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3	22	10/23/1973	Letter	From RN, through Rose Mary Woods, to Louis King RE: the passing of King's mother. 1 pg. (duplicates not scanned)
3	22	10/29/1973	Letter	From Lois Lundberg to Rose Mary Woods regarding the Nixon Law Office project. 1 pg.
3	22	N.D.	Other Document	Envelope from The Nixon Law Office Preservation, Inc. to Rose Mary Woods. 1 pg.
3	22	10/19/1973	Letter	From Loie to Marje regarding RN's La Habra law office. 1 pg.
3	22	01/29/1971	Other Document	"La Habra and the President" article by Esther R. Cramer. 6 pgs.
3	22	03/30/1973	Other Document	Notes on a meeting in a Mr. Firestone's office. 3 pgs.
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3	22	N.D.	Letter	From The Nixon Law office Preservation, Inc. to "Friend of Richard Nixon" regarding information on the organization. 2 pgs.
3	22	01/14/1973	Newspaper	Photograph of La Habra Mayor William Roberts outside RN's original law office. 1 pg.
3	22	N.D.	Other Document	From M to unknown RE: newspaper article on RN's first law office. Handwritten response added by unknown. 1 pg.
3	22	N.D.	Memo	From David Wheat to Marge Acker RE: unknown. Handwritten notes added by unknown. 1 pg.
3	22	10/01/1973	Letter	From Dennis E. Carpenter of the California State Senate to Anne Armstrong regarding RN's original office. 1 pg.
3	22	10/11/1973	Letter	From Tobin Armstrong to Dennis E. Carpenter regarding RN's former law office. 1 pg.

THE WHITE HOUSE

WASHINGTON

October 29, 1973

Dear Julie:

You asked me to provide some anecdotes on Mrs. Longworth. It's hard for me to recall any on the spur of the moment, but some of the following observations may be of use to you in the article you are doing on her for the Saturday Evening Post.

Alice Longworth is without doubt the most fascinating conversationalist of our time.

I do not limit this characterization. In my travels to over 80 countries and having attended literally thousands of state dinners and other functions, I would rate her as number one above everybody else if I were to select an individual I would like for a dinner partner. She earns this rating because of a combination of factors -- she has brains, wit, an unusual gift for phrase-making and a memory of people she has met and places she has been which is as good today as when I first met her 27 years ago.

Going to dinner or tea at Alice Longworth's is always an exciting experience. Most dinners, teas and cocktail parties in the international set are unbelievably dull as far as I am concerned. To use a characterization which is not original with me, once you have seen one of them you have seen them all. But Alice Longworth makes every evening where she is in attendance an unforgettable experience for anyone who has the opportunity to sit by her or to talk to her.

In addition to the factors I mentioned above, she has a unique quality which could only be described by the French term "joie divire". Even when I have known she has been desperately

ill she exudes excitement about the events of the day and the people she has met or talked to. Another characteristic which makes her outstanding is that she very seldom will talk about herself. The conversation always turns either to what the individual who is her guest is interested in or in some other matter of great current interest. While she is noted for her cutting characterizations of individuals, somehow when I have heard her speak in such a vein she never sounds mean. For her it is just fun. Her laugh is contagious. Her eyes have never lost their youthful sparkle. And, of course, what capped it all is her own admission which she has often expressed to me that she has lived longer than anybody else. Consequently, there is simply no individual, no place or no event one can talk about with her with which she is not familiar.

One final note is despite the fact that she always makes her guests feel very much at home, even though they are there for the first time, she maintains an indescribable quality of the old European and British royalty of dignity which no one is allowed to break through, even her closest friends. I have been to her house for dinner over a hundred times and have talked with her on scores of other occasions -- yet I never call her Alice. To me and to all of her other close friends, as well as new acquaintances, she is Mrs. L.

CAMP DAVID

Dear Daddy,

I hate to bother you but
this week I must finish my ~~story~~ ^{portrait}
of Mrs. Longworth.

Will you dictate a couple of
personal memoirs about your friend-
ship with Mrs. L. (As candid as
possible about her).

Thanks so much -

Juli

(Please don't spend more
than 20 min.)

