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The White House  
Washington  
November 16, 1972

Dear Mr. Secretary:

In accordance with the election laws of the State of Nebraska, I, Richard Nixon, hereby state that I have personally neither received any contributions nor made any expenditures in the State of Nebraska in connection with the election to the office of President of the United States. To the best of my knowledge and belief, the only contributions and expenditures made on my behalf in the State of Nebraska are those listed in the reports filed with your office pursuant to the Federal Election Campaign Act of 1971 by the Nebraska Finance Committee to Re-elect the President.

Sincerely,

Richard Nixon

Honorable Allen J. Beermann  
Secretary of State  
State Capitol  
Lincoln, Nebraska  68509

Attachment
I, Richard Nixon, do solemnly swear that the foregoing statement is a true and full account of each and all sums of money and other things of value directly or indirectly contributed, disbursed, expended or promised by me, and (to the best of my knowledge and belief) by any and all other persons with my procurement in my behalf, wholly or in part, in endeavoring to secure, or in any way in connection with, my election to the office of President of the United States or in endeavoring to secure or defeat or in any way in connection with the election of any other person or persons to any office to be voted for on the same day of election, or in support of or opposition to any measure or propositions submitted to popular vote upon the same day of election: and that it is a true and full statement of the dates when, the person or persons to whom, and the purposes for which, each such payment, contribution, expenditure or promise was made, and the person or persons by whom made, when not made directly by myself.

Subscribed and sworn to before me this 16th day of November, A. D. 1972.

Craig S. Campbell
Commander, USN
Military Aide to the President

No Seal Required
sums of money and other things of value contributed, disbursed, expended or promised by him, and (to the best of his knowledge and belief) by any other person or persons with his procurement in his behalf, wholly or in part in endeavoring to secure, or in any way in connection with his nomination to such office or place, or in endeavoring to secure or defeat, or in any way in connection with the nomination of any other person or persons at such convention or primary election, and showing the dates when, the persons by whom and to whom, and the purposes for which each such contribution, payment, expenditure or promise was made. Such candidate shall subscribe and swear to the statement and duplicate before an officer authorized to administer oaths. The form of the affidavit to be appended to each statement and duplicate statement and signed by the candidate, shall be in substance as follows:

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\text{I, \ldots, do solemnly swear (repeat), that the foregoing statement is a true and full account of each and all sums of money and other things of value, directly or indirectly contributed, disbursed, expended or promised by me, and (to the best of my knowledge and belief) by any and all other persons with my procurement in my behalf, wholly or in part, in endeavoring to secure, or in any way in connection with, my nomination to the office or place of \ldots, or in endeavoring to secure or defeat or in any way in connection with the nomination of any other person or persons at the convention or primary election before which I was a candidate for nomination to the office or place aforesaid; and that it is a true and full statement of the date when, and the person or persons to whom, and the purposes for which each such contribution, payment, expenditure, or promise was made, and the person or persons by whom made, when not directly by myself.}
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(Signature of Candidate)

32-1103. Same—election expenses. Every person who shall be a candidate for election to the office of Representative in the Congress of the United States, member of the United States Senate, or to any office which under the laws or Constitution of this state is to be filled by popular election, except township, precinct, school district, soil and water conservation district, or city officers or village trustees, shall, within ten days after the election held to fill such office, make out a statement in writing and file the same with the county clerk or election commissioner of the county in which he resides and make out and file a duplicate thereof with the board, officer or officers, if any, empowered by law to issue the certificate of election to such office or place. Candidates for election to the office of President shall file such statement with the Secretary of State. Such statement shall set forth in detail each and all sums of money and other things of value contributed, disbursed, expended, or promised by him, and to the best of his knowledge and belief, by any other person or persons with his procurement in his behalf, wholly or in part, in endeavoring to secure or in any way in connection with his election to such office or place, or in endeavoring to secure or defeat, or in any way in connection with the election of any other person or persons to any office to be voted for on the same day of election, or in support of or opposition to any measure or proposition submitted to popular vote upon the same day of election, and showing the dates when, the persons by and to whom, and the purposes for which each such contribution, payment, expenditure, or promise was made. Such candidate shall subscribe and swear to the statement and duplicate before an officer authorized to administer oaths. The form of the affidavit to be appended to each statement and duplicate statement and signed by the candidate, shall be in substance as follows:

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\text{I, \ldots, do solemnly swear (repeat), that the foregoing statement is a true and full account of each and all sums of money and other things of value, directly or indirectly contributed, disbursed, expended or promised by me, and (to the best of my knowledge and belief) by any and all other persons with my procurement in my behalf, wholly or in part, in endeavoring to secure, or in any way in connection with, my nomination to the office or place of \ldots, or in endeavoring to secure or defeat or in any way in connection with the nomination of any other person or persons at the convention or primary election before which I was a candidate for nomination to the office or place aforesaid; and that it is a true and full statement of the date when, and the person or persons to whom, and the purposes for which each such contribution, payment, expenditure, or promise was made, and the person or persons by whom made, when not directly by myself.}
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(Signature of Candidate)

