughly enjoyable time than I did that evening in Nashville. It shall remain one of the most memorable occasions of my Presidency, and I deeply appreciate your kind words.

Sincerely,

RICHARD NIXON

X
Mr. and Mrs. James Muscarella
1594 East Second Street
Brooklyn, New York 11230

RN:RLE:ckb

60
P-639

6

RECEIVED

MAR 29 1974

CENTRAL FILES

3/16- ~~Suppose~~
MARY A. MUSCARELLA
1594 EAST 2ND ST.
BROOKLYN, N. Y. 11230

March 16, 1974

R.E.P.

P. 639

President R. M. Nixon,
Capitol Hill
Washington, D.C. 20500

Sir:

Seeing you on television and
hearing you play on the piano,
"God Bless America" brought us
great joy. In fact, nothing could
have given us more pleasure.

Our family loves you and
wish many times we could
take away some of that

heartache some so-called
Americans have and still
are giving you.

We are those of your 'silent
majority' people but we
haven't been so silent these
past months since 'Watergate'
came into existence.

Many people are fond of
our family but are certainly
puzzled why we speak out
for "Our President". We live in
a community that is 95% Democratic
and "Liberal".

We wish Mrs. Nixon a happy
birthday and may this year

11
ALL INFORMATION CONTAINED
HEREIN IS UNCLASSIFIED
DATE 11-11-2001 BY 60321 J. W. H. MOORE

be filled with peace
health, and joy for you
and yours.

God bless and watch
over you always.

We have the honor to
remain,

Most respectfully yours,
Mary + James Muscarella
Citizens

29

March 26, 1974

GENERAL
TR 100

Dear Mrs. Brandt:

It was good of you to write me following my appearance at the opening of the new Grand Ole Opry on March 16. Seldom have I had a more thoroughly enjoyable time than I did that evening in Nashville. It shall remain one of the most memorable occasions of my Presidency, and I deeply appreciate your kind words.

Sincerely,

RICHARD NIXON

x
Mrs. Evalyn Brandt
2865 Briggston Avenue
Columbus, Ohio 43204

RN:RLE:ckb

60
P-639

6

RECEIVED
MAR 29 1974
CENTRAL FILES

pro Pres. Grand Ole Opry 3-16-74
March 17, 1974

1-639

Dear Mr. President,

RE

Thank you very much Mr. President. You really did it this time! You were just marvelous at the Grand Ole Opry Saturday evening. You were welcomed with courtesy and respect, and from there your warmth came through, the people responded unreservedly, and you earned and stole the show. (It didn't hurt you at all!)

I felt privileged to see a side of you which doesn't

have much opportunity to
come through due to
pressured circumstances,
and do treasure that
moment. We came expectantly
and you more than accom-
modated us.

Thank you for your
contribution and generosity.
You have my respect and
support.

Most Sincerely,
(Mrs.) Evelyn Brandt

P.S. Had to fill my boss,
Congressman Samuel Klevorin, in on
all your activities. Told him you
were as clever as could be
and really outdid yourself.

29
GENERAL

March 26, 1974

TR 100

Dear Mr. Maxfeld:

It was good of you to write me following my appearance at the opening of the new Grand Ole Opry on March 16. Seldom have I had a more thoroughly enjoyable time than I did that evening in Nashville. It shall remain one of the most memorable occasions of my Presidency, and I deeply appreciate your kind words.

Sincerely,

RICHARD NIXON

Mr. Rey Maxfeld^{*}
Apartment 27
815 South Green Avenue
Los Angeles, California 90017

RN:RLE:ckb

60¹³
P-639

RECEIVED
MAR 28 1974
GENERAL FILES

pro Grand old opny appearance
MARCH, 16- 1974

REY - MAXFELD
815 - SO. GREEN - AVE,
APT. 27 - LOS - ANGELES
CALIF. 90017

MR. NIXON - PRESIDENT
OF THE UNITED - STATES

DEAR - MR. NIXON:

AS - FOREIGNER I - APOLOGIZE - TO - WRITE - TO -
YOU - IN - THE - POOR - ENGLISH, I - WANTED - TO - WRITE - BY
MYSELF, SO - I - COULD - NOTE, WHAT - I - THINK.

I - WISH - TO - EXPRESS - MY - GRATITUDE - RIGHT
NOW - WHILE - YOU - ARE - SPEAKING - IN - NASHVILLE TENN.
AT - 6:00 P.M. LOS - ANGELES - TIME, THAT - YOU - LIKE - THE
COUNTRY - MUSIC, WHICH - I - LIKED - VERY - MUCH, SO - I -
HAD - TO - ASK - DAY - OFF - TO - HEAR - IT, IN - THE - RADIO.

IT - SEEMED - TO - ME - I - AM - THE - ONLY - ONE
WHO - LOVE - THE - COUNTRY - MUSIC, BECAUSE - IT - LOOKS - LIKE
MUSIC - FROM - MY - COUNTRY, IN - ALGERIA, BUT - WHILE
LONELY - I - WAS - LISTENING - TO - THIS - MUSIC, I - WAS -
SO DELIGHT - TO - HEAR - IN - THE - RADIO - HUNDREDS - OF -
AMERICANS, EVEN - THE - PRESIDENT - OF - THE - UNITED
STATES - ENJOY - WITH - GREAT - PLEASURE, THE - COUNTRY
MUSIC. SINCE - YOU - HAVE - SENTIMENT, NOT - ONLY - LIKE
MILLIONS - OF - AMERICANS, BUT - ALSO - FOREIGNERS - WHO
LIVE - IN - THE - BEAUTIFUL - UNITED - STATES, BELIEVE - ME
YOU - WILL - STAY - IN - THE - POWER - THANK - YOU - AND -
HAPPY - BIRTHDAY - TO - MRS - NIXON.

RESPECTFULLY - YOURS

Rey - maxfeld

2g
March 26, 1974

GENERAL
TR 100

Dear Mrs. Reed:

It was good of you to write me following my appearance at the opening of the new Grand Ole Opry on March 16. Seldom have I had a more thoroughly enjoyable time than I did that evening in Nashville. It shall remain one of the most memorable occasions of my Presidency, and I deeply appreciate your kind words.

Sincerely,

RICHARD NIXON

Mrs. Joseph W. Reed
7841 Northeast 18th
Oklahoma City, Oklahoma 73141

RN:RLE:ckb

60 B
P-639

RECEIVED
MAR 28 1974
CENTRAL FILES

50 P-Pres. at Grand Ole Opry

7841 N.E. 18

PL639

Dear President Nixon, Okeah City, Okeah

RE

73141

We enjoyed

3-17-74

Seeing part of your performance
on the Grand Ole Opry last
night on Wky 20 Ch. 4
news in Okeah City -

We have always known
it took "something" to be
the President of the United
States but to also be "god"
enough to be on the Grand
Ole Opry is really doing
something! We appreciate
all kinds of music and are
most fond of Country Music.
Thank you for doing a fine
job both places. Sincerely
[Signature]

Mr + Mrs Joseph W. Re
7841 N.E. 18
Okeechobee City,
Okeechobee
73141



MAR 20 1974

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

20015

P.S. I most
especially
liked
your "hot lick"
Ha!

Dg

March 26, 1974

GENERAL

TR 100

Dear Mr. Britton:

It was good of you to write me following my appearance at the opening of the new Grand Ole Opry on March 16. Seldom have I had a more thoroughly enjoyable time than I did that evening in Nashville. It shall remain one of the most memorable occasions of my Presidency, and I deeply appreciate your kind words.

Sincerely,

RICHARD NIXON

Mr. Robert Britton
Route 1
Auburn, West Virginia 26325

RN:RLE:ckb

60
P-639

RECEIVED
MAR 28 1974
CENTRAL FILES

V

P-Pres. appearance in Tenn.

0639

RH

St. I Auburn, N. Y.

March 17, 1974

Dear Mr. President,

OS² was glad to see you associating with some of our down-to-earth Country Folks at The Grand Ole Opry. I certainly hope you enjoyed your visit down there.

NBC news only showed us about three minutes of you at the Day, which wasn't nearly long enough. I honestly believe if it had been something concerning Watergate or Impeachment, all three networks would have put on at least a six hour ~~(uninterrupted)~~ ^(uninterrupted) broadcast.

121

special program on it.

We hope Mrs. Nixon
is feeling much better by now.

Wishing you the best
of luck and good health
in the future.

Respectfully yours,
Robert J. Britton

Dg
March 26, 1974

GENERAL

TR 100

Dear Miss Baker:

It was good of you to write me following my appearance at the opening of the new Grand Ole Opry on March 16. Seldom have I had a more thoroughly enjoyable time than I did that evening in Nashville. It shall remain one of the most memorable occasions of my Presidency, and I deeply appreciate your kind words.

Sincerely,

RICHARD NIXON

Miss Sondra E. Baker^x
Apartment 101
1804 Wilson Lane
McLean, Virginia 22101

RN:RLE:ckb

60
P-639

RECEIVED
MAR 28 1974
CENTRAL FILES

5

Pro-Nashville Visit
Support cc

639

1804 Wilson Lane, #101
McLean, Virginia 22101

March 20, 1974

RE

The Honorable Richard M. Nixon
President of the United States

My dear Mr. President:

I have written you before in support of some of your actions. I have told you that due to my father's involvement in politics during the Eisenhower Administration, the Nixon name has been part of our family life and has been a prestigious name. I suppose that since I was the age of your daughter Tricia during your years as Vice President, I have developed a respect for you more through my upbringing than through actual political understanding or involvement. In any case, I still have that respect.

My respect is a result of many things, but perhaps it is now due most to your ability to get the job done without trying to be the country's most popular official. Mr. President, I cannot know what accusations against you are correct or what are in error. I cannot even thoroughly digest the entire matter that is labeled "Watergate." But I do know this: If your decisions and judgements as President of the United States were based upon how popular they would make you with the people of this country, you would indeed be a poor president. The very fact that you have gone ahead in the face of all who would destroy you and done your job calmly and rationally makes you great. Even if you were guilty of that which you are accused, you deserve a great deal of credit for your obvious desire to have the Presidency remain a high and honorable office and by the way you perform under what must be a terrible strain.

