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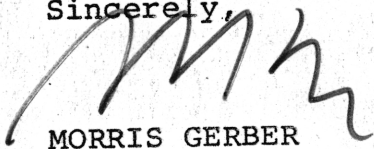
June 3, 1974

The Honorable Harry R. Comer
The Honorable Harry A. Englehart, Jr.
The Honorable James J. Manderino
House of Representatives
Main Capitol Building
Harrisburg, Pennsylvania 17120

Gentlemen:

Please find enclosed herein a copy of a letter from the Allegheny County Republican Executive Committee of May 21, 1974, addressed to the Honorable Patrick A. Gleason. A copy of this letter was forwarded to the Honorable Peter J. Camiel from the Allegheny County Republican Executive Committee. I thought perchance that Mr. Gleason might not disclose to you the receipt of this letter.

Sincerely,


MORRIS GERBER

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27 May 1974

The Hon. Patrick A. Gleason
636 Main Street
Johnstown, Pennsylvania 15901

Dear Representative Gleason:

All the financial records which are included under the subpoena issued May 14, 1974, to the Custodian of Records for the Allegheny County Republican Executive Committee by the Select Committee on State Contract Practices of the Pennsylvania House of Representatives have been delivered to you this date under separate cover.

I understand that the publicly stated purpose for which you have gathered this information from both political parties in a number of counties in the Commonwealth is that it is in connection with an investigation to determine if there is some systematic pattern of so-called kickbacks to political parties by those businesses and individuals doing business with the state.

It is dismaying to those of us engaged in the practice of politics whenever those few incidents of official corruption do occur. We are perhaps more indignant and put out than other people because those violations frequently tar us all with the same brush when given public attention.

However, I must say that it is equally dismaying to us - and I feel that I am speaking for all or most County Chairmen who received subpoenas, and their predecessors during the last eight years - when a public official uses us and our reputations to achieve some temporary notoriety.

The day after the subpoena was served its issuance received wide publicity in the local media - complete with the use of my name and that of my Democratic counterpart in this County and with the information that it was in connection with a "kickback probe". No doubt similar publicity prevailed elsewhere in the State.

To many people - especially in these times of general travail in the political arena - even the mere receipt of an investigatory subpoena conveys a degree of suspicion and to some - a presumption of guilt.

You are not so naive to be unaware of this. I can only conclude that you cared nothing for the good names and reputations of many honest and honorable people in both political parties.

The Hon. Patrick A. Gleason

The issuance of a subpoena was both unnecessary and specious. Just about all the information you requested is already on public file with the appropriate supervisory officer of the several election departments. What additional information you required could easily have been the subject of a request for voluntary submission from us.

The course chosen by you is - to say the least - crude and insensitive. A question surely arises in my mind relative to your sincerity and/or your maturity.

I do not believe your conduct has brought honor or respect to the Pennsylvania House of Representatives.

Sincerely,

Bob Fohl

Robert P. Fohl
County Chairman

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