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January 9, 1967

Dear Senator:

I appreciate very much your warm letter on the announcement of my leaving the White House staff to become Publisher of Newsday in New York.

Your good wishes mean much to me. But it means even more that you were thoughtful enough to write.

Sincerely,

Bill Moyers
Special Assistant
to the President

The Honorable Paul H. ^{*}Douglas
2909 Davenport Street, N. W.
Washington, D. C.

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January 13, 1967

**Mr. George R. Villa, President
United States Rubber Company
Rockefeller Center
1230 Avenue of the Americas
New York, New York 10020**

Dear Mr. Villa:

The President asked me to thank you for your letter of January 6 concerning the metropolitan area growing up along the Eastern Coast.

The President noted that your letter comes at a particularly apropos time for, today, the President made a statement on solving problems and appointed a Commission which he had recommended to the Congress in 1965 and again in 1966.

For your information, I am enclosing a copy of the release announcing the Commission, which will be chaired by Senator Paul Douglas.

The President asked me to send you his warm personal regards.

Sincerely,

**Joseph A. Califano, Jr.
Special Assistant to the President**

Enclosure

A New Job for Paul Douglas

PRESIDENT Johnson made a wise choice when he named former Sen. Paul Douglas, the Illinois Democrat, to head the national commission that will conduct a "penetrating" study of some of the basic factors that affect urban life, such as zoning, housing and building codes, taxation and development standards.

The commission's warrant is to make a thorough survey of cities and urban areas with these baselines, and it is good to know that so able an economist and former legislator will direct it.

This is another indication that the federal government's role must be more than pouring money into states and localities or putting up buildings. As a resident of Chicago and a former alderman there, Douglas knows first-hand that the task of reviving our blighted cities must be accomplished block-by-block. The most grandiloquent plan must ultimately be translated into a complex of local needs, practices and conditions.

THE MINNEAPOLIS STAR
Monday, January 23, 1967

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From the desk of

Walter W. Heller

January 26, 1967

Mrs. Juanita Roberts --

Here are a couple of items from the Minneapolis Star that the President might enjoy if he has not seen them.

W.W.H.




January 24, 1967

Dear Mr. Karmazine:

The President has asked me to thank you for your kind message concerning the appointment of Senator Paul Douglas.

The interest which prompted you to write is certainly appreciated, and the President sends his best wishes.

Sincerely,



MBC 1/25/67

Matthew B. Coffey
Assistant

Mr. William Karmazine
Resident Manager
Home Loan Company, Inc. of Boston
7450 North Trail
Sarasota, Florida

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HOME LOAN COMPANY INCORPORATED of BOSTON

MORTGAGE BANKERS : ESTABLISHED 1932

10 TREMONT STREET, SUITE 10
BOSTON 8, MASSACHUSETTS

BRANCH OFFICE:
7450 NORTH TRAIL
SARASOTA, FLORIDA
TEL: SARASOTA 355-7665
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January 21, 1967

President Lyndon Baines Johnson
White House
Washington, D. C.

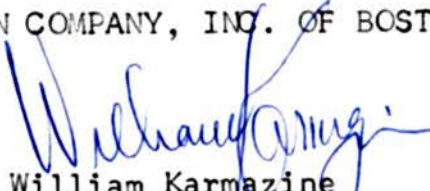
Dear Mr. President:

I wish to express my deep appreciation of your action in appointing Senator Paul Douglas to his present position, believing that what the State of Illinois has lost, our Country will benefit as a whole; since men of Senator Paul Douglas's caliber are a rare phenomena and to lose his valuable services to our Country would indeed be a loss, the Country could ill-afford.

Mr. President, I thank you for retaining this outstanding Citizen for further Government service.

Very truly yours,

HOME LOAN COMPANY, INC. OF BOSTON


William Karmazine
Resident Manager

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January 24, 1967

Dear Mrs. Krause:

Thank you for your letter to President Johnson clarifying your vote in the recent Illinois senatorial election.

Your comments were conveyed to President Johnson and he wants you to know that, although he regrets your doubts about our position in Vietnam, he very much appreciates the forthright expression of your views.

With best wishes,

Sincerely,

Paul M. Popple
Assistant to the President

Mrs. Burton C. Krause^{*} (Helen R. Krause^{*})
9041 North Central
Morton Grove, Illinois

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Sen. Paul H. Douglas

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January 31, 1967

FOR Howard Shuman

FROM Larry Levinson

Would you please take care of this and
respond directly on behalf of George
Christian.

Attachment

Lynn L. Westergaard
Georgia Municipal Assoc.
Paul H. Douglas

* Nat'l Commission on Urban Problems.

Nothing else sent to
Central Files as of 3/24/67
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February 3, 1967

Dear Paul:

I am always pleased when some initiative of this Administration gives you cause for encouragement.

Many of us are interested in the Indiana Dunes National Lake Shore program. We want you to succeed with it and will assist you as we can.

You will always have my personal encouragement and good wishes.

Sincerely,



Honorable Paul H. Douglas
Room 508
National Commission on Codes, Zoning,
Taxation and Development Standards
1800 K Street, NW.
Washington, D.C.

LBJ:EMM:aw



February 13, 1967

Dear Mr. Harris:

The President has asked me to thank you for your kind message concerning the appointment of former Senator Paul H. Douglas.

