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Lawrence D Townsend
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Dear Larry:

It's taken a zooming comet amidst an eclipse and Christmas eve to lurch me out of procrastination and answer ~~the~~^{your} letter that's been facing me almost a year (which is NOT like me). Between health problems and current events, time just whoopsed - but you were and have been very much in mind; had we a tie-line, I'd have called several times in interim - forgive me please?

Glad I recall Kungsholm as we knew it in loving hands of founder Kramer, and do hope the puppets, props, settings etc of full production are found and put in proper hands for posterity and activity within a museum. The encl from Francis conjured fond memories of Chicago, people & Michigan Ave from Library to Drake; he'll have to tell the full saga of Jennie and how much a part of Chicago she really was - he's full of such happy surprises.

Yes, by "on the boards" I did mean Broadway production, but an "act of God" for my potential star-team (I hope) changes the timing of planned confection; a three act, 1 set-1 set piece, costume piece set in Marie 1830-38 blending 20th century history & 2 romances into a charm & libel-proof clime for four characters - a star package that should have a Valentine Day opening here - I don't call sentiment "nostalgia" but fully believe Broadway needs it; also have a book musical to follow that means "STAR" pkg with "opportunity" to top talent, preferably already A&A - and the one mentioned to you at lunch that I fondly term "my Disney opera" adding a new dimension to theater and giving full chance to new talent of all ages but certainly the young - and we will NOT use new culture-concrete on road, but will use National in DC, Fisher in Detroit, and, if feasible in Chgo, The Oriental- you need theaters!

It's a shame that the project (of which I gave you a detailed presentation) to create "instant theater/culture/glamor" at the Water Tower couldn't be, but I wasn't about to build on marsh what required bedrock; 3 theaters plus parking under and full pertinent office above meaning heavy machinery - the foundation was literally non-existent to bear such traffic, and my intent was to entertain, not to entomb - no "Instant Aida" ct 4" for audiences! However, the education I gained from the decade of endeavor is tremendous and seems suddenly to have a touch of "bread cast on the waters" for me; if and when there's more on that, shall notify pronto.

I wish that The Post here would carry the noscoe Drummond column; do you still have it in Chgo Today? I miss its provocative excellence; he makes you think whether or not in agreement. Can't think why Mrs Schiff doesn't carry this column with the otherwise full smorgasbord she offers, and hope she will.

For the sake of USA, Empire State and Broadway proper, those I wish had just never been born are: Nelson Rockefeller, Ellise Richardson, George Mason, Henry Kissinger and Roger Stevens; Stevens I could do something to curb if I were on the board of our National (I won't call it Kennedy) Center - he does all his real work across the street from me here: selecting vehicles, all the basic contracting, casting, production staff, union contracts etc and doesn't give a damn how he squanders the taxpayers money or mutilates a production; then, after making a real-estate pkg/amateur night presentation, whimpers at rejection of box-office - he should have someone on board NOT rubber-stamp ass-kissing him, but it's unlikely I'll be appointed to so challenge him. An so - trust this finds you in best & continued health & happiness, and even possibly pending a trip here? If so, 212-01 5-6090 - do write-

Lynne Grey-

Chicago, July 25, 1960

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2 February 1971 Tuesday AM

Chairman & Mrs. Robert J Dole
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Dear Chairman & Mrs. Dole:

On 14 September '70 Monday PM,

when Senator Dole was told with enthusiasm, "You should be our National Chair-
man", he answered Pete Dodd (who is now campaigning for President of Cook YR)
"Couldn't happen in a million years!"

Having jumped that time gap in four months, may I urge with heartfelt con-
gratulations that you have the pending/possible appointment of Ray Page to
Regional Director of Education of HEW District Five held in abeyance until
you find it feasible to be in Chicago to peruse and hear pertinent data that
could hurt "Nixon '72" in Illinois, Indiana, Michigan, Minnesota, Ohio and
Wisconsin if Page is appointed?

I ask this of the man whose handshake, as he noted my expert rifleman medal
(for which I did the shooting in service), was that of an honored ex-platoon
leader of 5 1/2 years active service in EIW-WW2, who resumed civilian activity
professional and civic via his own shingle, plus Kiwanis, Elks and Masons,
before seeking elective office to be of service to America, Kansas and to our
President; I was also wearing a Ray Page color-portrait button on 14 September!

