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THE WHITE HOUSE  
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March 1, 1972

MEMORANDUM FOR:

HARRY DENT

FROM:

GORDON STRACHAN

For your information, I have attached a copy of the materials to the President regarding his entry into the Maryland Presidential Preference Primary. Noble Melencamp has the original materials and Bob Marik, at the Committee for the Re-Election, has the responsibility to have the materials prepared correctly if the decision is to enter the primary.

cc: Bob Marik  
✓ Noble Melencamp

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FRED L. WINELAND  
SECRETARY OF STATE

February 28, 1972

The Honorable Richard M. Nixon  
President of the United States  
The White House  
1600 Pennsylvania Avenue  
Washington, D.C.

Dear Mr. President:

It is my pleasure to inform you that pursuant to the provisions of Article 33, Section 12-2(a)(1), Annotated Code of Maryland (1971 Supplement), I shall direct that your name be placed on the Maryland Presidential Preference Primary Ballot unless I receive from you within the time set forth by law an affidavit stating without qualification that you are not and do not intend to become a candidate for the office of President of the United States at the forthcoming 1972 Presidential Election.

For your convenience, I have enclosed an excerpt from the current Primary Election Law of Maryland, and direct your special attention to the section and subsection referenced above.

If you should desire that your name not appear on the Maryland Presidential Preference Primary Ballot, I must be in receipt of an affidavit executed by you no later than 5:00 p.m., Eastern Standard Time, Thursday, March 23, 1972. For your further convenience, I have enclosed a form of affidavit which complies with the requirements of Maryland law.

If you should have any questions, please contact me at your earliest possible convenience. My telephone number in Annapolis is (301) 267-5421.

With warm personal regards, I am,

Sincerely yours,

*Fred Wineland*  
Fred L. Wineland  
Secretary of State

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AFFIDAVIT

I, \_\_\_\_\_, being first duly sworn, do solemnly declare and affirm without qualification that I am not now and do not intend to become a candidate for the office of President of the United States at the forthcoming 1972 Presidential Election.

Date: \_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_  
Signature of Affiant

State of: \_\_\_\_\_

County of: \_\_\_\_\_, to wit:

I hereby certify that on the \_\_\_\_\_ day of \_\_\_\_\_, 1972, before me, the subscriber, a notary public of the State of \_\_\_\_\_, in and for the county of \_\_\_\_\_, personally appeared \_\_\_\_\_ and made oath (or affirmation) in due form of law that the matters and facts set forth in the Affidavit appearing above are true.

As witness, my hand and notarial seal.

(Notary Seal)

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My Commission Expires: \_\_\_\_\_

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Secretary of State  
State House  
Annapolis, Maryland 21404

## § 12-1. Delegates to national conventions.

(a) *Selection of delegates.*—The total number of delegates and alternate delegates to represent the respective political parties at their respective national conventions shall be ascertained and determined by the governing body of each party and certified to the State Administrative Board of Election Laws not later than the first day of March in each year in which national conventions for the nomination of President and Vice-President are held. The selection of delegates shall be as follows:

(1) Election of District Delegates. Of the number of delegates allotted to Maryland, with the exception of those provided for in paragraph (3) of this subsection, there shall be elected from each congressional district an equal number of district delegates from the list of candidates certified to the boards by the State Administrative Board of Election Laws. In ascertaining the number of delegates to be elected from each congressional district, the State Administrative Board of Election Laws shall determine the highest whole number that can be multiplied by the current number of congressional districts in Maryland to obtain a product closest to but not greater than 100% of the delegates allotted to Maryland by the respective national party committee. Each delegate may have placed adjacent to his name on the ballot the name of a presidential candidate, provided that the written permission of the presidential candidate has been received by the State Administrative Board of Election Laws at least 53 days prior to the date of the primary election.

(2) Election of At-Large Delegates. After the election of the district delegates in accordance with § 12-1 (a) (1), those elected district delegates from any national political party shall meet in convention not more than 21 days after that election and shall elect, as "At-Large Delegates," the remainder of delegates allotted to Maryland by the respective national party committee and not elected under section 12-1 (a) (2).