Many men would have fallen under less of a burden; most countries would.

I am not writing to get one of your "thank you for your support" cards or notes, although these are, of course, most appreciated. I am writing simply to express the way I feel about the polls or public opinion ratings --

You are not there to win a popularity contest; you are there to do a job.

Very truly yours,

Sandra E. Baker
Sandra E. Baker

P. S. You were great in Nashville. I wish I could have seen you in person!

2g
March 26, 1974

GENERAL

TR 100

Dear Mrs. Carrel:

It was good of you to write me following my appearance at the opening of the new Grand Ole Opry on March 16. Seldom have I had a more thoroughly enjoyable time than I did that evening in Nashville. It shall remain one of the most memorable occasions of my Presidency, and I deeply appreciate your kind words.

Sincerely,

RICHARD NIXON

x
Mrs. Wanda Vowell Carrel
Apartment C-205
1519 Second Street
Coronado, California 92118

13
RN:RLE:ckb

60
P-639

RECEIVED
MAR 28 1974
CENTRAL FILES

30 P. Pres at Grand Ole Opry - Tenn.

p639

Wanda Vowell Carrel
1519 - 2nd St., C-205
Coronado, Calif. 92118

16 March 1974

Dear Mr. President,

R.E.

Tonight as I listened to the radio broadcast from Nashville's new Grand Ole Opry House which is almost 3,000 miles away from me at present. Tennessee is my home and I found it ironic that you were in my home state and I am in yours tonight. I transferred to Naval Air Station, North Island this summer from Washington The Naval Air Systems Command.

While listening to Mr. Acuff's remarks about you & Mrs. Nixon's birthday - I recalled once again you had remembered the people and I recalled the birthday greeting you sent to my dear Grand mother (who just celebrated

her 90th birthday on 21 February)
last year on her 95th birthday.
Her name was Mrs George Cox.
This is late to say how much
she and her family appreciated
that kindness. I wish you could
have seen her face and her
reaction to your greeting.

In addition to all this, I
would like to say to you
how glad I am to be an
American, how glad I am
that our way of life permits
a President to go among his
people and become one of
them, but most of all Sir
how glad I am that you
are the President and are one
of us. I've never lost faith
in you and I never shall.

Sincerely,

Mr. John F. Kennedy

Dg
March 26, 1974

GENERAL
TR 100

Dear Mrs. Crowell:

It was good of you to write me following my appearance at the opening of the new Grand Ole Opry on March 16. Seldom have I had a more thoroughly enjoyable time than I did that evening in Nashville. It shall remain one of the most memorable occasions of my Presidency, and I deeply appreciate your kind words.

Sincerely,

RICHARD NIXON

X
Mrs. Johnnie Crowell
160 Saxon Mist Drive
Nashville, Tennessee 37217

RN:RLE:ckb
13

60
P-639

RECEIVED
MAR 28 1974
CENTRAL FILES

78
RE
p-639
March 19, 1974

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

Dear Mr. President:

What an honor it was for my family and me to be able to go to the Metro Airport in Nashville this past weekend to see you and very lovely wife. It was just great to get to see the First Family of this great land of ours in person! I feel Nashville was very fortunate indeed, that you took time out of your busy schedule to spend some of it in Music City.

Mrs. Nixon is a great person and I admire her very much. I feel she is truly an asset to our country and the best ambassador you can send anywhere in your place.

Welcome back to Nashville anytime!

A Loyal Supporter,

Johnnie Crowell

(Mrs.) Johnnie Crowell

29
GENERAL

March 26, 1974

TR 100

Dear Mr. McClary:

It was good of you to write me following my appearance at the opening of the new Grand Ole Opry on March 16. Seldom have I had a more thoroughly enjoyable time than I did that evening in Nashville. It shall remain one of the most memorable occasions of my Presidency, and I deeply appreciate your kind words.

Sincerely,

RICHARD NIXON

X
Mr. E. C. McClary
304 Singleton Avenue
Kingstree, South Carolina 29556

13
RN:RLE:ckb

60
P-639

RECEIVED
MAR 28 1974
CENTRAL FILE



Kingstree S.C.
3/8/74

Mr. President.

I wish to tell you, we
would like for you to, "Stand Strong"
My Family of Forty Three Support
you and stand with you.

Your Pinis Ployin in
Nashville, Goron ale opia was quite
a treat.

God Bleu you God Bleu
America.

Friend the McClarys
E. C. McClary

29
March 26, 1974

GENERAL
TR 100

Dear Mrs. McCord:

It was good of you to write me following my appearance at the opening of the new Grand Ole Opry on March 16. Seldom have I had a more thoroughly enjoyable time than I did that evening in Nashville. It shall remain one of the most memorable occasions of my Presidency, and I deeply appreciate your kind words.

Sincerely,

RICHARD NIXON

Mrs. John M. McCord^x
1007 Fair Street
Franklin, Tennessee 37064

RN:RLE:ckb

60
P-639

RECEIVED
MAR 28 1974
CENTRAL FILES

76
RE
f639
The John McCords
1007 Fair Street, Franklin, Tennessee 37064

Dear Mr. President,

I join the people from the state of Tennessee to thank you and Mrs. Nixon for being a part of the dedication of the new Grand Ole Opry House. Although I was unable to attend, I watched the affair on television, and it was certainly a night to remember for all of us.

My thoughts of you are often, and I know that the burdens you bear are so many. I remember you in my prayers and I hope that God will guide and help you in every decision.

I want to thank you for your lovely family, who have been outstanding in every way, and you, for being a brave and courageous President in the hours of trial and affliction. If God is with us who can be against us.

Sincerely,

Mrs. John M. McCord

BROUGHT FORWARD

GENERAL

TR100

Previously filed

3-17-74

Date

President
Name Mrs. Bette Bucklew

Organization re Pres. trip
to Nashville

GENERAL

PR3

New File Symbol

7-11-74

Date

Final Action Ltr. fm Mrs. Bucklew
Support

TB100
BE5-3
CM29

April 1, 1974

Dear Mr. Hawkins:

On behalf of the President, I want to thank you for your recent letter and kind words about his visit to Nashville. You were also thoughtful to give us the benefit of your comments and views on other matters.

Although there have seldom been easy answers to the challenges our Nation has faced during her nearly 200 years, the President believes that the American people have a strong character and a strong desire to face problems, correct abuses, and go forward with building a more peaceful world and a better life for all.

In this regard, the President said in a speech last month on Honor America Day in Huntsville Alabama: "The American people are not a Nation of quitters. We are a Nation that will keep fighting on . . . As Winston Churchill said, speaking in another context, . . . We did not journey all this way across the centuries, across the oceans and across the mountains and across the prairies because we were made of sugar candy."

I am enclosing a copy of the complete text of that speech, which I hope you will enjoy reading.

With appreciation for your writing, and with best wishes,

Sincerely,

Roland L. Elliott
Special Assistant
to the President

Mr. James W. Hawkins
921 Belvedere Drive
Gallatin, Tennessee 37066

Enclosure: White House Press Release; Honor America Day.
RLE:JBE:RLE:blh

RECEIVED

APR 2 1974

CENTRAL FILES

DATE: 3/22

TO:

Jindy Betts

Re ask

R

Roland L. Elliott

Pro 3/16 Nashville, Tenn. sent

17

James W. Hawkins
921 BELVEDERE DRIVE
GALLATIN, TENNESSEE 37066

March 17, 1974

RN President Richard M. Nixon
Washington D.C.

Dear Mr President:

Your visit to Nashville and
participation in the dedication of the
Opryhouse was exciting to me
and many of my friends.

But, Mr President, some of the
people are so disenchanted with
you about various matters,
principally inflation and the
cost and shortage of gasoline
that I'm in doubt about your
ability to restore confidence. You
are to be congratulated for trying
at least. Sincerely,
James W. Hawkins

Dg
April 2, 1974

1
GENERAL

TR100

FG6-11-1/ WOODS, ROSE M.

Dear Mr. Moore:

This is just a note to thank you for your letter of March 11. It was thoughtful of you to write as you did, and you may be sure I have told the President of your kind offer of assistance during his visit to Nashville. He and Mrs. Nixon thoroughly enjoyed having the opportunity to attend the opening of the New Grand Ole Opry House, and they both agreed it was a particularly festive occasion.

The President, I know, would want me to extend his appreciation and very best wishes to you and Mrs. Moore.

Sincerely,

Rose Mary Woods
Executive Assistant
to the President

x
Mr. James Y. Moore
39 North West Public Square
15 Lawrenceburg, Tennessee 38464

RMW:MAF:RLE:vm1

RECEIVED
APR 3 1974
CENTRAL FILES

THE WHITE HOUSE
WASHINGTON

Date

3/13/74

To

Mary Fenton

From Rose Mary Woods

M. Acker

FYI

Please Handle

✓

THE JIM MOORE COMPANY

39 North West Public Square

LAWRENCEBURG, TENN. 38464

EXECUTIVE OFFICES

March 11, 1974

Dear Miss Woods:

Just a word to say that we are very much pleased to hear that the President intends to visit our State on March 16th. Needless to say, we feel highly complimented and everything will be done to make this visit a pleasure to both the President and those that accompany him.

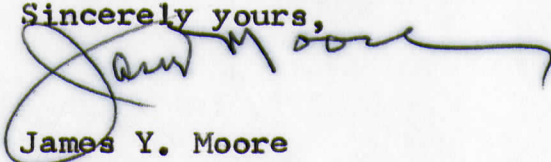
The writer and Mrs. Moore expect to be in attendance and we wish to extend to you a personal invitation.

We trust and pray that Mr. Nixon's trip to South America will be successful and most especially safe.

You may advise the President that if we can serve him in any way, do not hesitate to call on us.

With warmest personal regards, we remain

Sincerely yours,



James Y. Moore

Ms. Rose Mary Woods
Executive Assistant to the President
White House
Washington, D.C.

Writer's personal resume'- Marquis Who's Who in
South & Southwest and Who's Who in Finance
& Industry.

