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December 27, 1966

Mr. Click Relander
3701 Commonwealth
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Dear Mr. Relander:

I am delighted to learn that you are interested in assisting with the effort to secure the Republican nomination for Governor Romney in 1968. This is also my interest.

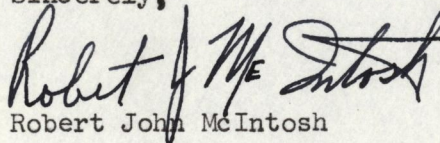
I recently resigned my position as Director of the Michigan Department of Commerce to return to private law practice in Port Huron. In the months to come I plan to do everything in my power to convince the Governor he should declare his candidacy and actively pursue the nomination. However, much can be done before the Governor makes his decision.

You could be of real assistance by identifying those persons in your area who feel as you do. This is the first crucial step in the long process of nomination. I would appreciate hearing from you at your earliest convenience, assessing your local political situation and identifying those persons willing to help. Also any other comments you may have will be gratefully received.

I will keep in touch with you as developments occur.

Again, let me express to you my appreciation and the hope that we can work together through the Republican Party to nominate and elect George Romney President of the United States.

Sincerely,


Robert John McIntosh

ROMNEY Associates

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February 14, 1967

Mr. Click Relander
3701 Commonwealth
Yakima, Washington 98901

Dear Click:

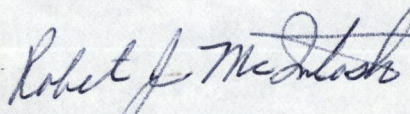
Just a note to thank you for your letters. You have been a great help and I hope you keep up the good work.

Enclosed is a press release issued recently in Lansing. This is a group of the Governor's friends whose purpose is to do everything possible to assist the Governor in making a decision whether or not to seek the Republican presidential nomination in 1968.

Feel free to write to me at any time.

Best wishes.

Sincerely,



Robert J. McIntosh

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February 23, 1967

Mr. Click Relander
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Dear Mr. Relander:

Thank you very much for your response to my recent letter. The information you have sent us will be most helpful in our understanding the problems of your area.

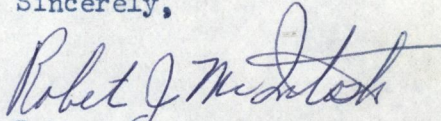
Those individuals, whose names and addresses you supplied to us, will receive a letter from me along the lines of my previous communication to you. It is hoped that such an effort will produce a considerable list of people who share our concern for the future of Governor Romney.

I am certain that such a list of interested citizens would be a great help to the Governor in his consideration of whether or not he should seek the Republican Presidential nomination in 1968.

Your efforts to continually assess any major political occurrences in your state as well as the submission of additional names, addresses and background information (where possible) will be of the greatest assistance.

I will keep in touch with you as developments occur.

Sincerely,


Robert J. McIntosh

ROMNEY *for President Committee*

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April 18, 1967

Mr. Click Relander
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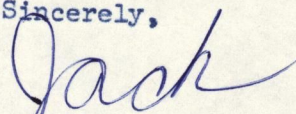
Dear Click:

Just a note to let you know that we have consolidated our efforts on behalf of Governor Romney here in the Romney for President Committee. The Chairman of our Committee is former Republican National Chairman, Leonard W. Hall, who served as National Chairman under President Eisenhower.

Current polls show that the majority of Americans would support Governor Romney for the presidency in 1968. Thousands of letters have been received urging that the Governor become an active candidate. Of these we now have several thousand such as yourself who are willing to assist.

We are now rapidly developing the staff capacity to keep in touch with you as matters progress, and in the future, it will be helpful if you will contact us at the above address. We look forward to working with you and appreciate your suggestions and comments.

Sincerely,



Robert J. McIntosh
Vice Chairman

P.S. I knew you would be pleased to see the enclosed California Poll.

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THE STATE POLL

Romney, Kennedy Rated Top Presidential Race Favorites

BY DON M. MUCHMORE
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And if that were the case, Romney would win.

No matter who Romney is matched against, he comes out on top, according to a recent sampling of statewide voter opinion by The State Poll.

Romney not only edges Richard M. Nixon, his closest Republican rival by 3%, but when pitted head-to-

head against the leading Democrats, President Johnson and Robert F. Kennedy, he tops Mr. Johnson by 10% and overwhelms Kennedy by 14%.