(3) Ex Officio Delegates.

(i) The Governor of the State shall be an ex officio delegate to the national party convention of the party upon whose ticket he ran in the last preceding gubernatorial election.

(ii) If provided for in the party constitution, the national committeeman, the national committeewoman and the State party chairman of each party shall be ex officio delegates.

(4) Selection of Alternates for Elected Delegates. The elected delegation to the national party convention shall elect the alternate delegates to the convention.

(5) Filling of Vacancies. The entire delegation to a national party convention shall fill vacancies occurring in the office of delegate or alternate delegate.

(b) *Candidate for whom delegates bound to vote.*—All the district delegates to a national convention shall be bound to vote for the candidate of their party for the office of President of the United States who receives the highest number of votes within their respective congressional district at the primary election, and the ex officio delegates and the at-large delegates elected by the district delegates as herein provided shall be bound to vote for the candidate who receives the highest total number of votes at the primary election in the State. All delegates shall be so bound until the candidate for President of the United States is nominated by the convention, receives less than 35 percent of the votes for nomination by the convention, or releases the delegation, or until two convention nominating ballots have been taken.

(c) *Election at party convention.*—In the case of a political party which is not entitled to nominate candidates for public office by means of primary elections, subsections (a) and (b) of this section shall not apply and in lieu thereof delegates and alternate delegates to represent the said political party at its respective national convention shall be elected at a party convention in accordance with the lawful rules and practices of the said political party. (1957, ch. 739, § 1; 1965, ch. 784; 1967, ch. 392, § 1; 1969, ch. 560; 1970, chs. 103, 440; 1971, chs. 268, 354.)

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subsection (a) and three times in paragraph (1) of that subsection.

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gave effect to the other, but both have been given effect in the subsection as set out above.

Chapter 268, Acts 1971, effective July 1, 1971, divided subsection (b) into two sentences, added "ex officio delegates and the" in the first sentence and added "All delegates shall be so bound" at the beginning of the present second sentence.

Chapter 351, Acts 1971, effective July 1, 1971, added subsection (c).

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**§ 12-2. Primary election for candidate for President and delegates to national convention.**

(a) *Manner of becoming candidate for nomination for President; withdrawal of candidacy.*—Any person who is a candidate for the nomination of a party which must nominate candidates for State public office by means of primary elections under the provisions of this article, for the office of President of the United States, and who desires to obtain the vote of the delegates from Maryland of the party in its national convention, may become a candidate for nomination in primary elections to be held in accordance with the provisions of this article only:

(1) By direction of the Secretary of State who shall place the name of the candidate upon the ballot no sooner than 70 days nor later than 53 days preceding the date set by law for the primary election when he has determined in his sole discretion that the candidate's candidacy is generally advocated or recognized in national news media throughout the United States, unless the candidate executes and files with the Secretary of State an affidavit stating without qualification that he is not and does not intend to become a candidate for the office at the forthcoming election:

(2) By making the payment required and by filing with the State Administrative Board of Election Laws, a petition in the form prescribed by the State Administrative Board of Election Laws which shall contain the signatures of not less than 400 of the registered voters within each congressional district, at least 53 days preceding the date set by law for the primary election. Nothing in this section shall require compliance with § 7-1.

(3) Notwithstanding any other provisions of this article, whenever any person who has been nominated in any presidential primary election, in a writing signed by him and acknowledged before a justice of the peace or notary public, notifies the officer or board with whom the certificate of candidacy, or petition for nomination, or name is required to be filed by this article, at least forty-five (45) days before the primary that he desires to withdraw as a candidate for the nomination, his name shall be withdrawn and the name of any person so withdrawing shall not be printed upon the ballots to be used at the presidential primary election. The filing of a valid certificate of withdrawal of candidacy is a final act of withdrawal; and a person who files a certificate of withdrawal may not reinstate his candidacy, unless the time limit for the filing of candidacies has not expired. No filing fees shall be refunded to persons who withdraw in accordance with this section, subject, however, to § 4A-7 of this article. Nothing in this section shall apply to a candidate who qualifies under § 12-2 (a) (1).

