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Virginia Industrialization Group

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The following are expected to be present for dinner at the Commonwealth Club at 6:30 P.M. December 10, 1958

- ✓ Mr. John S. Alfriend, President
National Bank of Commerce
Norfolk, Virginia
- ✓ Mr. M. W. Armistead, III, President
Times World Corporation
Roanoke, Virginia
- ✓ Mr. Frank Batten, Publisher
Norfolk-Portsmouth News, Inc.
Norfolk, Virginia
- ✓ Mr. Samuel M. Bemiss
P. O. Box 1156
Richmond, Virginia
- ✓ Mr. William E. Blewett, Jr., President
Newport News Shipbuilding & Dry Dock
Newport News, Virginia
- Mr. James L. Camp, Jr.
Vice-Chairman of the Board
Union Bag - Camp Paper Corporation
Franklin, Virginia
- Mr. Walter L. Dolbeare
Vice-President
Virginia Electric and Power Company
Richmond, Virginia
- Mr. Alan S. Donnahoe
Vice-President and Director of Research
Richmond Newspapers, Inc.
Richmond, Virginia
- ✓ *Ralph B. Douglass*
Mr. Guy L. Furr, Vice-President
Appalachian Power Company
40 Franklin Road, S.W.
Roanoke, Virginia
- ✓ Mr. James R. Gilliam, Jr.
Chairman of the Board
First National Trust & Savings Bank
Lynchburg, Virginia

State-Planters
Bank of Commerce and Trusts
Richmond, Virginia

Mr. Powell -

Attached is the only
list I have.

I believe that Mr.
Saunders did the inviting
for the dinner meeting
on the 19th of December.

Mrs. Winberg

- ✓ ~~Mr. Henry Clay Hofheimer, II~~
~~Chairman of the Board~~
~~Southern Materials Company, Inc.~~
~~Norfolk, Virginia~~
- ✓ *Maguigan*
Mr. Robert T. Marsh, Jr., President
First & Merchants National Bank
Richmond, Virginia
- ✓ Mr. Henry E. McWane, President
Lynchburg Foundry Company
Lynchburg, Virginia
- × Mr. J. Rhodes Mitchell, Vice-President
C & P Telephone Company
Richmond, Virginia
- ✓ Mr. E. H. Ould, President
First National Exchange Bank
Roanoke, Virginia
- ✓ Mr. Lewis F. Powell, Jr.
Attorney at Law
Electric Building
Richmond, Virginia
- ✓ Mr. Webster S. Rhoads, Chairman of the Board
Miller and Rhoads, Inc.
Richmond, Virginia
- ✓ Mr. Robert L. Riggs, Plant Manager
Nitrogen Division
Allied Chemical Corporation
Hopewell, Virginia
- ✓ Mr. Stuart T. Saunders, President
Norfolk and Western Railway Company
Roanoke, Virginia
- Mr. John W. Smith, President
Seaboard Air Line Railroad Company
3600 West Broad Street
Richmond, Virginia
- Mr. Eugene B. Sydnor, Jr., President
Southern Department Stores
Richmond, Virginia
- ✓ *Japnell*
Mr. J. Harvie Wilkinson, Jr., President
State-Planters Bank of Commerce & Trusts
Richmond, