



HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES  
WASHINGTON, D. C. 20515

GERALD R. FORD  
MINORITY LEADER

October 11, 1973

Dear Mr. President:

On the basis of the criteria outlined by you at the meeting in your office I am recommending the following in the order of my preference:

1. John Connally
2. Mel Laird
3. Nelson Rockefeller or Ronald Reagan

I will not go into the reasons for my views as I'm sure you are familiar with reasons in each instance.

You can rest assured that I will fully cooperate and assist in this and all other problems in the months ahead.

Warmest personal regards.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read "Gerald R. Ford".  
Gerald R. Ford, M. C.

The President  
The White House