The interest which prompted you to write is certainly appreciated, and the President sends his best wishes.

Sincerely,

MBE 2/14/67

**Matthew B. Coffey
Assistant**

**Mr. Meade C. Harris
7932 Rhodes Avenue
Chicago, Illinois 60619**

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Chicago, Illinois 60619
January 27, 1967The President of the United States
The White House
Washington, D. C.

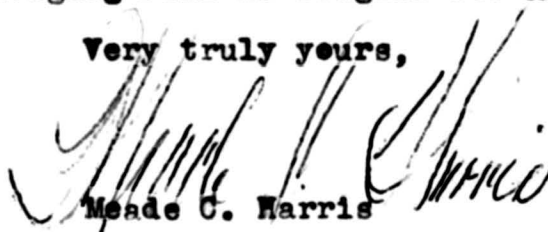
Dear President Johnson:

MC
In addition to, besides, and superceding my trife with the US Veterans Administration, US Army, etc., concerning which I wrote you personally during the recent '66 Christmas Holiday season, equally, or more important, I wish to congratulate you in again demonstrating the wisdom of your superior administration in appointing former Senator Paul H. Douglas to head a major probe into antiquated local building codes, zoning, property taxation, etc., thus salvaging Senator Douglas's superior qualifications and usefulness, which I regret this constituency did not have the equal superior wisdom to maintain; in large part attributable to pseudo civil rights organizations which misled and confused the people hereof, especially the south end of the first Congressional District hereof where my friend and man of superior political acumen Congressional William L. Dawson maintains. I must admit that I am, also, disturbed by attempts of Communist orientated group's activity in attempts to infiltrate the unenlightenment herein, including approaches to me as Director of the Negro Veterans Association, which, of course, was rejected, but which information I will gladly turn over to the FBI or whenever you direct (Telephone: ST. 368102).

However, God has blessed us by, instead, replacing with Charles H. Percy, student of Senator Douglas in Economics simultaneously with my study of Economics and Political Science at the University of Wisconsin, my alma mater, whom I believe is so oriented, that he will place party behind principle, thereby following right efforts of our Democratic party, regardless.

Again, thanks for salvaging Paul H. Douglas for America.

Very truly yours,


Meade C. Harris

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TREASURY DEPARTMENT
WASHINGTON, D.C. 20220

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February 16, 1967

MEMORANDUM TO: Joseph Califano, Jr.
Special Assistant to the President

Subject: Truth-in-Lending Calls

Calls: To ^{Wright}Chairman Patman. Pleased to be called.
Seemed happy

To ^{William}Senator Proxmire's Office - Proxmire unavailable
but reported to Ken McLean of his staff that Press
was told Proxmire bill included our recommendations.

To ^{Paul H.}former Senator Douglas. Very happy that
President continues sharp support of annual rate.
He understands the changes because I had previously
discussed these with him.

To ^XDick Janssen, Wall Street Journal. He was
writing story, but missed press briefing. Gave
him the full background.


Robert A. Wallace

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DOUGLAS, Paul H. (Sen.)

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February 16, 1967

Dear Mr. Anthony:

x Ill. President Johnson has asked me to respond to your letter of February 1, 1967, which voiced the disappointment of the Democratic State Central Committee that funds to initiate construction of the ^{*}Oakley Reservoir Project, Illinois, were not included in the President's fiscal year 1968 budget.

As you will realize, the heavy burden of our responsibilities in Viet-Nam confronted the President with some hard choices with regard to his entire domestic program. These responsibilities precluded the President from seeking appropriations in F. Y. 1968 for many worthwhile programs and projects. As a result, funds could be recommended only for a small number of new construction starts in F. Y. 1968.

The President has asked that I extend his personal good wishes to yourself and all the members of the State Central Committee.

Sincerely,

Paul M. Popple
Assistant to the President

x
Honorable Roy R. Anthony
State Central Committeeman
22nd Congressional District, Illinois
Chairman, Macon County
1260 East Prairie Avenue
Decatur, Illinois

cc: Budget (Mr. J. Laitin) Sent
PMP: Budget:mg
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February 18, 1967**MEMORANDUM FOR DOUG CATER**

Please take a look at the attached and let Mr. Watson or me have your suggestions on what type of appointment could or should be arranged with the Senior Citizens Executive Committee that would make maximum news impact. Jim O'Brien recommended that perhaps the President would want to give an award to a distinguished senior citizen such as former Senator Paul Douglas while the Senior Citizens Executive Committee looked on. May we have your suggestions at your earliest opportunity.


James R. Jones**Attachment****JRJ:sas**

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February 18, 1967

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^{*}Natl Council of Senior Citizens

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Jim O'Brien

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February 28, 1967

MEMORANDUM FOR

Whitney Shoemaker

For handling by you, please.

Marvin Watson

Ltr to the Pres dtd 2/24/67 fm Michael Levin, Pres of
The Decalogue Society of Lawyers, 180 West Washington
Street, Chicago, Illinois 60602 inviting him to attend
the Society's dinner on March 25th when they will present
their 1966 Award of Merit to former Senator Paul H.
Douglas -- also, a request that he send a letter "expressing
your views on our selection of Mr. Douglas as the Honoree...."



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GEORGE CHRISTIAN/INV/1967/N.Y.