(b) *Right to have name printed on official primary ballot.*—A candidate qualifying under this section shall be entitled to have his name printed upon the official primary ballot of his party in primary elections held under and in accordance with this article as a candidate for the nomination for President.

(c) *Duty of boards of supervisors of elections to have names printed on ballots.*—The board of supervisors of elections in each county and of Baltimore City shall have printed upon the official primary ballots of each of those political parties in each county of the State, and in each legislative district of Baltimore City at the primary election in each year in which a President of the United States is to be elected, the names of the candidates for President and names of candidates for election as delegates to conventions certified to them by the State Administrative Board of Election Laws in manner and form and in all respects similar to the way in which the names of candidates for nomination for Governor are required to be printed upon official primary ballots by the provisions of § 14-1 of

(d) *Arrangement of names on ballots; preparation and casting of ballots.*—The names of the candidates for the nomination for President of the United States and the names of the candidates for election as delegates to conventions of the several political parties upon the official primary ballots shall be arranged and the ballots shall be prepared and shall be marked and cast by voters in the same manner as is prescribed by the provisions of this article with respect to the nomination in the primary election of candidates for the office of Governor of Maryland.

(e) *Canvass, ascertainment and certification of results.*—The results of the primary elections in the several counties and legislative districts of Baltimore City in presidential years shall be canvassed, ascertained and certified in the same manner as provided by law with respect to the election of delegates from the several counties and legislative districts to State conventions of the respective parties to nominate candidates for State offices. The votes cast in each primary election in each county and legislative district of Baltimore City shall be canvassed and certified by the respective board of supervisor [boards of supervisors] of elections in Baltimore

City and the several counties of the State. The Board of State Canvassers then shall tabulate the votes so canvassed and certified in a manner plainly to indicate for each party which candidate for President and which candidates for election as delegates to a national convention received the highest number of votes in the State as a whole. (1969, ch. 560; 1970, ch. 103; 1971, ch. 354.)

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### § 12-3. Presidential electors.

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(c) *Certification of nominees to State Administrative Board of Election Laws.*—The names of persons nominated by the State convention as candidates for presidential electors shall be certified by the presiding officers of the State convention to the State Administrative Board of Election Laws. (1957, ch. 739, § 1; 1965, ch. 784; 1967, ch. 392, § 1; 1969, ch. 560; 1970, ch. 103.)

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As witness, my hand and notarial seal.

(Notary Seal)

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(3) Notwithstanding any other provisions of this article, whenever any person who has been nominated in any presidential primary election, in a writing signed by him and acknowledged before a justice of the peace or notary public, notifies the officer or board with whom the certificate of candidacy, or petition for nomination, or name is required to be filed by this article, at least forty-five (45) days before the primary that he desires to withdraw as a candidate for the nomination, his name shall be withdrawn and the name of any person so withdrawing shall not be printed upon the ballots to be used at the presidential primary election. The filing of a valid certificate of withdrawal of candidacy is a final act of withdrawal; and a person who files a certificate of withdrawal may not reinstate his candidacy, unless the time limit for the filing of candidacies has not expired. No filing fees shall be refunded to persons who withdraw in accordance with this section, subject, however, to § 4A-7 of this article. Nothing in this section shall apply to a candidate who qualifies under § 12-2 (a) (1).

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Date 3/30/72

TO: Gordon

Thank you GS

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RICHARD M NIXON, PRESIDENT OF THE UNITED STATES

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I HAVE BEEN DIRECTED BY THE SECRETARY OF STATE OF MARYLAND,  
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PRIMARY BALLOT WHICH WILL BE VOTED ON MAY 16, 1972. IF YOU SHOULD  
HAVE ANY QUESTION CONTACT ME, STATE ADMINISTRATOR OF ELECTION  
LAWS, (301) 267-5711.

WILLARD A MORRIS

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