

Mr. Robert J. McIntosh,
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[1967?]

Dear Jack:

Busy with my work at the newspaper, packaging two bronzes to send to the Hoosier exhibit at Herron Museum of Art, Indianapolis, for "native born" Indianians, but always find time to get out variety of clippings which I suspect show much more to the professional than to me.

I find them indicative of many trends and reflection of "ordinary" public opinion, except for the sometimes frequent columnist. They are, I suspect, "overtrained" and travel with too many professionals who toss out bits of misleading information.

Am planning to go to Tacoma for a long weekend and to attend the Pacific Northwest History Conference where I have frequently, but not this year, presented material on Indians and Northwest History. I will judiciously sound out a few of the college professors, writers etc.

A couple of observations:

Ordinary, down-to-earth voters prefer the Governor. My contacts, of many strata, unchanged.

The Nixon carry-overs and those of like views, under Goldwater or Reagan influence are frustrated by the Governor's refusal to be definite. ^{also} This, as indicated in clippings indicates they wish "something to lambast," Hence their frustration.

Robert Welch, founder of the John Birch Society is stirring around in the NW and making no progress aside from his own group. He is hinging his talks on questions about Viet Nam, local societies sell tickets for \$2 and he draws one-third number of two years ago.

Best Regards

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Romney for President Committee,

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Dear Jack:

May I suggest, in this letter addressed to your personal attention (carbon for use as you desire attached), that you, or anyone from the committee planning to attend the Western States Republican Conference at Denver, Oct. 26 write to Mrs. Warren Snider, Rfd. No. 2, Selah expressing your desire to meet her at the convention, and others she may be there with.

I would suggest you write her now.

Mrs. Snider is president of the Washington State Federation of Republican Women (a biennial elective position).

She led the Washington delegation to the National Convention of the Federation of Republican Women and took a very active (and lady-like as is her way) position, contributing to the election of Mrs. Gladys O'Donnell. There were 63 women from this state who she "led."

It is quite possible that Mrs. Mer (Betty) Edmondson, also a member of the Yakima County Republican Central Committee (and state committeewoman), will attend that convention.

I deduce, by the approaches made to me at this week's executive committee meeting attended by Mrs. Edmondson and Mrs. Snider that over a majority of the executive committee are strongly for the Governor. Mrs. Edmondson was one of my original names given you, last winter. And while none of the contacts have come out "publicly" for the Governor, they are for him.

In fact I find his strength is solidifying each week. The silent and thus far "unspoken" support is there and has worked up from the "grass roots" (to be common in language) to various influential leaders/

(Picture of Mrs. Snider (Goldie); and Mrs. Edmondson, enclosed, clipping.

In your letter or the person writing to her at this time, suggesting they wish to be sure and get acquainted (better) with her at Denver, it would not be amiss to mention you know of her many contacts and her knowledge of political movements.

For instance, she alone, of the many I know, is aware of the significance of United Republicans of America, Wash. D.C. You, too, may and undoubtedly are aware of that newcomer organization of a greater danger to the Republican unity than the John Birch Society.

They, as you must know, have circularized the country with a "straw" ballot listing some dozen possibilities, which in reality is a financial appeal to gain \$1,000 on down contributions. This would only weaken the true party as you know. It is another "splinter" organization, devised I am sure with a nationwide pattern to disrupt unity, when unity is a word that should be stressed. But I am sure you know as much and more of this inter-working than I do. I report merely from the "outskirts," and there are votes here, too.

Mrs. Snider has not decided, yet, whether to seek re-election to her important state-wide position. I am encouraging her to do so, and have lined her up for local editorial support. I feel sure Gov. Evans has encouraged her to seek re-election, at the due time later.

She is a fighter, if need be, and does so openly and above board. "Lady-like." Hence her strength.

She is a believer in integrity and honesty. Our fundamentals.

She believes as I and many others do, that a greater battle confronts the Republicans, to achieve unity, than would confront the successful candidate in a presidential race. And we are confident the successful president will be the Governor.

She believes that Governor Reagan is immature and has future potentialities, but now, no.

She (and I also) believe that Richard Nixon would make an outstanding "secretary of state" for instance, but the conviction is growing that the votes would not be there for him, as a Presidential nominee.

Mrs. Snider is a strong advocate of the continuation of the two-party system, believing that its preservation is necessary for the election of a Republican President.