32-1104. Same.—person filing statement liable to fine. Any person violating any of the provisions of sections 32-1102 and 32-1103 shall be liable to a fine not exceeding one hundred dollars, and in an action brought in the name of the county attorney of the fine to be fixed by the court. No board, officer or officer required by sections 32-1102 and 32-1103 to file a statement or statements shall issue the certificate of election to any office to which he may file duplicates provided for by law or emolument for a salary or emolument for a term of office. Candidates for election to the office of member of the legislature entitled to vote at the close of the term of office, or to the office of member of the legislature entitled to vote at a subsequent session of the legislature, shall file affidavits in the following form:

First—That such officer, officer, violated one or more sections 32-1102 and 32-
to the statement and duplicate before an officer authorized by law to administer oaths. The form of the affidavit to be appended to each statement and duplicate shall be in substance as follows: I, , , do solemnly swear (or affirm) that the foregoing statement is true and full account of each and all sums of money and other things of value directly or indirectly contributed, disbursed, expended or promised by me, and (to the best of my knowledge and belief) by any and all other persons with my procurement in my behalf, wholly or in part, in endeavoring to secure, or in any way in connection with, my election to the office of , and the purposes for which, each such payment, contribution, expenditure, or promise was made, and the persons or persons by whom made, when not made directly by myself.

(autograph of Candidate)

32-1104. Same.—penalty for failure to file. Any person failing to comply with the provisions of sections 32-1102 and 32-1103 shall, upon conviction thereof, be liable to a fine not exceeding one thousand dollars, to be recovered with costs in an action brought in the name of the state of Nebraska by the attorney general or by the county attorney of the county of the candidate’s residence, the amount of the fine to be fixed within such limit by the jury.

32-1105. Filing statement prerequisite for certificate of nomination or election. No board, officer or officers authorized by law to issue commissions or certificates of election shall issue a commission or certificate of election to any person to whom, and the person or persons to whom, and the purposes for which, each such payment, contribution, expenditure, or promise was made, and the persons or persons by whom made, when not made directly by myself.

(autograph of Candidate)

32-1106. Complaint against officer for violating law—how made. At any time during the term of office of any occupant of any public office, other than the office of member of the legislature or the congress of the United States, any elector entitled to vote at such election may present an application in writing, verified by his affidavit, to the attorney general setting forth one or more of the following charges against any public officer:

First—That such officer, in seeking nomination or election, or both, to such office, violated one or more of the provisions of sections 32-1101 to 32-1103.

Second—that such officer wilfully stated an untruth in some one or more of the statements and duplicates and affidavits made and filed by him pursuant to sections 32-1102 and 32-1103 after such nomination or election;
February 8, 1972

The President
The White House
Washington, D. C.

Sir:

This is your official notice that your name has been entered pursuant to law as a Republican Candidate for President of the United States on the Nebraska Presidential Preference Primary Ballot.

Nebraska's All-Star Preferential Primary law requires the filing of an affidavit, similar to the sample enclosed, if you do not choose to remain on the Nebraska Primary Ballot. To remove your name, your affidavit must be received by this office on or before 5:00 p.m., central standard time, March 10, 1972. The Nebraska Primary Election will be held May 9, 1972.

Finally, I would suggest that you carefully read the provisions of Nebraska Statute 32-511, which is enclosed.

Respectfully yours,

Allen J. Beermann
Secretary of State

Enclosures (2)

"Political Society Exists for the Sake of Noble Living"—Aristotle
TO: Whom It May Concern  
FROM: Allen J. Beermann, Secretary of State  
RE: Nebraska "All-Star" Primary

The Secretary of State of Nebraska is in a unique position regarding Presidential candidates in the Nebraska "all-star" primary election.

Nebraska Statute 32-510 and 32-511 (copies enclosed) relate to the Presidential candidates. You will note that under 32-511 the Secretary of State in his sole discretion may place on the Nebraska primary ballot the names of Presidential candidates. This statute does not set up any guidelines relating to dates or deadlines. Therefore, we have sought the guidance of the Attorney General. (Copy of opinion enclosed).

The Secretary of State has determined that any names of Presidential candidates he wishes to place on the ballot will be announced by February 9, 1972 (90 days prior to primary). The Secretary will first notify by certified mail the candidates to be placed on the ballot and then will make public his decision. The National Party Chairman will also be notified as to the Secretary’s intentions regarding the Presidential primary ballot.