THE JIM MOORE COMPANY

39 North West Public Square

LAWRENCEBURG, TENN. 38464

EXECUTIVE OFFICES

March 11, 1974

Dear Miss Woods:

Just a word to say that we are very much pleased to hear that the President intends to visit our State on March 16th. Needless to say, we feel highly complimented and everything will be done to make this visit a pleasure to both the President and those that accompany him.

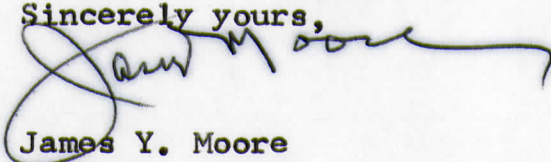
The writer and Mrs. Moore expect to be in attendance and we wish to extend to you a personal invitation.

We trust and pray that Mr. Nixon's trip to South America will be successful and most especially safe.

You may advise the President that if we can serve him in any way, do not hesitate to call on us.

With warmest personal regards, we remain

Sincerely yours,



James Y. Moore

Ms. Rose Mary Woods
Executive Assistant to the President
White House
Washington, D.C.

Writer's personal resume'- Marquis Who's Who in
South & Southwest and Who's Who in Finance
& Industry.

mb
GENERAL

April 3, 1974

TR 100

Dear Mrs. Cutrell:

It was good of you to write me following my appearance at the opening of the new Grand Ole Opry on March 16. Seldom have I had a more thoroughly enjoyable time than I did that evening in Nashville. It shall remain one of the most memorable occasions of my Presidency, and I deeply appreciate your kind words.

Sincerely,

RICHARD NIXON

X
Mrs. Charlie L. Cutrell
1121 North Second Street
Nashville, Tennessee 37207

RN:RLE:clw

60
P-639
9

RECEIVED
APR 5 1974
CENTRAL FILES

17
0639
15-2
1121 North Second Street
Nashville, Tennessee 37207

March 23, 1974

The Honorable Richard M. Nixon
President of the United States
United States Capitol Building
Washington, D. C.

Dear President Nixon:

I would like to express my appreciation for your and Mrs. Nixon's recent visit to Nashville and your participation in the opening of Nashville's new Grand Ole Opry House. The citizens of Nashville were honored to have you in our city, even for a short time.

I am very thankful for you and your fine family and hope that Mrs. Nixon recovers from the flu soon with no complications.

Best wishes in all your endeavors.

Sincerely,

Mrs. Charles L. Cutrell

Mrs. Charlie L. Cutrell

ms
April 3, 1974

GENERAL
TR 100

Dear Mrs. Bramblett:

It was good of you to write me following my appearance at the opening of the new Grand Ole Opry on March 16. Seldom have I had a more thoroughly enjoyable time than I did that evening in Nashville. It shall remain one of the most memorable occasions of my Presidency, and I deeply appreciate your kind words.

Sincerely,

RICHARD NIXON

X
Mrs. John M. Bramblett
Post Office Box 680
Shelbyville, Tennessee 37160

RN:RLE:clw

60
P-639
a

RECEIVED
APR 4 1974
CENTRAL FILES

9 encl.

Pro - 3/16/74

cls2

P.O. Box 680
37160

T

PL39

Dear President Nixon,

We were so pleased with your visit to Nashville last week-end. You certainly proved us proud.

Enclosed is a small news release that features your visit, which I thought you would find interesting.

We do so want you to



remain our President and
we would be pleased for
you to return to Nashville
just anytime.

Sincerely
Linda V. Bramblett
(Mrs. John M. Bramblett)
March 21, 1974 / Peoples National Bank
Customer Relations Office
Shelbyville, Tennessee 37166

That 'Upstart' Nixon Really Stunned Roy

By BILL HANCE

Singer Roy Acuff says he got twice as much as he bargained for when he asked President Nixon to play the piano on the Grand Ole Opry.

"I figured he would oblige us with 'Happy Birthday' since it was Mrs. Nixon's birthday," said Acuff, "but I surely didn't think he would play the other two."

Nixon made a "guest" appearance on stage during the premiere broadcast Saturday of the Grand Ole Opry in its new \$15 million home at Opryland.

He fiddled with a yo-yo and pounded out three selections to the crowd's delight.

And Acuff feels the chief executive is a "pretty fair" keyboard artist.

"You know, the President's pretty doggone good on the piano," the singer added. "Like I said on stage, he's a real trouper."

"He told me, 'Roy, I am thoroughly enjoying this,'" Acuff continued. "And when he said that, it really put me at ease. I was pretty nervous up there, too."

"But when he got that yo-yo out of his pocket, I'll have to admit that I was taken back at first," he said. "The more I think about it, the more I am convinced he wanted to be one of us."

"But I have to point out," the veteran Opry performer said, "President Nixon is

twice as skilled at the piano as with the yo-yo.

"He did a beautiful job playing those songs, Happy Birthday, My Wild Irish Rose and God Bless America. And I think everybody else feels the same way."

"Backstage, Stonewall Jackson turned to me and said, 'Man, the President's a

real picker.'

On Monday, I was downtown getting a shoeshine,"

recalled Acuff, "and the shoeshine man said 'Mr. Acuff, that man can really go' "

PRESERVATION COPY

GENERAL

TR 100

April 3, 1974

Dear Mr. Brown:

It was good of you to write me following my appearance at the opening of the new Grand Ole Opry on March 16. Seldom have I had a more thoroughly enjoyable time than I did that evening in Nashville. It shall remain one of the most memorable occasions of my Presidency, and I deeply appreciate your kind words.

Sincerely,

X
Mr. Wendell Brown RICHARD NIXON
Route 8, Box 60
Lebanon, Tennessee 37087

RN:RLE:clw

60
P-639 7

RECEIVED
APR 4 1974
CENTRAL FILES

26

Pro 3/16 & sup

P639

Rt. 8 Box 60

Lebanon, TN 37087

March 20, 1974

CS/2

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

Dear President Nixon,

You are at the top of the list of the people that I respect. You, as a president, must face some problems that only few could ever do. You are doing a beautiful job as a president.

I want to thank you for coming to Nashville this past Saturday. Many people listened to the broadcast and found out that there is another side to you.

Amid the trials of Watergate, I believe that the face of the president has been lifted up. I believe that all documents and all tapes should not be turned

Page 2

over to anyone.

Again I want to thank you for
being the President of the United States
of America and keeping it that way.

Yours very sincerely,

Wendell Brown

Wendell Brown

ps
April 3, 1974

GENERAL
TR 100

Dear Mr. and Mrs. Huntsinger:

It was good of you to write me following my appearance at the opening of the new Grand Ole Opry on March 16. Seldom have I had a more thoroughly enjoyable time than I did that evening in Nashville. It shall remain one of the most memorable occasions of my Presidency, and I deeply appreciate your kind words.

Sincerely,

RICHARD NIXON

Mr. and Mrs. David R. Huntsinger
8233 Landmark Drive
Knoxville, Tennessee 37921

RN:RL:clw

60
P-639

RECEIVED
APR 5 1974
CENTRAL FILES

2
cls-2

310 Grand Ole Opry

8233 Landmark Dr.
Knoxville, Tn. 37921

appearance March 20, 1974

P639

Dear President Nixon,

I am writing a short note to let you know how much my husband and I enjoyed your appearance at the opening of the new Grand Ole Opry House. We felt fortunate to have tickets to the opening, but after being there we felt it an honor to have a seat in the audience. We really enjoyed you and the rest of the persons on stage. Everyone was having such a good time.

We came away much better persons for having seen you and singing along while you played on the piano. Good luck with the yo-yo - We're behind you!

Sincerely,
Mr & Mrs David L. Huntsinger

April 3, 1974

GENERAL
TR 100

Dear Mr. King:

It was good of you to write me following my appearance at the opening of the new Grand Ole Opry on March 16. Seldom have I had a more thoroughly enjoyable time than I did that evening in Nashville. It shall remain one of the most memorable occasions of my Presidency, and I deeply appreciate your kind words.

Sincerely,

RICHARD NIXON

Mr. Michael King
Apartment D-6
615 Belle Meade Boulevard
Nashville, Tennessee

37205

RN:RLE:lw

60
P-639

RECEIVED
APR 5 1974
CENTRAL FILES

51

PL39

Apprec.

Michael Ryan King

My dear Mr. President,

c1/82 Thank you for coming to Tennessee
once again. As always, we are delighted
to have you as our guest.

Your remarks at the airport and your
"performance" at the Opry on Saturday
evening were excellent. Please come back
soon.

Our thoughts and prayers are with you
each day.

Sincerely,
Michael King

20 III 74

April 3, 1974

GENERAL

TR 100

Dear Mrs. Hess:

It was good of you to write me following my appearance at the opening of the new Grand Ole Opry on March 16. Seldom have I had a more thoroughly enjoyable time than I did that evening in Nashville. It shall remain one of the most memorable occasions of my Presidency, and I deeply appreciate your kind words.

Sincerely,

RICHARD NIXON

Mrs. Linda Hess
Apartment Two
2900 South Fifth
Garland, Texas 75041

RN:RLE:lw 9

60
P-639

RECEIVED
APR 5 1974
CENTRAL FILES

18
95-2
9639
Re: Grand Ole Opry Appearance

3/17/74

Dear Sir:

I am just an ordinary housewife, and I along with many other people have had my doubts about whether you were guilty about Watergate.

And I've even griped when your speeches or special reports were in place of my T.V. programs.

But Sat. night at the Grand Ole Opry, I decided that you are one in a million. I was on my way over to Seagoville, Texas to see my sister (Shirley in Garland) and on the way I had my radio turned on KBOx (a local country & Western station) and I heard you play "Happy Birthday for Mrs. Nixon" also "My Wild Irish Rose" & "God Bless America" and when I heard that song & knew you were playing it ~~from~~ from your heart. I started crying & I knew right then you were indeed Not guilty
(over)

2 of any wrong doing.

I wish I had the money
to send you some when you
have to campaign but I can't.

I want you to know you
will always have my
vote in any thing you start
to do.

May God Bless & Yours
Always.

Sincerely

Linda Hess

Dalland, Texas

PS I'm sure this isn't
as formal as it sure
be, but it comes from
the heart.

