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December 2, 1968 (RN TAPE)

FORM LETTER

TO: People who sent congratulatory notes or wires.

Dear _____:

I want you to know how much I appreciated the (indicate WIRE or LETTER) you sent to me after the election.

As I undertake the great responsibility of providing new leadership for America ~~in the years ahead~~, the messages I have received by the thousands from all over the world will be a constant source of strength and inspiration *in the years ahead*

Mrs. Nixon joins me in extending our very best wishes to you for Christmas and the New Year.

Sincerely,

December 2, 1968

FORM LETTER

To those who lost their races.

*(Don't send
to S. L. C.
J. J. L. C. - Conn.)*

Dear _____:

*(2)
(1)*

(Due to the fact that my office staff has been swamped by a mass of mail since our election victory) this is the first opportunity I have had to express my respect and appreciation to you for waging such a gallant battle in your campaign for (Governor, Senator, Congressman).

I know the disappointment you must feel from personal experience and I only hope that you will not allow this defeat to discourage you in your efforts to continue to provide leadership for our party ^{and the nation} in the years ahead.

I want to take this opportunity to extend my very best wishes for Christmas and the New Year.

Sincerely,

CONTRIBUTORS

Dear _____:

Now that I have had time to reflect on the results of the election, I realize our victory would not have been possible without the support of the best campaign finance organizations in American political history.

I only wish I had the opportunity to express my appreciation personally to all of those who contributed so generously to our cause. Since that is not possible, the best way I can express my gratitude is to do everything in my power in the years ahead to see that our new administration makes a record which will be worthy of the dedicated support of those who helped to make our victory possible.

I know ~~that~~ you join with me in the hope that, as a result of that record, we shall all be able to look back to the Campaign of 1968 and say that we played a part at one of the critical turning points in history in providing the new leadership that America needed, and, in the words of Winston Churchill, "in making this world a better place in which to live."

Mrs. Nixon joins me in sending our very best wishes for Christmas and the New Year.

Sincerely,

December 2, 1968

NOTE OF CONGRATULATIONS TO THE WINNERS (STATE LEGISLATURE and
STATE SENATE & GOVERNORS)

Dear _____:

(Due to the great mass of mail which swamped my office staff after our election victory, this is the first opportunity I have had to extend to you officially my congratulations for your election (or re-election) to the (Ohio or whatever the state is) (State Legislature.) OR (Ohio State Senate) OR as (GOVERNOR) of Ohio. *

One of the major objectives ~~of~~ of our new Administration will be to establish a much closer working relationship between the federal and state governments. I shall look forward to working with you and your colleagues toward that end in the years ahead.

With every good wish for Christmas and the New Year,

Sincerely,

*Note that Nebraska has only one house known as the Senate. Refer to the Nebraska state winners as follows: "your election
State
(re-election) to the Nebraska Legislature.

CONTRIBUTORS

Dear _____:

Due to the great mass of mail which swamped my office staff after our election victory, this is the first opportunity I have had to tell you how much I have appreciated your work as a member of our Finance Committee.

As I reflect on the results of the election, I realize our victory would not have been possible without the support of the best campaign finance organizations in American political history. I feel the way I can express my gratitude is to do everything in my power in the years ahead to see that our new Administration makes a record which will be worthy of the dedicated support of those who helped to make our victory possible.

I know you join with me in the hope that, as a result of that record, we shall all be able to look back to the Campaign of 1968 and say that we played a part at one of the critical turning points in history in providing the new leadership that America needed, and, in the words of Winston Churchill, "in making this world a better place in which to live."

Mrs. Nixon (Pat) joins me in sending our very best wishes for Christmas and the New Year.

Sincerely,

CONTRIBUTORS

Nixon - Fair Campaign

Dear _____:

Due to the great mass of mail which swamped my office staff after our election victory, this is the first opportunity I have had to tell you how much I have appreciated your work as a member of our Finance Committee.

As I reflect on the results of the election, I realize our victory would not have been possible without the support of the best campaign finance organizations in American political history. ~~The~~ I feel the way I can express my gratitude is to do everything in my power in the years ahead to see that our new Administration makes a record which will be worthy of the dedicated support of those who helped to make our victory possible.

