

August 20, 1964

KENNEDY, R / Con / M \*

PL / McNamara, Robert

PL / Rep. for Johnson

Dear Mr. Moredock:

Thank you for your letter to the President. You may be assured that the interest which prompted you to let him have your comments is appreciated.

Concerning the choice of a Vice Presidential nominee, it is reassuring to know that you are sufficiently motivated to want the President to have your views about this most important decision. In this regard, he has reached the conclusion that it would be inadvisable for him to recommend to the Convention any member of the Cabinet or any of those who meet regularly with the Cabinet. The President, however, will continue to give the most thoughtful consideration to this matter, and it is his hope that the candidate selected by the delegates at the Convention will receive your full support.

President Johnson asked me to convey to you his heartfelt thanks for your warm personal expressions. The knowledge that he has your support means much to him, and he trusts he will continue to merit your confidence and good will.

With the President's best wishes,

Sincerely,

Ivan Sinclair  
Assistant to the President

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Mr. Martine Moredock  
921 Eastern Parkway  
Louisville, Kentucky

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cc  
James Rame  
Ivan Sinclair

August 30, 1964

GENERAL

PL/Humphrey  
PL/McNamara, Rott

Dear Miss McDowell:

Thank you for your letter to the President. Your interest in sharing your thoughts with him regarding the choice of a Vice Presidential nominee is appreciated, and it is reassuring to know that you are sufficiently motivated to want him to have your views concerning this most important decision. In this regard, he has reached the conclusion that it would be inadvisable for him to recommend to the Convention any member of the Cabinet or any of those who meet regularly with the Cabinet. The President, however, will continue to give the most thoughtful consideration to this matter, and it is his hope that the candidate selected by the delegates at the Convention will receive your full support.

With the President's heartfelt gratitude for your warm expressions of support and good will, and with his very best wishes,

Sincerely,

Ivan Sinclair  
Assistant to the President

Miss Dorothy McDowell  
c/o Mrs. Preston Blair  
8 Dogwood Lane  
Westport, Connecticut

GENERAL

*PL/MC/Marty Rott*

August 21, 1964

Dear Miss Marty:

The President has asked me to express his appreciation for your views concerning selection of a Vice Presidential candidate. You may be assured the President decided only after intense introspection and careful consideration not to recommend to the Convention as a candidate for the Vice Presidency any members of the Cabinet or any of those who meet regularly with the Cabinet.

Regardless of the interpretation others may place on it, the decision is not meant as an affront to those affected by it. On the contrary, it was based on the belief by the President, who knows best these men and their capabilities, that they can be most valuable to the Nation by continuing to serve in their present positions of high responsibility.

As you know, Mr. Kennedy is confronted with many problems in the enforcement of the Civil Rights Act. His vast experience in this field is particularly needed now in the Justice Department.

The President will continue to give the most thoughtful consideration to this matter. It is his hope that the candidate selected by the delegates to the Convention will receive your full support.

Sincerely,

Ivan Sinclair  
Assistant to the President

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Miss Peggy Marty  
830 Third Street  
Santa Monica, California

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The White House  
Washington

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THE PRESIDENT

THE WHITE HOUSE

I AM A DEMOCRAT AND FOR YOU 100 PERCENT I THINK MCNAMARA IS YOUR  
ONLY RUNNING MATE THINK PLEASE

PEGGY MARTY 830 3 ST SANTA MONICA CALIF.

PL/ GEN  
~~PL/ KENNEDY~~  
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August 21, 1964

Dear Mr. Haynes:

The President has asked me to express his appreciation for your views concerning selection of a Vice Presidential candidate. You may be assured the President decided only after intense introspection and careful consideration not to recommend to the Convention as a candidate for the Vice Presidency any members of the Cabinet or any of those who meet regularly with the Cabinet.

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Sincerely,

Ivan Sinclair  
Assistant to the President

Mr. Russell J. Haynes  
1210 West Stadium  
Ann Arbor, Michigan

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The White House  
Washington

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THE PRESIDENT

THE WHITE HOUSE

1963 EVENTS CONCLUSIVELY PROVE IMPORTANCE OF VICE PRESIDENTS  
OFFICE. TO PREVENT FURTHER RACIAL DISORDER AND REPUDIATION  
OF DEMOCRATIC PARTY. I URGE YOUR RECOMMENDATION OF ROBERT MCNAMARA  
FOR THAT OFFICE YOUR CHOICE OF SENATOR HUMPHREY WILL RESULT  
IN DOMESTIC CHAOS POLITICS ALONE SHOULD NOT BE THE GUIDE

RUSSELL J HAYNES 1210 WEST STADIUM.

GENERAL

August 21, 1964

*P. H. Stevenson, Adlai*  
*P. L. Mc Namara*

**Dear Mrs. Weare:**

**Thank you for your card to the President. Your interest in sharing your thoughts with him regarding the choice of a Vice Presidential nominee is appreciated, and it is reassuring to know that you are sufficiently motivated to want him to have your views concerning this most important decision.**

**Of course, the President will continue to give the most thoughtful consideration to this matter. It is his hope that the candidate selected by the delegates at the Convention will receive your full support.**

**Sincerely,**

**Ivan Sinclair  
Assistant to the President**

**Mrs. Helene Weare**

**Marblehead, Massachusetts**

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August 21, 1964

GENERAL

*R. H. Stewart*  
*P. J. P. Thomas, R. O. B.*

**Dear Mr. Hyman:**

**Thank you for your letter to the President. Your interest in sharing your thoughts with him regarding the choice of a Vice Presidential nominee is appreciated, and it is reassuring to know that you are sufficiently motivated to want him to have your views concerning this most important decision.**

**Of course, the President will continue to give the most thoughtful consideration to this matter. It is his hope that the candidate selected by the delegates at the Convention will receive your full support.**

**Sincerely,**

**Ivan Sinclair  
Assistant to the President**

**Mr. Jonathan M. Hyman  
35 Tillinghast Place  
Buffalo 16, New York**

GENERAL

August 20, 1964

*PL/McNamara*

Dear Mrs. Siris:

Thank you for your letter to the President. Your interest in sharing your thoughts with him regarding the choice of a Vice Presidential nominee is appreciated, and it is reassuring to know that you are sufficiently motivated to want him to have your views concerning this most important decision. In this regard, he has reached the conclusion that it would be inadvisable for him to recommend to the Convention any member of the Cabinet or any of those who meet regularly with the Cabinet. The President, however, will continue to give the most thoughtful consideration to this matter, and it is his hope that the candidate selected by the delegates at the Convention will receive your full support.

With the President's heartfelt gratitude for your warm expressions of support and good will, and with his very best wishes,

Sincerely,

Ivan Sinclair  
Assistant to the President

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Mrs. Burt Siris  
103 Greenhaven Road  
Rye, New York

*(Elaine K. Siris)*

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President Johnson,  
White House  
Washington, D.C.

Dear Mr. President,

As an American I am  
embarrassed by the nomination  
of Mr. Fallwater. I had, of course,  
planned to work for your reelection  
but now all of us must redouble  
our efforts.

You must get all kinds of  
fratitious advice — may I add

nine? It seems to me that the  
vice-presidential candidate who  
would "pull" the most votes  
from the Republicans would be  
Secretary MacNamara. While I  
personally would prefer Senator  
Thurmond I feel that he will  
only convince me convinced.  
We can't afford to lose one  
vote.

Wishing you the greatest

landslide in history, I am

Yours Sincerely

Clare K. Suis

(Mrs. Burt Suis)



August 19, 1964

GENERAL

PL/McNamara Robt  
Robert McNamara  
PL/Rep. J. Johnson

Dear Mr. Hexter:

Thank you for your letter to the President.  
You may be assured that the interest which  
prompted you to let him have your comments  
is appreciated.

With the President's best wishes,

Sincerely,

Ivan Sinclair  
Assistant to the President

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Mr. Alfred Hexter  
58 Arlington Avenue  
Berkeley 7, California

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Mr. ~~Johnson~~. Alfred Hexter  
58 Arlington Avenue  
Berkeley 7, California

Dear Mr. Johnson

As a Republican who was disgusted by the proceedings in San Francisco, I hope the Democratic ticket is the strongest possible.

I am distressed that you have "ruled out" members of your cabinet as possible nominees for Vice-president.

Mr. McNamara is the strongest possible candidate for Vice-president. While not a politician, he has demonstrated ability to deal with the problems of the Presidency, and has the confidence of business. Many Republicans like myself would be greatly reassured if his name were on the ticket.

Please don't push away these votes by nominating a person who is "too liberal."

yours sincerely  
A. Hexter  
Alfred C. Hexter

GENERAL

*PH/McNamara, Robert*

August 18, 1964

Dear Mr. Bennett:

Thank you for your message to the President. Your interest in sharing your thoughts with him regarding the choice of a Vice Presidential nominee is appreciated, and it is reassuring to know that you are sufficiently motivated to want him to have your views concerning this most important decision. In this regard, he has reached the conclusion that it would be inadvisable for him to recommend to the Convention any member of the Cabinet or any of those who meet regularly with the Cabinet. The President, however, will continue to give the most thoughtful consideration to this matter, and it is his hope that the candidate selected by the delegates at the Convention will receive your full support.

Sincerely,

Ivan Sinclair  
Assistant to the President

Mr. John O. <sup>X</sup>Bennett  
1978 Radcliff Avenue, SE.  
Grand Rapids, Michigan

PL-2 (change "letter" to "message")  
Sir, naturally you have 2 votes  
from <sup>date 8/17</sup> this household.

Further I feel strongly that  
McNamara would be an ideal  
V.P.

So strongly do I feel this way that  
I pledge \$100 to your campaign if  
McNamara is the V.P. candidate. If  
this happens - tell me where to send  
the \$100.

J. O. Bennett  
1978 Radcliff Ave. SE  
Grand Rapids, MI 49506

Sincerely,  
John O. Bennett



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CYSTIC FIBROSIS



THIS SIDE OF CARD IS FOR ADDRESS

Hon. Lyndon B. Johnson  
The White House  
Wash. D.C.

August 18, 1964

GENERAL

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McNamara, Robert

Dear Mrs. Goff:

Thank you for your letter to the President. Your interest in sharing your thoughts with him regarding the choice of a Vice Presidential nominee is appreciated, and it is reassuring to know that you are sufficiently motivated to want him to have your views concerning this most important decision. In this regard, he has reached the conclusion that it would be inadvisable for him to recommend to the Convention any member of the Cabinet or any of those who meet regularly with the Cabinet. The President, however, will continue to give the most thoughtful consideration to this matter, and it is his hope that the candidate selected by the delegates at the Convention will receive your full support.

With the President's best wishes,

Sincerely,

Ivan Sinclair  
Assistant to the President

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Mrs. James F. Goff  
2800 Connecticut Avenue, NW.  
Washington, D. C.

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2800 Connecticut Avenue N.W.  
Washington, D. C. 20008  
July 23, 1963

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Lyndon B. Johnson  
President  
The White House

Dear President Johnson:

The more I read about the war in Vietnam, the more convinced I become that we are not on the winning side, because we are not on the side supported by the majority of the people. I have long been wanting to write to let you know my views.

Today I note (see enclosed clip) that McNamara "hopes" we can circumvent the Geneva Conference and supply the South Vietnamese with air jets. Just who does he think he is? I certainly hope the reporter was wrong in this statement, but as our position in Vietnam goes against the Geneva Conference in the first place, I'm sure we will stretch the law a little further.

Generally I am very peaceful in my actions, but I'm getting increasingly hurt and embarrassed over our country's position in this matter.

Occasionally I've heard McNamara's name mentioned as a vice-presidential candidate on your ticket. I believe we should elevate the men of peace, not the warlords. Therefore, Mr. Stevenson seems to me a more humane and sensible running-mate.

Sincerely,

*Mrs. James F. Goff*  
Mrs. James F. Goff

# Combat Units Dropped in North Viet-Nam

States Air Force pilots are using Communist-led Viet Cong rebels as "live targets" in the course of training Vietnamese pilots to use Skyraider divebombers.