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Bel Air Country Club

*Bel Air
Los Angeles, California*

MEMBERSHIP

ROSTER

OCTOBER 1973

A PRAYER FOR THE PRESIDENT

O, God, whose glory is in all the world,

We pray Thee bless, our wondrous President.

And burgeon him with strength to forward go,

And never give him cause that he'll relent.

Guide his hand in bringing peace to all the earth,

Especially to this land of his great birth.

Let him, face down those, who through their many lies,

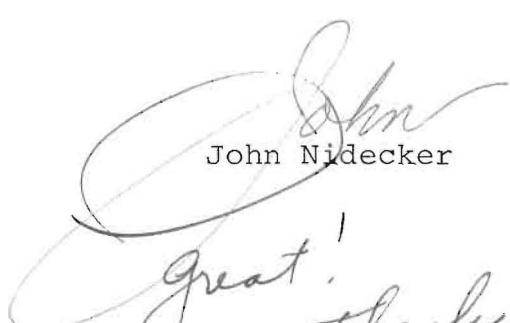
Have caused our people their own leaders to despise.

Grant, God, that in his clearing of the air,

The people will, once more see that they care.

And grant that through his efforts this will be,

Our land, the heart, the soul of liberty.


John Nidecker

Great!

Many thanks

Ann - Pass copy to P. M., Tricia + Julia 10/29/73

October 23, 1973

Dear Louis:

As I told you when I talked with you yesterday, Pat and I were deeply saddened to learn of the death of your mother. No matter whether we are young or old, we are never adequately prepared for the sense of shock and grief which we experience in the loss of a parent.

No words of ours can lessen the sorrow you feel at this time, but we pray that the happy memories of your mother which you cherish will be a source of strength and comfort for you in the days ahead.

With our deep sympathy and warm good wishes always,

Sincerely,

Mr. Louis Kung
6060 Hillcroft
Houston, Texas 77036

RN:RMW:ma



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135 W. LA HABRA BOULEVARD
LA HABRA, CALIFORNIA 90631

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October 29, 1973

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JACK WARNER, M.D.

Miss Rosemary Wood
White House
Washington, D.C.

Dear Rosemary:

It has been sometime since we have corresponded about the progress of our Nixon Law Office project.

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J. W. BURCH
CURTIS E. SPRADLEY

We are about to be granted our historical status after much press coverage and additional paper work. We are determined that our committee will not give up in our efforts.

I hope you will convey to the President our sincere appreciation for his leadership and our pride in him for the way he has faced these last few impossible months. He might like to know that in La Habra we proudly fly our beautiful new flag over the law office and continue our work to honor our great president.

I am sending a very fine article written by our committee president, Mr. George Rochester. I think President Nixon would find it most interesting.

We shall be looking forward to hearing from you. Our thoughts and prayers are with you and the Nixon family.

Sincerely,

Mrs. Lois Lundberg, Trustee
Nixon Law Office Preservation, Inc.

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AIR MAIL

Miss Rosemary Wood
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THE RICHARD NIXON FOUNDATION
44TH FLOOR
515 SOUTH FLOWER STREET
LOS ANGELES, CALIFORNIA 90071

October 19, 1973

Dear Marje,

My understanding of the La Habra law office matter is that the first try at State Historical Landmark certification consisted of merely filling out an application form and submitting it with no supportive or additional information.

After non-approval, the first reaction was panic and many people were contacted for help, including Dennis Carpenter, although his district does not include La Habra. Since then, however, they have met with the historian of the accrediting state organization and feel they have a clear understanding of just what is required for a favorable response at a November 7th meeting of the accrediting group to be held in Pasadena.

The La Habra people are now in the process of getting affidavits, copies of pertinent articles from the newspaper archives, etc. to verify and substantiate the President's association with the community. That association is pretty well detailed in the attached copy of a booklet prepared by a local La Habra lady, Esther Cramer, at the time of the law office dedication on January 29, 1971. Mrs. Lundberg, et al, have another meeting scheduled with the accrediting organizations historian on October 29th, to go over all of their supporting material to be sure it is sufficient and in order in advance of the November 7th meeting.