After the Secretary of State has announced his decision to place certain named candidates on the primary election ballot, such named candidate, pursuant to 32-511, will have until Friday, March 10, 1972, to file an affidavit with the Secretary to have his name removed, if he so desires.

Provided, if a presidential candidate files such affidavit removing his name, and subsequently becomes a presidential candidate in any other state by any means whatever, he shall be considered to have purged his affidavit in Nebraska and such affidavit shall have no force and effect. The Secretary of State shall then again place such candidate’s name on the primary ballot in accordance with the provisions of law.

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Please keep in mind that the people of the State of Nebraska may still make use of the petition process, set out in 32-510, to place a Presidential candidate on the ballot.

The Secretary of State also wishes to advise that in addition to his study of the candidates through the national news media, he will also consult with the officials of the national political parties.

Sincerely yours,

Allen J. Beermann
Allen J. Beermann
Secretary of State
Nebraska

Except as provided in Section 32-511, the names of any persons to be voted upon for President of the United States shall be printed on the primary ballots solely on the petition of their political supporters in Nebraska, and such petition for President shall contain the names of not less than one hundred electors of each congressional district of the state, without such persons themselves signing the petition or acceptance; Provided, the name of any person to be voted upon for President shall be placed upon the ballot only when written consent of the individual involved has been filed with the Secretary of State not less than sixty days before the primary election. The form of the petition shall as nearly as possible conform to Schedule A. of this section.
32-511. Presidential candidate names on ballot. The names of persons in the political party (1) who shall be presented by petition of their supporters to be party candidates for President of the United States or (2) who shall have been determined by the Secretary of State, in his sole discretion, to be generally advocated or recognized as candidates in national news media throughout the United States shall be printed on the nominating ballot. If a person does not want his name on the Nebraska primary ballot, he must execute and file an affidavit with the Secretary of State stating without qualification that he is not now and does not intend to become a candidate for office of President of the United States at the forthcoming presidential election in Nebraska or any other state: Provided, if a presidential candidate files such affidavit removing his name, and subsequently becomes a presidential candidate in any other state by any means whatever, he shall be considered to have purged his affidavit in Nebraska and such affidavit shall have no force and effect. The Secretary of State shall then again place such candidate's name on the primary ballot in accordance with the provisions of law. The ballots shall be marked, the votes shall be counted, canvassed, and returned, and the sufficiency of the petitions shall be determined by the laws governing party nominations for the office of Governor as far as the same are applicable.
the practical problems involved in the printing of ballots, it would seem that, on the same date, all candidates for the Presidential nominations must be known. Therefore, the last date for a candidate to file an affidavit that he is not a candidate would be a date sixty days before the date of the primary election.

The said statute sets out no date for you to make your determination of the persons who are "advocated or recognized to be party candidates for President of the United States." From the language used, this determination must ultimately be discretionary with you. Therefore, in our opinion, you must make that decision on a date to be determined by you to be satisfactory. The date should be as early as possible so that the candidate may have the greatest possible opportunity to determine his action. On the other hand, because potential Presidential candidates may not become known until a relatively short period of time before the primary, your decision could not effectively be made too early. We would suggest that some date between seventy-five and one-hundred twenty days before the primary election might be satisfactory.

We trust that the above will be of assistance to you.

Very truly yours,

CLARENCE A. H. MEYER
Attorney General

Calvin E. Robinson
Assistant Attorney General

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By Allen, Secretary of State
Dear Secretary Beermann:

I have been properly notified by your office that my name has been placed on the Nebraska Presidential Preference Primary Ballot (May 9, 1972), Republican Party. Please be advised that I am not now nor do I intend to be a candidate for the office of President of the United States. Therefore, in accordance with your State Laws, I am herewith submitting my affidavit of declination to have my name properly withdrawn from your Primary Ballot as a Presidential Candidate.

**AFFIDAVIT OF DECLINATION**

PRIOR TO PRIMARY ELECTION *

STATE OF_______)  
County of_______)  

I,__________________, resident of________________________________________________________

Street Address _______________________ City ______________ State _______, having been named

as a candidate for nomination to the office of President of the United States, which act was done by the Secretary of State of Nebraska, herewith decline to be a Presidential Candidate and request that my name not be printed on the Presidential Primary Ballot of the election to be held May 9, 1972 in the State of Nebraska.

__________________________________________

Signed

State of_______)  
County of_______)  

On this_______ Day of_______, 197__, before me, a Notary Public in and for_______________, State of_______________, personally appeared _____________________________, to be known to be the identical person who subscribed the above and foregoing Affidavit of Declination, and acknowledge the same to be his voluntary act and deed.

__________________________________________

Notary Public

*To be filed with the Secretary of State on or before March 10, 1972

Respectfully submitted,