It was broadly hinted during the conference that the United States is planning to provide the Vietnamese air force with jet fighters.

[Administration sources in Washington said they have no information to confirm Gen. Ky's claim that combat teams had been dropped into North Viet-Nam. There have been recurring reports, however, of ground infiltration into North Viet-Nam on a small scale.]

[Also, American officials denied that the United States has plans to provide the South Vietnamese with jet combat aircraft. State Department press officer Robert J. McCloskey reiterated the American military position that South Viet-Nam in any case



The Washington Post

Cross locates the site of a heretofore secret air base.

does not have enough trained pilots to handle them.

[Other sources said any implication that Gen. Ky's comments represent an American decision to carry the war to North Viet-Nam at this stage is unwarranted.]

The statements by the young French- and U.S.-trained general obviously discomfited senior U.S. Air Force advisers present at the press conference. The U.S. advisers present were headed by Maj. Gen. J. H. Moore, commanding the Second Air Division, which also includes units in Thailand.

At one point in the press conference, Gen. Moore suggested that possibly the newsmen's questions and Gen. Ky's answers were being misunder-

stood owing to the Vietnamese general's imperfect command of English. However, during the resulting discussion between Moore and newsmen, Ky exchanged broad grins with his staff and several young flight-suited pilots at the rear of the briefing room.

Ky said that although his air force is equipped with only a few Skyraiders recently imported from the United States, he believed he could launch a series of raids in North Viet-Nam.

He said he believed his planes would encounter ground fire and detection by North Viet-Nam radar, but that fighter interception could be expected only from Red Chinese fighters based at Ai Nan Island about 150 miles east of North Viet-Nam.

Ky agreed that the Red Chinese were not likely to remain aloof if North Viet-Nam was in danger of being bombed into submission.

He added that a decision to attack North Viet-Nam would be a political one, not military, and he doubted if the government in Saigon was prepared to take such a step now.

In announcing the commando air drops, Ky said he personally "dropped teams into North Viet-Nam" as long as three years ago. Although he did not specify the exact nature of their operations, the implication was that they for purposes of sabotage.

Ky said one combat team that had been dropped in North Viet-Nam was interfer-

ed with briefly by a jet fighter which he assumed was Communist Chinese since most of the North Vietnamese air force is devoted to transport duties.

Ky did not offer further details on the activities of the combat teams sent North aside from a comment that they were being infiltrated by land and sea, as well as air.

It is known that at least several attempts have been made over the past year to infiltrate guerrilla teams into North Viet-Nam. Usually nothing further has been heard from these teams. Most Americans feel that the teams were captured quickly or wiped out by the North Vietnamese.

Ky said that about 1500 Vietnamese air force men currently are being trained in the United States and that an arrangement is being sought with Thailand for jet training there for Vietnamese pilots.

He added that he asked Secretary of Defense Robert McNamara during his last visit to supply South Viet-Nam with the latest jets. These he identified as the F-5 twin-jet fighter manufactured by Northrop for sale to NATO countries and other friendly powers but not used by U.S. forces.

Ky said McNamara held out hope that South Viet-Nam might get the jets although agreements at Geneva forbid supplying North or South Viet-Nam with jet aircraft.

When Gen. Moore was

asked whether the United States intended to supply jets to South Viet-Nam, he said it "would be a logical assumption," since Americans are training Vietnamese jet pilots.

At present the Vietnamese air force has few pilots qualified in jets. One possibility often mentioned is that Thailand and the Philippines would provide jet training in addition to regular pilot training now in progress.

Gen. Moore also disclosed plans for doubling Vietnamese air force capability and improving several air fields for larger or faster planes.

In the discussion of training, Gen. Moore and air-base adviser Col. William C. Bethea noted that during training Vietnamese pilots fly in two-seat, side-by-side trainer versions of the Skyraider when on combat missions attacking enemy positions.

The officers nodded in agreement when newsmen noted that this meant both Americans and Vietnamese are firing at "live targets." American policy toward Viet-Nam constantly stresses the advisory and non-combat role of the 16,000 some American troops stationed here.

Two-year-old Bien Hoa air base, where the press conference took place, long has been declared off limits to the press, although it is known commonly that fighter bomber training is in progress there.

**GENERAL**

August 18, 1964

*PL/McNamara, Robt  
McNamara, Robt.*

Dear Mr. and Mrs. Keller:

Thank you for your telegram to the President. Your interest in sharing your thoughts with him regarding the choice of a Vice Presidential nominee is appreciated, and it is reassuring to know that you are sufficiently motivated to want him to have your views concerning this most important decision. In this regard, he has reached the conclusion that it would be inadvisable for him to recommend to the Convention any member of the Cabinet or any of those who meet regularly with the Cabinet. The President, however, will continue to give the most thoughtful consideration to this matter, and it is his hope that the candidate selected by the delegates at the Convention will receive your full support.

With the President's best wishes,

Sincerely,

Ivan Sinclair  
Assistant to the President

Mr. and Mrs. Herman <sup>X</sup>Keller  
240-35 43rd Avenue  
Douglaston, L.I., New York

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The White House  
Washington

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THE PRESIDENT

THE WHITE HOUSE

WE TWO LOYAL AMERICAN PATRIOTS OF ACADEMIC BACKGROUND SUPPORTED THE LATE PRESIDENT KENNEDY'S CANDIDACY IN 1960 AS WE WERE CONVINCED THAT HIS SUPREME PERSONIFICATION OF DEMOCRATIC PRINCIPLES AND HUMANITARIAN IDEALS WERE EXTREMELY IMPERATIVE TO PROVIDE THE NECESSARY LEADERSHIP IN DOMESTIC AND FOREIGN AFFAIRS. WE ARE DEEPLY CONCERNED WITH THE 1964 CAMPAIGN AS WE BELIEVE THAT

TODAY MORE THAN EVER BEFORE ONLY A TEAM OF MEN OF DIGNITY, MATURE JUDGEMENT, EXPERIENCE AND INTEGRITY CAN QUALIFY TO CARRY ON THE COURSE WHICH YOUR MOST EMINENT STEWARDSHIP HAS CHARTED DURING THE PAST SEVEN MONTHS. WE THEREFORE MOST EARNESTLY AND URGENTLY APPEAL TO YOU TO GIVE SERIOUS CONSIDERATION TO SECRETARY MCNAMARA, THE MOST IMAGINATIVE AMERICAN YOU EVER MET, AS THE DESIRABLE AND LEAST CONTROVERSIAL RUNNING MATE. WE SHARE THE INDIGNATION AND SHOCK EXPRESSED IN EDITORIALS OF PROMINENT DOMESTIC AND FOREIGN NEWSPAPERS OVER SENATOR GOLDWATER'S PHILOSOPHIES, COGNIZANT OF THE FACT THAT VOTER'S

REACTION TO THE RACE TENSION AND CURRENT FOREIGN POLICY MAY  
INADVERTENTLY INFLUENCE THEIR JUDGMENT.

WE HOPE HOWEVER THAT THE AMERICAN PEOPLE WHO DEMONSTRATED  
THEIR SUPREME CONFIDENCE IN THE DEMOCRATIC LEADERSHIP DURING  
THE PAST WILL ONCE MORE BE GUIDED BY THE WISDOM AND JUDGMENT  
OF A STRONG TEAM OF MEN TO DEAL SAGACIOUSLY WITH THE PROBLEMS  
CONFRONTING US IN TODAY'S UNSTABLE WORLD, SO THAT OUR EFFORTS  
WHICH MAY CONSUME AN ENTIRE LIFETIME WILL NOT BE IN VAIN

WINIFRED AND HERMAN KELLER 240-35 43 AVE DOUGLSTON LI NY.

GENERAL

PL/mc *James, Roll*

August 18, 1964

Dear Mrs. Bohn:

Thank you for your letter to the President. Your interest in sharing your thoughts with him regarding the choice of a Vice Presidential nominee is appreciated, and it is reassuring to know that you are sufficiently motivated to want him to have your views concerning this most important decision. In this regard, he has reached the conclusion that it would be inadvisable for him to recommend to the Convention any member of the Cabinet or any of those who meet regularly with the Cabinet. The President, however, will continue to give the most thoughtful consideration to this matter, and it is his hope that the candidate selected by the delegates at the Convention will receive your full support.

Sincerely,

Ivan Sinclair  
Assistant to the President

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Mrs. Mildred Bohn  
4911 Wigton  
Houston, Texas

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Miss M. Bohm  
4411 Winton  
Houston Tex  
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July 28, 1964

Dear Mr. President:

I hope you will choose  
Mr. Mc Namara as a  
vice-presidential running-  
mate. I think he will  
bring the northern sectors  
of voters to your support.

Sincerely

Miss M. Bohm

GENERAL

August 18, 1964

*PL/McNamara Robt  
PL/Shriver Jargent  
Robert x Mc Namara  
PL/Rep. for Johnson*

Dear Mrs. Blair:

Thank you for your letter to the President. Your interest in sharing your thoughts with him regarding the choice of a Vice Presidential nominee is appreciated, and it is reassuring to know that you are sufficiently motivated to want him to have your views concerning this most important decision. In this regard, he has reached the conclusion that it would be inadvisable for him to recommend to the Convention any member of the Cabinet or any of those who meet regularly with the Cabinet. The President, however, will continue to give the most thoughtful consideration to this matter, and it is his hope that the candidate selected by the delegates at the Convention will receive your full support.

Sincerely,

Ivan Sinclair  
Assistant to the President

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Mrs. Preston Blair  
Eight Dogwood Lane  
Westport, Connecticut

*(Hope x Blair)*

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11 a.m.  
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MRS. PRESTON BLAIR  
8 DOGWOOD LANE  
WESTPORT, CONNECTICUT

PL 2-0 (CR)

President Lyndon Johnson  
Wash. D.C.

Dear Sir:

I hope you will  
select a Vice President who  
is big enough for the  
job. My own choice would  
be Mr. McNamara even  
though he does not have  
a politician's personality.

Don't choose Sargent Shriver

or Franklin Roosevelt or  
anybody that is just a  
name. Choose a man  
that has real ability.

I'm a life long Repub-  
lican but I may vote  
Democrat this time.

It will depend on the  
Vice-Presidential choice  
to some extent, & on what  
Sen. Goldwater does be-  
tween now & November.

Sincerely yours,  
Hope Blair  
(Mrs. Preston Blair)

GENERAL

*PL McManis, Rott*

August 17, 1964

Dear Mrs. Feder:

Thank you for your letter to the President. Your interest in sharing your thoughts with him regarding the choice of a Vice Presidential nominee is appreciated, and it is reassuring to know that you are sufficiently motivated to want him to have your views concerning this most important decision. In this regard, he has reached the conclusion that it would be inadvisable for him to recommend to the Convention any member of the Cabinet or any of those who meet regularly with the Cabinet. The President, however, will continue to give the most thoughtful consideration to this matter, and it is his hope that the candidate selected by the delegates at the Convention will receive your full support.

With the President's best wishes,

Sincerely,

Ivan Sinclair  
Assistant to the President

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Mrs. Fritzie Feder  
215 East 68th Street  
New York, New York

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From Mrs. A. Feder - 215 East 68 St. N.Y. City

PL-2 (b)  
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Dear President Johnson,

My family is really frightened. Until now we did not think that evil man Goldwater was a threat to our way of life. He has unleashed the forces of hatred and bigotry throughout the land and we must disown him in November. Has this poison spread too far?