Mr. Burch has been in Europe for several weeks, but is expected back next week and will represent the law office group when their application is considered, according to Lois Lundberg.

Will check with you on the telephone next week, after you have received this material, to see if there is anything else you might need from here.

Do take care of yourself. Fondest good wishes to you, Rose, et al

Lois



LA HABRA AND THE PRESIDENT

By ESTHER R. CRAMER

JANUARY 29, 1971

La Habra is at the heart of "Nixon Country". Located as it is, halfway between Yorba Linda, where Richard Milhous Nixon was born January 9, 1913, and Whittier, where he lived as a young man, these lands are very familiar to President Nixon.

As he was growing up, he often traveled through La Habra's productive citrus groves along the State Highway to visit his grandparents and other relatives near the Whittier Quaker colony. In fact, it was this rich agricultural acreage of La Habra which brought the President's grandfather, Frank Milhous, from Indiana to California. Milhous was a close friend of La Habra's developer and promoter, W. J. Hole. Hole sold Milhous his first parcel of California land in 1895, acreage which was located south of Whittier Boulevard between Euclid and Walnut in La Habra. Although the Milhous family did not live on this property, the family was well known by the La Habra settlers, and many of the Milhous relatives lived near the county line, just to the west of town.

The Nixon family was also well known to La Habrans. After moving from Yorba Linda, Mr. and Mrs. Frank Nixon established a popular store on Whittier Boulevard in the East Whittier area. Many La Habra residents traded there, becoming well acquainted with young Richard, who worked in the family market.

Richard Nixon attended high school first at Fullerton Union High School, the school attended by the La Habra students also, so he had many high school friends in this community. He transferred to Whittier High School for his junior and senior years and following graduation, attended Whittier College.

Deciding upon a career in law, Nixon applied for and received a scholarship from Duke University Law School, which he attended from 1934 until 1937.

Upon graduation he returned to Whittier where he took the California Bar Examination, passing it on the first attempt in November 1937. He was offered a job with Wingert and Bewley, a Whittier law firm, at a salary of about \$250 per month.

Richard Nixon worked at the firm's office in Whittier until August of 1939. At that time the firm decided to open a branch office in La Habra at 135 W. Central (La Habra Boulevard) in the Benjamin J. Roberts Building. The young attorney was given the responsibility to operate the La Habra law office on a part-time basis.

The La Habra Star carried the following article on August 18, 1939:

A new office in La Habra is that of Richard Nixon, a young man well known to many La Habrans, being a member of the family of that name long residents of Lowell District. Nixon has located in part of the B. J. Roberts real estate office. He is a graduate of the Union High School, Whittier College and took his law at Duke University.

He has been practicing with Wingert and Bewley at Whittier and will continue as a member of that firm. He is also deputy city attorney at Whittier and has been active in various organizations and civic groups.

This advertisement was included in the La Habra Star until January 1942:

RICHARD NIXON
Attorney At Law
135 W. Central
Phone Whittier 81265

Mrs. Emma Wygal was probably Nixon's first client at his La Habra office. She heard about his coming and was waiting when Mr. Nixon arrived to start his La Habra practice. Her problem involving the collection of past-due payments from a land sale was turned over to the young lawyer. Mrs. Wygal was a very satisfied customer, feeling Nixon handled the case with expediency, and she was charged a mere \$5.00 for the service.

Nixon's La Habra law office had no desk, so Richard Nixon, displaying his excellent craftsmanship in carpentry, built his own desk from a solid oak door and pieces of plywood. This splendid piece of furniture has been shipped to the White House where it is now again in the possession of the President.

While practicing law in La Habra, Nixon made many friends in the community. He joined the Kiwanis Club of La Habra and was active in this organization during these years.

On June 21, 1940, Richard Nixon married a pretty Whittier High School teacher, Pat Ryan. Their first residence was a small garage-apartment in La Habra Heights at 1160 Encanada. The couple lived here for several months before moving to Whittier.

Richard Nixon was made a partner in the reorganized law firm of Bewley, Knoop, and Nixon in 1941, but he left the firm and his La Habra office in January 1942 to work in Washington, D. C., in the Office of Price Administration. Later in 1942 he joined the Navy, serving as an officer in the South Pacific.