As per letterhead, I've plugged and voted Nixon twice, and look forward to a
successful repeat in '72 - which is why I ask your attention now to what
might later prove damaging and would certainly be embarrassing to the Presi-
dent. I check before I chirp, and so explore that you peruse and digest my
still unfolding findings (non-published) on Ray who, to be indulgent, appears
"a lad of 49 going on 9", a perennial school-boy, a Peter Pan who refuses to
leave his academic cocoon of subsidized immaturity for the adult world of full
responsibility imperative to the job of Regional Director of Education for 51
states, an approximate eighth of the Presidential Electorate. To those less
indulgent, Page appears guilty of fraud and a staggering betrayal of the Publ
Trust for the entire Illinois Electorate.

Is irresponsibility to be rewarded by a position of National Public Trust
requiring a Neil McElroy of experience and responsibility? Does the Presiden
wish to give 1/8 of his Electorate and \$10-\$15 billion of our tax monies to
charming child Ray as a gold star on his report card? Authority, Ray assumes
responsibility, he shuns - and why not? Having been subsidized all of his
life, responsibility is both foreign and frightening to him. McElroy, if he
take on another stint of selfless public service as he did for Eisenhower,
would prove a feather in the Nixon cap for stature at legging polls. McElroy
was weaned on education; both parents were teachers, and he worked his way thru
Harvard on a piccolo...he is Ohio (one of District 5 HEW) born and resident,
and has kept F&G (with Ivory) afloat/top rating internationally over the years
Responsibility is his way of life, and the American Electorate rightfully doe
expect that of anyone allowed to administer its funds and the education of i
children, our future. "Given the facts", to quote L duPont Copeland, "people
will see that profit is the mainspring of the system upon which government de
pend for all its revenue"...the taxpayers are hurting and becoming increas
ingly astute, not apathetic, about where, how and thru who their taxes are

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cont... Chairman & Mrs Dole - 2 February 71

going. I'm certain you'd both agree that Page is completely unqualified - (and thus would hurt the '72 incumbency of the President, should he so appoint) after perusal and hearing of data, current and pending; I again urge you to learn-and-advise before appointment of HEW-5 Reg.Dir.Education.

And, on the recent White House addition-at-our-expense of Peter George Peterson, it was charming publicity to have him piously tell media he had divested himself of stock and directorship with Bell and Howell - AND of stock and directorship with The First National Bank of Chicago... but there has been no stock - neither stock nor directorship possible with/in this bank since 23 January '69 when it became the wholly owned subsidiary of a one bank holding corporation of Delaware, with total directorship in Chicago area, called First Chicago Corporation; on 1 and 8 of January '69 it acquired all common stock of 1st National Bank of Chicago on a share for share basis; Peterson makes no mention of divesting himself of this stock or directorship as one of 20 directors (since Livingston died) & 12,879 stockholders; all this could get sticky image-wise for incumbency to an increasingly astute Electorate.

Nor is my turning to you disloyal to Percy - his payrollers are diligent in keeping him both unavailable and uninformed; I asked interview on Page data with Percy, since he did the nominating and so could also be embarrassed. I was "relegated", and refused to divulge data to less than the Senator; my intent is to help and protect '72 Republican and Nixon election - not to embarrass anyone. As for Percy wanting Page, among other quoted reasons, "because Illinois is the largest mid-west state", he seems to have lost his knack for accuracy enjoying the club on The Hill for which the Electorate picks up his tab; of HEW District 5's six states, in mileage, Minnesota and Michigan are both considerably larger than Illinois - while Ohio, almost the smallest, is only 431,956 less populous (Illinois-56,400 miles, 10,973,986 population...Ohio-41,222 miles, 10,542,030 population - including one well qualified for the Regional Directorship which Illinois, with all respect to Page and Percy, has not!)

Please let me know when you find it feasible for us to meet, either afternoon or evening as mornings are prohibitive for me physically... at your convenience in the Loop (other than Central Committee or Percy Office) or North Loop. Did you read the Drummond piece 19 January 71? It fits my plea

Working toward a Nixon ticket and Republican victory for '72, with congratulations again on your Chairmanship for that goal,

Cooperatively & cordially,

Mrs. William Grey

cc: Neil McElroy
H.R. Haldeman - Adm.Dir, White House ✓

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