Please Mr. President name the best man you can find to run as your Vice President. While we love Robt. Kennedy I'm afraid his name means Civil Rights to the ignorant masses. Mr. McNamara would be a big help we all feel. Good luck and God bless you.  
(Mrs) Fritze Feder

GENERAL

August 17, 1964

PL/Kennedy, Root/Pro/P  
PL/McNamara, Robt

**Dear Mr. Previdi:**

**Thank you for your letter to the President. Your interest in sharing your thoughts with him regarding the choice of a Vice Presidential nominee is appreciated, and it is reassuring to know that you are sufficiently motivated to want him to have your views concerning this most important decision. In this regard, he has reached the conclusion that it would be inadvisable for him to recommend to the Convention any member of the Cabinet or any of those who meet regularly with the Cabinet. The President, however, will continue to give the most thoughtful consideration to this matter, and it is his hope that the candidate selected by the delegates at the Convention will receive your full support.**

**With the President's best wishes,**

**Sincerely,**

**Ivan Sinclair  
Assistant to the President**

**Mr. Robert Previdi  
104-60 Queens Boulevard  
Forest Hills, New York**

GENERAL

PL / McNamara, Robert

August 17, 1964

McNamara, Robert

Dear Mrs. Gregorich:

Thank you for your letter to the President. Your interest in sharing your thoughts with him regarding the choice of a Vice Presidential nominee is appreciated, and it is reassuring to know that you are sufficiently motivated to want him to have your views concerning this most important decision. In this regard, he has reached the conclusion that it would be inadvisable for him to recommend to the Convention any member of the Cabinet or any of those who meet regularly with the Cabinet. The President, however, will continue to give the most thoughtful consideration to this matter, and it is his hope that the candidate selected by the delegates at the Convention will receive your full support.

Sincerely,

Ivan Sinclair  
Assistant to the President

Mrs. Leo Gregorich  
128877 Newport Way  
Bellevue, Washington

(Dorothy Gregorich)

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July 18, 1964

President Johnson

Dear Sir:

Please, not Secretary McNamara, for "vice president. I could not vote for you if he were to be on the same ticket. I did not like his double talk about "Veitnam", others in this area blame him for the lay offs at Boeing. We have seen posters saying "NOT MCNAMARA ". & " Phase Out McNamara".

Mr. President I am vitally interested in public affairs and do a great deal of reading and thinking. I try to read all sides of the issue. I have seen the "right wing " at work in our community. They are determined to win in November . They are willing to fight while many liberals and moderates are in a state of apathy. We cannot be too sure of a victory in November so please forget about Mr. McNamara and think of someone who would get more support. Remember if the people in this area feel this way others in other areas where there were abrupt lay offs must feel the same way.

Very truly yours,

*Dorothy Gregorich*  
Mrs. Leo Gregorich

GENERAL

August 17, 1964

*PL Humphrey*  
*PL McNamara, Robt*

**Dear Miss Tasbert:**

**Thank you for your letter to the President. Your interest in sharing your thoughts with him regarding the choice of a Vice Presidential nominee is appreciated, and it is reassuring to know that you are sufficiently motivated to want him to have your views concerning this most important decision. In this regard, he has reached the conclusion that it would be inadvisable for him to recommend to the Convention any member of the Cabinet or any of those who meet regularly with the Cabinet. The President, however, will continue to give the most thoughtful consideration to this matter, and it is his hope that the candidate selected by the delegates at the Convention will receive your full support.**

**With the President's best wishes,**

**Sincerely,**

**Ivan Sinclair  
Assistant to the President**

**Miss Mary S. Tasbert  
The Gilman Apartment B 4  
3039 North Calvert Street  
Baltimore 18, Maryland**

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GENERAL

August 17, 1964

PH/McNamara, Robert  
McNamara, Robert

Dear Mr. Rosenshine:

Thank you for your letter to the President. Your interest in sharing your thoughts with him regarding the choice of a Vice Presidential nominee is appreciated, and it is reassuring to know that you are sufficiently motivated to want him to have your views concerning this most important decision. In this regard, he has reached the conclusion that it would be inadvisable for him to recommend to the Convention any member of the Cabinet or any of those who meet regularly with the Cabinet. The President, however, will continue to give the most thoughtful consideration to this matter, and it is his hope that the candidate selected by the delegates at the Convention will receive your full support.

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Ivan Sinclair  
Assistant to the President

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July 17, 1964

The President  
The White House

Mr. President:

I respectfully submit that the Democratic Party ought to give serious consideration to nominating Mr. Robert McNamara as its candidate for Vice President of the United States. I address this suggestion to you, Mr. President, since your position as leader of both the nation and the party provides you with an exceptional power to influence party officials on all levels.

I do not mean to imply that Mr. McNamara has not yet become part of your election-year considerations. On the contrary, I am certain he has. But as a person who will work at the "grass roots" for your election this year, I wish to briefly outline a few arguments which I have considered in reaching the conclusion that Mr. McNamara would provide the most effective addition to your own candidacy.

I have based all the following considerations on the fact that the Republican nominees must, to gain any measure of national election success, make deep inroads into the moderate, non-committed electorate, who comprise a substantial number of voters.

1. The voters do not associate Mr. McNamara (unlike Senator Humphrey or Attorney General Kennedy) with the civil rights struggle now dominating the American scene. His nomination would diminish the risk of losing whatever "backlash" vote exists. And considering Senator Goldwater's attitudes and voting record in Congress, as well as his party's rejection of a strong civil rights platform plank, the Democratic ticket need not over-emphasize its commitment to the guarantee of full civil rights for all citizens. The voter in favor of strong civil rights enforcement will support your ticket almost regardless of the vice presidential nominee.
2. Mr. McNamara, as a man of Republican Party affiliations, and as an industrialist, would substantially broaden the base of the Democratic ticket's appeal to moderate Republicans, who do not want to vote for Senator Goldwater. An appreciable number of Republican voters, who might otherwise not vote at all, could find reason to cast their ballots for you and Mr. McNamara. This could not occur effectively with either Senator Humphrey or Mr. Kennedy on the ticket. Again, the basic Demo-

cratic Party voter would not be alienated by the nomination of Mr. McNamara, particularly not in consideration of the alternative Republican ticket.

3. Since much of Senator Goldwater's campaign attack will certainly focus on the Vietnam policy, Mr. McNamara's personal commitment to this policy, both through his extensive tours of the battleground, and his publicized presence as a policy planner, could serve to effectively answer Republican charges relating to this situation.

In short, Mr. President, I summarize Senator Humphrey's basic appeal as his liberal philosophy and record in the civil rights issue, while Mr. Kennedy's appeal rests also in the civil rights struggle, in addition to the sympathetic association with the late President. A Democratic ticket with Mr. McNamara as your running mate will earn these votes anyway, in addition to the votes I have tried to outline in the three points above.

Of course, all these speculations depend upon convincing Mr. McNamara to dissociate himself from his Republican Party affiliations. In the light of the current Republican attitudes toward our foreign and defense policies, Mr. McNamara might well agree that the nation's welfare takes precedence over party loyalties.

In any event, Mr. President, I shall devote my energies to your election, and I wish you the best of health for many years to come. The United States of America, and indeed the entire world, cannot afford any other man as our nation's leader.

Respectfully yours,



Allen G. Rosenshine

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*PL/Rep for Johnson*

August 17, 1964

*PL/McNamara, Robert*

*McNamara, Robert*

Dear Mrs. Palmer:

Thank you for your letter to the President. Your interest in sharing your thoughts with him regarding the choice of a Vice Presidential nominee is appreciated, and it is reassuring to know that you are sufficiently motivated to want him to have your views concerning this most important decision. In this regard, he has reached the conclusion that it would be inadvisable for him to recommend to the Convention any member of the Cabinet or any of those who meet regularly with the Cabinet. The President, however, will continue to give the most thoughtful consideration to this matter, and it is his hope that the candidate selected by the delegates at the Convention will receive your full support.

With the President's best wishes,

Sincerely,

Ivan Sinclair  
Assistant to the President

Mrs. David <sup>X</sup> Palmer  
135 Willow Street  
Brooklyn Heights, New York

Republican Support

*cc. James Rowe, Ivan Sinclair (Sent)*

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August 17, 1964

Dear Mr. Drew:

Thank you for your telegram to the President. Your interest in sharing your thoughts with him regarding the choice of a Vice Presidential nominee is appreciated, and it is reassuring to know that you are sufficiently motivated to want him to have your views concerning this most important decision. In this regard, he has reached the conclusion that it would be inadvisable for him to recommend to the Convention any member of the Cabinet or any of those who meet regularly with the Cabinet. The President, however, will continue to give the most thoughtful consideration to this matter, and it is his hope that the candidate selected by the delegates at the Convention will receive your full support.

With the President's best wishes,

Sincerely,

Ivan Sinclair  
Assistant to the President

Mr. Stanford Drew  
Latham Hotel  
4 East 28th Street  
New York, New York

**GENERAL**

PL / Mc Namara, Robert

August 17, 1964

Dear Mrs. Ketel:

Thank you for your letter to the President. Your interest in sharing your thoughts with him regarding the choice of a Vice Presidential nominee is appreciated, and it is reassuring to know that you are sufficiently motivated to want him to have your views concerning this most important decision. In this regard, he has reached the conclusion that it would be inadvisable for him to recommend to the Convention any member of the Cabinet or any of those who meet regularly with the Cabinet. The President, however, will continue to give the most thoughtful consideration to this matter, and it is his hope that the candidate selected by the delegates at the Convention will receive your full support.

With the President's heartfelt gratitude for your warm expressions of support and good will, and with his very best wishes,

Sincerely,

Ivan Sinclair  
Assistant to the President

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Mrs. Kathleen Ketel  
675 Park Avenue  
Holland, Michigan

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Freeport, Mich  
675 Park Ave.,  
July 21, 1964

PL 26

Dear Mr. President Johnson:

I am writing in regards to the people's opinion that work for me.

I am a small business woman working thirty-eight people in a Restaurant known as the Wooden Shoe Restaurant. All of these people are Republicans - I am a lone Democrat. When President Kennedy was out campaigning, I wrote a letter & asked him to try & make a stop in this section of the State of Michigan. He did in Grand Rapids and

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he received a large vote  
from this state.

What I want to ask  
you if possible is. —  
Please, Please don't let  
the party put Robert Kennedy  
on the ticket. If he isn't  
on the ticket I do believe  
with all my heart you  
will be elected by a  
land slide. All the  
people working for me will  
vote for you. I am only  
trying to help you. We will  
all work hard for you.  
How about Robert D. McNamara  
he is a fine choice  
by a lot of Republicans  
I've talked with

Thanki for a few minutes  
of your time.  
Mrs Kathleen Kitch

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PL / Mr. Namora, Robert.

August 17, 1964

Dear Mr. Giattin:

Thank you for your letter to the President. Your interest in sharing your thoughts with him regarding the choice of a Vice Presidential nominee is appreciated, and it is reassuring to know that you are sufficiently motivated to want him to have your views concerning this most important decision. In this regard, he has reached the conclusion that it would be inadvisable for him to recommend to the Convention any member of the Cabinet or any of those who meet regularly with the Cabinet. The President, however, will continue to give the most thoughtful consideration to this matter, and it is his hope that the candidate selected by the delegates at the Convention will receive your full support.

With the President's best wishes,

Sincerely,

Ivan Sinclair  
Assistant to the President

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Birmingham 13, Alabama

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1316 Ingram Avenue,  
Birmingham 13, Alabama.  
July 27, 1964.

President Lyndon B. Johnson.  
White House  
Washington D.C.

Dear President Johnson,

Enclosed is an article appearing in the July 24, 1964 edition of the Birmingham News. In this article Don Bacon says that your choice for vice-presidential running mate has been narrowed down to Mr. Humphrey or to Mr. McNamara. If this is true you are to be commended, as both are extremely able men and could serve the country well in the capacity of vice-president. I would like to recommend Mr. McNamara, however, as the best choice for the country and for the Democratic Party.

Mr. McNamara would bring to the Vice-Presidency a conservative image. There is a strong conservative movement throughout the country. Having a man of Mr. McNamara's talents as V.P. it would be possible to remake the role of V.P. to enable

# Keep derby: Down to Humphrey, McNamara?

BY DON BACON

News Washington Bureau

WASHINGTON, July 24 — Knowledgeable Democrats here believe President Johnson has narrowed his list of prospective vice presidential running mates to two or perhaps three, and that a final selection is imminent.