March 1, 1967

Dear Mr. Douglas:

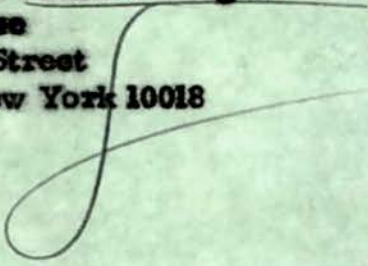
Thank you for your kind invitation to attend the Freedom Award presentation to Mr. Roy Wilkins on March 29.

Due to a conflict in my schedule I will be unable to attend, but I want you to know I appreciate you thinking of me.

Sincerely,

George Christian
Press Secretary
to the President

The Honorable Paul H. Douglas
Freedom House
20 West 40th Street
New York, New York 10018



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March 1, 1967

GEORGE CHRISTIAN

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Dear Senator Douglas:

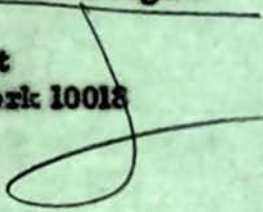
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NATIONAL COMMISSION ON URBAN PROBLEMS
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806 15th Street, N.W. Suite 640
Washington, D. C. 20005

March 1, 1967

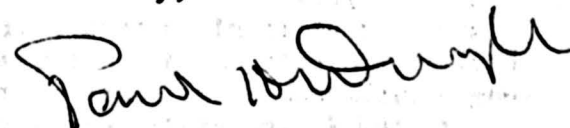
Mr. Joseph Califano
Special Assistant to the President
The White House
Washington, D. C.

Dear Joe,

I am enclosing a copy of a letter I have just sent to Secretary Weaver. I think it is of great importance that we get an extension and that it be done soon.

With best wishes,

Faithfully,



Paul H. Douglas

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March 18, 1967

Dear Paul:

The President has asked me to send you
a copy of his Message on Poverty.

We would like to get your reaction, and the
benefit of your thoughts and experience on
this subject.

Sincerely,

Joseph A. Califano
Special Assistant to the President

The Honorable Paul Douglas
Room 630, Shoreham Building
806 15th Street, NW.
Washington, D.C.

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March 23, 1967

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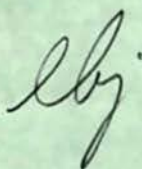
Dear Paul:

This year's Freedom House Dinner is a very special occasion for all who cherish the ideals it honors. For its chairman is a man who has made freedom his home throughout a long and rewarding life.

I have always been proud of our long and close association. I have gained both inspiration and comfort from the example that you have set for all your fellow Americans.

I am delighted that my greeting this year to Freedom House can be addressed to one of freedom's -- and my own -- dearest friends.

Sincerely,



Honorable Paul H. Douglas
Chairman, Freedom House
Willkie Memorial Building
20 West 40th Street
New York, New York 10018

LBJ:WRS:EH:sar

CC: Juanita Roberts, Whitney Shoemaker, Eliska Hasek,
Bob Fleming, Mary Hooper, CF.

March 23, 1967

Since 1943, the Freedom Award has honored champions in the struggle for human rights at home and in the support of free societies and institutions abroad.

This year's recipient is a unique American whose contributions transcend the boundaries of both time and territory.

Under his vigorous guidance, the National Association for the Advancement of Colored People has grown in size and influence. It has waged an effective and tenacious battle to help our country set a true course on the path of liberty and of justice. And the seal of Roy Wilkins on all these efforts has become the symbol of promise and of fulfillment for millions of Americans.

Unflinching in freedom's progress, unyielding to momentary shifts of public fashion, uncompromising in the defense of human righteousness, Roy Wilkins is one of the true leaders, not only of our time, but of all time. He has truly "counseled wisely, guided firmly, withstood the storms of many seasons in the struggle for human rights."

May God continue to assist him in his mission, and may America continue to reap rich harvests from his achievements.

LBJ:WRS:EH:sar

CC: Juanita Roberts, Whitney Shoemaker, Bob Fleming, Mary Hooper,
CF, Elsie Hasek.

Statement sent to: Hon. Paul H. Douglas, Chm, Freedom House
Willkie Memorial Bldg, 20 W. 80th St., N.Y., N.Y.

DUE: AS SOON AS POSSIBLE

EVENT: MARCH 29TH

PRIOR APPROVAL: CIV. RIGHTS COMMISSION

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NATIONAL COMMISSION ON URBAN PROBLEMS
806 15th Street, N.W., Suite 640
Washington, D. C.

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March 23, 1967

Mr. Joseph Califano
Special Assistant to the President
The White House
Washington, D. C.

Dear Joe:

Many thanks for your letter.

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I have studied the President's various proposals over the last weekend and liked them very much. I am going to deliver a lecture at the New School in New York on Monday in which I will go into them in more detail and point out that they are a much better way of dealing with the immediate problems of poverty than some of the more widespread proposals which are now being made.

I enclose a copy of the speech for such use as you may care to make of it.

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Dan Brown is still fired up over his wheat germ flour, but in his letter to you he puts something in my mouth which I do not say, namely, that there is a lot of political mileage in getting it approved. I do not know whether there is or not. But I think there may be a lot of human improvement involved. If there is any political fall-out from that, it would be well deserved.

All best wishes.

