

THE WHITE HOUSE
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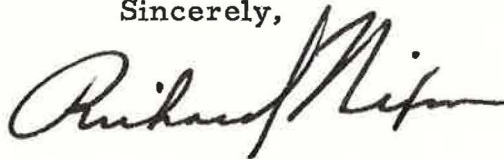
March 6, 1973

Dear Vic:

I am deeply grateful for your kind message enclosing your comments in the Oregon State Senate about the settlement we have achieved in Vietnam. A long and difficult testing of the national spirit has come to an end, and now we must work together to build a peace that lasts, a peace that heals. With your support, this great task can begin so that the next generation of Americans will know only peace.

With my appreciation and best wishes,

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in cursive script, appearing to read "Richard Nixon". The signature is written in dark ink and is positioned below the word "Sincerely,".

Honorable Victor Atiyeh
Senator of the State of Oregon
Salem, Oregon 97310

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September 6, 1972

Dear Vic:

Few people in American political life have been privileged to know the great sense of achievement we were able to share as participants in the Republican National Convention. What was accomplished in those few days reenforced our common devotion to the principles of our Party, set a positive course for the campaign, and reached out to citizens across the land to help form what I have termed "a new majority."

For these successes we are all deeply grateful, and I want to express my own heartfelt thanks to you for your special contributions as a Delegate to the 1972 Convention. Of course, the real task is still ahead of us. We must work as never before to carry our message to the voters, and it is good to know that we can count on the leadership you provided in August to help bring us to victory in November.

With my appreciation and best wishes,

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in cursive script, appearing to read "Richard Nixon".

Honorable Victor Atiyeh
7690 Southwest Fairmoor Street
Portland, Oregon 97225

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THE VICE PRESIDENT
WASHINGTON

May 11, 1971

The Honorable Victor G. Atiyeh
Minority Leader of the Senate
of the State of Oregon
Salem, Oregon 97310

Dear Senator Atiyeh:

On behalf of the President, it is my pleasure to invite you to meet with him and members of his Cabinet to discuss his major domestic programs. This meeting is designed to afford you the opportunity to become as familiar as possible with the proposed legislation which would have such significant impact upon state governments.

The meeting will commence at 10:00 a.m. Tuesday, May 18th, in the East Room of the White House. Please plan to enter at the Southwest Gate of the White House, and we would appreciate your being there by 9:30 a.m. In addition to the President, other Administration officials participating will include Secretary of the Treasury, John Connally; Secretary of Housing and Urban Development, George Romney; Secretary of Health, Education and Welfare, Elliot Richardson; and Counsel to the President for Congressional Relations, Clark MacGregor.

We are being assisted in planning this meeting by the National Legislative Conference, the National Conference of State Legislative Leaders and the National Society of State Legislators. Please respond to this invitation by informing the Office of the National Legislative Conference in Washington, telephone (202) 737-9717, whether you will be able to attend.

I hope you will be able to be here for this important occasion.

Kind personal regards.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink, reading "Spiro T. Agnew".

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June 2, 1972

Dear Vic:

My recent visit to Portland and attendance at your Annual Candidates Assistance Committee Fund Raising Reception couldn't have been more memorable and enjoyable.

Your generous hospitality along with the many courtesies extended to me, Carol, and my staff is greatly appreciated. I am particularly grateful, however, for your altering your busy schedule in order to participate in all the appearances with me.

Many thanks. Carol joins me in sending our very best, and we look forward to being with you again.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in dark ink, appearing to read 'R. H. Finch', with a large, sweeping flourish extending to the right.

Robert H. Finch
Counsellor to the President

Honorable Victor Atiyeh
Senator of the State of Oregon
State Capital
Salem, Oregon 97303



Senator
VICTOR ATIYEH

SENATE REPUBLICAN LEADER
OREGON STATE SENATE
SALEM, OREGON 97310

February 16, 1973

The Honorable Richard M. Nixon
The White House
Washington, D. C.

Dear President Nixon:

It appears to me that you and your administration has not received the proper grateful appreciation of the people in this country for what has been done to end the war in Viet Nam, and the successful arrangement for the release of our prisoners of war and the identifying of those missing in action.

I sincerely believe that, although there has not been a similar out-pouring of emotions as there was at the end of World War II, Americans are deeply grateful in what you have done and were firmly convinced that your actions were appropriate and necessary. Although I never received the abuse that you did, often times locally I was criticized for my support in what you were doing. By that, I can truly understand what tortures you may have gone through and how courageous you were in making the decisions you felt necessary.

Enclosed are the comments I made before the members of our Senate on the morning following your announcement of the cease fire in Viet Nam -- which was also carried, more or less, in our press in Oregon.

As one citizen who I am sure speaks for many, I want to thank you sincerely and wish to extend my best wishes to you and your fine family who had to endure so much these last few years.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in cursive script, appearing to read "Victor Atiyeh", written over a horizontal line.

Victor Atiyeh

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Senator
VICTOR ATIYEH

SENATE REPUBLICAN LEADER
OREGON STATE SENATE
SALEM, OREGON 97310

February 16, 1973

The Honorable Wendell Wyatt
House Office Building
Washington, D. C. 20515

Dear Wendell,

First let me thank you for arranging to get the autographed picture of President Nixon for Jerry Bishop. It was so good that I would like to have one as well, and wonder if you could arrange such a thing?

I received a call suggesting that there are some proposed changes in the mining laws and wonder if you know anything about it. If there is such a thing could you send me a copy of the measure and who might be contacted in regards to it?

Today I have written a letter to President Nixon and for your information I am including a copy of that letter along with the copy of my comments to which I made reference.

I just learned about the passing of Virginia Hedges and feel very badly about this. I know how well she served you and believe that you will have a difficult time finding an equal replacement.

It was good to see you recently, and I shall look forward to seeing you in the near future.

Sincerely,

Victor Atiyeh

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Senator Victor Atiyeh,
Senate Minority Leader
#205 State Capitol
Salem 97310
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FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE:
Wednesday, January 24, 1973

State Senate Republican Leader, Victor Atiyeh, spoke to the Oregon Senate today on the end to the Viet Nam War ... "At long last the moment for which all Americans have awaited has come to pass -- the cease fire in Viet Nam with the end of the war a reality.

All Americans, along with Pres. Nixon, can and should take credit for this grateful conclusion. All of whom yearned for an end to this war -- the impatient and the restrained -- have, in their own way and for their own good reasons, helped bring this sad part of American History to an end. The impatient who brought it sooner (as late as it may have been for them) and the restrained who brought what we hope is a lasting peace. The impatient who dramatically have kept our attention constantly focused on peace now and the restrained who remember the "peace" coming from World War I, World War II, and Korea and who knew in their lifetime how fragile it can be.

The impatient and the restrained walked different paths to the same goal - and it is important to remember that the goal was the same. We each had our way to reach that goal. I walked no marches, carried no placards nor participated in any demonstrations but that should never be construed to say I wished the war to continue.

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Now let us all give the same fervor and intensity of purpose to making our country an even better place in which to live. Let us remember that we all have a contribution we can genuinely make in defining that future and respect each person for his desire to participate in that definition."



*With our deep appreciation
for helping to make possible
our victory on November 7, 1972.*

*Richard Nixon
Patricia Nixon
Julie Nixon Eisenhower
Maureen Eisenhower
Susan Nixon Cox
Edward Finch Cox*

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