Nixon was chosen by the Republican Party in 1946 to run for Congress, and he defeated Democratic incumbent, Jerry Voorhis. Thus began his illustrious political career which ultimately carried him to the Presidency of the United States in 1968.

During the fifties and sixties, Richard Nixon often visited his parents at their La Habra home, which they had purchased in 1953. The Scandia Gardens Restaurant at 731 N. Beach Boulevard is now located in this home. The eyes of the nation were on La Habra, and the country shared the anxiety and grief of Vice President Nixon during his father's illness and death. Frank Nixon passed away at this historic home September 4, 1956, at the age of 77. Richard's devoted mother, Hannah Nixon, lived at the home until 1965, but she died in a Whittier rest home September 30, 1967, at the age of 82. Both parents had confidence their son would someday be President, but neither lived to see their dreams realized.

La Habra is proud of its Nixon family contacts, and wishing to share this pride the city has marked the building where President Nixon had his La Habra law office with a permanent plaque. The plaque states:

RICHARD MILHOUS NIXON, 37th President of the United States established his law office in this building in August 1939 and practiced law in La Habra until January 1942.

Notes on Meeting
11:00 AM
Friday, March 30, 1973
Mr. Firestone's office

Participants representing The Richard Nixon Foundation

Leonard K. Firestone	President
Earl C. Adams	Trustee, and Chm., Coordinating Committee

Participants representing The Nixon Law Office Preservation, Inc.

J. W. Burch	Trustee, and Chm., Finance Committee
George Rochester	Trustee, and Vice President
Mrs. Lois Lundberg	Trustee

The meeting was requested by Mrs. Lundberg, on behalf of the Law Office Preservation group, and as a follow-up to previous correspondence between Frank DeMarco, Jr. and Mr. Rochester.

Mr. Firestone

Opened the meeting with a statement that the Trustees of the Richard Nixon Foundation at their Washington, D.C. meeting in January, had voted to form a committee for coordination with other groups, such as the Birthplace and Law Office corporations, who have a common interest in President Nixon and his early life. Earl Adams was named as Chairman of this coordinating committee.

Mrs. Lundberg

Reviewed the current status and activities of the Law Office corporation.

The 11 Trustees of the corporation have purchased the old law office building at 135 West La Habra Boulevard in La Habra for the price of \$25,000.00, which they consider a reasonable cost according to an appraisal they had made.

Instead of a down payment, the owners (Mayor William Roberts and his brother Jack) took a second trust deed in the amount of \$7,800.00, on which there is no due date.

The balance is covered by a loan, on which the monthly payment is \$180.00, which amount is paid by the Chamber of Commerce for occupancy of the front of the building.

A fund-raising drive has been started, primarily within the area, but some letters have gone outside the community, and even outside the state, asking for funds.

Locally, every school child in La Habra took home a letter to parents asking for financial participation in the restoration project; this has brought in approximately \$1,500.00 to date,

Mrs. Lundberg (continued)

and each of the children who brings in a contribution, in any amount, signs a scroll which will be displayed in the restored building.

Mr. Burch

now have in cash and commitments: close to \$25,000.00
now have in cash: over \$10,000.00

fund-raising goal is \$75,000.00, which they estimate will cover the following:

- purchase of building;
- restoration of law office itself to its original condition;
- restoration of building outside to its original state;
- creation of a small museum and reception area in front part of building;
- permanent endowment for the maintenance and preservation functions.

Mrs. Lundberg

corporation is anxious to get on with the restoration work; first in the original office itself, which involves partitioning, wall and floor work.

next priority would be returning the building front to white, glazed brick, as it was originally.

total restoration cost is estimated at \$5-6,000.00.

would like to have the cooperation and assistance of the Richard Nixon Foundation in any offered form.