GENERAL

April 3, 1974

TR 100

Dear Mr. Rupe:

It was good of you to write me following my appearance at the opening of the new Grand Ole Opry on March 16. Seldom have I had a more thoroughly enjoyable time than I did that evening in Nashville. It shall remain one of the most memorable occasions of my Presidency, and I deeply appreciate your kind words.

Sincerely,

RICHARD NIXON

Mr. Jim Rupe
3812 Plantation Drive
Fort Worth, Texas 76116

RN:RLE:clw

60
P-639

RECEIVED

APR 5 1974

CENTRAL FILES

78

More Imp?

RE

Jim Rupe
3812 Plantation Drive
Fort Worth, Texas 76116

March 21, 1974

President Richard M. Nixon
The White House
1600 Pennsylvania Avenue
Washington, D.C. 20005

Dear Mr. President:

It may be very presumptuous of me to hope that this letter should ever come to your personal attention. I can only guess at the tremendous amount of correspondence which comes to you each day. Still, I refuse to let the thought that you might not receive it, keep me from writing this brief personal note.

I was in the press room at the Grand Ole Opry on Saturday night, March 16. I was, first of all, most impressed that you and Mrs. Nixon would take time from your busy schedules to lend the prestige and dignity which your attendance gave to the occasion. For that, I thank you, as I believe in the positive influence of country music. As both a country music fan and producer of the nation-wide Southern Baptist Convention's COUNTRY CROSSROADS radio program I was honored.

Secondly, I felt that I noticed on your part, genuine relaxation and enjoyment which, to be honest, I had not really anticipated. Some of the regular members of the White House Press were watching closed circuit TV of activities on stage close by and were heard to make such comments as, "My God, he's really enjoying himself." I hope this was indeed the case--that even in the position of unbelievable pressures and responsibilities in which you find yourself, you can realize moments of enjoyment and escape.

I pray for you by name daily, and trust that God will help to strengthen and sustain you as you do your best to follow the dictates of your conscience in difficult times. God bless you, Mr. President. Thank you for what you have done and are doing for this great nation of ours and for Saturday night at the Grand Ole Opry.

Sincerely,

Jim Rupe
Jim Rupe

Dg
April 3, 1974

GENERAL
TR 100

TR 97

Dear Mr. and Mrs. Heath:

It was good of you to write me following my appearance at the opening of the new Grand Ole Opry on March 16. Seldom have I had a more thoroughly enjoyable time than I did that evening in Nashville. It shall remain one of the most memorable occasions of my Presidency, and I deeply appreciate your kind words.

Sincerely,

RICHARD NIXON

Mr. and Mrs. Charley Heath
306 North Tenth Avenue
Sterling, Colorado 80751

RN:RLE:ah

60
P-639

6

RECEIVED
APR 8 1974
CENTRAL FILES

8 Pro-Pres Trip to Nashville March 18, 1974

Richard M Nixon OFFICE
President of the United States

FL 39 Dear President and Mrs. Nixon,
Hooray, so glad you can face the audiences and the press. I was real pleased at the TV and press about the Chicago appearance and at the Grand Ole Opera.

RE Shame on the Republicans, if they don't get out and vote, do they really think that more Democrats in Congress would make this a better country? I certainly do not.

JUDGE NOT, THAT YE BE JUDGED --that would be my comment to Congress.

I have written several times, and am proud of the Cards that we have received from the White House.

Best wishes to all of you, and to the Family also.

Sincerely,

Mrs. 4 N Mrs. Charley Heath
306 N. 10th Ave
Sterling, Co? 80751
Colorado

Dg
April 3, 1974

GENERAL
TR 100

Dear Mrs. Chalfant:

It was good of you to write me following my appearance at the opening of the new Grand Ole Opry on March 16. Seldom have I had a more thoroughly enjoyable time than I did that evening in Nashville. It shall remain one of the most memorable occasions of my Presidency, and I deeply appreciate your kind words.

Sincerely,

RICHARD NIXON

Mrs. Thelma K. Chalfant⁺
Main Street
Big Piney, Missouri 65437

RN:RLE:ah

60
P-639
lp

RECEIVED
APR 8 1974
CENTRAL FILES

8 per visit to Nashville

OFFICE

8639

Big Piney, Missouri
Main Street
18 March 1974

RE

Office of the President
The White House
Washington, D. C.

Dear Mr. President:

I am so glad that you and Mrs. Nixon took 'time out' to visit The Country Music Paladium in Nashville last week. They may not be perfect but who is on earth? It was wonderful to me for you to be their pianist in the special song and I want to say - 'God Bless You and Yours' - for coming out our way, here in middle America.

Sincerely,

(Teacher) Mrs. Thelma K. Chalfant

Big Piney, Missouri
65437

ms
GENERAL

April 4, 1974

TR100

Dear Mrs. Allen:

It was good of you to write me following my appearance at the opening of the new Grand Ole Opry on March 16. Seldom have I had a more thoroughly enjoyable time than I did that evening in Nashville. It shall remain one of the most memorable occasions of my Presidency, and I deeply appreciate your kind words.

Sincerely,

RICHARD NIXON

Mrs. Francis J. Allen
2266 Hillwood Drive, West
Mobile, Alabama 36605

RN:RLE:olk

60
P-639

6
RECEIVED
APR 6 1974
CENTRAL FILES

35
P639

Bro Bessie
appeared in *Mobile, Alabama*
in *Temper.*
March 21, 1974
EPA

President Richard Nixon:

c/s 2 Dear Mr. President:

It was so delightful to read a cheerful article in the newspaper, about your appearance at the grand Ole Opry. With all the discouraging news on the TV and newspapers, it was something pleasant. It would have been the happiest moment for me, if I could have been there to see and hear you play the piano.

That proves what a wonderful president you are, to be among all kinds of people.

Hope you are there many more years to serve as our president.

Mrs. Nixon is so pretty and certainly doesn't show her sixty-two birthday.

We are with you all the way - Don't let Watergate get you down.

Sincerely,

Mrs Francis J. Allen
2266 W. Main Dr. West

GENERAL

TR100
PR16
PR3

April 8, 1974

Dear Mr. Dilworth:

It has recently come to my attention that you have been most generous in your support of me and I want to express my deep appreciation. History will vindicate the position that we share, I am confident. I heard that you were in Nashville for the opening of the Grand Ole Opry's New Hall. In that crowd it was not surprising we missed meeting. That was a great evening and one that all of us will remember very pleasantly in the years ahead.

With best wishes,

Sincerely,

RICHARD NIXON

Mr. Billy Dilworth
115 East Market Street
Anderson, South Carolina 29621

bcc: Powell Moore ✓
Ziegler/Waldron/Phelan ✓
RN:RZPWP:RLE:blh

10

RECEIVED

APR 10 1974

CENTRAL FILES

32

DRAFT

Dear ~~Billy~~ Mr. Dilworth

It has recently come to my attention that you have been most generous in your support of me and I want to express my deep appreciation. ~~I am confident that~~ History will vindicate the position that we share, *I am confident.*

not I heard that you were in Nashville for the opening of the Grand Ole Opry's New Hall. *In that case it was not surprising we missed meeting.* That was a great evening and one that all of us will remember very pleasantly in the years ahead.

With best wishes, ~~I am~~

Sincerely,

~~RMN~~

Mr. Billy Dilworth
~~ANDERSON INDEPENDENT~~
Anderson, South Carolina

29621

115 E. Market St.

bcc: Powell Moon

ba Ziegler/Waldron/Phelan

THE WHITE HOUSE
WASHINGTON

Date 4/2

TO: Roland

FYI _____ ACTION ✓

OTHER

WANDA PHELAN

THE WHITE HOUSE

WASHINGTON

April 1, 1974

MEMORANDUM FOR: ROLAND L. ELLIOTT
FROM: POWELL A. MOORE
SUBJECT: Presidential Message

The attached letter and suggested response for the President's signature are self-explanatory. Please send me a copy if a Presidential letter goes to Mr. Dilworth.

Attachments

THE WHITE HOUSE
WASHINGTON

P

CENTRAL FILES

ANY PREVIOUS CORRESPONDENCE?

Billy Dilworth
Anderson, S.C.

Independent

WANDA M. PHELAN
ROOM 151
EXT. 2891

W & file
as
3/30/76

3-22-74

Dear Powell,

Enclosed is an article
from the most Democratic paper
you ever saw - the Anderson Independent
However, Billy Dilworth, a close friend of
mine, has always been a staunch
Republican and supporter of the President.
He recently accepted this position with
the Independent after being with the
Athens paper. Throughout the Presidents
time in office and particularly the last
6 mo., he has written several good stories
in support of him.

Billy was in Nashville and tried
unsuccessfully to meet Mr Nixon because
of the crowd (an what a great one) so
I would like to see if you could get a
(over)

letter to Billy from the President
thanking him for his support and
expressing disappointment that he
didn't meet him at the Grand Ole Opry.

Powell, Billy travels all over
N.E. GA. developing Articles and promoting
Country music shows (he's a Deeping, also)
and he is a tremendously popular
and influential person. I would
consider it a personal favor if you
could handle my request and honestly
think it would be beneficial to our
President and Party.

I enjoyed talking to Nancy on the
phone - she's a great gal!! Hope to see
you both soon. By the way, I sense the
President has made significant strides in
recent weeks. Keep up the good work. Paul Holmes

The Independent

Founded In 1924 by Wilton E. Hall

Voice Of The Savannah Valley

Published Daily At Anderson, S. C.

4-A WEDNESDAY, MARCH 20, 1974

JOHN C. GINN
President And Publisher

JAMES R. YOUNG
Editor-In-Chief

L. S. HEMBREE
Editor

"I disapprove of what you say but will defend
to the death your right to say it." —Voltaire.

By

Billy

Dilworth



Wanted To Take Over

NASHVILLE, Tenn. — Amid all the glitter and pomp and ceremony associated with the first performance of the Grand Ole Opry in a new \$15-million building here, there was one depressing factor.

In fact, it disturbed us at the outset and even bugs us this very minute.

You know by now that President Richard Nixon was the main guest at the big Saturday night affair and Opry officials worked tirelessly to make sure everything was perfect. As it turned out, it was.

EXCEPT FOR THE Washington press corps following the President — and this is the disturbing point.