They think the race now is between Sen. Hubert H. Humphrey of Minnesota and Defense Secretary Robert S. McNamara, with Sen. Eugene J. McCarthy of Minnesota still under consideration. A few still hold a flicker of hope for Attorney General Robert F. Kennedy.

The belief is that the Presi-

dent will make his final selection within the next week or 10 days, and will indirectly let his decision become known.

PRESIDENT JOHNSON has had the vice presidency on his mind for some time and has been seeking the advice of leading political, business and labor leaders who visit his office daily. Lately he has been on the telephone asking others around the country for their opinion.

On his desk the President has a list of the six leading candidates (McNamara, Humphrey, Kennedy, McCarthy, United Nations ambassador Adlai E. Stevenson and Peace

Corps director R. Sargent Shriver) which he shows to those whose advice he seeks. He asks two questions: Which of these men would make the best president? How would he conduct the cold war?

President Johnson leaves the impression that he is far more concerned with the presidential caliber of the candidates than with balancing the political ticket.

This would be borne out by the fact that the two apparent frontrunners, Humphrey and McNamara, are as different politically as night and day. Humphrey is a leading spokesman for liberal causes and ideas, while McNamara leans to con-

servatism and may once have been a Republican.

INTERESTED DEMOCRATS are convinced the President will reach a decision well before the Democratic National Convention opens at Atlantic City on Aug. 24. He is not likely to make a public announcement, however, as he has in fact declined so far to announce his own candidacy, although he has indirectly confirmed it.

"Everybody knows he has this decision on the front burner because he's been asking everybody about it," said a prominent Democrat.

The reason for making a decision several weeks in advance, Democrats say, would be to put an end to the underground campaigning that has been going on among several candidates since the first of the year. Some of this political promotion has occurred without the direct or indirect consent of the so-called candidate.

The President wants to settle the matter now, so that bruised feelings can mend before the convention. He wants to head off any open convention warfare that might divide the party.



SEC. McNAMARA

him to make a much larger contribution to government than has been possible by any V.P. previously. I am a free-lance writer and recently have done considerable research on the possibility of the V.P. assuming responsibility as "efficiency expert" and "budgeteer". Among other things this would allow the V.P. to be placed in charge of our present Budget Bureau. Not only would this enable the V.P. to make a much larger contribution to government, but would give him an intimate knowledge of the day-to-day workings of the Presidency in the event he ever assumed the President's responsibilities.

Mr. McNamara is most assuredly the man to start a new concept for V.P. I do hope that this thought will be of some assistance to you in what must be a difficult decision for you.

God guide you.

Respectfully,  
Thomas G. Galtman

**GENERAL**

*PL/McNamara, Lott*

**August 17, 1964**

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With the President's best wishes,

Sincerely,

Ivan Sinclair  
Assistant to the President

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Mr. Harold F. Johnson  
Great Plains Road  
Southampton, New York

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The White House  
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HOPE YOU WILL CHOOSE MR MCNAMARA AS NOMINEE FOR VICE PRESIDENT

HAROLD F JOHNSON GREAT PLAINS ROAD SOUTHAMPTON NY.

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*PL/McNamara, Root*

Dear Mr. Franklin:

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With the President's best wishes,

Sincerely,

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Dear Mr. Reedy:

Pardon the informality of writing! I have been watching the other side distort and create disunity since their meeting in San Francisco! You probably will never see this note! I am only one of millions of Americans and I don't expect to be heard from, but I am taking the chance! Please prevail upon the President to ask Steve McNamara to be the Democratic nominee for Vice-President! He is the strongest weapon the Democratic party could use against Mr. Goldwater! Also, he has done an admirable job in his post! In these times, we must forget party association, but must think first of this nation, its unity, its future, and most of all, the future of our children! McNamara against Goldwater would be terrific, almost as good as Lyndon against Barry! @

I am 37 years of age, married, three children, and am Southern Region Sales Manager for the Old Virginia Packing Co. Please keep my name and company association out of any public disclosure as I can't play politics, much as I would like to!

I know you will be wise enough to see the reasons for Stephen McNamara on the ticket - 1. He's done a good job. 2. Goldwater has tried to build his image on failures in the Defense Department and has failed - 3. He comes from a large northern state. 4. He's strong & solid and will make Bill Miller look sick. 5. All the nation would go for him and our President! They would make an unbeatable team! If this note does get to you, again I apologize for its informality!

Very Truly Yours,

Olyde L. Franklin

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August 17, 1964

*PH/mc Namaka*

Dear Dr. Kennedy:

Thank you for your letter to the President. Your interest in sharing your thoughts with him regarding the choice of a Vice Presidential nominee is appreciated, and it is reassuring to know that you are sufficiently motivated to want him to have your views concerning this most important decision. In this regard, he has reached the conclusion that it would be inadvisable for him to recommend to the Convention any member of the Cabinet or any of those who meet regularly with the Cabinet. The President, however, will continue to give the most thoughtful consideration to this matter, and it is his hope that the candidate selected by the delegates at the Convention will receive your full support.

With the President's best wishes,

Sincerely,

Ivan Sinclair  
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The Reverend John W. Kennedy  
Washington Presbyterian Church  
24 West Fourth Street  
Maysville, Kentucky

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The KENNEDYS

24 WEST 4TH STREET, MAYSVILLE, KY.

July 22, 1964

Dear Mr. President:

Please refrain from a staff reply from this, for it is merely a citizen's one way registration of thought. It is enough that a member of your staff take its suggestions into consideration.

1. The press and other communications are more than private newsmen: they are our eyes and ears, and the Convention delegates should be glad to use them straightforwardly.
2. Secretary McNamara (still a Republican) is my choice for Vice President. At this time a bi-partisan flavor is not only political but patriotic. My distant kinsman, the Attorney General, will be fine for consideration as Presidential candidacy (if not Sen. Edw. W. K.) in 1968. I urge you on this.
3. I think we Kennedyites are beginning to love and respect you fully. In your compassion you can understand the path of our feelings since last November. For one, you will have my prayers.

Respectfully yours,

John W. Kennedy, D.D.  
Washington (Ky) Presbyterian Church

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PL / McNamara, Robert

August 14, 1964

Dear Mr. Gordon:

Thank you for your letter to the President. Your interest in sharing your thoughts with him regarding the choice of a Vice Presidential nominee is appreciated, and it is reassuring to know that you are sufficiently motivated to want him to have your views concerning this most important decision. In this regard, he has reached the conclusion that it would be inadvisable for him to recommend to the Convention any member of the Cabinet or any of those who meet regularly with the Cabinet. The President, however, will continue to give the most thoughtful consideration to this matter, and it is his hope that the candidate selected by the delegates at the Convention will receive your full support.

With the President's best wishes,

Sincerely,

Ivan Sinclair  
Assistant to the President

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Mr. Barry Gordon  
x Reid Hospital Supply  
612 South 5th Street  
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Dear Mr. President Johnson

I realize that your mail is opened and read by your aides but I do hope you get to see this letter.

My thoughts run in so many directions at this time that I do hope I can write them down in proper perspective.

First I would like to say, although I am sure that a man with the down to earth feeling you have for America and its citizens you have already acknowledged this, beware your victory in November will not be an easy one. I am originally from New York City but now live in Louisville Ky. I am amazed ~~set~~ shocked and disgusted when I ride down one of the main streets and see a billboard asking that Earl Warren be impeached. There are far too many closed minds in America than people like to realize

Second I would like to suggest that at the Democratic convention you have a large screen behind and above the rostrum, and while the various speakers ~~must~~ make their speeches instead of just quoting some

of the more idiotic things said by the Republicans you show  
the very man saying what you are about to repudiate on  
this screen. For instance I'm sure you can get a film clip  
of some Republican most likely Barry Goldwater saying something  
about government interference with private business. When  
the entire reference is finished the speaker on the platform can  
then turn to the delegates and say I suppose he meant Dr —  
— (I can not think of her name) for interference with a private  
pharmaceutical company when she was instrumental in  
getting the government to take drugs that could deform unborn  
babys <sup>off the market</sup>. There can be many other instances such as this I'm  
sure the effect will be great. By the way even if  
my suggestion of having a screen behind the rostrum is not  
carried out do not overlook the mention and perhaps  
a presentation of some kind to this woman doctor.

Third for the chairman

Make it a point, to greet the news media especially  
the ~~5~~ T.V. men and call them by name Chet, David  
Walter and so on wave and cheer each one. Also in your  
speech mention the clear and accurate reporting of the N.Y. Times  
for the earthquake in San Francisco 1905 the Johnstown flood 1937  
— — — and the recent disaster that again struck

in the transcript. I might have some more details for <sup>papers</sup> you in November.

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As shocking as the actual nomination of Barry Goldwater was at least the country was somewhat prepared for it. But the most shocking thing that happened at the convention was the nomination of William Miller the reasoning of Goldwater was obvious but what I can't get out of my mind is that no matter how remote the possibility is William Miller might have to sit across the conference table with the leaders of the world, words can not express my thoughts of such a thing happening.

The Vice-Presidential nominee is going to be a very important matter to the American people I would like to suggest as the best possible candidate and one that will so much as outshine the cheapness the Republicans have to offer, Robert Mac Narmara

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The most important and the reason I wrote this letter is that I would like to suggest you offer former President Eisenhower a chance to speak at the convention. If the approach is right say through his brother or son he might accept.

There should be no conditions he should be allowed as  
a beloved citizen and a former President be allowed to say  
whatever he wants and should be introduced by you.

I'm sure after he has time to think he will say the right  
things to the people of America at a crucial time in our history.

Thank you  
Respectfully

Barry Gordon

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PL/McNamara, Robert

August 14, 1964

Dear Dr. Onley:

Thank you for your letter to the President. Your interest in sharing your thoughts with him regarding the choice of a Vice Presidential nominee is appreciated, and it is reassuring to know that you are sufficiently motivated to want him to have your views concerning this most important decision. In this regard, he has reached the conclusion that it would be inadvisable for him to recommend to the Convention any member of the Cabinet or any of those who meet regularly with the Cabinet. The President, however, will continue to give the most thoughtful consideration to this matter, and it is his hope that the candidate selected by the delegates at the Convention will receive your full support.

With the President's best wishes,

Sincerely,

Ivan Sinclair  
Assistant to the President

Dr. Judith Wheeler Onley<sup>x</sup>  
50 Cohasset Drive  
Rochester 18, New York

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Dr. Judith Wheeler Onley  
50 Cohasset Drive  
Rochester 18  
New York

July 18, 1964

Pres. Lyndon B. Johnson  
The White House  
Washington, D.C.

Mr. President:

As an Eisenhower Republican, I am deeply concerned with the possibility that, by due democratic process, this nation just might elect the Sen. from Arizona to the high office of the presidency.

Because of this concern, I intend to engage actively in any GOP move in this state which supports both you and Senator Keating, who in my opinion has proven himself a most conscientious member of the nation's legislature.

The purpose of this letter is twofold : to express my support of you as a presidential candidate, and perhaps most importantly, to urge the selection of a vice presidential candidate in whom we as a nation can have the highest confidence. I speak of someone of the caliber of your present Secretary of Defense. (For alot of us, a Johnson - Lodge ticket would be perfect : but, somehow, the two-party system just doesn't seem to work that way.)

We, and the nation, look to the Democratic convention to provide us a sound, responsible leadership.

Sincerely yours,

*Judith W. Onley*  
Judith Wheeler Onley, PhD  
Research Associate in  
Psychology

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GENERAL  
PL/McNamara, Robert  
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PL/Kennedy, Robt./Con/H\*

August 14, 1964

Dear Mrs. Howe:

Thank you for your letter to the President. Your interest in sharing your thoughts with him regarding the choice of a Vice Presidential nominee is appreciated, and it is reassuring to know that you are sufficiently motivated to want him to have your views concerning this most important decision. In this regard, he has reached the conclusion that it would be inadvisable for him to recommend to the Convention any member of the Cabinet or any of those who meet regularly with the Cabinet. The President, however, will continue to give the most thoughtful consideration to this matter, and it is his hope that the candidate selected by the delegates at the Convention will receive your full support.

With the President's best wishes,

Sincerely,

Ivan Sinclair  
Assistant to the President

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MRS. JAMES L. HOWE, JR.  
4925 SAUL ST., JEFFERSON CT. 19  
PHILADELPHIA, PA.

PL 2-B (R)  
(Rep.)

Dear Mr. Johnson:

For many generations  
our family have been staunch  
Republicans; but this year  
we cannot support either  
of the leading candidates  
on that ticket.

We would consider  
voting Democratic, pro-  
vided the Kennedy clan  
could be eliminated from  
the ballot. We believe

that if you choose the  
proper running mate,  
millions of Republicans  
will vote for you.

May we suggest:—

① Robert McNamara

② Hubert <sup>or</sup> Humphrey

Yours sincerely,  
Mrs. James L. Howe, Jr.

**GENERAL**

*PL/McNAMARA, Robt. S.*

August 14, 1964

Dear Miss Fincke:

Thank you for your telegram to the President. Your interest in sharing your thoughts with him regarding the choice of a Vice Presidential nominee is appreciated, and it is reassuring to know that you are sufficiently motivated to want him to have your views concerning this most important decision. In this regard, he has reached the conclusion that it would be inadvisable for him to recommend to the Convention any member of the Cabinet or any of those who meet regularly with the Cabinet. The President, however, will continue to give the most thoughtful consideration to this matter, and it is his hope that the candidate selected by the delegates at the Convention will receive your full support.

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Sincerely,

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Assistant to the President

Miss Edith <sup>x</sup>Fincke

Southampton, New York

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THE PRESIDENT

THE WHITE HOUSE

RESPECTFULLY URGE YOU TO HAVE AS YOUR VICE PRESIDENT SECRETARY  
OF DEFENSE MCNAMARA

EDITH FINCKE SOUTHAMPTON NY.

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**GENERAL**

August 4, 1964

*PL/ST3  
PL/McManara, Robt.*

Dear Mrs. Young:

Thank you for writing to us and letting us know of your interest in national affairs and in the upcoming election.

I am asking the President to drop a little note to Mr. Richards, and I hope his schedule will permit him to do so.

Sincerely,

George E. Reedy  
Press Secretary  
to the President

Mrs. Charles W. Young  
2023 South Wilson Avenue  
Tucson, Arizona

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GENERAL

*PL/McCarthy, Eugene*  
*PL/McNamara, Robert*

August 3, 1964

Dear C. D.:

I appreciated your letters. They were thoughtful and useful, and I want you to know how grateful we are to have friends like you around.

Kindest regards,

Sincerely,

WALTER

Walter Jenkins  
Special Assistant  
to the President

Mr. C. D. Hicks  
8008 Carondelet Avenue  
Clayton 5, Missouri

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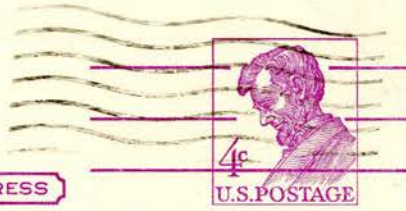
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① <sup>FILE</sup> Mc. Namara or (2) Shriver  
would be all right for  
Vice President, not Humphrey,  
Mc. Carthy or Bobby  
T. W. <sup>\*</sup> Smythe

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President Johnson  
White House  
Washington, D.C.

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THE PRESIDENT

THE WHITE HOUSE

AM DISAPPOINTED AT ELIMINATION OF ROBERT KENNEDY AND ROBERT  
MCNAMARA FROM CONSIDERATION AS VICE PRESIDENTIAL CANDIDATES  
I'M AFRAID YOU'VE LOST CALIFORNIA AND THE ELECTION

WILLIAM D CORBETT ALAMEDA COUNTY DEMOCRATIC CENTRAL COMMITTEE.

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PL/McNamara, Robert

July 29, 1964

Dear Mr. Remley:

The President was deeply moved by your sincere expression of support and good will, and he asked me to express to you his heartfelt appreciation.

Certainly the President understands your concern regarding the choice of a Vice Presidential nominee, and it is reassuring to know that you are sufficiently motivated to state it. You may be assured that such a decision will be made only after intensive introspection and careful consideration of all factors.

Again, please accept our expression of gratitude for your sincere interest.

Our best regards.

Sincerely,

Ivan Sinclair  
Assistant to the President

Mr. W. R. Remley  
7511 Spring Lake Drive  
Bethesda, Maryland

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THE PRESIDENT

THE WHITE HOUSE

MY WIFE AND I ENCOURAGE YOU TO SELECT SECRETARY OF DEFENSE MCNAMARA  
AS YOUR VICE PRESIDENTIAL CANDIDATE. HE IS THE ONLY MAN THAT CAN  
HELP YOU RECLAIM THE SOUTH FROM THE RACISTS

W R REMLEY 7511 SPRING LAKE DRIVE.

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July 29, 1964

PL/McNamara, Robert  
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Dear Mr. Osterman:

The President was deeply moved by your sincere expression of support and good will, and he asked me to express to you his heartfelt appreciation.

Certainly the President understands your concern regarding the choice of a Vice Presidential nominee, and it is reassuring to know that you are sufficiently motivated to state it. You may be assured that such a decision will be made only after intensive introspection and careful consideration of all factors.

Again, please accept our expression of gratitude for your sincere interest.

Our best regards.

Sincerely,

Ivan Sinclair  
Assistant to the President

Mr. J. K. Osterman  
6301 Davies Avenue  
Huntsville, Alabama

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Huntsville, Alabama  
11 July 1964

The President  
The White House  
Washington, D. C.

Dear Mr. President:

Now that the time approaches for you to select a vice president, I suggest Mr. Robert McNamara because

- a. He is the most capable.
- b. He would be, like he has been, totally and unquestionably loyal. Robert Kennedy would be also - when there was no conflict with his unalterable, over-riding allegiance to the Vatican.
- c. In the event of your disability, one strong, experienced executive would then succeed another.
- d. You will not need the larger Catholic vote which Robert Kennedy or Mr. Mansfield would certainly attract. On your own, you will get at least a majority of this vote.
- e. The growing precedent, whereby the religion of one candidate must necessarily be off-set, or balanced, by a running mate of another religion, will be discouraged.
- f. The rapidity, during the Kennedy administration, with which the Catholic church exerted its influence in - penetrated - the government (for its own, not the national good) will be checked. With Robert Kennedy in the government, this is not possible.

Very respectfully,

  
J. K. Osterman

GENERAL

PL/McNamara, Robert

July 27, 1964

Dear Mrs. Kenney:

The President was deeply moved by your sincere expression of support and good will, and he asked me to express to you his heartfelt appreciation.

Certainly the President understands your concern regarding the choice of a Vice Presidential nominee, and it is reassuring to know that you are sufficiently motivated to state it. You may be assured that such a decision will be made only after intensive introspection and careful consideration of all factors.

Again, please accept our expression of gratitude for your sincere interest.

Our best regards.

Sincerely,

Ivan Sinclair  
Assistant to the President

Mrs. Bryant F. <sup>X</sup>Kenney  
47 Crest Road  
Chappaqua, New York

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Mr. President -  
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Although I am sure  
there are many who are also  
wishing you as to your running  
mate, I do wish to add my  
small voice. There are many  
I know who believe that Mr  
McNamara would be the first  
possibility. I feel very strongly  
that he would draw many  
votes, especially with the strange

things going on in the  
Republican party.

Sincerely

M. R. Kennedy -

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GENERAL

PL/McNamara, Robert

July 24, 1964

Dear Mr. Collier:

The President was deeply moved by your sincere expression of support and good will, and he asked me to express to you his heartfelt appreciation.

Certainly the President understands your concern regarding the choice of a Vice Presidential nominee, and it is reassuring to know that you are sufficiently motivated to state it. You may be assured that such a decision will be made only after intensive introspection and careful consideration of all factors.

Again, please accept our expression of gratitude for your sincere interest.

Our best regards.

Sincerely,

Ivan Sinclair  
Assistant to the President

Mr. William B. Collier, Jr.  
President  
The Cosmopolitan Chamber of  
Commerce of Chicago  
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THE PRESIDENT

THE WHITE HOUSE

AS A PREVIOUSLY LATENT REPUBLICAN AND NOW ACTIVE DEMOCRATIC  
SUPPORTER I URGE YOU USE THE SAME WISDOM EMPLOYED BY FORMER  
PRESIDENT KENNEDY WHEN HE CHOSE YOU AS HIS RUNNING MATE AND  
IMPLORE THAT YOU NAME ROBERT MCNAMARA AS YOUR VICE PRESIDENT  
RUNNING MATE THIS IS A TICKET WHICH CAN HONESTLY BE SUPPORTED  
BY ALL AMERICANS FROM EVERY WALK OF LIFE

WILLIAM BAXTER COLLIER JR PRESIDENT THE COSMOPOLITAN  
CHAMBER OF COMMERCE OF CHICAGO.

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PL/McNamara, Robt. S.

July 20, 1964

Dear Bubba:

Thank you for your observations  
on the Vice Presidential nominee.

Your counsel is always welcome  
here.

Sincerely,

Jack Valenti  
Special Assistant to the President

Mr. Harold V. Goodman  
President, American Airco, Inc.  
1203 Givens  
Houston 7, Texas

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I always cherish your  
political judgment - ever  
since you picked Dewey  
to beat Truman

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HOUSTON 7, TEXAS

July 16, 1964

Mr. Jack Valenti  
The White House  
Washington, D. C.

Dear Jack:

The nomination of Senator Goldwater apparently gives the liberal vote almost entirely to President Johnson regardless of his vice-presidential choice. From what I read, the vice-presidential nominee will probably be a liberal. It occurs to me that President Johnson needs no help that a liberal can offer but instead needs help with the responsible conservative vote. I, therefore, suggest that Secretary McNamara or someone of like background would be far more helpful.

If you think this merits consideration, please forward my view to the appropriate place.

I am sorry not to have seen you on any of your Houston trips.

Yours truly,

AMERICAN AIRCO, INC.



Harold V. Goodman  
President

GENERAL

*PH McManara, Robert*

July 13, 1964

Dear Captain Mills:

Thank you for your letter to the President. You may be assured that the interest which prompted you to let him have your comments is appreciated.

You may be sure your views regarding the vice presidency will be given careful consideration. The President said in a recent news conference, "If I am nominated my recommendations will likely be sought and if so I will be glad to give them. At that time I will cross that bridge. I hope that I can act wisely and in the best interests of the American people."

With the President's gratitude for your kind personal expressions, and with his best wishes,

Sincerely,

Ivan Sinclair  
Assistant to the President

Captain George R. Mills, Jr., USMC, Ret.  
211 Huntington Avenue  
Ventura, California

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211 Huntington Ave  
Ventura Calif  
June 25, 1964

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

Dear Mr. President:

Your policy as it applies to the Orient is on the right track, regardless of what critics may say. The Oriental respects only power and strength and surely we have it. Worry not about ~~the~~ the average citizen may say. I was on that last train out of Tiensin, China in 1946 and have never forgotten the humiliation as a U.S. citizen. Give them hell and lead, not Rice. Keep pushing, pushing and they will know who is No.1 boy. I am all for you and your policies keep up the good work.

There is much talk as to your choice of a partner or running mate in the forthcoming election in November. By all means select your Secretary of Defense McNamara. Politics is one thing but the safety and know-how is another for this country He is the man for the job and you with your present show of force and determination in the Orient and other areas will definitely be president in 1965

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Keep up the good work and by all means think about your next Vice-President---- McNamara.

Respectfully

*George R. Mills, Jr.*  
George R. Mills, Jr.  
Captain, U.S.M.C. (Ret)

**GENERAL**

PL/McNAMARA, Robert S.  
McNAMARA, Robert S.

July 10, 1964

Dear Mr. Schneider:

The President has asked me to express to you his appreciation for your thoughtful comments.

You may be sure your views regarding the vice presidency will be given careful consideration. The President said in a recent news conference, "If I am nominated my recommendations will likely be sought and if so I will be glad to give them. At that time I will cross that bridge. I hope that I can act wisely and in the best interests of the American people."

With the President's best wishes,

Sincerely,

Ivan Sinclair  
Assistant to the President

Mr. William A. <sup>x</sup>Schneider  
6246 Oakley Street  
Philadelphia 11, Pennsylvania

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Mr. President:

My wife + I and  
my daughter + son-in-  
law, thought it our  
duty to let you know  
our choice for Vice-  
President.

It is an all out  
plug for Mr. Mc Namara,  
The Greatest -

Thm. A. Schruder  
6246 Oakley St.,  
Phila. 11, Pa.

GENERAL

Ph/MacKamaka  
Robert S.

June 24, 1964

Dear Mr. Greenhow:

The President has asked me to express to you his appreciation for your thoughtful comments.

You may be sure your views regarding the vice presidency will be given careful consideration. The President said in a recent news conference, "If I am nominated my recommendations will likely be sought and if so I will be glad to give them. At that time I will cross that bridge. I hope that I can act wisely and in the best interests of the American people."

With the President's gratitude for your kind personal expressions, and with his best wishes,

Sincerely,

Ivan Sinclair  
Assistant to the President

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Mr. Macon E. Greenhow  
8455 East Longden Avenue  
San Gabriel, California

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Dear Mr President:

This is how I feel  
about our administration  
in Washington.

You are doing a fine job  
keep it up. I never was a  
party man, mostly voted for  
the best man who in most cases  
happened to be Rep. I also make  
mistakes

You have a good team McManis  
Ausk. keep up the economy  
or we won't have a country

If Mr. Furrer was correctly  
quoted; he didn't like Mac Namara  
for your running mate, I  
believe, now will be Gus V.P.

to all the American people.  
I think Mr. Namper is doing a  
good job so what if he is Rep.  
You have a new friend

and supporting as far as  
I am concerned.

Cordially yours

Wagon & Gearhouse  
8455 E. Linden Ave  
San Gabriel Cal.  
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**GENERAL**  
PL/KENNEDY, Robt. F. /CON. IC★  
PL/McNAMARA, ROBERT.  
June 16, 1964

Dear Mr. Cutler:

The President asked me to thank you for your kind letter. Your warm personal expressions are very gratifying to him, and he hopes that he will continue to merit your confidence and support.

You may be sure your views regarding the vice presidency will be given careful consideration. The President said in a recent news conference, "If I am nominated my recommendations will likely be sought and if so I will be glad to give them. At that time I will cross that bridge. I hope that I can act wisely and in the best interests of the American people."

In response to your comments concerning the President and his beagles, I can assure you from seeing them together often that they are the very best of good friends, and I am very sorry that a biased and distorted news report about the President's very fine and warm relations with his dogs should have misled anyone.

Sincerely,

Ralph A. Dungan  
Special Assistant  
to the President

★  
Mr. W. T. Cutler  
312 North Brookside Avenue  
Freeport, New York

**GENERAL**

PL/McNAMARA, Robt.S.  
McNAMARA, Robt.S.

May 4, 1964

Dear Mr. Rhodes:

The President has asked me to express to you his appreciation for your thoughtful comments.

You may be sure your views regarding the vice presidency will be given careful consideration. The President said in a recent news conference, "If I am nominated my recommendations will likely be sought and if so I will be glad to give them. At that time I will cross that bridge. I hope that I can act wisely and in the best interests of the American people."

With the President's gratitude for your kind personal expressions, and with his best wishes,

Sincerely,

Ivan Sinclair  
Assistant to the President

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Mr. J. Charles Rhodes  
163 East 69th Street  
New York 21, New York

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NEW YORK 21, N. Y.

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April 15, 1964

Dear Mr. President:

Like many other Americans, I have long been concerned about the matter of Presidential succession and the slipshod way both political parties usually select a Vice Presidential candidate -- usually on geographical, religious or similar, more or less, irrelevant considerations.

For a year or more I have been telling friends in New York and Washington that Secretary MacNamara would be the man that I would like to see as the next Vice President. I do not know him nor do I know anyone who does. I am for him simply because of the extraordinary ability and talents that he has shown as Secretary of Defense. As Vice President, I think he would be of tremendous value to you. If per chance, heaven forbid, he should become President during your incumbency, the country would be in good hands.

May I, sir, presume to extend compliments on your marvelous handling of the Presidency since the death of President Kennedy.

With best wishes, I am,

Sincerely and Respectfully,

*J. Charles Rhodes*  
J. Charles Rhodes

The Honorable Lyndon B. Johnson  
The President  
The White House  
Washington, D.C.



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GENERAL

PL/McNAMARA, Pat

McNAMARA, Pat

May 1, 1964

Dear Mr. Lane:

Thank you for your letter to the President. You may be assured that the interest which prompted you to let him have your comments is appreciated.

In connection with your comments concerning the vice presidency, the President said in a recent news conference -- "If I am nominated my recommendations will likely be sought and if so I will be glad to give them. At that time I will cross that bridge. I hope that I can act wisely and in the best interests of the American people."

With the President's best wishes,

Sincerely,

Ivan Sinclair  
Assistant to the President

x  
Mr. Roy Lane  
13413 Benfield  
Norwalk, California

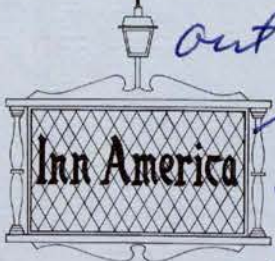
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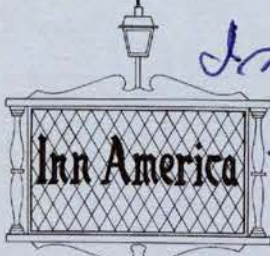
office of the president: I just read a news item called "Washington pipe line," that said ~~watch~~ watch for Senator Mr. Mamara to run for Vice president. Now let me say this, --

I went from Miami Florida, to Los Angeles, then to Detroit, then to Washington D. C. just to mention to him, Senator Mr. Mamara, of a gyp deal I ran into by buying a Thunderbird from a Ford dealer in Detroit, in where I was swindled out of \$750.00. Now I knew I couldn't see the Senator in person, but I could let him know of my situation. Here, practically verbatim, is what my conversation amounted to, after all that traveling to get to his office. The man I did get to see in his office, said in these words. "Senator Mr. Mamara don't give a damn if the Ford Motor Company beats everyone in America out of all the money they have." Then I said, and showed him cards showing I was a member of the V.F.W. and the American Legion, and was told by his



office manager, he, Senator M<sup>c</sup>-mamara,  
 "Don't give a damn about them either".  
 When he ordered me out of M<sup>c</sup>-mamara's office,  
 no one in the office told me where Senator  
 M<sup>c</sup>-mamara was, then, on my way out, that  
 punk he has working for him, again lowered  
 the VFW, and American Legion, and had the  
 gall to say, "I did more for our country  
 than any VFW or American Legion guys,  
 and I fought for my country and get 40%  
 dis-ability" -- [now if anyone denies  
 him saying this, ask them how did I hear  
 he got 40% dis-ability?]. -- Then he low-  
 rated me by saying, he was important, and  
 I used his time. -- now get a load of that.  
 after me losing all my time + traveling,  
 and travel expenses. He got me so mad  
 I told him off too. -- -- --

Now I want to say this.  
 I've always voted a Democratic ticket,  
 but I only have one vote. However, I  
 travel 100,000 miles per year, and  
 if anyone ~~things~~ thinks every member

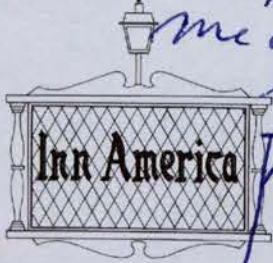




of the V.F.W. and the American Legion want  
hear what happened to me in Senator Mc-  
namara's office, hes wrong.

I'll end by saying this,  
if Senator Mc<sup>c</sup> namara had refused to help  
me in my deal with the ford motor co., that  
would have been O.K. with me, I had a lot  
of ~~the~~ respect for him, but to make that trip  
and get cussed out, when all that guy had  
to do was say "no", and leave out cussing  
me, and lower rating the V.F.W. and American  
Legion, was over playing his hand. I  
told the guy who said he was Mc<sup>c</sup> namara's  
office manager, I didnt think the Communists  
would stoop that low. He had me that mad,  
many, many Veterans will hear what I have  
written here, if Senator Mc<sup>c</sup> namara runs as  
Vice president. - - - - -

Just one more thing, every-  
one else in Wash. D. C., other Senator's offices,  
etc, heard what I had to say. They may not help  
me a bit, but they did make me feel any man  
that fought for his country was welcome.



my address is - Roy Lane  
13413 Benfield  
Norwalk, California

Yours truly  
Roy Lane

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PL/McNamara, Lt

McNAMARA, Lt

April 29, 1964

Dear Mrs. Leventhal:

Thank you for your letter to the President. You may be assured that the interest which prompted you to let him have your comments concerning the vice presidency is appreciated. The President said in a recent news conference, "If I am nominated my recommendations will likely be sought and if so I will be glad to give them. At that time I will cross that bridge. I hope that I can act wisely and in the best interests of the American people."

With the President's best wishes,

Sincerely,

Ivan Sinclair  
Assistant to the President

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Mrs. H. Leventhal  
28 Meddelfield Drive  
West Hartford, Connecticut

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April 28, 1964

PH / Mr. McNamara, Robert

McNAMARA, Robert

Dear Mrs. Noe:

The President has asked me to express to you his appreciation for your thoughtful comments.

You may be sure your views regarding the vice presidency will be given careful consideration. The President said in a recent news conference, "If I am nominated my recommendations will likely be sought and if so I will be glad to give them. At that time I will cross that bridge. I hope that I can act wisely and in the best interests of the American people."

With the President's best wishes,

Sincerely,

Ivan Sinclair  
Assistant to the President

Mrs. Walter B. Noe<sup>x</sup> (Nora H. Noe<sup>x</sup>)  
Apartment 311, 1000 Southeast 4th Street  
Fort Lauderdale, Florida

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the "nerve breed" in our political affairs.  
Robert McNamara represents this type.  
He comprehends the larger vision of how  
things must be done - above the sectarianism  
and prejudices of the past. He operates with  
the efficiency of the best I B M machine;  
and yet he is not coldly efficient. The  
country would be well guided by his  
leadership when your tasks are completed.

Very sincerely yours,  
Kora N. Kai.  
(MRS. Walter B. Noe.)

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1000 S.E. 4th St. Apt 31  
Fort Lauderdale, Fla  
April 9, 1964.

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

My dear President:

I think you are doing an excellent job. Soon the convention will be here and then you must select your running mate. I know your choice will not be made on the basis of who will help you win the election as you can do that with anyone chosen. But you will give consideration, no doubt, to the real abilities of the person chosen. He cannot be a person who has seen many years of public service but has not the capabilities to grow and change with affairs since World War II. Many of our political leaders today are living in the past and offering obsolete solutions to newly created situations - both at home and abroad.

We have reached a period in American life where we need to use

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April 27, 1964

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Kennedy, R.S./Coa/O\*

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Namara, Robt

Dear Mr. Ormiston:

The President has asked me to express to you his appreciation for your thoughtful comments.

You may be sure your views regarding the vice presidency will be given careful consideration. The President said in a recent news conference, "If I am nominated my recommendations will likely be sought and if so I will be glad to give them. At that time I will cross that bridge. I hope that I can act wisely and in the best interests of the American people."

With the President's gratitude for your kind personal expressions, and with his best wishes,

Sincerely,

Ivan Sinclair  
Assistant to the President

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Mr. W. C. Ormiston  
2638 Lindenwood Drive  
Bridgeville, Pennsylvania

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*MS*

April 27, 1964

GENERAL

*Pls. McNamee, Robt.*  
*McNamee, Robt.*

Dear Mrs. Soellner:

Thank you for your letter to the President. You may be assured that the interest which prompted you to let him have your comments is appreciated.

You may be sure your views regarding the vice presidency will be given careful consideration. The President said in a recent news conference, "If I am nominated my recommendations will likely be sought and if so I will be glad to give them. At that time I will cross that bridge. I hope that I can act wisely and in the best interests of the American people."

With the President's best wishes,

Sincerely,

Ivan Sinclair  
Assistant to the President

Mrs. Rosann M. <sup>x</sup> Soellner  
708 West 3rd Street  
Lansdale, Pennsylvania

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4/9 (Mrs.) Rosann M. Soellner  
708 W. 3rd Street  
Lansdale Penna.  
April 5, 1964

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

Dear President Johnson:

My sorrow over the death of President Kennedy is and probably always will be a part of me. However, I want you to know that I have every confidence in you as my president. I felt that confidence on November 22nd because I had worked for the Kennedy-Johnson team, believing it to be an able team on both parts. My confidence has been increased by your actions since that fateful day.

I want to tell you that although I sometimes questioned some of President Kennedy's decisions as I would even those of a beloved relative, I felt that he brought something extraordinary to the Presidency. His special light may never shine again but in that light I saw my country anew with a fresh spirit of devotion. I believe that the entire Kennedy family shares this special ingredient, and I would like to see Attorney General Kennedy as part of the team in 1964.

This decision, however, I know must be yours, and I respect your right to choose the man you feel ~~can~~ bring the most to the team. I know you are a big enough man to let this, and not personal considerations, be the deciding factor. I stand ready to support your choice regardless of which little Democratic partner you choose. However, should your choice be Defense Secretary Mc Namara, I shall have to carefully weigh my decision. Perhaps it's a woman's intuition, but I cannot <sup>now</sup> accept him as a part of the ticket. I have always had the feeling that he would put a balanced budget ahead of farsighted defense needs. But even if these feelings are wrong, I cannot vote for a Republican via the back door. I refuse to buy these "independent Democrat" stories. If I am going to vote for a Republican, I will do it outright. The time may come that this will be a necessity to rid our congress of the blight of decadent southern congressmen. If we do not get an effective civil rights bill during your years in office, this may

become the only solution. I trust  
however, that with you at the helm,  
we will get one soon. I am white but  
believe with all my heart that our  
colored brethren must be given ~~that~~ <sup>their</sup>  
God-given rights as human beings.

I know that this letter is lengthy,  
and perhaps it will never reach  
your desk; but if not the opinions will  
no doubt be noted and referred to you  
as part of a group of expressions. I know  
that you desire to hear from the citizens  
of this country, so either way my time  
can be considered worthwhile.

May God bless you <sup>and your family</sup> and guide  
you ~~and~~ you continue to lead us.

Very truly yours,  
Roscoe M. Soellner

GENERAL

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April 27, 1964

PL/ McNamee Robt,  
Mc NAMARA, Robert,

Dear Mr. Meyers:

Thank you for your letter to the President. You may be assured that the interest which prompted you to let him have your comments is appreciated.

You may be sure your views regarding the vice presidency will be given careful consideration. The President said in a recent news conference, "If I am nominated my recommendations will likely be sought and if so I will be glad to give them. At that time I will cross that bridge. I hope that I can act wisely and in the best interests of the American people."

With the President's gratitude for your kind personal expressions, and with his best wishes,

Sincerely,

Ivan Sinclair  
Assistant to the President

X  
Mr. Stephen J. Meyers  
3819 North Tripp Avenue  
Chicago, Illinois

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TELEPHONE: PALISADE 5-2810  
3819 NORTH TRIPP AVE.  
CHICAGO, ILLINOIS 60641

President Lyndon Johnson,  
Washington, D. C.

This is my first letter to any President of this Great Country in which I was born and have lived for 74 years tomorrow, Good Friday.

What I am writing about is a gigantic public works program which is Mass Public Transportation. For example, here in Chicago we have a subway system which, thru the ingenuity of our Great Former Mayor, Edward Kelly is serving us the best it can to its limited extent. We need a comprehensive subway allweather means of transportation.

All one has to do is look at the congestion existing on our highways entering the city in the morning and leaving at nite to realize this.

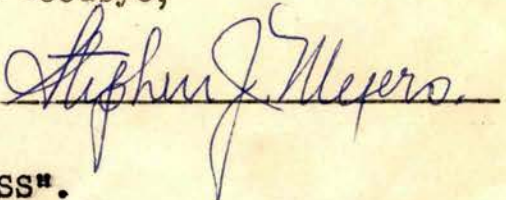
Why can't you call for a meeting of the Mayors of our metropolitan cities along with their traffic experts and bring this problem before them with a view to beforhand having them prepare for such a meeting.

There is little doubt in my mind that as a result of such a meeting you could start the ball rolling. It will take time which is to be expected. If money is any reason for not starting on such a program, use some of the billions that are going toward a "SHOT AT THE MOON" which, in my opinion is simply a waste of money and effort. In my opinio~~n~~, the moon is nothing but a burned out sun. It did its job after which came the ice age and also, in my opinion, the present sun will also give up but at least I hope this will not be for many more centuries but, you never can tell. So lets live and enjoy life while God gives us time on this Old Mother Earth to do so.

I hope you will not think me presumptive as I only want to be helpful and, oh yes, think of the jobs that will be created under this program to improve transportation.

God, in his infinite wisdom, saw fit to place you to succeed our late President Kennedy and I say this sincerely, he has done a good job and I will do all I can to see that you continue in your present position.

Thank you and Goodbye,



P. S. Let your slogan be "PLAN FOR PROGRESS".

Oh yes, pick McNamara as your running mate for re-election.

GENERAL

April 27, 1964

*PH / Mr Namara, Rcht,*  
*Mr NAMARA, Rcht,*

Dear Mr. McDonald:

The President has asked me to express to you his appreciation for your thoughtful comments.

You may be sure your views regarding the vice presidency will be given careful consideration. The President said in a recent news conference, "If I am nominated my recommendations will likely be sought and if so I will be glad to give them. At that time I will cross that bridge. I hope that I can act wisely and in the best interests of the American people."

With the President's gratitude for your kind personal expressions, and with his best wishes,

Sincerely,

Ivan Sinclair  
Assistant to the President

Mr. John D. <sup>x</sup>McDonald  
90 Del Hambre Circle  
Walnut Creek, California

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The PRESIDENT,  
The WHITE HOUSE.

Mr. President.

At the time Mr. Kennedy's choice of a running mate was being conjectured, I manifested my deduction to Friends and my wife Clare, that You should be chosen. For a while it appeared that I would be wrong.

A native of El Paso, I am proud that a fellow Texan should be so honored. It proves that while we are given to the brag- we also possess calculating minds which are magnetized by logic.

In furthering my presumption, I write to recommend your consideration of Mr. McNamara for a running mate.

There has been much clamor about utilization of the Vice-Presidency, in a genuine role of being the President's Right Hand. Had you not served in this capacity to Mr. Kennedy, your burden, so tragically thrust upon you without warning, would have been almost unbearable.

Politically, other men will be suggested, and party pressure will subtly "twist your arm". Mr. McNamara's keen perceptive affinity for applying pure logic is indisputable. Because he is so effective as your Secretary of Defense, he will be no less effective as Vice-President; and, can select a capable replacement as Secretary.

Thank you Sir for reading.

*John D. McDonald*  
John D. McDonald

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April 21, 1964

Date	Name
	Prof McNamara, Robert
	Prof Lodge, Henry
	McNamara, Robert
	LODGE, Henry

Dear Mrs. Aronsohn:

The President has asked me to express to you his appreciation for your thoughtful comments.

You may be sure your views regarding the vice presidency will be given careful consideration. The President said in a recent news conference, "If I am nominated my recommendations will likely be sought and if so I will be glad to give them. At that time I will cross that bridge. I hope that I can act wisely and in the best interests of the American people."

With the President's best wishes,

Sincerely,

Ivan Sinclair  
Assistant to the President

Mrs. Samuel J. Aronsohn  
912 Fifth Avenue  
New York 21, New York

(Stella L. ARONSOHN)

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April 21, 1964

Dear Mrs. Aronson:

The President has asked me to express to you his appreciation for your thoughtful comments.

You may be sure your views regarding the vice presidency will be given careful consideration. The President said in a recent news conference, "If I am nominated my recommendations will likely be sought and if so I will be glad to give them. At that time I will cross that bridge. I hope that I can act wisely and in the best interests of the American people."

With the President's best wishes,

Sincerely,

Ivan Sinclair  
 Assistant to the President

*(Handwritten signature: Samuel J. Aronson)*  
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 Samuel J. Aronson

Mrs. Samuel J. Aronson  
 915 Fifth Avenue  
 New York 21, New York

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gratified for those which  
I have received, I am for being  
you are. But just a line  
with your signature -

Yours  
Mrs. Stella L. Aronson

Hope you can rest this my  
hand shakes - I'm not so  
young.

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Mrs. Samuel J. Aronson  
912 Fifth Avenue  
New York 21, N. Y.

Dear Mr. President -

I saw a Democratic  
But I think your choice of  
Lodge or MacArthur are  
splendid, so many people feel  
like I do, that they would

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be more full His Presidents,  
And the country needs  
men of their capacity  
and ability =

I have always felt  
we need men that can  
do good for our country,  
and I am so grateful for  
the chance you will make.

I am now in my Eighty  
in years.

But I hope for me  
Send me a note with  
your signature, so I can  
keep it for my grandchildren.

Had a letter from  
President Truman, which I  
cherish, also for Jackie  
Kennedy - also for Robert  
Kennedy - and I am so

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**GENERAL**

*PL/McNamara, Lt. Col.*  
*McNAMARA, Lt. Col.*

**April 21, 1964**

**Dear Mr. McHale:**

**The President has asked me to express to you his appreciation for your thoughtful comments.**

**You may be sure your views regarding the vice presidency will be given careful consideration. The President said in a recent news conference, "If I am nominated my recommendations will likely be sought and if so I will be glad to give them. At that time I will cross that bridge. I hope that I can act wisely and in the best interests of the American people."**

**With the President's best wishes,**

**Sincerely,**

**Ivan Sinclair  
Assistant to the President**

**Mr. Edward J. McHale  
1518 Franklin Avenue  
Cincinnati 37, Ohio**

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EDWARD JOHN MCHALE  
1518 FRANKLIN AVENUE  
CINCINNATI 37, OHIO

"We are very fortunate to have among us a man who is supremely competent. He is a man who, in the past four years, has been responsible for spending \$50 billion a year on our nation's defense. He is a man whose watchword is economy. He comes from a business background where he had the job of running the entire Ford Motor Co. He is also the man who has been running our war in South Viet Nam, a war that we are going to win any day. Now! Fellow Americans! I give you the next Vice President of the United States! Mr. Competence himself! The Secretary of Defense! Robert Strange McNamara!"

March 27, 1964

The White House  
Washington, DC.

Gentlemen:

In case you are making any tabulation of public sentiment, this clipping from Time magazine is prophetic.

I believe a combination of L. B Johnson and R S McNamara in November would be unbeatable.

Yours sincerely,

Edmestale

GENERAL

PL/Kennedy, Robt. / Con / M\*  
PL/McNamara, Robert

April 20, 1964

Dear Mrs. McIntyre:

The President has asked me to express to you his appreciation for your thoughtful comments.

You may be sure your views regarding the vice presidency will be given careful consideration. The President said in a recent news conference, "If I am nominated my recommendations will likely be sought and if so I will be glad to give them. At that time I will cross that bridge. I hope that I can act wisely and in the best interests of the American people."

With the President's best wishes,

Sincerely,

Ivan Sinclair  
Assistant to the President

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Mrs. Mary A. McIntyre  
112 Central Avenue  
Capitola, California

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GENERAL  
PL/McNamara, Robert

April 20, 1964

Dear Mrs. Moody:

The President has asked me to express to you his appreciation for your thoughtful comments.