Faithfully yours,

Paul H. Douglas
Paul H. Douglas

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NIGHTLETTER March 24, 1967

Mr. Michael ^XLevin, President
The ~~Decalogue~~ Society of Lawyers
Tribute to Honorable Paul H. ^XDouglas
Pick-Congress Hotel
Great Hall
Chicago, Illinois

^{*}
An Award of Merit to Paul Douglas honors the Decalogue Society of Lawyers who present it, the profession whose excellence it reflects, and the great American who so highly deserves it.

I pay tribute to American Justice when I join you today
— as an ardent admirer and a steadfast friend — of
Paul Douglas. His legacy to the public trust is rich.
And the lives of each of us are richer for it.

LYNDON B. JOHNSON

LBJ:WRS:EH:sar

CC: Juanita Roberts, Whitney Shoemaker, Eliska Hasek, Jean Lewis,
Mary Hooper, Bob Fleming, CF. *See*

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March 24, 1967

Dear Paul:

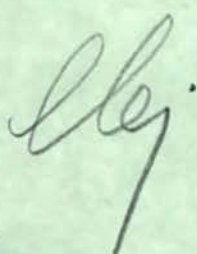
I was glad to know of the tributes paid you in the Senate yesterday. My thoughts were with you too.

The compliments mark more than your seventy-fifth birthday. They declare the pride and affection of a body whose history has been brightened by your presence, and whose achievements are larger for your devoted labors.

The congratulations of your friends -- and I am privileged to count myself among them -- is equally an expression of heartfelt gratitude from millions whose lives are richer and futures more hopeful because you have been their champion.

Seventy-five years from now, America will still find cause to celebrate the great social architect who built enduring decency, dignity and nobility into our national life. The knowledge of that debt adds to our happiness today. We expect our pleasure to grow with the years of further fulfillment and good fortune that we know await you.

Sincerely,



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Honorable Paul Douglas
2909 Davenport Street, N. W.
Washington, D. C.

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March 31, 1967

Dear Mr. Gold:

The President has asked me to thank you for your recent letter in which you recommend Mr. Paul H. Douglas for appointment to the United States Supreme Court.

Your interest is appreciated, and I can assure you that your recommendation will be carefully considered along with those already received.

With best wishes,

Sincerely,

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Matthew B. Coffey
Assistant

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Mr. Murray Gold
4901 North Christiana Avenue
Chicago, Illinois

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Dear Mr President: No greater
Tribute And Regard could be
offered than your Appt To The
bench OF The Supreme Court OF
PAUL H. Douglas — This Choice
would have instantaneous appeal
To everyone in This Country!

Thank you Sir,

Murray Gold
4901 No. Christiana Ave
Chicago ILL

March 31, 1967

Dear Mr. Davis:

The President has asked me to thank you for your recent letter in which you recommend Senator Paul Douglas for appointment to the United States Supreme Court.

Your interest is appreciated, and I can assure you that your recommendation will be carefully considered along with those already received.

With best wishes,

Sincerely,

5/4/1/67

Matthew B. Coffey
Assistant

Mr. Marinell^X Davis
Apartment 8
3012 Belmar Circle
Lansing, Michigan 48912

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3012 Belmar Circle, Apt. 8
Lansing, Michigan 48912
March 6, 1966

Lyndon B. Johnson,
President of the United States
1600 Pennsylvania Avenue
Washington, D.C.

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THE WHITE HOUSE

Dear Mr. President:

My family, our friends in Lansing,
Michigan, and I wish to recommend
Paul Douglas of Illinois for the position
of Associate Justice of the Supreme Court
should an opening be created in the near
future by the resignation of Justice Clark.

Very truly yours,
Marinell Davis

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April 8, 1967


Dear Paul:

I enjoyed your little note and am grateful for its encouragement.

Someone has said that interpreting public opinion is like coming to grips with the Holy Ghost. For all the uncertainties involved, I cannot help but share your confidence in the good sense of the American people. It is their understanding and unity that will sustain our purpose in Vietnam and bring us the peace we seek.

Your own contribution to our unity is immeasurable and I will continue to draw strength from it.

Sincerely,



Honorable Paul H. Douglas
2909 Davenport Street, NW.
Washington, D.C. 20008

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THE WHITE HOUSE
WASHINGTON

April 24, 1967
Monday, 3:45 p.m.

FOR THE PRESIDENT

FROM Joe Califano

Attached is a status report on Senator
Paul Douglas' work on the National
Commission on Urban Problems.

Attachment

Jan. 2, 1967, under the chairmanship of
the entire Commission met for four full days
with complete attendance.
addressed and been quizzed by the Commission
taxes and revenues, housing codes, land use
renewal.

has been assembled. The Commission has moved from temporary to
quarters.

Plans for public hearings have been set in motion.

The Commission has taken the course, and each Commissioner has received
more than a dozen reports on topics vital to the Commission's task.

MEMORANDUM

EXECUTIVE SECRET

Feb. 9. Organizational meeting

Discussions of building codes, taxation, housing codes.

Mar. 10-11. Discussions of zoning and other land use regulations; low-
cost housing; urban renewal. Also tours of Washington's Southwest Urban
Renewal area and of Claridge Towers, a "turnkey" project for the elderly.