At five minutes before 7 p.m., these men and women — and we're stretching the point to call them that — trudged into the building like a herd of buffalo and wanted to take over.

Men, many with long beards dropping in front of them, apparently expected to find things vastly different.

THEY COULDN'T quite believe their eyes when they observed an audience of 5,000 nattily dressed and sitting patiently for the arrival of the President and the First Lady.

And, when an Opry announcer introduced the guests, the huge audience stood and applauded and kept applauding.

And the Washington press members blinked their eyes in disbelief. One woman member almost had to be helped to a seat. They weren't expecting such a welcome.

BACKSTAGE, IT was more obvious, according to Bill Anderson, a super-star.

"This guy came up to me and wanted to know if I wasn't upset because the President was upstaging the Opry," said Anderson.

"I put him straight," he replied. "I said, 'Man, you're crazy. Anytime you get

a Nashville, Tenn., dateline and the words Grand Ole Opry in papers across the world, that's great."

"And he walked off just like that," said Anderson, a journalism graduate, incidentally.

THE OPKY STAR summed up our earlier feelings with one more statement: "Now you see who's molding public opinion about the President, don't you?"

We did see and it confirmed what we'd been thinking to these years.

Some writers — and hopefully they are in the minority — thrive on playing up only the bad and ignoring the good and that must sum up our reaction toward the Washington news folk surrounding Nixon that night.

IF ONE OR two demonstrators had shouted obscene words or carried opposing placards, these would have landed on front pages of papers across the country Sunday morning.

But, this time, there was not a hiss, not a boo, and not a single person in the house protested, and that bothered the city slickers who seem to make a living tearing people up.

This column has begged all along for fairness and accuracy and common decency in reporting. We happen to think American people deserve just that.

BUT IT IS quite depressing watching people in your own profession trying to hard to be antagonistic and boorish and knowing they are getting away with it.

May the Good Lord bless folk like Richard Nixon, George Wallace and Scoop Jackson and keep them far away from some of the news people in Washington.

Jesus Christ would have difficulty walking the streets of America today. Because His every step would be dogged by at least some of the super-cynical Washington press corps!

By

Billy

Dilworth



Wanted To Take Over

NASHVILLE, Tenn. — Amid all the glitter and pomp and ceremony associated with the first performance of the Grand Ole Opry in a new \$15-million building here, there was one depressing factor.

In fact, it disturbed us at the outset and even bugs us this very minute.

You know by now that President Richard Nixon was the main guest at the big Saturday night affair and Opry officials worked tirelessly to make sure everything was perfect. As it turned out, it was.

EXCEPT FOR THE Washington press corps following the President — and this is the disturbing point.

At five minutes before 7 p.m., these men and women — and we're stretching the point to call them that — trudged into the building like a herd of buffalo and wanted to take over.

Men, many with long beards dropping in front of them, apparently expected to find things vastly different.

THEY COULDN'T quite believe their eyes when they observed an audience of 5,000 nattily dressed and sitting patiently for the arrival of the President and the First Lady.

And, when an Opry announcer introduced the guests, the huge audience stood and applauded and kept applauding.

And the Washington press members blinked their eyes in disbelief. One woman member almost had to be helped to a seat. They weren't expecting such a welcome.

BACKSTAGE, IT was more obvious, according to Bill Anderson, a super-star.

"This guy came up to me and wanted to know if I wasn't upset because the President was upstaging the Opry," said Anderson.

"I put him straight," he replied. "I said, 'Man, you're crazy. Anytime you get

a Nashville, Tenn., dateline and the words Grand Ole Opry in papers across the world, that's great."

"And he walked off just like that," said Anderson, a journalism graduate, incidentally.

THE OPKY STAR summed up our earlier feelings with one more statement:

"Now you see who's molding public opinion about the President, don't you?"

We did see and it confirmed what we'd been thinking to these years.

Some writers — and hopefully they are in the minority — thrive on playing up only the bad and ignoring the good and that must sum up our reaction toward the Washington news folk surrounding Nixon that night.

IF ONE OR two demonstrators had shouted obscene words or carried opposing placards, these would have landed on front pages of papers across the country Sunday morning.

But, this time, there was not a hiss, not a boo, and not a single person in the house protested, and that bothered the city slickers who seem to make a living tearing people up.

This column has begged all along for fairness and accuracy and common decency in reporting. We happen to think American people deserve just that.

BUT IT IS quite depressing watching people in your own profession trying to hard to be antagonistic and boorish and knowing they are getting away with it.

May the Good Lord bless folk like Richard Nixon, George Wallace and Scoop Jackson and keep them far away from some of the news people in Washington.

Jesus Christ would have difficulty walking the streets of America today. Because His every step would be dogged by at least some of the super-cynical Washington press corps!

PRESERVATION COPY

2A Anderson Independent, Wed., Mar. 20, 1974

The Independent

Founded In 1924 by Wilton E. Hall

Voice Of The Savannah Valley

Published Daily At Anderson, S. C.

4-A WEDNESDAY, MARCH 20, 1974

JOHN C. GINN
President And Publisher

JAMES R. YOUNG
Editor-In-Chief

L. S. HEMBREE
Editor

"I disapprove of what you say but will defend
to the death your right to say it." —Voltaire.

May 29 North
P.O. Box 2507
Anderson, S.C.

2/19/74

Mr. Nixon	Mr. Ford

Mountain City, Ga.
March 21 1974

Richard M. Nixon
President of The United States
C/O White House
Washington, D.C.

Dear Mr. President:

This artical written by my friend Mr. Dilworth, so ably expressed my feelings and so many, many more. I felt you would appreciate reading it.

Your courage and stamina under the daily onslaught of criticism by the press and T.V. media has only increased our deep love and respect for you. May God bless you.

Yours truly,

Ross A. Cohen

mb
April 9, 1974

GEN
~~SP3-148~~
~~PR-16-2~~

TR100

Dear Beth:

PR13/ST17

Your support at this time reaffirms my belief that the faith of the young people of our great Nation is strong. I hope you will continue to assist this Administration as we work to build a future of which we all can be proud.

With appreciation and best wishes to you and those who joined with you,

Sincerely,

RICHARD NIXON

Miss Beth ^X Donan
Winding Creek Trail
Madisonville, Kentucky 42431

RN:RMW:RP:bmr

P-860

~~50~~ 85

RECEIVED
APR 11 1974
CENTRAL FILES

~~2/11~~ P-860 Dear Beth
With appreciation and best wishes to
you and those who join with you.
Miss

Beth Doran
Winding Creek Tr.
Madisonville, Ky.
42431

2nd Q - Dear Mr. President:

I would like to tell you and many other people how sorry we are about Watergate and people talking about impeachment when there's not even any evidence that you've done anything wrong, which we're sure you haven't.

After all you've done for the country and the people of the United States I don't see how some of them could have thought you had done anything unjust. They should appreciate what you've done such as bring the soldiers out of Vietnam, making friends with China, and many more countless things.

I'm glad you had a

· nice time in Nashville, and
I think it's perfectly alright
for the President to take
a break once in a while.

Sincerely yours,
Beth Donan
Beth Donan

P.S. I like yo-yo's, too.

Carla Gillin
Kim Eichholz
Faith Smiley
Tammy Menzel
Karen Ewing
Amy Bagland
Jana Smith
Linda Robertson
Robin Stone
Joe Boudro
Greg Cates
Anthony Grew
Dwane Shirley
Edwin Smith

Karen Powers
Bryan Lutz
Allen Burden
Allen Rigney
Catherine Smith
John Donan Jr.

ms
GENERAL

April 9, 1974

TR100

Dear Mr. Adams:

It was good of you to write me following my appearance at the opening of the new Grand Ole Opry on March 16. Seldom have I had a more thoroughly enjoyable time than I did that evening in Nashville. It shall remain one of the most memorable occasions of my Presidency, and I deeply appreciate your kind words.

Sincerely,

RICHARD NIXON

Mr. F. Walden Adams
Route 1
Cadiz, Kentucky 42211

RN:RLE:clw

60
P-639

RECEIVED

APR 11 1974

CENTRAL FILES

rm
P-659 pro Grand Ole Opry appearance

46-2
President Richard Nixon
The White House
Washington D. C. 32

I wish to thank you, and
Mrs Nixon for visiting the
"Grand Ole Opry".

Thanks for playing "God
Bless America".

It is always nice to hear
you speak Gods name when
you appear on T.V..

I am praying for you.

Sincerely yours,
F. W. Alden Adams
Rt #1
Cádiz, Ky. 42211

John 14:1

ms
GENERAL

April 9, 1974

TR100

Dear Mr. and Mrs. Cashon:

It was good of you to write me following my appearance at the opening of the new Grand Ole Opry on March 16. Seldom have I had a more thoroughly enjoyable time than I did that evening in Nashville. It shall remain one of the most memorable occasions of my Presidency, and I deeply appreciate your kind words.

Sincerely,

RICHARD NIXON

Mr. and Mrs. Ollie ^XCashon
708 Chapel Avenue
Nashville, Tennessee 37206

RN:RLE:clw

60
P-639
6

RECEIVED

APR 11 1974

CENTRAL FILE

mb.
P-639
I want to visit to Tenn

Oliver & Margaret Cashon
708 Chapel Ave.
Dec Nashville Tenn 37206

Nashville Tenn.
Mon. March 18/74

WASH

Came you visit our City.

am sure you were shown great Love for our Country, our state
also great honor and trust for our President and wife, the
best we've ever had. am sure your trip was a pleasure. Hope
you both were as relaxed as you looked. your faith in yourselves
and your work along with your character building will give
a lot of strength to our young people as you visit around the
Country with your open speech.

Margaret and I watched on T.V. because I am a shut-in.
Have Arthritis of the spine Margaret would not leave me to
be there. was a treat your playing the piano with so many
voices ringing in song.

We appreciate Mr Ford also. We hope to have the chance
to Cast two votes for him for our next President

Sincerely Oliver & Margaret Cashon

ms
April 9, 1974

GENERAL
TR100

Dear Mr. Edwards:

It was good of you to write me following my appearance at the opening of the new Grand Ole Opry on March 16. Seldom have I had a more thoroughly enjoyable time than I did that evening in Nashville. It shall remain one of the most memorable occasions of my Presidency, and I deeply appreciate your kind words.

