

August 19, 1974

To: Philip Buchen

From: Roger Porter

Subject: Liaison Office with Former Presidents

Clay Whitehead requested that I pass on to you our information regarding the Liaison Office with Former Presidents.

Executive Order 11456 establishing the Special Assistant to the President for Liaison with Former Presidents is attached.

General Schultz informs us that the liaison staff was officed at 716 Lafayette Place. The Secret Service has the keys. The office includes four floors complete with staff and reception rooms, a conference dining room and sitting room, a presidential office, a twin-bedded room, a single-bedded room, and two baths.

It is also well to remember that the liaison office is separate from the transition office and is funded separately.

Attachment

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of the executive branch of the Federal Government or the head thereof, or any function vested by law in or assigned pursuant to law to any such agency or head, to the authority of any other such agency or head or as abrogating, modifying, or restricting any such function in any manner.

(b) This order supersedes Executive Order No. 11426 of August 31, 1968.

Richard Nixon

THE WHITE HOUSE,
February 14, 1969.

Executive Order 11456

PROVIDING FOR A SPECIAL ASSISTANT TO THE PRESIDENT FOR LIAISON WITH FORMER PRESIDENTS

By virtue of the authority vested in me as President of the United States, it is hereby ordered as follows:

SECTION 1. There shall be in the White House Office a Special Assistant to the President for Liaison with Former Presidents (referred to hereinafter as the Special Assistant).

SEC. 2. (a) On behalf of the President, the Special Assistant shall maintain channels of communication between the President and each former living President of the United States, to the end that (1) each such former President shall be kept abreast of such developments as the President may desire; and (2) the President may avail himself of the counsel and advice of any or all of such former Presidents with respect to major matters, particularly of a national security nature, currently confronting the President.

(b) The Special Assistant shall also—

(1) Keep each former President currently informed of the major aspects of such principal international and domestic problems as the President directs;

(2) Arrange to secure from such former Presidents, or any of them, and convey to the President, their views on such issues as the President may designate; and

(3) Arrange to secure and convey to the President such views as any of the former Presidents may wish to communicate to the President on any issue of current interest or concern.

SEC. 3. (a) The Secretary of State, the Secretary of Defense, the Director of the Central Intelligence Agency, and the Executive Secretary of the National Security Council shall each designate a member of his staff as a point of contact for the Special Assistant. The Special Assistant may call upon such designated staff members to supply information and render such other appropriate assistance as he may require in carrying out his duties under section 2 of this Order.

(b) Upon request of the Special Assistant, the head of any department or agency of the Federal Government shall designate a member of his staff as a point of contact to supply information and assistance for the Special Assistant in the performance of his duties in the same manner as provided in subsection (a) for staff members designated pursuant to that subsection.

SEC. 4. The Special Assistant shall be appointed by the President and shall serve at the pleasure of the President. He shall receive compensation at such rate as the President, consonant with law, may prescribe.

SEC. 5. (a) The Special Assistant shall have such staff and other assistance as may be necessary to carry out his duties under this Order.

(b) The Special Assistant shall be provided with such office space as may be necessary to carry out his duties under this Order, and shall also be provided with such office space, and maintenance thereof, as may be necessary for the use of former Presidents at the seat of Government when they are engaged in any effort of interest or concern to the President.

SEC. 6. (a) The compensation and expenses of the Special Assistant and members of his staff shall be paid from the appropriation under the heading "Special Projects" in the Executive Office Appropriation Act, 1969, or any corresponding appropriation which may be made for subsequent fiscal years, or from such other appropriated funds as may be available under law.

(b) The General Services Administration shall provide, on a reimbursable basis, such administrative services and facilities for the Special Assistant as the White House Office may request.

Richard Nixon

THE WHITE HOUSE,
February 14, 1969.

Executive Order 11457

INSPECTION OF INCOME, EXCESS-PROFITS, ESTATE, AND GIFT TAX RETURNS BY THE COMMITTEE ON GOVERNMENT OPERATIONS, HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

By virtue of the authority vested in me by section 55(a) of the Internal Revenue Code of 1939, as amended (53 Stat. 29, 54 Stat. 1008; 26 U.S.C. (1952 Ed.) 55(a)), and by section 6103(a) of the Internal Revenue Code of 1954, as amended (68A Stat. 753; 26 U.S.C. 6103(a)), it is hereby ordered that any income, excess-profits, estate, or gift tax return for the years 1947 to 1970, inclusive, shall, during the Ninety-first Congress, be open to inspection by the Committee on Government Operations, House of Representatives, or any duly authorized subcommittee thereof, in connection with its studies of the operation of Government activities at all levels with a view to deter-