Here's how a cross-section of California voters answered the following question:

If the contest for President of the United States were between these men, for which one would you vote?

	Total	Rep.	Dem.
Lyndon B. Johnson..	38%	14%	57%
George Romney	48	76	26
Don't know	14	10	17
George Romney	51%	77%	30%
Robert F. Kennedy..	37	14	54
Don't know	12	9	16
Lyndon B. Johnson..	50%	19%	74%
Richard Nixon	38	71	13
Don't know	12	10	13
Robert F. Kennedy..	48	22	69
Richard Nixon	39%	68%	17%
Don't know	13	10	14

The Romney lead over the two
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Thought you would like to know!

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STATE POLL

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key Democrats is a direct reversal of findings by The State Poll last summer when Romney trailed both Mr. Johnson and Kennedy by almost the same percentage points by which he now leads them.

This is a significant factor for the Michigan governor, since it shows strong "development" potential, a candidate characteristic looked for by the party professionals who traditionally exert great influence on the nomination.

Trend Watched

Another factor that will not be lost on the professionals, who are watching California trends, is that Romney is able to pull more than 26% of the Democrats away from Mr. Johnson and 30% away from Kennedy, while both Democrats are only able to lure 14% of the Republicans from Romney.

These Democratic gains are significant because of the heavy Democratic registration in California—nearly three Democrats, for every two Republicans.

The recent State Poll

shows that Nixon still trails Mr. Johnson and Kennedy by roughly the same distance as he did in opinion surveys last summer.

Nixon's apparent weakness, as evidenced by the results of this survey, are just the opposite of Romney's strengths. Among Republicans Nixon runs from 5% to 9% behind Romney's Republican vote when Nixon is matched against Mr. Johnson and Kennedy. With the Democrats, Nixon runs 13% behind Romney's Democratic vote in both the Johnson and the Kennedy situations.

Neither Kennedy nor Romney are assured of victory in their own party in California at this time.

Among the Democratic voters, Kennedy's edge over Mr. Johnson is relatively slim when the large percentage of "don't know" voters are considered. As the table below indicates, some 19% of the Democrats have not yet made up their minds:

If the contest for the Democratic nomination

for President of the United States were between these two men, for which one would you vote?

	Total
Robert F. Kennedy ...	43%
Lyndon B. Johnson ...	38
Don't know	19

Among Republican voters, Romney's 3% lead over Nixon is even more uncertain because of the support pulled away from the two major candidates by California's Gov. Reagan and Sen. Charles Percy (R-Ill.).

Here's how the Republican preferences break down:

If the contest for the Republican nomination for President of the United States were between these men, for which one would you vote?

	Total
George Romney	35%
Richard Nixon	32
Charles Percy	10
Ronald Reagan	9
Don't know	14

In one of the ironies typical of the political career of the former Vice President, California Republicans regard Nixon as their "kind of candi-

date," but his support takes a nose-dive when the issue of electability is raised.

This came out in close questioning of Republicans as reported below:

Which one of the following would you classify as your kind of candidate?

	Total
Richard Nixon	31%
George Romney	27
Ronald Reagan	19
Charles Percy	11
Don't know	12

Which one of these men do you think can win next year?

	Total
George Romney	46%
Richard Nixon	16
Ronald Reagan	11
Charles Percy	8
Don't know	19

Although the current series of stories based on this same State Poll report that Gov. Reagan has substantial support among the voters as to his job performance to date, most Republicans apparently do not consider him Presidential timber when compared with the leading candidates Romney and Nixon.

Only in the question relating to their own kind

of candidate does Reagan make a significant inroad among the voters. It is highly possible that the "wait and see" attitude among voters about him, reported last Sunday by The State Poll, may have considerable impact on his Presidential potential.

Sen. Percy, considered by many as the leading dark horse candidate for the Republican Presidential election, does well for an individual without an image in California. His greatest weakness, according to the survey, is the question of whether or not he could defeat the Democratic candidate.

The uncertain Kennedy lead over Mr. Johnson and the neck-and-neck nature of the Romney-Nixon struggle bids fair to heat up the coming political months in California.

Thursday The State Poll will conclude the current series with how California voters currently look at next year's U.S. Senate race.