Sincerely,

RICHARD NIXON

Mr. Joseph L. Edwards
c/o Mr. Bruce Osbon
Route 5, Forest Lawn Drive
Brentwood, Tennessee 37027

RN:RLE:clw

60
P-639
6

RECEIVED
APR 11 1974
CENTRAL FILES

Pro - Nashville Visit (writer was one of the
entertainers)

Views

JOSEPH L. EDWARDS

Joseph L. Edwards
c/o Bruce Osbon
Rt. 5, Forest Lawn Dr.
Brentwood, Tenn. 37027

Dear M.

It was ^{c/s 2} a doubt the
greatest moment of my life
when you paid us a visit at
the Grand Ole Opry. I was the
fiddle player who played with
the group that brought you
on with "Hail To The Chief".
This event will always be a
treasured memory with all of us.

I have been thinking alot about
politics in the last few months
and the following is a few observations
which you may feel free to use if
you see fit:

1. In my younger days in high school
and college, it was common knowlege
that tape recordings were not
admissable evidence in a court of
law. Whatever happened to that law?
2. It is the same human element
of self-righteous schemers who are
crying "Impeach Him!" who 2,000
years ago cried "Crucify Him".

(over)

3. It seems most unreasonable that we have a president ~~not~~ who went in person to meet the enemy in order to work out the world's problems; who spent unlimited time and effort in bringing our prisoners home safely; and there has not been even one person who has publicly stated "Thank you Mr. Nixon".

4. Your recent effort in helping the Nation's health problems by Prevention of Disease ~~will~~ has undoubtedly met with resistance from the AMA & the FDA. A close investigation into the ethics of these two organizations will surely reveal two vicious monsters who have very little interest in the health of our nation. (More Info if ^{you} want it.)

Thank you, Mr. Nixon, for being the greatest President we have ever had even in spite of the mountains of resistance you have had to go through.

With Much Love & Respect,
Joe Edwards

April 9, 1974

GENERAL

TR100

Dear Mr. Harrington:

For anyone who serves in this high office, there can be no greater source of encouragement than the goodwill and deep interest that come in such large measure from the American people. I am deeply grateful for your message of support at this time, and I know that, with your help, we can and we will achieve the great goals for America and the world to which this Administration is dedicated.

With my appreciation and best wishes,

Sincerely,

RICHARD NIXON

X
Mr. Gerald A. Harrington
30 Hampton Avenue
Winchester, Kentucky 40391

RN:AVH:RLE:bmr

P-601

32

RECEIVED

APR 11 1974

CENTRAL FILES

30 Hampton Ave.
Wardchuster, Ky 40391

March 21, 1974

President Richard M. Nixon
The White House
Washington, D. C. 20036

Dear Mr. President,

c/s 2
I am writing to express my approval
of your recent public appearances in Nash-
ville, Tennessee and other cities in which
you take your case to the people.

I feel that this is the proper approach
in replying to your enemies in the press
and in Congress.

The majority of the American people
have a strong feeling of fair play and
when presented with the facts will sustain
you against the efforts of those who would
go to great lengths to discredit you and
force you from office.

I approve of the job you have done
as President, especially in regards to foreign
policy and I commend you on your
refusal to be intimidated into leaving
the office of President.

yours truly,
Gerald A. Harrington

Dg
April 16, 1974

2
GENERAL

TR 100
RK
Rk 3

PERSONAL

Dear Mr. Martin:

This is just a note to thank you for your letter of March 27 and the brochures which you enclosed. I was pleased to learn that you enjoyed my recent appearance at the New Grand Ole Opry House, but after my futile attempt to master the art of yo-yoing on that occasion I am content to leave the championship in your capable hands!

Your words of support and encouragement are deeply appreciated, as are your prayers in my behalf, and I just want you to know how very much I appreciate the friendship and concern which prompted you to write as you did.

With my thanks and all good wishes,

Sincerely,

RICHARD NIXON

x
Mr. Bunny Martin
1720 North Beal
Belton, Texas 76513

RN:MAF:RLE:blh
cc: Mary Fenton

9

RECEIVED
APR 17 1974
CENTRAL FILES

32

DATE: 4/1

TO: MAF —

Can you string him
along with an RN reply.



Roland L. Elliott

trolled and altogether we did 50 to 60 tricks, some of them two-handed. It was July and a lot of guys missed because they got sweat on their strings.

"The competition began at nine in the morning and ended at five that afternoon. There were no breaks and being just 16 I felt plenty of pressure. Finally it got down to me and a guy from Detroit. I was declared the champion when he missed his third attempt of The Man on the Flying Trapeze."

After high school Bunny donated two years to the army before enrolling at Howard Payne College in Brownwood, Tex. By August 1960, he had earned a B.S. in business and relished two years of disc jockeying on a local nightly radio show. Best of all he planted his feet on solid spiritual ground.

"Daddy was a Baptist minister but not the stereotype. He always let me know it was fun to be a Christian, and we had great togetherness in our family. I accepted Christ at age six. Daddy baptized me in a creek.

"About my sophomore year in high school I hit the rebellion stage and wanted to get away from everything I'd been taught about the Lord. I rebelled even more in the Army. Then my sophomore year at Howard Payne I met some committed Christians who knew how to love people. I gradually put my spiritual life back together and experienced real growth."

For several weeks after graduation Bunny resisted a call for church work ("I'd done it all my life"). But God insisted and the next eight years he specialized in youth ministries at Baptist churches in Oklahoma City, Shreveport and San Antonio. Free moments found him free lancing his yo-yo show across America.

He added magic to his repertoire in 1958 and juggling five years later. During an appearance at Nashville's Grand Ole Opry in 1969, he was inspired by Marty Robbins to add guitar-folksinging as his fourth dimension. Returning home to Belton where he currently lives with wife Mary Etta and sons Trae and Cory, Bunny bought a guitar and a beginner's book. He coaxed FCA staffer Ray Hildebrand into teaching him chord modulation and voice control and to date has written over 30 songs.

A man of his profession naturally encounters the bizarre and humorous. One of Bunny's favorite stories occurred at the Statler Hilton in Dallas when he entertained 800 magicians and their wives. "It was a weird convention. You'd put your spoon in your coffee cup and half of it would be

from
Fellowship of
Christian Athlete mag.
March '74



Striking the match in the mouth of a veteran FCA straight man, Oakland Raider Assistant Coach Don Shinnick

gone when you pulled it out. You'd start to cut your meat and the knife would break.

"Anyway I did my entire yo-yo bit climaxed with The Match in the Teeth. Afterwards a man about 70 came up and said that in his 45 years of magic mine was one of the most unusual programs he'd ever seen. 'But young man,' he told me in all sincerity, 'there's one thing you should know about your yo-yo routine. I could see the strings.'"

Few fans realize Bunny stuttered badly as a youngster and remains an introvert to this day. "I'd much rather sit back and watch someone else. I psych myself up for every performance and like to be just one of the crowd when it's over."

Not that he doesn't enjoy pulling strings for a livelihood. Bunny—his parents nicknamed him Sonny but he couldn't pronounce the S—believes this is what God wants with his life. "I'm a satisfied customer spiritually and feel I can truly glorify Christ with my show.

"There's a real need for Christian entertainment in our nation today and eventually I'd like to enlarge this type of ministry . . . perhaps by establishing a Christian entertainment agency."

During a quarter century of practicing and performing, Bunny estimates he's spent over 20,000 hours yo-yoing. Despite turning 40 recently he doesn't miss more than 25 practice days a year. "I get tired physically but never tire of entertaining. The yo-yo is never a bore for me. It's still an obsession to remain the best, and I think I can keep working them until I'm 65 if I want to."

Next time you hear a bird in an airplane you'll know who it is. □

EVERETT "BUNNY" MARTIN

1720 NORTH BEAL
BELTON, TEXAS 76513

Reproduced at the Richard Nixon Presidential Library and Museum

"BUT YOUNG MAN . . .



. . . I COULD
SEE THE
STRINGS"

THE UPS AND DOWNS OF THE WORLD'S YO-YO CHAMPION

by Skip Stogsdill



Everett "Bunny" Martin

You're on an airplane, see. Thirty thousand feet up. You hear a bird chirping. Just your imagination. You hear it again. Impossible.

Several passengers smile self-consciously at each other. A long silence. Then another chirp. "I think I hear a bird," someone ventures.

So does a hostess. She calls the captain. He investigates, hears nothing and starts back for the cockpit—and the bird trills once more. The good captain tightens a section of panel. All is quiet. "Just the wind," he explains.

Chirrrppppp!

As the plane makes its final descent the bird is still heard and all aboard are still baffled and still looking.

Save one Everett "Bunny" Martin.

Though justly billed the "Reigning Yo-Yo Champion of the World," this dapper Texan cranks a mean bird whistle. "I always carry one with me," he allows. "It's a clean novelty item that's livened up airplane trips, made people in elevators giggle and caused men in restaurants to climb ladders and unscrew air ducts."

Bunny usually leaves people laughing. Since resigning his administrative duties at Mary-Hardin Baylor College in Belton, Tex., two springs ago for full time Christian entertainment, he's averaged 150 shows a year.

His audiences range from youth rallies to penitentiaries, from evangelistic crusades to athletic banquets. He's performed for the Dallas Cowboys and New York Jets and appeared with such celebrities as Roger Miller, Hank Snow, Dale Evans and Art Linkletter. A long-time FCAer, Bunny has participated in 25 national conferences and a slew of Weekends of Champions and other Fellowship events.

A typical Martin production consists of juggling, magic, singing and 20 minutes of yo-yoing as the main attraction. Walk The Dog, Monkey Climbing The Flag Pole, Eating Spaghetti, Skin The Cat and The Atomic Bomb are among his one-handed string sleights.

"Two-handed yo-yo tricks, such as Loop The Loop and Inside Outside Criss-cross, are much more intricate and take great



Bunny has performed for and with the top names in show business and athletics. With Art Linkletter and Dale Evans Rogers. With New York Jets Paul Crane and Joe Namath.



concentration. Your left hand has to be so automatic you can't even look at it. Working a yo-yo would help any athlete's eye/hand coordination."