END

President

Robert C. Weaver, Secretary, Department of Housing and Urban Development
H. Ralph Taylor, Assistant Secretary HUD
Remarks by HUD Assistant Secretaries Philip N. Brownstein, Charles M.
Haar, and Dwight A. Ink

Building Codes:

James H. Pickford, Senior Analyst, Advisory Commission on Intergovernmental
Relations

Robert M. Dillon, Executive Director, Building Research Advisory Board

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WILLARD DEASON
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April 28, 1967

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Dear Mr. President:

I am reliably informed that Stephen Schulman
plans to leave the Government as of June 30th to open
a multiple-location law office. This, of course, will
necessitate the appointment of a new Chairman at the
Equal Employment Opportunity Commission.

Since Franklin Roosevelt left this job after a
relatively short time to run for Governor of New York,
and Shulman is leaving after an even shorter time to go
into private practice of law, it occurs to me that the
EEOC may be acquiring a "stepping stone" image. Because
of this, it appears to me that its next chairman should
be a man of extremely broad stature who would devote
himself totally to the task at hand. In my opinion,
Paul Douglas would fill that requirement as well as many
other yardsticks that might be applied to the job. I
have no idea whether or not he could be induced to take
the assignment. I offer the suggestion only in an effort
to be helpful in the many, many decisions that you have
to make daily.

Cordially,

Bill
Willard Deason

The President
The White House

May 17, 1967

Dear Mr. Butler:

The President has asked me to thank you for your recent letter in which you recommend Honorable Paul Douglas for appointment to the United States Supreme Court.

Your interest is appreciated, and I can assure you that your recommendation will be carefully considered along with those already received.

With best wishes,

Sincerely,

MBC 5/18/67

Matthew B. Coffey
Assistant

Mr. Frank A. Butler
125 Oranewood Drive
Dunedin, Florida 33528

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Dear Mr. President
Sincerely Mr. Douglas
would be more qualified
to be a Supreme Court
judge than Wm O.
Douglas.

Your image would be
enhanced if you could
shed the Court of
Wm O. and replace
replace him with Paul.
It's my suggestion that
you do it and quick.

Sincerely

Frank F. Butler

1750 Orangewood
Dunedin, Fla.

(Tampa Times)

Illinois' Douglas — Man Of Rare Qualities

By MARQUIS CHILDS

WASHINGTON — By a singular irony the one sitting senator to be defeated in the congressional election was a man unique not only in the present Senate, but perhaps also in the long annals of that body. Paul Douglas of Illinois has qualities of cultivation and scholarship scarce in any walk of life, rare indeed in the harsh world of politics.

Consider the furnishings so soon to come down from Suite 109 in the old Senate Office Building. On the walls of the senator's private office are color photographs of Michelangelo's tombs of the Medicis with their great brooding figures carved in somber majesty. There is a color reproduction of Giorgione's masterpiece which hangs in the Academia in Venice, "Woman in a Storm."

AND THEN THERE is the Douglas portrait gallery of the heroes and heroines on whom he tried to model his own public career—Fighting Bob LaFollette; Jane Addams, who pioneered social work and so much social legislation; John Peter Altgeld, the courageous governor of Illinois; Clarence Darrow and the others. They were the inspiration for a career that went from the academic discipline of a full professorship in economics to the intense and perilous discipline of a combat Marine in World War II after the age of 50, and finally to 18 years in the club that likes to call itself the greatest deliberative body in the world.

The unfinished business that Douglas leaves behind is likely to be hauled away

with the other furnishings. This is the truth - in - lending bill which the senator pushed with patient persistence for 10 years or more.

IT IS BASED on the conviction, documented in thousands and thousands of pages of testimony in hearings held year after year, that those least able to pay are charged exorbitant rates of interest on installment buying and when they are driven to borrow small sums. The borrower is seldom, if ever, aware, Douglas showed, that he is paying 36 or 40 per cent a year, and where the outright pirates are concerned as much as 100 or 200 per cent.

The Douglas measure requiring the disclosure of interest rates in standard terms so the borrower would know exactly what he was paying had become a political football in the Senate Banking and Currency Committee. As the No. 3 Democrat on the committee, Douglas never gave up. But he had the stern opposition of the chairman, Sen. A. Willis Robertson of Virginia.

Robertson was defeated in the primary. He was largely responsible for making sure that only once in its long history did the truth - in - lending bill get beyond a subcommittee, and when that happened it was bottled up in the full committee. The powerful interests in the lending business throughout the nation were naturally opposed to the measure.

Whether anyone in the Senate will now pick up this touchy piece of unfinished business is questionable. Admitted-

ly, it has doubtful aspects. The lengthy hearings showed one instance after another in which pathetic people had mortgaged their lives to pay usurious interest rates on money borrowed for shoddy goods or to tide over some desperate emergency. Foreclosure, the loss of a job, suicide — these were the tragic penalties for desperate need.

BUT OFTEN IT was shown that high-pressure salesmanship had persuaded an improvident family to buy cheap furniture on the installment plan for two or three times its worth. Here was a larger question of the rightness or wrongness of such pressures, and this got into the area of Esther Peterson and her concern for the more - or - less defenseless consumer at the bottom of the economic heap. If he had been re-elected, Douglas would have been No. 2 on Banking and Currency and conceivably he might at last have carried the day for truth in lending.

The reasons for his defeat are complex. As a result of his war experience, including a severe wounding, he had developed a deep emotional commitment to the Pacific and to checkmating Communist China in Viet Nam and elsewhere in Asia. His hard line it was said, had alienated younger voters on the doveish side. In the face of the white backlash in the Chicago suburbs was Douglas' long record of support for civil rights. He had been a member of the National Association for the Advancement of Colored People since 1922.