I know ~~that~~ you join ~~me with~~ me in the hope that, as a result of that record, we shall all be able to look back to the Campaign of 1968 and say that we played a part at one of the critical turning points in history in providing the new leadership that America needed, and, in the words of Winston Churchill, "in making this world a better place in which to live."

(Mrs. Nixon (Pat) joins me ~~in~~ in sending our very best wishes for Christmas and the New Year.

NOTE OF CONGRATULATIONS TO THE WINNERS (U. S. House of Representatives
and U. S. Senate)

Dear _____:

Due to the great mass of mail which swamped my office staff after our election victory, this is the first opportunity I have had to extend to you officially my congratulations for your election (or re-election) to the (House) (Senate).

I look forward to the opportunity of working with you in the next four years to provide the new leadership America needs. I am confident that, once we get to Washington, we shall be able to set up one of the most productive and efficient Executive-Congressional teams our nation has ever known, with the result that all of us want: good government - responsible and trustworthy government - for our country.

Pat joins me in sending our very best wishes for Christmas and the New Year.

Sincerely,

~~(Mrs) Nixon (if it is)~~

*Ch
Bryce*

December 2, 1968 (RN TAPE)

NOTE OF CONGRATULATIONS TO THE WINNERS (U.S. House of Representatives and U.S. Senate)

Dear _____:

Due to the great mass of mail which swamped my office staff after our election victory, this is the first opportunity I have had to extend to you officially my congratulations for your election (or re-election) to the (House.) (Senate.)

I look forward to the opportunity of working with you in the next four years to provide the new leadership that America needs. ~~I'm sure you are as pleased as I am that Bryce Harlow has agreed to serve on the White House staff as my Chief Assistant for Legislative Matters (make certain this is Harlow's correct title). I trust you will be patient with us during this period when we are not yet fully started.~~

I am confident that, once we get to Washington, we shall be able to set up one of the most ^{productive and efficient} Congressional ~~liaison operations in White House history~~ ^{teams our Nation has ever known, with the result that} ~~all of us want: good government, responsible and trustworthy.~~

Pat joins me in sending our very best wishes for

Christmas and the New Year.

Sincerely,

Government - for our country

CONTRIBUTORS

Dear _____:

Now that I have had time to reflect on the results of the election, I realize our victory would not have been possible without the support of the best campaign finance organizations in American political history.

I only wish I had the opportunity to express my appreciation personally to all of those who contributed so generously to our cause. Since that is not possible, the best way I can express my gratitude is to do everything in my power in the years ahead to see that our new Administration makes a record which will be worthy of the dedicated support of those who helped to make our victory possible.

I know you join with me in the hope that, as a result of that record, we shall all be able to look back to the Campaign of 1968 and say that we played a part at one of the critical turning points in history in providing the new leadership that America needed, and, in the words of Winston Churchill, "in making this world a better place in which to live."

Mrs. Nixon joins me in sending our very best wishes for Christmas and the New Year.

Sincerely,

PUBLISHERS

Dear _____:

Due to the great mass of mail which swamped my office staff after our election victory, this is the first opportunity I have had to tell you how deeply grateful I am for the editorial support I received from the _____. In an election as close as this one, a number of factors can make a difference between victory and defeat. I, personally, am convinced that one of the major factors which could have tipped the scales in my favor was the support I received from the majority of the nation's newspapers.

I only wish I had the opportunity to express my appreciation personally to all those who supported our cause. Since this is not possible, the best way I can express my gratitude is to do everything in my power in the years ahead to see that our new administration makes a record which will be worthy of the efforts of those who supported our cause.

In the years ahead, I realize there will be occasions when you may not agree with the policies of the new administration. I want you to know that I will appreciate receiving the benefit of your criticism as well as your praise. I believe it is vitally important for the new administration to seek out the best thinking of the nation's opinion leaders in finding solutions to the critical problems with which we are confronted. Above all, I want ours to be an open administration - open to new ideas - listening and respecting those who disagree with us as well as those who agree with us.

May I take this opportunity to extend on behalf of Mrs. Nixon (Pat) and myself our very best wishes for Christmas and the New Year.

Sincerely,

. BRING US TOGETHER

"IN DESHLER, OHIO AT THE END OF A LONG DAY OF WHISTLE-STOPPING, THERE IN THE DUSK, A TEENAGER HELD UP A SIGN, 'BRING US TOGETHER.'