Occasionally Bunny will cram nine different maneuvers on a single spin. One of his most heady acts is The Hair Cut in which he knocks a half-dollar off a volunteer's ear without touching him. Another crowd gasper is striking a match clenched between a person's teeth.

"My daddy suggested this stunt and I practiced by wedging matches in my dresser drawer. I didn't start any fires but it took months to master. Dad was the first to hold a match in his mouth and even though I gave him a pretty good lick under his chin he stuck with me."

Bunny's love affair with the yo-yo began accidentally at 13. He competed in basketball, baseball and track at Houston schools and yearned to play football. "But I was too small. If I could be anything else right now I'd be a pro running back."

One fall afternoon while Bunny's buddies were at practice, a yo-yo salesman

visited the school grounds. Bunny bought one, discovered he had nimble reflexes and a snappy wrist—and was soon hooked.

"Yo-yos became an obsession. I told my folks I intended to become the world champion and would practice up to 12 hours a day. I couldn't wait to get up in the morning and get my hands on a yo-yo. I'd practice until the string would cut into my fingers, causing them to bleed. Then I'd slap on a band-aid and keep practicing. I had the same desire any athlete has to excel and be the best at his sport."

Martin placed second in Houston's 1949 Yo-Yo Contest sponsored by the now defunct Cherrio Yo-Yo Company. He won it the following year and earned an expense paid trip to the first World Tournament held in Toronto. The 500 finalists from Japan, China, Canada, Mexico and the United States circled a rodeo arena single file before 5,000 spectators.

"We started with the easiest trick, The Spinner," Bunny recalls. "You had three chances. If you missed the third time you were out. The judging was tightly con-

Bunny Martin has much to offer. His audiences are richly rewarded.

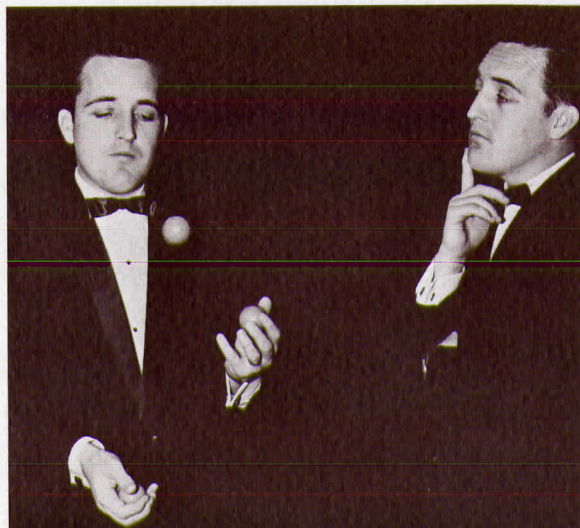
TOM LANDRY
Coach
Dallas Cowboys

One of the most gifted entertainers, Bunny Martin has skills that thrill his audiences. . . He has the amazing ability to relate to all groups — large and small.

DR. BOBBY E. PARKER, President
Mary Hardin-Baylor College
Belton, Texas

Bunny Martin is an exciting and intelligent performer. His skills are indescribable, and his technique is involvement. Happiness is knowing that he is on the program.

LOREN YOUNG
Director of Special Programs
Fellowship of Christian Athletes

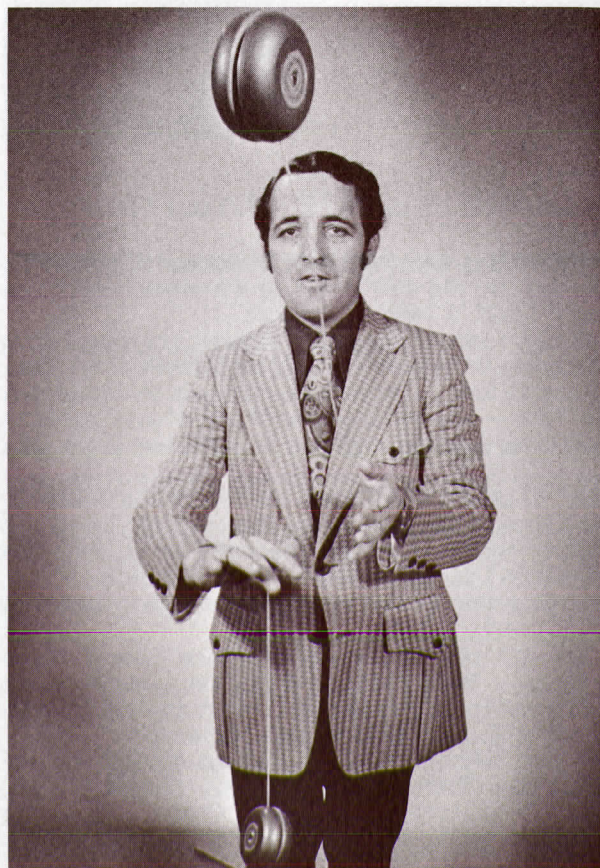


Individuals or groups desiring information concerning arrangements for engaging this dynamic entertainer are asked to contact:

Bunny Martin
1720 North Beal
Belton, Texas 76513
Telephone: (AC 817) 939-1942

BUNNY MARTIN. . .

*Reigning Yo-Yo Champion
of the World. . .*



Just Right for Those Who Prefer
Good Taste, and a Change of Pace. . .

Think of Him for Your Next:

**Convention
Banquet
Sales Meeting
Religious Emphasis**

**Assembly
Civic Meeting
Club Function
Retreat**



MORE ABOUT MARTIN. . .

No kidding, he's the Yo-Yo Champion of the world, having won the title in actual competition with the world's best in Toronto, Canada. . .

Also an expert magician, juggler, singer-guitarist and humorist, Martin has thrilled audiences from sea to shining sea. . . He does everything in the world with Yo-Yo's — and several things out of this world — including striking matches in clenched teeth with spinning Yo-Yo's. . . Another favorite trick is the "hair cut;" he places a half-dollar on the ear of a volunteer, then knocks the coin to the floor without the Yo-Yo hitting the ear. . . Roger Staubach has been given "hair cuts" during several of Martin's shows. . . And, though a man of few words, Martin's short message is long remembered. . .

Son of a minister, he is a graduate of Howard Payne College. . . Before becoming a full-time entertainer, he was a college administrator. . . He is married to a college sweetheart, and they have two sons. . .

Holds memberships in International Platform Association, Fellowship of Christian Athletes, International Brotherhood of Magicians, Outstanding Young Men in America and Fellowship of Christians in the Arts, Media and Entertainment. . .

Has performed before such athletic groups as the Dallas Cowboys, New York Jets, Buffalo Bills, and national conferences of the Fellowship of Christian Athletes. . . Has appeared on "Grand Ol' Opry" in Nashville, and entertained students at the Air Force Academy. . . Has logged thousands of performances for various groups — large and small — such as civic clubs, Chambers of Commerce, churches, schools, sports banquets, conventions and many others. . .

Notices from Notables. . .

I have known Bunny Martin for many years, and have appeared on programs with him on numerous occasions. He is truly "big league." I don't believe that I, or any of the other Dallas Cowboys, have ever been better entertained.

ROGER STAUBACH

Quarterback, #12
Dallas Cowboys

Bunny Martin is, without a doubt, one of the most talented persons I have ever known. . . We have shared many programs together, and I recommend him enthusiastically.

PAUL ANDERSON

World's Strongest Man
Vidalia, Georgia

It is an honor to recommend Bunny Martin to any group. He is one of the outstanding talents of our time, and a fabulous young man.

JERRELL McCracken

President, Word Records, Inc.
Waco, Texas

Bunny Martin is qualified in unusual ways to magnify Christ in the field of entertainment. . .

DR. CARL E. BATES

President
Southern Baptist Convention
Charlotte, North Carolina

I recommend Bunny Martin whole-heartedly. Everyone enjoys his shows. He is living proof that one can be funny without being dirty.

CARROLL DALE

#84
Green Bay Packers

Bunny Martin is where he should be — in the field of Christian entertainment on a full-time basis. . . He touches the lives of many people with an array of unusual and memorable talent.

REUBIN ASKEW

Governor
State of Florida

78
and
BE
"BUNNY" MARTIN
World's Yo-Yo Champion

(817) 939-1942

1720 North Beal — Belton, Texas 76513



March 27, 1974

President Richard Nixon
White House
Washington, D. C.

My Dear President,

I sincerely hope that this letter reaches you personally because I want you to know you have the prayers of many people in Central Texas. We remember you and your tremendous responsibilities during our family alter time, praying for the Lord's guidance as you seek His face.

I am most interested in your "new hobby". As you see by my letterhead, I too yo-yo. It was great to see you relax and have a time of pleasure at the Opry...I enjoyed my appearance there with Mr. Acuff!

If ever you would like further instruction in the field of yo-yoing, please feel free to call on me. I have been engaged in your area many times and would consider it an honor and privilege to serve you anyway I can.

Enclosed, please find brochure about my work, (So you won't think me some kind of nut!)

May God's richest blessings be yours and Mrs. Nixon, and may He be your daily guide.

Sincerely,

Bunny Martin

Bunny Martin
BM/11

*For Those Who Prefer Good Taste
And a Change of Pace*

GENERAL

PR3

PR13/ST42

TR 100

April 18, 1974

Dear Mr. and Mrs. Furman:

For anyone who serves in this high office, there can be no greater source of encouragement than the goodwill and deep interest that come in such large measure from the American people. I am deeply grateful for your message of support at this time, and I know that, with your help, we can and we will achieve the great goals for America and the world to which this Administration is dedicated.

With my appreciation and best wishes to you and to each of those who joined you in writing to me,

Sincerely,

RICHARD NIXON

Mr. and Mrs. James C. Furman
703 Shenandoah Drive
Route 5
Brentwood, Tennessee 37027

RN:AVH:RLE:mvm

P-601a

32

RECEIVED

APR 19 1974

CENTRAL FILES

Dg

April 29, 1974

GENERAL

TR100

Re 11

Dear Mr. Simon:

It was good of you to write me following my appearance at the opening of the new Grand Ole Opry on March 16. Seldom have I had a more thoroughly enjoyable time than I did that evening in Nashville. It shall remain one of the most memorable occasions of my Presidency, and I deeply appreciate your kind words.