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April, 1967

Dear Fellow Citizen:

Since his tremendous November, 1966 re-election victory, Michigan Governor George Romney has become the leading prospect for the 1968 Republican presidential nomination. He is considered the "most electable" Republican for this high office by leaders in and out of the Party.

We, the members of the Nationality Groups for Romney Committee, represent thirty different nationality and language-culture groups. We have known George Romney for many years and have the highest respect for his abilities and his principles. We are proud of our association with this great American whose knowledge of nationality groups, and understanding of their concerns, is demonstrated by his actions as Governor of Michigan. George Romney is a problem-solver, "doer", a man of exceptional leadership capacity.

If you are as enthused about him as we are, please show your enthusiasm and support the Romney for President movement by acting now and organize a Romney for President Club, or become a Romney Volunteer. By doing so, you can help convince George Romney that he is wanted and needed as this nation's leader, and you can help convince other citizens as well. You can help prove to Party leaders that George Romney is the peoples' choice for 1968 and that he can win!

Enclosed is a folder about Governor Romney, and a reply postcard. Check the box on the card which reflects your interest, and mail it back immediately. If you wish to organize a club, we will send you a Romney Club Organization Manual - to be followed later by another manual, "Campaign Tactics for Nationality Groups". If you wish to become a Romney Volunteer, we will forward your name to the nearest Romney for President Club in your area.

We look forward to working with you and helping you, to assure the nomination and election of George Romney as President of the United States.

Hoping to hear from you soon, we remain

Sincerely yours,

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[Enclosure. Apr 67]

and HELP ELECT OUR NEXT PRESIDENT

Romney is the man...

as a prominent columnist says,

"There is no doubt in my mind that Governor Romney is in front as of now. In fact, nobody else is close. As to whether he will be nominated depends whether the Republicans want to unify the party and win the election. If they do, they should choose Romney. I don't think any Republican with the exception of Romney stands a chance of defeating Mr. Johnson. As a matter of fact, I think Romney would have beaten him if they had been running last November."

Marquis Childs, *St. Louis Post-Dispatch*
syndicated columnist, in the
Detroit News Magazine, January 1, 1967

GOVERNOR
GEORGE ROMNEY



PORTRAIT OF A CANDIDATE

George Romney - his childhood

Born to American citizens on July 8, 1907, George Romney was among the first displaced persons of the 20th century. He became a refugee as a five-year-old when the Romney family, with many others, was forced to flee from Mexico. He spent his boyhood on farms in Idaho and Utah. Beginning as a farm hand when he was seven, Romney became an Idaho potato raiser at 10, a wheat shocker at 11, a kitchen helper at 12, and a construction worker at 14. He knew hard work long before manhood.



Governor Romney talks about his early life in Mexico with a group of Mexican-Americans.

GEORGE ROMNEY

THE MAN

George Romney is earnest and sincere, a good family man with an exemplary home life. As a friend says, "George is a very religious man, but not sanctimonious. I don't know of anyone who has more integrity, decency and honesty than George Romney. He's a doer, a good manager, an executive. That's what we need in government. People have confidence in him. George Romney is not just another politician."

J. Willard Marriott, motel and restaurant owner and lifelong Romney friend,
U. S. News & World Report, September 5, 1966



The leaders of various Italian-American organizations look on as Governor Romney prepares to sign Senate Bill 34 making Columbus Day a legal holiday in Michigan.

THE LEADER IN INDUSTRY AND GOVERNMENT

George Romney is a "self-made" man. Dedication to the principle of service in church, community, state, country, and industry is his guiding influence. He started his business career as a salesman and ended it as Chairman and President of American Motors Corporation. In 1961, while he was President of the company, American Motors signed the first profit-sharing contract in the industry with the UAW. Walter Reuther called it, "the most significant and historic bargaining agreement ever written in the United States." George Romney is a top executive who knows how to meet the true needs of people. His four years in office have seen the greatest expansion of state services and the greatest attack on state problems in the history of Michigan.



Governor Romney and the Honor Guard of the Polish Legion of American Veterans pause a moment at the U.S. Independence Day Reception.

THE PROVEN VOTE GETTER

"Governor Romney, even more than most men in public life, radiates a magnetism that draws people like iron filings, in cluster . . ." says Ernest Havemann in the *Ladies Home Journal* of October, 1966. This quality is reflected in the election results. In 1962, Governor Romney won office by a plurality of 80,573 votes ending 14 years of Democrat control in Michigan. In 1964, he won his second term by 382,913 votes against a Johnson landslide. In 1966, George Romney won his third term with a plurality of 527,000 votes — highest in the history of Michigan. Elected with him was a U.S. Senator, five new Congressmen, and a majority in the State Senate.