"AND THAT WILL BE THE GREAT OBJECTIVE OF THIS ADMINISTRATION, TO BRING THE AMERICAN PEOPLE TOGETHER. THIS WILL BE AN OPEN ADMINISTRATION, OPEN TO NEW IDEAS, OPEN TO MEN AND WOMEN OF BOTH PARTIES, OPEN TO THE CRITICS AS WELL AS THOSE WHO SUPPORT US.

"I AM CONFIDENT THAT THIS TASK IS ONE WE CAN UNDERTAKE AND ONE IN WHICH WE WILL BE SUCCESSFUL."

DEAR FRIEND:

I AM DEEPLY GRATEFUL TO YOU FOR YOUR KIND WORDS.

PLEASE KNOW IT SHALL BE MY CONSTANT AIM TO MERIT THE CONFIDENCE EXPRESSED BY THE AMERICAN PEOPLE. YOUR SUGGESTIONS FOR THE NEW ADMINISTRATION WILL ALWAYS BE MOST WELCOME.

PAT JOINS ME IN EXTENDING VERY BEST WISHES TO YOU.

SINCERELY,

RICHARD NIXON

Re the card - with family picture - which is to be sent to people who sent in messages of congratulations (other than those who will require a specialized personal letter)

I would not have the "Bring us Together" message on it.

I do not have to see it again -- but make up a mock-up of it with the family picture and then at the bottom of the picture the caption should indicate -- "Waldorf-Astoria Hotel, November 6, 1968" -- or something like that.

Do not use the term DEAR FRIEND - or anything of that sort -- do not use a salutation.

Then in the script type as per sample below -- the following message:

I want you to know how deeply grateful I am for the message you sent to me after our election victory. The expressions of confidence and good wishes I have received from people all over the world will be a great source of strength and encouragement as I undertake the responsibility of providing new leadership for America in the years ahead.

Mrs. Nixon joins me in extending our very best wishes for Christmas and the New Year.

(This is an idea of how I would like it to look. I do, however, think the "Bring Us Together" quotation as submitted in the mock-up should not be included. I am open to persuasion if everyone else thinks it is necessary to have something of that sort.

December 2, 1968 (RN TAPE)

M (To Ann)

With regard to the family picture and the card which is to be sent to people who sent in messages of congratulations -- other than those who will require a specialized personal letter -- I would not have the "Bring us Together" message on it. I would like to see a mock-up of it with the family picture and then at the bottom of the picture the caption indicating, "Waldorf-Astoria Hotel, November 6, 1968" . . . or something like that.

Inside, don't use the term Dear Friend, or anything of that sort.

RN does not like using "Dear Friend"

~~Perhaps in the typewriting that looks like script, the following....~~

I want you to know how deeply grateful I am for the message you sent to me after our election victory. The expressions of confidence and good wishes I have received from people all over the world will be a great source of strength and encouragement as I undertake the responsibility of providing new leadership for America in the years ahead.

Mrs. Nixon joins me in extending our very best wishes for Christmas and the New Year.

This is only an idea of how I would like it to look. I do, however, think the "Bring Us Together" quotation as submitted in the mock-up should not be included.

*(But I am open to persuasion!)
Ann go forward with what the group likes*

December 2, 1968 (RN TAPE)

FORM LETTER

TO: Members of the Staff, Nixon Chairmen, Citizens Chairmen and key campaign workers to whom it would be appropriate to send such a letter.

Dear _____:

Now that I have had time to reflect on the...
results of the election I realize
our victory would not have been possible
had I not had the good fortune to have the most dedicated and efficient campaign organization in American political history.

I only wish I had the opportunity to express my appreciation personally to all of those who gave so generously of their time and effort to our cause. Since that is not possible, the best way I can express my gratitude is to do everything in my power in the years ahead to see that our new administration makes a record which will be worthy of the dedication and sacrifice of those who worked so hard for our victory. *P* I know ~~that~~ you join with me in the hope that, as a result of that record, we shall all be able to look back to the Campaign of 1968 and say that we played a part at one of the critical turning points in history in providing the new leadership that America needed, and, in the words of Winston Churchill, "in making this world a better place in which to live."

Mrs. Nixon joins me in sending our very best wishes for Christmas and the New Year.

Sincerely,

From: James Humes

"What is the use of living, if it be not to strive
for noble causes and to make this muddled world a
better place for those who live in it after we are
gone?"

Winston Churchill