Sincerely,

RICHARD NIXON

Mr. Valdemar Simon
Post Office Box 63285
Los Angeles, California 90063

RN:RLE:bmr

60
P-639

Enclosures filed in 14296
Oversize Attachments

RECEIVED
MAY 2 1974
CENTRAL

P-639

*For Pres. listening
recording of the Pres. at
piano at Opry House*

Valdemar Simon
P. O. Box 63285
Los Angeles, Calif.
90063
April 8, 1974

Mr. Richard M. Nixon
President Of The United States
The White House
Washington, D. C.

Mr. President;

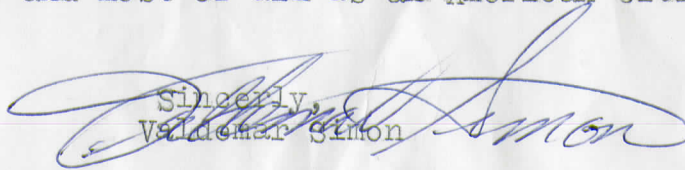
c/s-2
On March 16, 1974 the grand ol opry celebrated forty eight years of wonderful country and western music, at this celebration the grand ol opry were very fortunate and proud I'm sure to have had you and Mrs Nixon in thier festivity, and so were we, the radio audience.

I made a cassette copy of this celebration and I have taken the liberty of sending you a copy. I know it will be difficult for you to find time to listen to the recording, maybe you can find just a few moments to listen to the part were you play the piano. I must say you were very good .

I use to be very active in politics, but not so now, I am over sixty, I am past President of, The Maravilla Property Owner Asso. and Founder of same, P.P. of the Club Anahua Senior Citizen, P.P. Club Aztec Bicycle Club and others.

And Mr. President, I hope you stand for your rights, as President and most of all as an American Citizen.

Sincerely,
Valdemar Simon



May 9, 1974

Dear Mrs. Thurn:

For anyone who serves in this high office, there can be no greater source of encouragement than the goodwill and deep interest that come in such large measure from the American people. I am deeply grateful for your message of support at this time, and I know that, with your help, we can and we will achieve the great goals for America and the world to which this Administration is dedicated.

With my appreciation and best wishes,

Sincerely,

RICHARD NIXON

Mrs. Charles W. Thurn
422 West William
Decatur, Illinois 62522

RN:AVH:RLE:bmr
P-601
32 9

RECEIVED
MAY 11 1974
CENTRAL FILES

6
encl
44 Q-601
support
Decatur, Illinois
Pro-Tenn. trip
May 3 1974

President Richard M. Nixon,
Washington D.C.

Dear President Nixon:

45-2 I subscribe to the
Nashville Banner, Nashville
Tennessee, for two reasons -
first because it is a good
Republican paper and second
because I like a lot of the
Country Western music, such
as Johnny Cash, Roy Acuff and
others and the Nashville Banner
gives a lot of their activities.

They had some wonderful write
ups in the paper and pictures
of your visit to the Grand Ole
Opry and Nashville.

My purpose in writing to you
is to enclose some clippings

2

from the Nashville Banner
for you to read, which I think
are good.

President Nixon, I have been
a staunch Republican all
of my life and I wish I
had adequate words to tell
you how much I think of
you. I have many friends
and relatives who are also
your ardent supporters.

God Bless you -

Mrs Charles W. Thurn

422 West William

Lee caton, Illinois 62522

That 'Upstart' Nixon Really Stunned Roy

By BILL HANCE

Singer Roy Acuff says he got twice as much as he bargained for when he asked President Nixon to play the piano on the Grand Ole Opry. "I figured he would oblige us with 'Happy Birthday' since it was Mrs. Nixon's birthday," said Acuff, "but I surely didn't think he would play the other two."

Nixon made a "great" appearance on stage during the premiere broadcast Saturday night when he asked President Nixon to play the piano on the Grand Ole Opry in its new \$15 million home at Opryland.

He fiddled with a yo-yo and pounded out three selections to the crowd's delight. And Acuff feels the chief executive is a "pretty fair" keyboard artist.

"You know, the President's pretty doggone good on the piano," the singer added. "Like I said on stage, he's a real trouper."

"He told me, 'Roy, I am thoroughly enjoying this,'" Acuff continued. "And when he said that, it really put me at ease. I was pretty nervous up there, too."

"But when you got that yo-yo out of his pocket, I'll have to admit that I was taken back at first," he said. "The more I think about it, the more I am convinced he wanted to humiliate me."

"But I have to point out," the veteran Opry performer said, "President Nixon is

twice as skilled at the piano as with the yo-yo. "He did a beautiful job playing those songs, 'Happy Birthday, My Wild Irish Rose' and 'God Bless America. And I think everybody else feels the same way."

"Backstage, I saw a tall Jackson lined up to me and said, 'Man, the President's a

real pitcher." On Monday, I was down-shine man said 'Mr. Acuff, I'm setting a shoe shine' that man can really go."

recalled Acuff, "and the shoe-shine man said 'Mr. Acuff, I'm setting a shoe shine' that man can really go."

Impachment Seekers May Have Forgotten

By FRANK A. TUCKER

Why the fever over impeaching the President? What crime has he committed? No one was murdered or injured. No money or valuables were stolen. No unmarried woman was drowned in an automobile driven off a bridge by a married politician after a party in the woods.

I would remind people with short memories that such an incident as mentioned in the last sentence above did happen in the last sentence above. I am fully aware that the driver was cleared by a grand jury, but the fact remains that the tragic accident had to be caused by something! Whatever it was.

he was so emotional shaken that he did not report the fatal accident for nearly 10 hours, which was a flagrant violation of the law.

This episode was horrible beyond description when you consider that this person not only graduated from a famous law school but was a lawbreaker! I therefore, cannot understand why the people who are screaming for the President's impeachment are clamoring for this man's nomination for a presidential candidate.

What would such an unwise man do in a moment of peril if he were President? Would he sneak out of the Port of Boston if he heard that Castro was invading Florida or would he go to his room for 10 hours to settle his nerves before taking appropriate action?

I beg of you, please do not amputate your right hand to cure a small corn on the little toe of your left foot.

Television No Friend Of The President



By Teddy Bart

THERE ARE two Nixons, not an old one and new, but two distinct, current Nixons. I made this discovery while attending the opening of the new Grand Ole Opry House.

There is naturally a feeling of anxiety anticipating the arrival of any president, but more so with this president because of the ambivalent feelings regarding the man. So much air time has been used discussing him that I personally relished a look for myself at this person who has demonstrated the capacity to evoke the best and the worst from so many of us.

replaces his in-person effectiveness with electronic ineffectiveness. He is not the same man on TV as he is in person. TV has been Mr. Nixon's nemesis his entire career. Now I understand why. It thwarts him.

OTHERS HAVE had this problem. One comes to mind. When radio performers were attempting to make the transition to TV in the late forties, Fred Allen, a great wit, clever mind, popular comedian, couldn't cut it on TV. The public didn't relate to him.

If the people of this nation could have been in the Grand Ole Opry House that night, Mr. Nixon would have been given total amnesty for any possible wrong-doing. Tragically for him, and for us, the nation sees its President, the other Nixon, on television.

Teddy Bart may be seen and heard on radio and television.

THE FIRST Nixon finally appeared. Mind you, this was not the "old" Nixon, but the first of two Nixons. This Nixon was simply magnificent. His poise, his charm, his wit, yes, believe it or not, his charisma permeated the new auditorium. He was real. Unlike any previous president, Nixon that man could conjure out of the man in control of the situation. Here was a likes of which I have never seen. Imagine, the most powerful man in the world leading a communion in on the piano, taking yo-yo lessons from Roy Acuff, commanding the stage, yet communicating with the last row in the balcony as well as the first. The circumstances which many performers view as the true test of affecting an audience. His remarks were appropriate, warm, informal, and of substance. I was overwhelmed with his effectiveness. He could not have been better.

Returning home after the first show, still elated over the performance of the President, I settled down in front of the TV to watch a thirty-minute special about the President's visit to Nashville.

THE SECOND Nixon appeared.

Same. The audience, the house, the performers, Roy Acuff was the same, but Nixon was a different man. Here was the one you wouldn't buy a used car from. The charm was gone. The warmth wasn't there. The in-person grace was replaced with slinkiness. While there, I felt enveloped by his personality in a positive way. On TV he was trite and unmoving. In person, he was Mr. President in the full and honorable sense of the title. On TV, he was Watergate, with all its suspicion and doubt.

Let me tell you how and why these two Nixons came to Nashville in one day. The difference between the two was so great that my far-right wing friends would say the media tampered with the tape. No, that is not the explanation. The tube is to blame, however.

Television cameras are fault finders by their very function. If one is a few pounds overweight, TV makes you fat. If you are a bit weary, TV makes you exhausted. If you try to observe all within your sight, TV makes your eyes shift. If you try to assimilate your body to the mood of the moment by prancing from a microphone to a piano, TV makes you slinky. If you are overly cautious of every word due to years of criticism, TV makes you trite. Get the point? A TV camera accentuates one's defects, and if the sum of each individual's defects subtracts from one's ability to be liked, as in the case of Mr. Nixon, it's a personal disaster.

President Nixon's problem with communicating is the fact that TV does nothing for him; in fact, it

July 16, 1974

GENERAL

PR14-9

TR100

DRAFT

7/16/74

Dear Mr. Hardie:

Thank you for your letter of appreciation for the President's appearance at the Grand Ole Opry in Nashville. I would also like to thank you, on behalf of the President, for your kind offer of a recording contract, which must be regretfully declined. For reasons that I am sure you will understand, the President has made it a firm policy to avoid any commercial undertakings during his term of office.

Best regards.

Sincerely,

Roland L. Elliott
Special Assistant
to the President

Mr. Ralph Hardie
President

OMNI Records
711 Kennesaw Drive
Forest Park, Georgia 30050

RLE:DC:RLE:aby

RECEIVED

JUL 17 1974

CENTRAL FILES