BUT HE HIMSELF put the problem



SEN. PAUL DOUGLAS.

... 'Irreplaceable.'

of his re-election in a characteristic way before the campaign began. Discussing his opposition, Charles H. Percy, the industrialist, he said:

"Each time that I've run my opponent has been of a higher caliber and I take pride in that. This time it is more than ever true."

Percy's quality was a large reason for the defeat. Douglas was 74 years old. As can seldom be said in politics, he is irreplaceable.

GENERAL

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June 1, 1967

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Dear Mr. Arthur:

The President asked me to thank you for sending him an advance copy of the most recent issue of "Look." He appreciates your courtesy in calling special attention to the article on former Senator Paul Douglas.

With the President's cordial good wishes,

Sincerely yours,

Juanita D. Roberts
Personal Secretary
to the President

Mr. William B. Arthur
Editor
LOOK
488 Madison Avenue
New York, New York 10022

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MSG FOR MR MARVIN WATSON

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EXPECTED THAT MORE THAN 1000 WILL ATTEND PEABODY DINNER MONDAY IN
BOSTON WITH EX-SEN. DOUGLAS AS SPEAKER INTRODUCED BY SEN. EDW. *KENNEDY

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THE WHITE HOUSE
WASHINGTON

June 19, 1967
6:35 p.m.

Mr. President:

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Senator Paul Douglas called and said his son, John Douglas, is very interested in being appointed to the Circuit Court of the District of Columbia.

Senator Douglas said Senator Brewster, ^x *Manil* and others have recommended John for this appointment. Senator Douglas emphasized he is interested only if John is found to be qualified.

May I mention Senator Douglas' interest to Ramsey Clark?

Yes ☐ No ☒

See me

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Marvin

Original to Mrs Terito

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July 15, 1967

Dear Chairman Tooley:

We very much appreciate your passing along
the article on Senator ^{Paul} Douglas' speech.

I do remember meeting you and am pleased
that you recall the introduction also.

Best wishes,

Sincerely,

W. Marvin Watson
Special Assistant
to the President

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Honorable Dale Tooley
Chairman

* Denver Democratic Central Committee
1712 Sherman Street
Denver, Colorado

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July 19, 1967

Dear Senator Douglas:

The President wishes me to thank you for your note of July 17 with its account from the Denver Post of your defense of our Viet Nam policy.

I can think of nothing more important to the President at this period than your effort quietly and rationally to rally both the Democratic Party and the country to an understanding of the correctness of the President's course.

As you well understand, the struggle in Viet Nam is the most complex and many sided we have ever had to conduct. It is difficult to measure progress and to strike the correct balance.

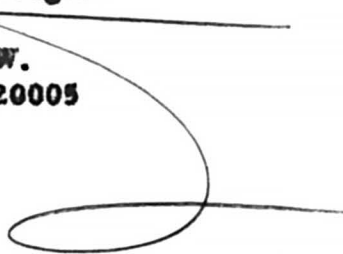
With no element of euphoria, we are all convinced that things are moving in the right direction; and, if the country can be held together in support of the President, we shall, in time, be proud of this painful but necessary effort.

Again, we are greatly in your debt.

Sincerely yours,

W. W. Rostow

Honorable Paul H. Douglas
Suite 640
806 15th Street, N. W.
Washington, D. C. 20005

A large, stylized handwritten signature, likely of W. W. Rostow, written in dark ink. The signature is fluid and cursive, with a prominent loop at the bottom.

WWRostow:rlh

GENERAL

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August 14, 1967

MEMORANDUM FOR JOHN MEEK

John, I am not certain whether this falls in your bailiwick but do you know anything at all about this organization and could you find out anything before we take any action?

It would be good to know whether Otto Kerner and Richard Daley are really going to attend, etc.

Could you do this?

Many thanks ..

Eliška Hasek

Attachment

★ :Ltr to President dtd 8/9/67 from Abner J. Mikva, Chm,
Comte. on Illinois Gov't. requests msg for "Excellence in Politics"
award at dinner honoring Paul Ha Douglas on Oct. 23rd.

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August 17, 1967
Thursday, 5:45 p.m.

FOR THE PRESIDENT

FROM Joe Califano

Attached is the statement that Paul Douglas has issued supporting
your "Turnkey" proposal.
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It has already been released to the wires, the New York Times
and the Post.

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THE PRESIDENT'S COMMITTEE ON URBAN HOUSING

1016 15TH STREET, N.W.
WASHINGTON, D. C. 20036

August 19, 1967

Dear Senator Douglas:

On behalf of the Committee, and personally, I am grateful to you for joining us at dinner last Tuesday and for your interest and support in working in close liaison together on our respective assignments.

I believe it was important that our own Committee had the opportunity to benefit from your advice and counsel at this early stage in our existence. While there are bound to be some unavoidable areas of overlapping efforts, you may be sure that our Executive Director, Howard Moskof, will remain in close contact with Mr. Shuman for purposes of sharing information and keeping him advised of our plans for assembling data.

After becoming better acquainted with the magnitude of your assignment, it is quite clear to us that you have earned our nation's continuing respect and gratitude for your dedication to serving our country.

