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SELECT COMMITTEE ON STATE CONTRACT-PRACTICES

October 2, 1974

Honorable Milton J. Shapp
Governor
Commonwealth of Pennsylvania
225 Main Capitol Building
Harrisburg, Pennsylvania

Dear Governor Shapp:

I am in receipt of certain data provided by you pursuant to a Subpoena Duces Tecum issued by this Committee on September 25, 1974, and served on Lawrence J. Beaser on September 30, 1974.

For your convenience I am enclosing a copy of that subpoena.

As the subpoena clearly indicates, you were commanded to produce the originals of the requested data. With respect to the production of your appointment book from June 1, 1974 to the present, you disregarded the subpoena and instead supplied xerox copies of that data. A review of these copies indicates many erasures and many entries which are illegible. Therefore, I must insist that you immediately comply with the subpoena and produce the original appointment book entries from June 1, 1974 until the present. I also request that you provide an affidavit stating that such entries are the only itinerary or schedule compiled by anyone dealing with your appointments and activities.

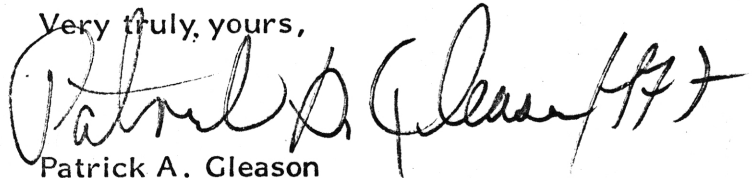
Mr. Beaser is only partially correct in assuming that the subpoena commanded copies of any summaries of your telephone conversations from June 1, 1974 until the present. In addition, the subpoena commanded any phone list or logs indicating any telephone conversations between yourself and anyone else from June 1, 1974 until the present. Please advise me immediately whether any such list exists or has ever existed. If such list has been destroyed, please advise me, in an affidavit, accordingly. If such lists are still in existence, please immediately comply with the subpoena and forward them to me immediately.

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So there may be no misunderstanding, I am, for your convenience also enclosing a copy of Mr. Beaser's letter to me of October 2, 1974.

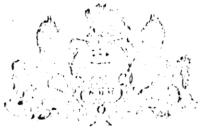
Thank you in advance for your cooperation.

Very truly yours,

A handwritten signature in cursive script, appearing to read "Patrick A. Gleason".

Patrick A. Gleason
Chairman

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LAWRENCE J. BEASER
COUNSEL TO THE GOVERNOR

October 2, 1974

Honorable Patrick A. Gleason
Chairman
Select Committee on State
Contract Practices
House of Representatives
Room B-10 Main Capitol
Harrisburg, Pennsylvania

Dear Mr. Gleason:

Governor Shapp has directed me to respond to your subpoena approved by vote of the Select Committee on September 24, 1974 and served on September 30, 1974 concerning telephone calls and the Governor's Appointment Book.

Xerox copies of the entries from the Governor's Appointment Book for August 5, 1974 have been submitted to your committee pursuant to an earlier subpoena. Also, copies of entries for September 4, 5, and 6 have been voluntarily made available to members of the Select Committee.


Though the Governor sees no legitimate reason for your wanting to peruse the pages of his Appointment Book, he has instructed me to cooperate with you and make available to you xerox copies of the pages of his Appointment Book from June 1, 1974 until September 30, 1974, the day the subpoena was served.

Your demand for the guest book located in the Reception Suite of the Governor is perhaps the most curious yet. It has come to my attention that staff of the majority of your Committee have already reviewed this book in detail. It is always on public view and you and/or your staff are welcome to come and look at it at any time. Though I understand that you already possess xerox copies of certain of the book's pages, if you want copies of additional pages, I will see that they are made for you.

Honorable Patrick A. Gleason
October 2, 1974
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As to your request for all "[l]ogs of all telephone conversations of Milton J. Shapp from June 1, 1974 until the present" I assume you are requesting copies of any summaries of telephone conversations of the Governor. The Governor has instructed me to inform you that no "logs of telephone conversations" of the Governor are kept. In fact, no formal lists of calls made by the Governor in Pennsylvania are kept, though records of out of state calls are maintained for toll charge purposes.

Sincerely yours,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Lawrence J. Beaser". The signature is written in dark ink and is positioned above the typed name.

Lawrence J. Beaser
Counsel to the Governor