And, at the appropriate time, we believe that if Mr. Goldwater speaks up for the continuation of the two-party system, this would have a great and outstanding effect. (This is the belief of party leaders here who were strong Goldwater backers in the past, but who are outspoken that he should be no serious consideration as a nominee.

I could go on and on, but you know the story far better. I am just passing on the word from "a distance."

Again, may I suggest, Mrs. Snider would be a great asset at Denver.

The time to let her know you are interested in her is now, not then. (You don't plant corn in July and expect it to ear out by fall. I, having planted corn in Indiana, know that).

Nor is it necessary even to mention my name in contacting her well in advance of Denver. (It was not necessary for me to ask her or any of the others, "what is your thinking about the Governor?" time and time again.

The original idea was planted last winter and early spring.

The Governor, and his co-workers, through their "type of campaign," have done the rest, really. And we are saving our strength for the hard work ahead, realizing that is the situation.

Sincerely Yours

"Fact" sheet of Mrs. Snider
appended.

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Mr. Robert J. McIntosh,
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Dear Jack:

A few notes on tonight's executive board meeting of the Yakima County Republican Central Committee, quiet and serene.

James Matson, youthful, energetic chairman (Selah, near Yakima fruit packer and grower) attempting to get to Salt Lake this weekend for West District Big and Little City County chairmen's meeting which he said Bliss will attend. He has bought personal plane tickets, might have difficulty getting away but designated no "alternate" in event he did not go.

"Potential Appointments " on agenda turns out to be recommendations for college regents, new tax commission, etc.

First announcement I have heard that Barry Goldwater will speak at a \$12.50 (cq!) fund raising dinner at Edmonds, sponsorship Snohomish County Central Committee on other side of Cascades, 150 miles distant, on May 22. His only such appearance in the state at this time.

Advanced planning state and local level financing, \$369,000 statewide, for fiscal year and campaign; \$40,000 in Congressional District fiscal year, \$40,000 for campaign.

Advance planning for October fund raising dinner, \$50 , with name designed to draw the \$50 tickets, "not a candidate." Reagan , "he spoke at Eugene, Ore.;" Piercy, Brooke mentioned.

Three of the committeemen, executives I had spoken with two months ago asked me to be sure and come to next month's meeting, a regular meeting; Matson, the chairman who two months ago said "wait a little while and let me see," also . No candidacy mentioned. No sign of following suit of Oregon State Committee or a couple of individual county committees, which looks good.

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April 11

[1967?]

Dear Jack:

As you have seen from clippings sent, some of the Republican organizations in Oregon are breaking the "silent barrier" by endorsing Mr. Nixon.

These organizations, I believe from a rather distant point, represent the same leadership of past Nixon campaigns and are sentimentally, I fear, influenced by old ties.

The problem is to dissuade them that Mr. Nixon is the best candidate; that they should let the ordinary voter decide preference at the Oregon polls.

Unless you have other suggestions, all I can do from here is to continue contacts with known supporters of the Governor in that state, to encourage them to make themselves known supporters and express confidence that in the Governor is the best chance for victory. "Let the individual decide and do not endorse any candidate.". something to that effect. Mr. Nixon is no more entitled to the image of Mr. Republican than any other Republican, in these times.

One thing against the Oregon setup, as viewed from here, is the leadership endorsing Nixon has done nothing to temper tax demands of their own elective officers, in what is becoming known as an "Oregon tax revolt."

I'll write letters to some scattering friends there to determine their feelings.

Two other things:

Tonight I will attend a meeting of the Yakima County Republican Central Committee executive board. Items 6 and 7 on the agenda are discussion of calendar and discussion of potential appointments from Yakima County.

And there is the customary addendum Wother business."

Mr. Matson, chairman, and other members will know, from my attendance, that I am there to observe if they are going off "half cocked" like in Oregon. I will be there to keep my mouth shut and observe the course for the long road ahead.

Discussion of budget and finance plans is an item for a known past-campaign Nixon worker, who I'm afraid has not changed his thinking because he still feels some of the polish left on him from that campaign through contacts. And I believe the executive board feels at loss to apologize for the near-record session~~xx~~, in length, of the State Legislature, STILL going on at a cost exceeding \$22,000 a day, because of a governor who insists on increasing taxes as all possible levels.

Third item: Enclosed sheet from Robert Welch, John Birch Society founder, announcing a Yakima meeting tomorrow. He was at Seattle today, Spokane Monday and has yet failed to cause more than a ripple. It is significant he has seized on Vietnam. His contention and theme is that the present administration is perpetuating the war in Vietnam to permit a Communistic takeover in this country!