Governor and Mrs. Romney stop to chat with a group of Scandinavian-Americans during International Day Festivities.



Governor George Romney at his induction into membership of the Carl E. Schmidt Unit No. 21 of the Steuben Society of America.

THE CHAMPION OF FREEDOM *New Immigration Policy*

George Romney supported the new law . . .
"Frankly, I believe that our present quota system should be abolished and that people from other countries should be allowed entrance on the basis of ability, skills, and character, with special emphasis on uniting families. I want to assure you and all the members of Congress that I will do all in my power to assist in bringing about such a change."

from Governor Romney's letter to Rep. Michael Feighan, Chairman, House Subcommittee on Immigration and Nationality of the House Judiciary Committee, in support of HR2580 amending the 1952 McCarran-Walter Act, May 28, 1965.

Captive Nations

"The freedom-loving people of the captive nations look to the United States as the citadel of human freedom and as the leader in promoting freedom and independence throughout the world. *We must not, and we cannot let them down.* The Communists have an ideology. It is an ideology of tyranny and slavery. *It must be defeated,* if the people of the world — Americans included — are to be free. The Communist ideology can be defeated only by a stronger ideology. We, Americans, have a stronger ideology. It is the ideology of the unfinished American Revolution. It is the basic American principle that men — not just Americans, but all men everywhere — have the God-given right to choose how they shall live. It is the basic American faith that men, given a choice, will choose to live in freedom. Today, around the world the forces of freedom are on the defensive. We have handed the initiative — ideologically and in personal dedication — to Communism. *This need not be.* We have it in our power to put freedom on the offensive around the world, as well as at home."

from a speech by Governor Romney to the
Captive Nations Rally, Detroit, June 18, 1966.



Governor Romney presenting the Captive Nations Week Proclamation to the members of the Captive Nations Committee.

Viet Nam

"In the rip tide of today's heated debate on the paramount issue confronting our nation, there is one incontestable truth: it is unthinkable that the United States withdraw from Vietnam . . . Our military efforts must succeed . . . We must use military force as necessary . . . to provide a military shield for the South . . . We must give our gallant fighting men our full support . . . In a 'peace with amnesty' in South Vietnam, all citizens would be allowed to participate in the political process . . . This would not mean that a coalition government involving the National Liberation Front would be forced upon the people of South Vietnam. I am opposed to any such coalition government . . . It would mean that all the people of South Vietnam would be given an equal opportunity . . . in shaping the future of their country . . . (I) will not settle on their (Hanoi's) terms under any circumstances!"

from a speech by Governor Romney in
Hartford, Conn., April 7, 1967.

[Envelope. Apr 67]

I am intrested in supporting the election of **George Romney** to the office of President of the United States of America in 1968.

☐ I am willing to organize a **Romney for President Club**. Please send me a Romney Club Organization Manual.

☐ I am willing to work as a Romney Volunteer. Please forward my name to the nearest **Romney for President Club**.

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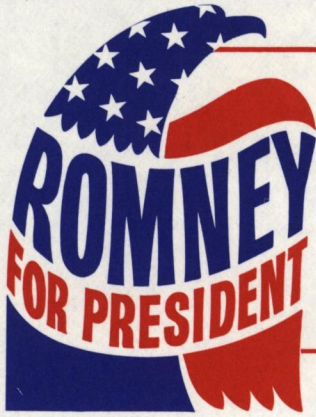
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Leonard W. Hall
Chairman

January 31, 1968

TO: Romney Leaders

FROM: Lawrence B. Lindemer

The month of January has seen the first major up-turn in the Governor's campaign in quite a while. On the same day that I write this, however, the Gallup Poll is published which shows a Nixon gain over Romney in January.

I thought you would be interested to know these facts about the Gallup Poll. The sample was taken between January 5-9. This was shortly after the unfortunate reports of the Governor's Saigon visit. It was before his New Hampshire speech on Vietnam and before the opening of his campaign in Wisconsin and New Hampshire. So while no poll which shows you dropping is a good poll, it should be read against the factual events surrounding its preparation.

