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

Dear Mr. President:

The State of Indiana will hold a presidential preference primary on May 2, 1972. In order to assist those persons who have announced their candidacy for the office of the President of the United States and those individuals whose names have been frequently mentioned as giving consideration to a candidacy for that office, my office is sending pertinent information on the Indiana primary to those individuals.

Under Indiana law, any candidate for the office of the Presidency who wishes to enter the Indiana primary must, either personally or through his representative, file a written request with the Secretary of State of Indiana requesting that his name be placed on the primary ballot or voting machine under the party label of the party whose nomination the candidate is seeking. The request must be filed at least 40 and not more than 70 days before the primary. The filing period for 1972 is February 22 to March 23. The request must be accompanied by a petition and counterparts thereof, signed by at least 5500 registered voters of the State, of which at least 500 signatures must come from each Congressional District.

At least 37 days before the primary the Secretary of State shall transmit to the clerk of the circuit court of each county a certified list containing the names of each person qualified as a candidate and the name of the party whose nomination said candidate is seeking. The Secretary of State shall certify to the chairman of each political party the result of the presidential vote of the candidates of such party, which result shall be reported by the chairman to the state convention held by such party.

Candidates in the presidential primary are also subject to the State's Corrupt Practices Act. They are subject to an expenditure limitation of \$25,000 except that they may pay personally in addition to said sum, their own expenses for postage, letters, circular letters, telegrams, telephoning, stationery, printing, advertising, publishing, expressage, traveling and board. They shall not be required to file statements of contributions and expenditures, but political agents and/or treasurers acting for them shall.

A candidate may, at his discretion, appoint a political agent, in writing, which appointment shall be filed with the clerk of the circuit court of the county

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of residence of the political agent. Candidates and political agents may receive contributions and make expenditures pursuant to law. A political agent must file an itemized report with the clerk of the circuit court of his county of residence within 45 days after the election. If a political committee is formed to aid the candidate, it must be in writing and filed with the clerk of the circuit court of the county of residence of the treasurer. The treasurer must also execute a bond to be filed with the same official. The treasurer shall receive contributions and make disbursements on behalf of the committee, and must file an itemized report with the clerk of the circuit court of his county. A treasurer may appoint a subtreasurer for every or for several precincts, and such subtreasurers must also report to the clerk of the circuit court of their county of residence within 45 days after an election.

Political committees may assess candidates before primaries or conventions the necessary costs and expenses of holding a primary or convention. National committees may appoint a treasurer or agents in Indiana, which appointment shall be filed in writing with the Secretary of State by the national committee chairman, to receive contributions for the party from the state. Within 45 days after the primary or election for which such person is appointed, he shall file an account of contributions received, with the Secretary of State, and of disbursements made to treasurers of state, district, county or city central committees. Such latter party committees may receive such contributions and expend such funds for purposes authorized by Indiana law. Superior party committees in the state may make contributions for such purposes to inferior party committees in the state. Such committees shall also file reports as in the preceding paragraph.

Lawful expenditures by a treasurer or political agent in connection with election or primary election are as follows:

- (a) Necessary cost of hiring halls and music for conventions, public meetings and public primaries and for advertising same and decorating said halls;
- (b) Printing and circulating political articles, circulars, circular letters, plate and electrotpe matter, candidates' cards, pamphlets and books including payment of subscriptions to newspapers or periodicals containing political articles to be circulated among voters;
- (c) Printing and distributing sample or specimen ballots and instructions to voters;
- (d) Renting rooms and headquarters to be used by political committees, agents treasurers, or subtreasurers, and paying for all clerical assistance and labor employed therein;
- (e) Compensating clerks, stenographers, typists, and other assistants employed in the committee rooms, or on the business of the committee outside of said committee rooms, and also of challengers, watchers, messengers, and workers employed in or at the registration rooms, in the voting rooms and at the polls, and the cost and expenses of any primary convention or mass convention held under laws of Indiana;
- (f) Traveling and other legitimate expenses of political agents, committees and public speakers, including reasonable compensation for the chairman and secretary of the state and other central committees and the costs of treasurers' bonds;

- (g) Making poll books, copies of registration lists, and compiling information or data with respect to the qualifications of voters, or their political affiliations, or any other information of a political character;
- (h) Necessary postage, telegrams, telephoning, printing expenses, and conveyance charge for carrying ill and infirm persons to and from the places of registration;
- (i) Necessary cost of equipping, furnishing, and maintaining committee rooms, and headquarters and places of meeting for political committees, agents and treasurers, both during and after political campaigns, if it shall be desired to maintain permanent headquarters;
- (j) Cost and expenses of messengers for party matters, and of persons summoned in regard to party matters, and also accommodations and entertainment for all such persons;
- (k) Expenses in providing transportation, accommodations, or entertainment for members of central committees when connected with party matters;
- (l) Cost and expenses of political parades, meetings, and demonstrations, and the equipment and compensation of a political band or drum corps;
- (m) Cost of political buttons, lithographs, banners, and other political advertising matter.

The Indiana statutes prohibit the solicitation of funds from candidates by various organizations and persons, prohibit the solicitation of funds from corporations by candidates, and prohibit political contributions by corporations and labor unions.

Although the preferential vote for President is not directly connected with the selection of delegates who are chosen at the state convention, the results of the preferential vote are certified to the state convention, and by statute, a duty is imposed on delegates chosen to support the people's preference as expressed at the primary, as shown below:

It shall be the duty of any delegate or alternate delegate selected from any congressional district of the State, to the national convention held by such party to support on the first ballot at the national convention the candidate for President who received the highest number of votes at the primary election in such congressional district, providing such person is in fact a candidate at such convention. It shall be the duty of any delegate at large or alternate delegate at large to the national convention held by such party to support the candidate for President who received the highest number of votes in the entire State at the primary election on the first ballot at the national convention provided that such person is in fact a candidate at such convention.

The Office of the Secretary of State is located in Room 201 of the State House in Indianapolis. Office hours are from 8:15 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. The telephone number is area code 317/633-6531. Enclosed are the forms necessary for filing.

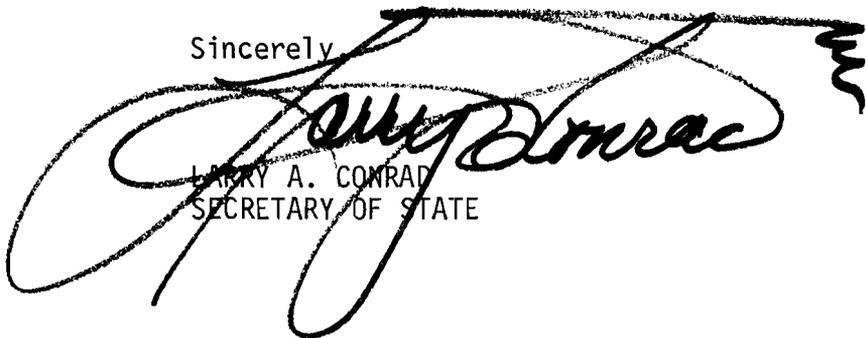
If my office can be of further assistance to you, please let me know. Miss

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Sharon Asher, the Elections Deputy on my staff, would be happy to be of assistance to you also.

With best wishes,

Sincerely

A large, stylized handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Larry Conrad". The signature is written over the typed name and title.

LARRY A. CONRAD
SECRETARY OF STATE