Meanwhile I'm preparing two non-political luncheon club speeches, which give me some additional contacts.

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Mr. Robert J. McIntosh,
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March 14

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Dear Jack:

In my humble opinion Social Security (and Medicare) will not be settled by the 90th Congress.

I see this highly inflationary trend continuing and presenting quite a "campaign" or "pre-campaign" issue. The skyrocketing costs have been pinpointed, but I do not believe they have been coupled with inflation or an example.

Hospital care here has risen from \$27 a day to more than \$40 a day and are still climbing, here, and the national average I believe is something like \$57. The Washington Bureau writer in the Oregonian, clipping attached, predicts \$75 a day in three to five years.

The common voter or citizen understands when he learns he could go to a first class hotel, have better meals and better accommodations, outside of special equipment of course, for half of what he pays to a hospital now. And that doesn't include the doctor's fees!

The doctors here say that Medicare is so complex that they have received NONE of their billings yet from Medicare. (I'm going to check into that story-wise). The doctors, and there are none in this region whose income is less than \$20,000 to \$30,000 a year, didn't lose the battle against Medicare. They won it, financially.

Any way you look at additional Social Security, you are looking at another increase in taxes, from the ordinary viewpoint. Like the much talked about yet never touched Income Tax structure, both have many wrongs which need correcting. A look at the increased administration cost in both would

I feel, be revealing.

The clipping I think indicates a trend. Best regards Click Relander

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March 14

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Dear Jack:

As promised, that at appropo time I would send you a copy of the Yakima Eagle, a weekly newspaper, with suitable comments.

From here on out I believe it can be assumed the Eagle will be a mouthpiece for Mr. Nixon and Mr. Goldwater.

It is published by a wealthy Yakima manufacturer, Floyd Paxton, who founded the Ultra-Conservative party last November and ran for 14th district Congressman on a strong "Get Out of Vietnam" campaign.

In 1964 Mr. Paxton publicly offered shares in his manufacturing plant to his employees if Mr. Goldwater was elected. Our paper publicized Mr. Paxton's inaugural entry into politics, commenting favorably upon it editorial wise. In our news conferences I opposed a "play" for him, ribbed the executive editor etc. (who within two years was threatening to sue the Eagle for libel!)

In the 14th district congressional race, 14 counties, 180,000 voters, Paxton spent a minimum of \$80,000 (exclusive of what the paper, the Eagle, cost him). Congresswoman Catherine May, Republicans etc. were scared to death. I told them they were silly to feel that way. Congresswoman May received more than 70,000 votes, Dr. Gustav Hansmer, surgeon, slightly over 30,000, and Paxton about 9,000. And I do not believe the Ultra Conservative party, in three races in the state, obtained sufficient votes to remain on the ticket at the next general election, under their original name.

Several weeks ago I told the executive editor I was glad to see that he and Mr. Paxton had kissed and made up. He said "How come?" And

I said that before long he would see the Eagle expressing itself for Mr. Nixon etc.

The Eagle regularly carries the J. Birch writers, book reviews, and the John Birch Radio log.

Personally were I a candidate for any office, the Eagle endorsement and backing would loose me votes, in spite of a heart warming appeal against taxes and more taxes, in an attempt to gain a strong following.

A two-week campaign to enlist a "taxpayers" "Right to be Heard" movement, an open meeting, drew less than 100 persons.

It may be that because of widespread contacts, various copies will be of value to you. I will ship them along, from time to time.

Personally I believe it represents a perpetuation of a determined move evidenced at the 1963 convention.

And as I have noted before, I understood from good authority that Mr. Paxton besides spending a known \$80,000 on his campaign here last November, helped along Mr. Reagan's campaign in California by \$60,000. It was common knowledge here only.

Strange, the Eagle seems to speak for a lot of people, even you and I in some matters I suppose. But where do you draw the line? Certainly there's nothing Red or even slightly pink in either of our makeups. And as for Communists, either of us have as little use for them as the Eagle.

So, believing that some of the dispatches from many places in later copies of the Eagle will reflect some of the determined moves to gain victory "at any cost," (even at a chance of losing the election, again), I will see you receive a copy from time to time.

(And about Communists, as a reporter in California I had a good close-hand look at operations of Pat Chambers, Caroline Decker and some others in Central California agricultural troubles before 1930!)