It is also interesting to know that the Gallup Poll in January of 1964 had Nixon leading the field and running ahead of Barry Goldwater, Henry Cabot Lodge and Nelson Rockefeller, in that order. The Gallup Poll in January of '64 had Nixon with 29% of the Republican voters support against Goldwater's 23%. The Harris Poll of January '64 had Nixon with 43% of the Republican voters support against Goldwater's 23%.

We are tremendously encouraged at the change in our fortunes of late, and we think justifiably so. We have sent you information previously and enclose additional material now.

Remember, Governor Romney is committed in this campaign to four primaries; New Hampshire, Wisconsin, Nebraska and Oregon. We hope to win them all. We are going to take them on at a time and go right down the line. With four primary victories behind us -- look out Lyndon.

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GEORGE ROMNEY
GOVERNOR

August 25, 1964

Mr. Click Relander
3701 Commonwealth Road
Yakima, Washington

Dear Mr. Relander:

You are most thoughtful to send me a copy of your "Strangers on the Land" which I will read with much interest, having recently held various meetings with our Michigan Indian tribes.

Thanks very much, and every good wish to you and the members of the Yakima Indian Nation.

Sincerely,


George Romney.

GOVERNOR GEORGE ROMNEY



LANSING, MICHIGAN

November 18, 1966

Mr. Click Relander
3701 Commonwealth
Yakima, Washington 98901

Dear Mr. Relander:

Thank you so much for your recent letter and your kind remarks. Although I am not presently a candidate for national office, I am highly complimented by the many letters already received.

The 1966 elections have certainly raised the prospects for a national Republican victory in 1968. It is very encouraging to be considered for the leadership of the coming campaign.

In the months ahead, I will carefully assess the contribution I might make to the solution of pressing national and world problems. Views such as yours will help me arrive at a decision.

If I decide to seek the Presidency, I will recall with great pleasure your support.

Sincerely,



George Romney

GOVERNOR GEORGE ROMNEY



LANSING, MICHIGAN

December 5, 1966

Mr. Click Relander
3701 Commonwealth Road
Yakima, Washington 98901

Dear Mr. Relander:

Thank you very much for your letter of November 18th and also for the clippings which I found to be very informative.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in dark ink, appearing to read 'George Romney', is written over the typed name. The signature is stylized with a large, sweeping 'G' and 'R'.

George Romney

GOVERNOR GEORGE ROMNEY



LANSING, MICHIGAN

December 5, 1966

Mr. Click Relander
3701 Commonwealth
Yakima, Washington 98901

Dear Mr. Relander:

Thank you so much for your recent letter and for your offer of support. Although I am not now seeking the Presidency, your expression of confidence is most encouraging. In the next few months, I will study very carefully the contribution I might make to the solution of national and world problems. The views of leaders such as yourself will be most helpful to me in reaching a decision.

If I should decide to run, you may be sure that I will contact you concerning your participation. Let me repeat how heartened I am by your confidence and support. Please accept my apology for the delay in answering you.

Sincerely,

A large, stylized handwritten signature of George Romney is written over the word "Sincerely,". The signature is in dark ink and is quite fluid and expressive.

George Romney



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GEORGE ROMNEY
GOVERNOR

December 5, 1966

Mr. Click Relander
3701 Commonwealth
Yakima, Washington
98901

Dear Mr. Relander:

Thank you for sending me the newspaper clippings.
I enjoyed reading them.

It was very considerate of you.

Best wishes.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in dark ink, appearing to read "George Romney".

George Romney



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GEORGE ROMNEY
GOVERNOR

April 4, 1967

Mr. Click Relander
3701 Commonwealth
Yakima, Washington 98901

Dear Mr. Relander:

Thank you very much for your letter of March 16 to Mr. McIntosh regarding your Americana Collection.

In response to your inquiry, I am pleased to inform you that there is an active Republican organization in Jackson, Michigan, and each year there is an "Under The Oaks" celebration commemorating the birthplace of the Republican Party.

If you wish to obtain any further information, I would suggest that you write to the Jackson County Republican Headquarters, 407 S. Jackson Street, Jackson.

The Governor sincerely appreciates your offer but feels that it would be more meaningful for you to keep this collection in your personal library.

Sincerely,

Elsie H. Candey
Mrs. Elsie H. Candey
Appointment Secretary