Mr. Rochester

corporation is fully accredited with the IRS as a non-profit educational corporation in the State of California; also, the State of California has expressed an interest in recognizing the La Habra Law Office as an historical landmark

general interest in the law office is evidenced by the fact that the Chamber of Commerce people report that between 10 and 15 groups, of one to four people each, come and ask to see it every month

Mr. Burch

have purposely stayed away from soliciting funds from Whittier residents, as that community will probably eventually have a project of its own to honor President Nixon in his boyhood hometown.

would appreciate support from the Richard Nixon Foundation in any way, and asked if Messrs. Adams and Firestone would want to ask some of their friends to contribute to the project

Mr. Firestone

would not want to limit local interest and enthusiasm in any way; might want to consider supplementing local efforts on a possible matching fund basis.

Mrs. Lundberg

restoration includes getting back the original desk, hand-made by President Nixon, which was given back to him soon after his election in 1968, and presumably taken back to Washington, D.C.; it is the law office preservation group's understanding that President Nixon is pleased with their project, and anxious to cooperate with them.

Mr. Adams

no intention of discouraging this group in any way in what they have set out to do; however, someplace down the road it looks as if the main Nixon Foundation, the La Habra group and the Yorba Linda Birthplace Foundation will have to be brought together in some way.

there may be a legality involved in having affiliates to the Richard Nixon Foundation; question is, can one tax exempt entity be an affiliate of another tax exempt entity?

Mr. Firestone

to sum up situation, the law office preservation project is at this time a local undertaking and responsibility; you should continue just as you are now doing, and leave your future up to Mr. Adams, who will want to think about it, and also confer with the other members of his coordinating committee.

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AFTER HIS ELECTION, President Nixon and his family were honored at a "Welcome Home" party at Anaheim Convention Center (photo above). At left, MC Art Linkletter is interviewing Mrs. Cecil Pickering, now resident of Fountain Valley who used to spank young Richard when she baby sat with him during his boyhood days in Yorba Linda. At right, Whittier attorney Tom Bewley, Nixon's first career employer, returns to the President the handmade desk which Richard and his father built in depression days for the struggling young lawyer's use.



ADORATION is the theme when Orange County's young set rush to greet their new leader during his initial post-election visit to his native stamping grounds.

AT A RECEPTION for the President at U.S. Coast Guard Loran Station, adjacent to new Summer White House, San Clemente Mayor Wade F. Lower (in wheel chair) tells Nixon what his property tax bill will amount to. Behind the President (to his left) is Dr. Arnold Beckman, head of Beckman Instruments, Fullerton.

THE WHITE HOUSE
WASHINGTON

January 2, 1973

Dear Leonard:

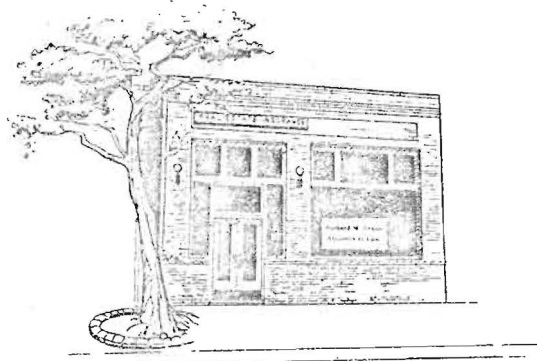
George Rochester recently sent me a group of photos which were taken at the time of the dedication of the plaque in my former law office. It was especially good to see you in one of the pictures. Knowing how much this particular project means to me personally, you will understand why I was so pleased that a good friend like you could be present on that occasion.

With warm personal regards,

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in cursive script, appearing to be "R. Nixon", written in dark ink.

Mr. Leonard Firestone
10375 Wilshire Boulevard
Los Angeles, California 90024



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KARL WRAY
JACK WARNER, M.D.
J. W. BURCH
CURTIS E. SPRADLEY

Dear Friend of Richard Nixon:

We hope you will want to take part in the preservation and restoration of an important site relating to the early life of President Richard M. Nixon. This site is the small office building at 135 West La Habra Boulevard, in La Habra, where Mr. Nixon began the practice of law, from 1939 through 1942.

Our organization feels that this structure is of nationwide importance for a number of reasons. One very intrinsic reason is that we believe it is fitting to maintain and to preserve this modest office in witness for our people, and for future generations, to realize that our country offers, to all with energy, industry and capacity to work, the opportunity to attain high achievements.