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Mr. Robert J. McIntosh, vice president,
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Washington, D.C., 20005

Dear Jack:

Add to your list of "important names" in the state of Washington, that of State Rep. Robert F. Brachtenbach, attorney, 115 S. 2d St., Selah, Washington.

Rep. Brachtenbach is a "comer" in youthful Republican circles, is an officer of the 4th Congressional District Republican Club and in charge of financial campaigns for approaching elections.

I contacted him today and told him that as developments shaped up, (and realizing the "impartial" situation) he had to appear for outward appearances at this time, we were counting upon him to make himself known behind scenes and to be outspoken and active later.

I have also told him that any finances for campaigns I would personally give, or funnel through his organization would be through him, and the magnitude of them depended on the one thing, whether or not they were aimed at placing the Governor in the White House. (not quite as blunt but in that line.)

You will note that I have not personally contacted, because there is a definite party leadership in the small community near Yakima (Selah), of sincere and devoted Republicans, real party leaders the following:

James Matson, chairman, Republican Central Committee; Mrs. Warren Snider, chairman, Federation of Republican Women's Clubs; Rep. Robert Brachtenbach, executive officer of 4th Congressional District; and County Commissioner Lee Crossen, a (behind the scenes Republican Steering Committee, state-wide). All are for the Governor, but aside from personal and party contacts, silent now.

My main contacts, and for a purpose, are with the (to be commonplace) the grass roots or rank and file of voters.

I find in my daily contacts, and they are numerous, that the Governor is gaining strength. His main forte is his integrity. They have confidence in him.

They are encouraged, and they are, making their wishes known to the party leaders at the policy level.

I believe they realize they cannot fall into pitfalls of the past, and remain policy makers and party leaders.

If they do not speak up at the proper time for a continuation of the Two Party system, and that the Governor is the one and only one who can lead us in 1968, my judgment in human nature, psychology and our area Republican leadership will be shaken, badly.

What is encouraging to me is that those like I have listed in this letter, and others from my own immediate area, who last November, December, January, February and even March and April were "gun shy," now indicate their preference, but cautiously as would be expected, of those in policy position.

If my tact is wrong, please tell me. My best judgment is on progress made.

Most Sincerely

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Mr. Robert J. McIntosh,

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Dear Jack:

A couple of suggestions to further advance the Governor's "behind the scenes" support.

1-A letter to Eugene D. Ivy, office, Miller Building, Yakima, Wash. 98901. Home address, 310 Linden Way, 98902. Mr. Ivy is an attorney, a former state of Washington (Legislature) senator who did not choose to run for reelection. Well travelled, well thought of state-wide. Heard the Governor speak in the past at Honolulu I believe it was. Impressed. Feels as I do that the party officers in this area are "afraid to move," but those like him would be for the Governor and this is what is holding them up. I told him I would send his name to you. And he reemphasized that the Governor would have strength from persons such as he.

2- A 70th birthday congratulation note to Reno Odlin of Tacoma, care of E.M. Eisenhower, Eisenhower & Carlson, Puget Sound National Bank Building, Tacoma, Wash. 98401. Reno, former president of the National Bankers Association is having a surprise birthday party at Tacoma Country Club, June 24, and Mr. Eisenhower (Edgar) is putting such communications in a scrapbook to be presented to Reno on the 24th. (I'm invited to the party).

Or it might be better to send a congratulatory telegram that day to the Tacoma Country and Golf Club to Reno. Probably would be better, so I'm enclosing estimated payment for the telegram. Reno has not openly supported anyone, still thinks the Governor bobbled on ignoring Goldwater in the past, but I think he'll come around.

The note to Mr. Ivy should say merely you'd welcome support of persons like him in the difficult road yet ahead, especially to head off HH.

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[1967]

Mr. Robert J. McIntosh,
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Dear Robert McIntosh:

Enclosed, via regular mail, are editorial pages for a single day, Feb. 25, of the Washington-Northwestern Oregon area newspapers covered in the clippings relating to the Governor, which I have been air-mailing.

Some smaller daily papers, and weeklies, are not covered.

This will give you a better opportunity to evaluate or visualize the editorial pages of the newspapers from the area.

Additionally, and more important, a quick skimming of the "Letters to the Editor" "Voice of the People" etc. columns will give additional viewpoints from the ordinary voter.

Later (closer to nomination time) I will send clippings of the entire "Letters to the Editor" columns. They will show how readers, not political "spokesmen" feel on various issues.

