

THE WHITE HOUSE
WASHINGTON

March 17, 1973

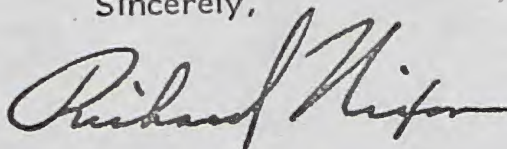
Dear Mr. Whitehead:

My admiration for your fine son Tom adds a special dimension to my good wishes to you on your sixty-fifth birthday. I have fond memories of your visit here at the White House during Tom's swearing-in ceremony, and I gratefully recall your generous expression of support and encouragement.

I welcome this opportunity to tell you how fortunate we all feel to have Tom in the challenging position which has earned him within a few years the deep respect of so many fellow citizens. I know that his perseverance and dedication to duty are deeply rooted in the fine family tradition in which he was raised, and I appreciate this chance to tell you so. It must give you the greatest satisfaction to know that he is bringing so much credit to the Republican Party, which you yourself have served so devotedly throughout your life, and to the nation you taught him to love.

From what I have heard of your enthusiasm for national affairs and of your zest for life, I know that your retirement years will be filled, not just with the contentment you must derive from your past accomplishments, but with new interests and with the special joy of realizing that the Whitehead family ideals are being so ably carried forward.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in dark ink, appearing to read "Richard Nixon". The signature is fluid and cursive, with a prominent "R" and "N".

Mr. Clay B. Whitehead
725 West Maple
Columbus, Kansas 66725

OFFICE OF THE PRESIDENT-ELECT

Richard M. Nixon

December 14, 1968

450 Park Avenue
New York, N.Y. 10022
(212) 661-6400

Mr. Clay T. Whitehead
4318 Via Marina
Maina del Ray, California

Dear Clay:

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.

I know that you join with me in the hope that, as a result of that record, we shall 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 muddled 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,



OFFICE OF THE PRESIDENT-ELECT

Richard M. Nixon

WASHINGTON, D.C.

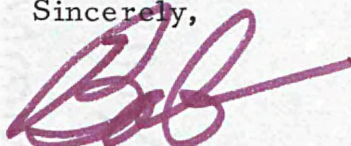
December 31, 1968

Dear Tom:

Happy New Year! With this calendar you can note the historic events of this first year of the Nixon era.

The best of everything to you.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in red ink, appearing to read "Bob", is written over a light-colored rectangular background.

Robert Ellsworth

Assistant to the President-Elect

THE WHITE HOUSE

WASHINGTON

November 5, 1969


Dear Clay:

On this first anniversary of our campaign victory last year, I am reminded once again of how much your active and very effective participation meant to our achievement of that victory. The time and effort you devoted, the encouragement you gave, the personal commitment you made, all contributed greatly to our success in a difficult, exciting and closely contested campaign.

Having the opportunity to lead America at this critical point in our nation's history is a great privilege. I am deeply grateful not only for your campaign efforts, but also for the faith that those efforts represented. I shall do everything I possibly can in the months and years ahead to merit that faith, and to make these years a time of which America as a nation, and we as Americans, can be truly proud.

With my best wishes,

Sincerely,



Mr. Clay T. Whitehead
The White House
Washington, D.C.