Sincerely,

Edgar F. Kaiser
Chairman

The Honorable Paul H. Douglas
Chairman, National Commission
on Urban Problems
806 15th Street, N. W.
Washington, D. C. 20005

cc: Mr. Joe Califano ✓
The Honorable Robert C. Weaver

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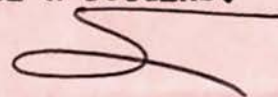
YOUR PROPOSAL TO BUILD A NEW CITY ON THE SITE OF THE NATIONAL
TRAINING SCHOOL IS A MASTERSTROKE. I AM DELIGHTED YOU ARE
FOLLOWING UP BY HAVING PUBLIC LANDS OUTSIDE OF OTHER CITIES
SURVEYED TO SEE IF SIMILAR PROJECTS ARE FEASIBLE.

THIS IS THE MOST CREATIVE PROPOSAL THAT HAS BEEN MADE AND I
THINK THE PROMISES ARE GREAT. I BELIEVE ALSO THERE ARE

GREAT OPPORTUNITIES IN TWO OTHER DIRECTIONS : (1) TO SPEED UP
DEMOLITION AND TO ERECT LOW-COST PUBLIC HOUSING ON SOME OF
THE VACANT SITES ALSO USING SOME OF THESE SITES FOR VEST POCKET
PARKS. (2) THERE ARE LARGE NUMBERS OF DEFAULTED VA AND FHA
HOME MORTGAGES. THESE COULD BE USED TO ABSORB PEOPLE ON WAITING
LISTS FOR PUBLIC HOUSING. THIS SHOULD BE DONE JUDICIOUSLY BUT
THERE ARE REAL POSSIBILITIES.

YOU ARE DOING MAGNIFICENTLY. DO NOT LET THEM
GET YOU DOWN

PAUL H DOUGLAS.



September 13, 1967

Dear Paul:

Thank you for your personal report on General Walt. I share your great regard for his rare abilities. You can be confident that they will not be overlooked.

Sincerely,



Honorable Paul H. Douglas
National Commission on
Urban Problems
806 15th Street, Northwest
Washington, D. C. 20005

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September 16, 1967

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"Excellence in Politics" is a coveted award for anyone who has given a lifetime to public service. But I know of no man who deserves it more or personifies it better than my friend, Paul Douglas.

Paul Douglas is one of those human beings whose personal example sets standards for other men to emulate.

As a teacher, he inspired all who studied under him to pursue truth with deeper and lifelong dedication.

As a citizen of a nation at war, he gave us a new measure of patriotism by enlisting in the Marine Corps at an age when, by law and tradition, his personal obligation was long past.

As a legislator and statesman, he gave his country an example of thought harnessed to action, of selfless devotion to the true interests of his countrymen which will be cherished so long as men are privileged to govern themselves through democratic institutions.

By honoring him, we honor what is best in ourselves -- and so I am deeply pleased to be included among the friends and admirers of Paul Douglas on this occasion.

Statement sent Air Mail to: Mr. Abner J. Mikva, Chairman
XCommittee on Illinois Government
127 North Dearborn, Room 641
Chicago, Illinois 60602

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cc: Juanita Roberts, Will Sparks, Loyd Hackler, Mary Hooper, /mt
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September 18, 1967

Dear Paul:

Thank you for the additional material
on Lew Walt. It will have my personal
attention.

Sincerely,

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Enjoyed seeing you at the Memorial last night - L

Honorable Paul H. Douglas
806 Fifteenth Street, Northwest
Washington, D. C. 20005

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September 18, 1967

Honorable Abe Stark
President of the Borough
of Brooklyn
Brooklyn, New York

Dear Mr. Stark:

The President asked me to thank you for your letter of September 11 concerning the hearings before the Douglas Commission.

The President appreciates your thoughtfulness in sending him a copy of your statement and also your kind remarks about Senator Douglas and his Commission.

Sincerely,

Paul H.

/s/

Joseph A. Califano, Jr.
Special Assistant to the President

* National Commission on Urban Problems

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REFERRAL

To: Democratic National Committee

Date: October 18, 1967

Attn: Mr. John Criswell

ACTION REQUESTED

- ☐ Draft reply for:
☐ President's signature.
☐ Undersigned's signature.
- ☐ Memorandum for use as enclosure to reply.
- ☐ Direct reply.
☐ Furnish information copy.
- ☒ Suitable acknowledgment or other appropriate handling.
- ☒ Furnish copy of reply, if any.
- ☐ For your information.
- ☐ For comment.

NOTE

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Basic correspondence should be returned when draft reply, memorandum, or comment is requested.

REMARKS:

Description:

☒ Letter: ☐ Telegram: Other:

To: The President

From: Ruth Johnston, New National Hotel, 217 North Jefferson Ave., Peoria, Ill.

Date: Undated

Subject: Req. msg. regarding Ex-Senator Douglas' contribution during his 18 years in office to be used at an "appreciation dinner" Friday, October 20.

By direction of the President:

Will Sparks
Assistant to
the President

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FILE MEMO:

See: C.F. ND 19/CO 312, for corresp., 9/21/67 re Paul DOUGLAS and CITIZEN'S COMMITTEE.