Later too I shall send a copy with remarks of the ultra conservative weekly paper, "The Eagle," born post-Goldwater period. My "guess" now is it will reflect Reagan aspirations if they crystalize.

Best regards

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Feb. 28

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Dear Robert McIntosh:

I'm enclosing some stamps for your stamp supply, and others will come, occasionally to help out a little bit; this pending a later time when there's a specific address to send any small contribution in the cash line.

I've an idea that appeals to me but probaboy isn't practical only in certain instances, because it smacks of bitterness and that is not intended. I dislike "bitter remarks" and campaigns reflective of "low blows." But every time I look at some of the National GOP publicity magazines, cartoons etc. they are loaded with personality attacks. I don't believe the general run of Americans care for that, and in the long run, it reacts against the GOP.

My personal idea, a gimmick for certain situations, is a cash donation of the amount deducted from my salary check (weekly check). My rough feeling would be if I can help out my government in this means, week after week, for at least one week I can help out my government in going in a direction in which it is going, rather than blindly, as now.

My contribution would be accompanied by my "take home" pay slip, showing tax deductions. And there's an old expression, "Put your money where you know it will do some good."

Thanks to an early start on names of persons inclined toward the Governor, I think this particular area has nearly enough lined out to forestall any "raids" by blanket committments from political leaders. They can't truthfully say now "we are all for" so and so, and many of the names

are political committee members or high in the party.

The Young GOP waited until March for its Lincoln Day banquet and has not yet named a speaker. I think the reason for waiting is obvious but I may be wrong.

I am not concerned that the GOP will not make at least a 60 to 65 per cent showing next November, in this region. I am concerned only that some of the old party workers for Mr. Nixon, still party leaders as they should be for the work they have put in are still determined that he can win, overlooking that many voters like him but feel he hasn't quite got it.

I am glad the word got around here last December and that sentiment or rather confidence in the Government was predominate then. It has grown remarkably since, on its own legs.

I hope you get a "chain letter" response to your letter to residents of this area with more names to add to the Governor's support list. Your mail is coming through. I received a few calls today. I encouraged them to submit any other names of persons they know who wish to see the Governor nominated if he choses to run.

That is the reason for the "first installment" of postage.

Pardon my lengthy letter and what I have always said, still goes: Don't worry about writing me only when there is something specific you wish. When it comes to something like this, I do like I used to run the half mile : Run the first quarter as fast as you can and then follow up by running the second quarter as fast as you can. You usually place up toward the front. Lots of people are good for the first quarter but slow down.

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Feb. 15

[1967?]

Dear Mr. McIntosh:

Your attention is directed, especially, to the editorial in lead position from today's (Feb. 15) Portland, Oregonian.

I don't know, whether or not, you will be with the Governor on his western swing and "touch-down" at Olympia. If so, I presume you will meet some of our "East of the Cascades" Republican leaders. Seattle -Tacoma is 150 miles from Yakima, over Snoqualmie Pass where there are now daily snow storms and a snow depth mounting over 90 inches.

My letters, clippings etc. I trust have kept you somewhat informed from "the grass roots" while the party leaders are still "cautious."

If you should accompany the Governor and have any free time at Sea-Tac, please feel free to give me a collect call at home in Yakima, Glencourt 27448, in the evening, just to say "hello." I will be home that evening, "working" with exception of around 8:45-9:30.

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Mr. Robert J. McIntosh,
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Dear Mr. McIntosh:

You undoubtedly have a copy of the St. Louis Globe Democrat and the note from Mr. John Davis Lodge, distributed a few days before the New Orleans meeting.

I am very glad that the "active" Republicans, considered by some to be the policy makers had the information that the "ordinary run" of party backers were strongly favorable to the Governor and are not allied to the very good Republican, Mr. Nixon, by personal contacts, past friendships with Mr. Nixon's supporters and those who feel Mr. Nixon could now achieve a Republican victory.

It is the feeling of many I know that Mr. Nixon is a very good and loyal Republican but it would depend upon his Democratic opponent--who he is--whether he would have the strength to win or not.

These, and I feel, that the Governor could and would defeat any Democratic opponent.

The greatest, though now silent aspects we--and I believe--would be sincerity and honesty.

The reaction was to be expected at New Orleans. A strong Nixon bid in the weeks ahead will not lessen our confidence in our belief that the Governor would be not only the strongest but the best candidate.

Most Sincerely

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