In this building Mr. Nixon received \$5.00 from his first client for collecting an overdue bill. From this humble beginning Mr. Nixon became, successively, a Congressman, United States Senator, Vice President and President of the United States. He has achieved a stature in history not only as one of our great presidents, but, also, as a worldwide advocate for peace and stability among all nations.

Insofar as the physical aspects of this structure in La Habra are concerned, we are enclosing a reprint of an excellent article from the Los Angeles Times, which tells the story. As a friend of the President, we believe you will find this highly interesting and readable. It sheds considerable light on the little-known early years of Mr. Nixon in his home community.

The Nixon law office in La Habra is one of the few surviving structures which relate to the early life of the President. It is for this reason that we are so eager to preserve the structure, to portray for future generations the background of our 37th President.

• YOUR GIFT IS TAX DEDUCTIBLE. •

The former Nixon law office in our city is located about halfway between the President's birthplace in Yorba Linda (a structure which is also still standing) and Whittier, where he grew up and attended college. It was in La Habra that Nixon first became active in community affairs and formed the interests and associations which shaped his future career in politics.

Our non-profit organization has acquired title to this building. Mr. Nixon is aware of, and interested in, our work. It is our aim, at a future date, to present the former Nixon law office to the Richard M. Nixon Foundation to become, ultimately, a part of the proposed Richard M. Nixon Historical Site.

The La Habra Chamber of Commerce occupies a portion of the building and already acts as host to dozens of visitors and groups each month.

We now need the money to pay off the mortgage and to begin restoration of the building to its original appearance at the time it was occupied by Mr. Nixon.

Our organization has fully qualified under state and federal law so that all donations paid to us are fully tax-deductible.

Proper recognition of our donors will be included in the master plan for the eventual presentation of the former Nixon law office as an historical site to be visited by the people of America.

We trust that you, as a friend of the President, will agree with us that this is a worthy and important project.

If you agree, thank you for your check.

Very sincerely yours,

THE NIXON LAW OFFICE PRESERVATION, INC.



NIXON LANDMARK—La Habra Mayor William Roberts stands outside building where President Nixon once maintained a law office, from 1939 to 1942.

Times photo

213/680-2885 6504

Here is the "First Richard Nixon Law Office Again"

They have applied again to be named a State Historical Landmark and Dennis Carpenter is asking for more background information to help them out.

Do you think we can send this to Loie to handle?

M

yes

THE WHITE HOUSE
WASHINGTON

TO: MARGE ACKER
FROM: DAVID WHEAT

For your information _____

For appropriate handling X

Per your request X

Remarks:

*John [unclear]
Bill [unclear]*
and at same time
tell Lynn RN could
said they had
have her
old desk



CALIFORNIA LEGISLATURE

Senate

October 1, 1973

Ms. Anne Armstrong
Counsellor to the President
The White House
Washington, D.C. 20000

Anne,

It has come to my attention that an application has been made with the California Department of Parks and Recreation to make the President's former law office in La Habra into an historical landmark.

The Department had turned down a similar request once before due to the limited information received in that regard. This year the Department has received a very emotional appeal from the local citizens but it is felt more significant historical information is needed pertaining to that particular office.

It was stated that the President occupied that office between 1939 and 1942 and it was felt that if some occurrence in that office led to the President's political philosophy or in some way resulted in molding his future, this would give strength to the request.

Whatever information you might be able to obtain on this matter would be of great help to not only the La Habra community but also to the Department of Parks and Recreation. The Department will be holding a hearing on this issue on November 8 and they are extremely anxious to have additional input. Please reply to my Newport Beach office at the above address. Your assistance, as always, is appreciated.

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Dennis".

DENNIS E. CARPENTER
Senator, 34th District

DEC:Cb



October 11, 1973

Dear Dennis:

Thanks so much for your recent letter concerning the President's former law office in La Habra. I have asked my staff to check into this to see what they can learn and I'll be back in touch with you at the earliest possible date.

Sincerely,

Mrs. Tobin Armstrong
Counsellor to the President

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