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50	45	2/26/1969	<input type="checkbox"/>	Campaign	Letter	From Billy R. Wickens to Rose Mary Woods RE: Dow Chemical Company's Politics. 2pgs.

DOCUMENT WITHDRAWAL RECORD [NIXON PROJECT]

DOCUMENT NUMBER	DOCUMENT TYPE	SUBJECT/TITLE OR CORRESPONDENTS	DATE	RESTRICTION
N-1 [Doc 26]	letter	Wickens to RMW re Dow Chemical Co's politics	2/26/69	C(Nixon)
N-2 [Doc 27]	letter	Booker to Klein re Nixon administration treatment of "black press"	2/8/69	C(Nixon)
N-3 [Doc 28]	letter	Vallely to RMW re employment	3/27/69	C(Nixon)

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MEMOS - 1969 - R.M. WOODS (3 of 6, March/April)

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- A. Release would violate a Federal statute or Agency Policy.
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- E. Release would disclose trade secrets or confidential commercial or financial information.
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BILLY R. WICKENS

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FEBRUARY 26, 69.

MISS ROSE MARY WOODS
THE WHITE HOUSE
WASHINGTON, D.C.

DEAR ROSE MARY:

I CALLED MR. ROBERT ELLSWORTH'S OFFICE TODAY ABOUT THIS, BUT HE WOULD NOT TALK TO ME BECAUSE I COULD NOT GET HIS OFFICE GIRL TO CONVINCHE HIM THAT WHAT I HAD TO TALK ABOUT WAS IMPORTANT.

I WANTED TO TELL HIM THAT, THE DOW CHEMICAL COMPANY HAS AT ALL TIMES SINCE 1960 BEEN AGAINST RICHARD M. NIXON. MR. TYRONE GILLESPIE, ASST TO MR. LELAND DOAN, PRESIDENT OF THE DOW CHEMICAL COMPANY (AT THAT TIME) WENT TO THE CONVENTION IN CHICAGO AND WAS IN THE FOREFRONT OF THE FRAIL BUT REAL ATTEMPT TO NOMINATE GOLDWATER. MR. GILLESPIE ALSO WAS AT O'HARE AT THE ORIGINAL MEETING WITH F. CLIFTON WHITE WHEN THEY STARTED THE DRIVE TO KEEP THE POSITION OF TITULAR HEAD OF THE PARTY, AND THE FOLLOWING GOLDWATER CAMPAIGN. THE DOW CHEMICAL COMPANY IN 1964, MADE THEIR AEROPLANE AVAILABLE AND SPENT A LOT OF MONEY IN SUPPORT OF GOLDWATER. THEY HAVE DONE THE SAME FOR GEORGE ROMNEY. THEY HAVE NEVER BEEN KIND TO RICHARD NIXON. IN 1968 THEY, THROUGH MRS. " RANNY " JOHN E. RICKER, LAW PARTNER TO MR. GILLESPIE, SPECIAL ASST. TO STATE CHAIRMAN ELLY PETERSON, AND DAUGHTER OF ONE OF THE LARGEST STOCKHOLDERS OF THE DOW CHEMICAL COMPANY (HER MOTHER WAS A DOW) DID ALL THEY COULD IN THE ROMNEY FOR PRESIDENT CAMPAIGN. THEY WOULD NOT EVEN LISTEN TO THE NIXON SIDE OF THE CONTEST. THEY WERE AND STILL ARE ROCKY PEOPLE.

MRS. RICKER RAN THE MEETING IN MIDLAND, THAT WAS TO PLAN FOR THE NIXON TRIP TO THE TRI-CITY AIRPORT. SHE ALSO WAS THE COORDINATOR THAT " KEPT PEOPLE AWAY FROM THE AIRPORT " BY DELIBERATE " NON-ACTION " WHEN WE WERE IN A TOUCH AND GO FOR MICHIGAN. AS I TOLD YOU THEN, THE STATE ORGANIZATION NEVER GOT OFF IT'S HANDS FOR NIXON.

CARL GERSTACKER, CHAIRMAN OF THE BOARD OF THE DOW CHEMICAL COMPANY HAS DONE MUCH FOR ROMNEY, AND I WOULD EXPECT CARL TO HAVE GEORGE BE IN ON THE DOW PITCH TO MR. ELLSWORTH, ALONG WITH CONGRESSMAN AL. CEDERBERG OF OUR 10TH. DISTRICT. MY SON WORKED FOR CEDERBERG IN THE OFFICE THERE IN WASHINGTON, AL WORKS FOR THE DOW CHEMICAL.

DO NOT LET THIS INFORMATION GET TO CONGRESSMAN CEDERBERG, AS HE HAS AGREED TO GIVE ME SUPPORT IN MY ATTEMPT TO GET A NATIONAL APPOINTMENT. THE DOW CHEMICAL HAS PLACED ME IN A POSITION WHERE I HAVE TO RESIGN OR BECOME " A NOTHING " IN THE POLITICAL FIELD, WHICH I AM NOT WILLING TO DO.

IF WE CAN JUST KEEP THE BOSS IN WASHINGTON, AND AT THE HEAD OF OUR GOVERNMENT FOR EIGHT YEARS HE WILL BE ABLE TO BRING SOME NIXON PROGRAMS INTO FRUITION. THE DOW CHEMICAL COMPANY WILL NOT BE AROUND IN 1972, WHEN WE NEED THEM. THEIR HISTORY PROVES THIS, AND I WANTED YOU FOLKS TO KNOW THIS EVEN AT THE RISK OF IT GETTING BACK TO MY EMPLOYER, WHICH COULD BE UNPLEASANT.

SINCERELY,



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P.S. If it were my son so, I would
make christians out of these people
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