You may be sure your views regarding the vice presidency will be given careful consideration. The President said in a recent news conference, "If I am nominated my recommendations will likely be sought and if so I will be glad to give them. At that time I will cross that bridge. I hope that I can act wisely and in the best interests of the American people."

With the President's gratitude for your kind personal expressions, and with his best wishes,

Sincerely,

Ivan Sinclair  
Assistant to the President

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Mrs. Clifford J. Moody  
1879 - 42nd Avenue  
San Francisco, California 94122

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1879 42nd Avenue  
San Francisco, California, 94122  
March 30, 1964

Mr. Lyndon B. Johnson  
President of the United States  
White House  
Washington, D.C.

Dear President Johnson:

If Mr. McNamara should run as vice president on your November ticket, I would strongly support your candidacy, and perhaps I will anyway. Through 15 voting years, I have been staunchly Republican. Your approach to poverty, civil rights, sane economy, selection of representatives and advisors match the ideals I have held up to now through my party. Also, I admire greatly the responsibility to duty and to example in leadership, the honesty, dignity, yet directness and warm graciousness of you and your wife --traits no other leader within my time has demonstrated so fully to my mind.

I am prompted by my admiration of your program, so far indicated, and you to let you know of my confidence you have won, as one small voice looking up hopefully.

Very truly yours,  
*Mrs. Clifford J. Moody*  
Mrs. Clifford J. Moody

April 15, 1964

GENERAL

*PH/Kennedy R.F./Cau/BJ\**  
*PH/McNamara Robert*

Dear Mrs. Bobbitt:

Thank you for your letter to the President. You may be assured that the interest which prompted you to let him have your comments concerning the vice presidency is appreciated. The President said in a recent news conference, "If I am nominated my recommendations will likely be sought and if so I will be glad to give them. At that time I will cross that bridge. I hope that I can act wisely and in the best interests of the American people."

With the President's gratitude for your kind personal expressions, and with his best wishes,

Sincerely,

Ivan Sinclair  
Assistant to the President

*\**  
Mrs. Jack Bobbitt  
1007 Holloway  
Rolla, Missouri

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GENERAL

PL/Kennedy, Robt./Con/G \*  
PL/McNamara, Robert S.

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April 15, 1964

Dear Mrs. Grant:

Mrs. Johnson showed your recent letter to the President and he asked that I express his appreciation to you.

You may be sure your views regarding the Vice Presidency will be given careful consideration. The President said in a recent news conference, "If I am nominated my recommendations will likely be sought and if so I will be glad to give them. At that time I will cross that bridge. I hope that I can act wisely and in the best interests of the American people."

Our best regards.

Sincerely,

Ivan Sinclair  
Assistant to  
The President

Mrs. William Grant  
18410 Santa Rosa Drive  
Detroit, Michigan 48221

**GENERAL**

April 1, 1964

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*Pl/The Kansas Robot*

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**Dear Mr. Abbott:**

**Thank you for your letter to the President.  
You may be assured that the interest which  
prompted you to let him have your comments  
concerning the forthcoming campaign is  
appreciated.**

**Sincerely,**

**Ivan Sinclair  
Assistant**

★  
**Mr. William W Abbott  
8811 West 101st  
Overland Park, Kansas**

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GENERAL

March 19, 1964

PL/MC NAMARA, Robt.

MC NAMARA, Robert

Dear Mrs. Wylie:

The President has asked me to express to you his appreciation for your thoughtful comments.

You may be sure your views regarding the vice presidency will be given careful consideration. The President said in a recent news conference, "If I am nominated my recommendations will likely be sought and if so I will be glad to give them. At that time I will cross that bridge. I hope that I can act wisely and in the best interests of the American people."

With the President's gratitude for your kind personal expressions, and with his best wishes,

Sincerely,

Ivan Sinclair  
Assistant

Mrs. Walter C. Wylie  
500 North Ravine Street  
Sault Ste. Marie, Michigan

(William M. WYLIE)

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Walter C. Wylie • 500 North Ravine Street, Sault Ste. Marie, Michigan

Feb 17-1964

Hon. L. B. Johnson,  
President of the United States  
Washington D.C.

My dear Sir.

A mention of Rec. of Defense  
Robert McNamara as candidate  
for vice. Pres with you, sounds  
very good to me. On any party  
he would be a smart qualified  
calm asset.

I happen to be a G.O.P. body,  
but take a great interest in Government.  
Whomever the "leader" is.

In my book your chance for  
re-election is very good. The  
incumbent - experienced person.  
I have hoped fervently that we  
could do all right without any  
more Kennedy family. They have

Had their turn - Pres. Kennedy  
was a smart young man I  
liked and admired him but doesn't  
naturally follow that we must  
stay in that family?

I believe that voters would like  
to see new faces at top level.  
I think you would fare better  
with some one not connected  
with them at all. I like  
Mr. Damara - he has what it takes  
then there is Lausche of Ohio.  
I have always thought well of him.  
Government has grown too big,  
Too expensive, too wasteful.  
Fine statesmen are hard to come by.  
I think you'll make it again. Our  
party is so congested with would be  
candidates just now. (No women) I hope  
with best wishes and do try for  
Mr. Damara - or a well tried - Vice - Pres

<sup>23</sup>/<sub>2</sub> there must be many to choose  
from. I like Senator Byrd of  
Virginia but he is probably  
too old.

Time is rushing by for me too  
but I sure like to see our  
National and State Government  
in good hands.

These are serious days!

Thanks for listening -

Your family all sound interesting.

Your charming bright wife must  
indeed be a helpmate.

Again with all good wishes.

(Mrs) Lillian M. Wylie.

GENERAL  
PL/KENNEDY, Robert F.  
PL/McNAMARA, Robert S.

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February 13, 1964

Dear Mrs. Birney:

Thank you for your letter to the President. You may be assured that the interest which prompted you to let him have your comments concerning the Vice Presidency is appreciated.

Mr. Clifton C. Carter, a longtime assistant to the President, is now with the Democratic National Committee. Because of his interest in anything of a political nature going to the President, we are referring your communication to him for the careful attention it deserves.

Sincerely,

Ivan Sinclair  
Assistant

Mrs. Frank O. Birney  
936 Lake Shore Drive  
Chicago 11, Illinois

*Elizabeth W. Birney*

MR. CARTER(DNC):

February 11, 1964

GENERAL

*PH/m<sup>e</sup> Namara, Relet. S.*

Dear Mr. Murray:

Thank you for your letter to the President. You may be assured that the interest which prompted you to let him have your comments on vice presidency is appreciated.

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Sincerely,

Ivan Sinclair  
Assistant

Mr. John Murray  
5204 Galitz Avenue  
Skokie, Illinois

MR. CARTER (DNC):

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

5204 Galitz Ave.  
Skokie, Ill.  
Jan. 28, 1964

Mr. President:  
I would be pleased  
to see Defense Secretary McNamara  
as your running mate in the  
upcoming election.

John T. Murray.

**GENERAL**

PL/KENNEDY, Robert

PL/HUMPHREY, Hubert H.

PL/McNAMARA, Robert

February 3, 1964

Dear Mr. Ehmann:

Thank you for your letter to the President. You may be assured that the interest which prompted you to let him have your comments on the forthcoming campaign is appreciated.

Mr. Clifton C. Carter, a longtime assistant to the President, is now with the Democratic National Committee. Because of his interest in anything of a political nature going to the President, we are referring your communication to him for the careful attention it deserves.

Sincerely,

Ivan Sinclair  
Assistant

Mr. Robert S. Ehmann  
South 4611 Madelia  
Spokane 71, Washington

MR. CARTER (DNC):

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GENERAL

*PL/McNamara, Polit.*

January 20, 1964

Dear Mr. Cone:

Your letter arrived during the official mourning period for John Fitzgerald Kennedy. As you know, government personnel refrained from all political participation during that time. A substantial backlog of correspondence regarding politics accumulated as a result.

Mr. Clifton C. Carter, a longtime assistant to Mr. Johnson, is now with the Democratic National Committee. Your communication has been referred to him for the careful attention it deserves.

Our best regards.

Sincerely,

Ivan Sinclair  
Assistant

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Mr. James J. Cone  
103 Spruce Lane  
Louisville 7, Kentucky

CLIFF CARTER:

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JAMES J. CONE  
103 SPRUCE LANE  
LOUISVILLE 7, KENTUCKY

December 20, 1963

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

Dear Mr. President:

It may be hurry for a  
"Sustaining" member of the  
Democratic Party to advocate it,  
but please keep Robert Mc Namara  
in mind for your running mate  
in November, 1964.

See editorial from this morning's  
Courier - Journal, enclosed.

Very sincerely yours,  
James J. Cone

GENERAL

PL / Mr. Namara, Robert

January 13, 1964

Dear Mrs. Avrutis:

Your letter arrived during the official mourning period for John Fitzgerald Kennedy. As you know, government personnel refrained from all political participation during that time. A substantial backlog of correspondence regarding politics accumulated as a result.

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Our best regards.

Sincerely,

Ivan Sinclair  
Assistant

Mrs. Newton G. <sup>X</sup>Avrutis  
160 Columbia Heights  
Brooklyn 1, New York

Clifton C. Carter

Respectfully referred  
for attention and  
appropriate handling.

Ralph A. Dunning

Special Assistant to the President

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December 19, 1963.

Mrs. Newton G. Avrutis • 160 Columbia Heights • Brooklyn 1, New York

Dear Mr. President,

Last night we viewed on Television  
your distinguished members, your cabinet  
officers, Secretary Dean Rusk, Secretary Robert  
McNamara, Secretary Whitney, & Secretary Halloran.

It was one of the finest examples  
of excellent T.V. viewing, for it gave you  
people of this country, understanding  
information & confidence, in your  
your well formed cabinet.

We were so terribly impressed  
by the ability of these men, that  
we feel our country is secure.

How wonderful if you would  
select Secretary Robert McNamara as  
your Vice President. He is completely  
qualified in all affairs, here, aboard.

For attention and  
handling.  
A. A. D.  
Special Assistant to the President

Mrs. Newton G. Avrutis • 160 Columbia Heights • Brooklyn 1, New York

defense, business, personality, youth & vigor & forceful way he has of getting to the people. He looks like a second John F. Kennedy potential for our great country.

May God always grant you good health, because you are our President now & we want you there, so you too can show your people you will be a great President.

How wonderful it would be for you to have Mr. Robert McNamara at your side. Please consider him. Living in N. Y. City I call tell you Robert Wagner is not popular here. Can I say more?

God bless you, Sincerely  
Mrs. Newton G. Avrutis.

GENERAL

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PH/McNamara,  
Roth S.

January 9, 1964

Dear Mr. George:

Your recent letter has been received, and we appreciate your thoughtfulness in sending it.

Mr. Clifton C. Carter, a longtime assistant to the President is now with the Democratic National Committee. Your communication has been referred to him for the careful attention it deserves.

Our best regards.

Sincerely,

Ivan Sinclair  
Assistant

Mr. Lovell W. George  
8015 Forsyth Boulevard  
St. Louis 5, Missouri

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Clifton C. Carter

**GENERAL**

January 9, 1964

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*PL/McNamara, Robert S.*

Dear Mr. Haberman:

Your recent letter has been received, and we appreciate your thoughtfulness in sending it.

Mr. Clifton C. Carter, a longtime assistant to the President is now with the Democratic National Committee. Your communication has been referred to him for the careful attention it deserves.

Our best regards.

Sincerely,

Ivan Sinclair  
Assistant

Mr. H. A. Haberman  
4510 Kissena Boulevard  
Flushing, L.I., New York

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Clifton C. Carter,

January 9, 1964

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Dear Mrs. Smith:

Your recent letter has been received, and we appreciate your thoughtfulness in sending it.

Mr. Clifton C. Carter, a longtime assistant to the President is now with the Democratic National Committee. Your communication has been referred to him for the careful attention it deserves.

Our best regards.

Sincerely,

Ivan Sinclair  
Assistant

Mrs. B. K. Smith  
2806 West Seventh Street  
Los Angeles, California

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Clifton C. Carter