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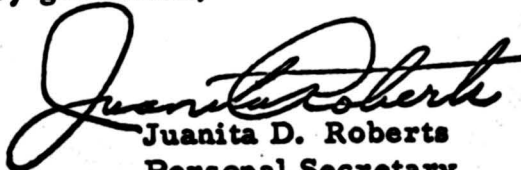
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October 23, 1967

Dear Senator Douglas:

The President wanted you to have
the enclosed -- and it is a pleasure
for me to send.

With every good wish,



Juanita D. Roberts
Personal Secretary
to the President

FROM
THE WHITE HOUSE
WASHINGTON, D.C.

Honorable Paul H. [★]Douglas
2909 Davenport Street, N.W.
Washington, D. C. 20008

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Douglas, Paul

Dear Jim:

It has been a bright week. The press announcements of the Citizens Committee for Peace with Freedom in Vietnam have heartened me and millions of our countrymen.

I know the largeness of your role in bringing this about. It is a great comfort to know that your fine work will continue. All your partners in the search for peace will be deeply grateful for it.

Now that you are recovered from your cold, I hope we can get together next week.

Sincerely,



Mr. James Rowe
Corcoran, Foley,
Youngman & Rowe
1511 K Street, Northwest
Washington, D. C. 20005

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November 8, 1967

National Citizens Committee
for Peace and Freedom

Dear Struve:

I am very grateful to you for your letter.

The Citizens Committee you mentioned is a private endeavor, which Senator^x Douglas is chairing. Inquiries about joining it ought to be directed to him.

You are mighty good to remember those days back in the early 'forties. If you accumulated any debt to me for my help then, it is long since satisfied by your service to the country.

With best wishes, Struve.

Sincerely,



^x
Mr. H. Struve Hensel
Attorney at Law
Coudert Brothers
200 Park Avenue
New York, N. Y. 10017

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Re: Paul Douglas - D. C. Courts

I have told all this to Jim Rowe.

After his defeat last fall Paul Douglas called me down to his office to ask you to put his son John ^{Douglas} on the bench of the local Circuit Court of Appeals. I did this.

The son was once Assistant Attorney General in charge of Civil Affairs and now returned to private practice.

Immediately after the announcement of his Committee on Vietnam ex-Senator Douglas again telephoned me to remind me that he had asked me to ask you to consider his son John for the judgeship.

I hereby renew the forwarding of his message on the basis of possibly helpful news from my brother Howard that there will shortly be three vacancies on the District of Columbia District Court as well as the existing vacancy on the District of Columbia Court of Appeals. (Holtzoff retired today.)

November 24, 1967

Mr. Watson
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THOMAS G. CORCORAN

1511 K STREET, N. W.
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THE WHITE HOUSE
WASHINGTON

November 29th, 1967

For: Joe Califano

If you get a minute before our meeting with Weaver and Wood at 11:15, you might skim through the attached to get the flavor of Senator Douglas' recent remarks.

Fred Bohm

Paul H. Douglas

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FILE MEMO:

See C.F. PL 3, for corresp., 12/12/67 re Jock WHITNEY and Paul DOUGLAS.



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*Prouty, Winston L. (R) Vermont
*Proxmire, William (D) Wisconsin
*Randolph, Jennings (D) West Virginia
*Ribicoff, Abraham A. (D) Connecticut
*Russell, Richard B. (D) Georgia
*Scott, Hugh, (R) Pennsylvania
*Smathers, George A. (D) Florida
*Smith, Margaret Chase (R) Maine
*Sparkman, John J. (D) Alabama
*Spong, William B. (D) Virginia
*Stennis, John (D) Mississippi
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*Williams, John J. (R) Delaware
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*Yarbarough, Ralph W. (D) Texas
*Young, Stephen M. (D) Ohio
*Bass, Ross (D) Tennessee
*Beall, J. Glenn (R) Maryland
*Douglas, Paul H. (D) Illinois
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*Goldwater, Barry, (D) Arizona
*Johnston, Olin D. (D) South Carolina
*Keating, Kenneth B. (R) New York
*McNamara, Pat. (D) Michigan
*Mechen, Edwin L. (R) New Mexico
*Neuberger, Maurine B. (D) Oregon
*Robertson, A. Willis (D) Virginia
*Russell, Donald S. (D) South Carolina
*Salinger, Pierre (D) California
*Saltonstall, Leverett (R) Mass.

February 23, 1967

Dear Paul: Douglas

Now that the Commission is organized, I want to tell you and the other members how pleased I am that you have begun your vitally important work.

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The functions of the National Commission on Urban Problems, whose establishment I announced on January 12, 1967, will be:

- To conduct a thorough review of zoning, housing and building codes, taxation and development standards, working with the Department of Housing and Urban Development, and
- To recommend ways in which the efforts of the Federal Government, private industry, and local communities can be marshalled to increase the supply of low-cost decent housing.

I understand that you and Secretary Weaver are making arrangements under which the Commission's studies will be financed, and will serve the purpose of fulfilling the Secretary's statutory responsibility to make recommendations relating to codes, zoning, taxation, and development standards, under Section 301 of the Housing and Urban Development Act of 1965 and other statutes. I know that your Commission will make good use of the funds provided by Congress.

The Commission is embarking upon a challenging task -- to identify and solve some of the difficult problems which now beset our cities -- and to help make them better places for our citizens to live and work.

I am looking forward to receiving the Commission's report.

Sincerely,

Honorable Paul H. Douglas
Chairman
National Commission on Urban Problems
Washington, D. C.

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