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1707 Kelton Avenue
Los Angeles 24, Calif.
April 11, 1962

The Honorable Barry Goldwater
United States Senate
Washington, D. C.

Dear Barry:

I am frankly disappointed by your apparent disinclination to refute the impressions being created by the "Californians for Goldwater" in their frenzied support of Joe Shell's candidacy for Governor of California.

As I indicated, I think you have the most to lose by this unfortunate and improper behavior on the part of this unworthy organization; and, although I am perfectly aware that nothing you say or do will deter their activities, I think it would be highly advisable for you to be on record personally as not having instituted any interference in the California Republican Primary election.

Enclosed is the latest junk published by "Californians for Goldwater." As you can see, their loyalty to Mr. Shell -- and, conversely, complete disinterest in Senator Goldwater -- is becoming increasingly blatant.

I am making such a strong point about this because I feel it is creating a serious problem as far as you are concerned. Then, too, I must admit to a rather gnawing personal resentment at being characterized as a "liberal" by these irresponsible and unsophisticated political neophytes.

With warmest personal regards to you and your family, in which Barbara joins me, I am

Sincerely,

Charles Farrington, Jr.

From the desk of: _____

DORIS JONES

Dorothy:

At your suggestion, I "stole"
the thermofax copy of Charlie's reply
from Goldwater - I trust you can get
another to attach to this note for the files.

N i x o n f o r G o v e r n o r

To: BOB HALDEMAN
From: CHARLIE FARRINGTON
Subject: CALIFORNIANS FOR GOLDWATER
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Date: April 3, 1962

Attached is a copy of the letter which I have received from Barry Goldwater in response to my recent dissertation regarding the pre-Primary endorsement activities of "Californians for Goldwater."

While this reply is somewhat in the nature which I expected, it does not satisfy my desire to have the Senator publicly renounce the activities of this group in behalf of Mr. Shell. At the moment I am inclined to reiterate, briefly, this request to him. As an alternative, I am wondering if it might not be effective to have people address letters to the Editor on this subject for the purpose of at least raising considerable doubt about the compatibility of "Californians for Goldwater" endorsement of Joe Shell and the Arizona Senator's real sentiments in this respect.



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1707 Kelton Avenue
Los Angeles 24, California
March 21, 1962

The Honorable Barry Goldwater
United States Senate
Washington, D. C.

Dear Barry:

The activities of the organization known as "Californians for Goldwater" have long given me great concern. Many months ago, upon reading an announcement of the organizational meeting of the "West Side Chapter" of this group here in Los Angeles, I telephoned the individual in charge to express my possible interest in the goals of the organization in view of my personal enthusiasm for the Junior Senator from Arizona. He was rather vague about the whole matter, so I asked the specific question: "Is this organization devoted primarily to the nomination and election of Barry Goldwater as President of the United States in 1964?" His reply annoyed me -- "Well, no, not really. Of course, there is nothing we would like to see better; but we are mainly just a conservative group and we are using the Senator's name because of its current appeal to conservatives generally."

Somewhat dismayed, but undaunted, I attended the meeting in question. I did not identify myself, but merely sat in the audience of about 100 people as an observer. There was very little discussion of Barry Goldwater at the meeting. I gathered, too, that their principle activities -- at least, at that time -- were confined to the distribution of petitions addressed to the President opposing certain of the Administration's foreign policies, and the picketing of pro-communist and liberal speakers by members of their group with placards reading "Californians for Goldwater."

As a result of my attendance at this meeting (I have been to no others), I am on the mailing list of the West Side Chapter of "Californians for Goldwater." About two months ago, I received one of their bulletins which stated that the organization had endorsed Joe Shell as the Republican Candidate for Governor of California. There was, at the end of the bulletin, a statement to the effect that the policies and endorsements of the organization did not necessarily reflect the views of Senator Goldwater.

I almost wrote to you then because I was, and am, enormously concerned that an organization bearing your name -- or, for that matter, the name of any responsible individual -- should enter into this kind of activity. While you and I have never discussed the California Republican gubernatorial primary, I believe I am sufficiently

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conversant with your attitude toward Dick Nixon to know that any suggestion that you favor the nomination of his opponent is completely erroneous. Apart from that consideration, however, I also believe I know you well enough to assume with complete confidence that, regardless of your preference in this particular instance, you would not in any way inject yourself or your personal viewpoint into any Republican Primary, particularly one outside of your own state.

Now, more recently, I have received another communication from "Californians for Goldwater" which is devoted extensively to pleas for physical and financial assistance for Mr. Shell. To me, all this represents the height of political impropriety, inasmuch as it is a direct and deceptive exploitation of your name by a group which, through its own admission, is more interested in perpetuating the semantic hair-splitting which divides our Party, than it is in any attempt to promote your own ideological influence among all Republicans.

You have a great many friends and admirers in California, as you do throughout the Nation. In the main, of course, you have acquired this tremendous following because of your courageous and articulate espousal of fundamental American principles -- the dignity of man, State's rights, freedom of the individual, and the sovereignty of American interests and institutions. Unfortunately, however, many less worthy causes, represented by many less worthy individuals, have taken advantage of your political popularity, with the result that some reasonable men are now showing signs of questioning the validity of your thinking because of their fear that, being a conservative, you actually reflect the irrational views of the new generation of "screwballs" who have borrowed the conservative label.

While I am not in a position to challenge those who are directing the policies of "Californians for Goldwater," I had hoped in the beginning, as I indicated, that this organization might be the advance contingent of a genuine "Goldwater for President" movement. Obviously, it is not, because its tactics are diametrically opposed to the practical political requirements of such a movement. Furthermore, you should remember that, while you are extremely popular in California, Dick Nixon is the most popular Republican in the state -- and, I would suggest, in the nation -- today. What I fear, therefore, is that the implications of the activities of "Californians for Goldwater," which are clearly that you are backing Joe Shell for the governorship, will alienate from your cause many of the Nixon people who, heretofore, have shared a mutual admiration and respect for you and the former Vice President. There is, further, the general adverse reaction to any public figure from outside of California injecting himself into a State Primary campaign of his own Party.

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It is my earnest recommendation that you proceed without delay to publicly disassociate yourself from the activities of "Californians for Goldwater" in the Republican gubernatorial Primary. You need not issue a flat endorsement of Mr. Nixon to make this clear, of course; but you should certainly indicate your displeasure with the fact that this organization, which bears your name, whatever its real purpose, is now so obviously devoting its time, money, and manpower to one particular Republican candidate in California.

I have been extremely reluctant to advance this suggestion because I am always reluctant to impose upon your friendship. I am sure you know that my devotion to you, both personally and politically, is of the highest; and I would certainly never knowingly offer a recommendation which I did not genuinely feel was in your best interests. Naturally, as a diligent supporter of Dick Nixon in this campaign, I am somewhat concerned about any adverse effect which this particular situation might have on his candidacy, although I am encouraged to believe that nothing short of an act of God will prevent his successful and overwhelming nomination by his Party. So, in essence I make this proposal more for your benefit than for his. It is the true conservative cause and the personal strength of Barry Goldwater that is being jeopardized by this kind of irresponsible behavior, and only you can set the record straight!

Copies of the most recent "Californians for Goldwater" literature which I have received, plus an editorial comment on the subject from the LOS ANGELES TIMES, are enclosed.

With warmest personal regards, in which Barbara and the children join me, I am

Sincerely,

Charles Farrington, Jr.

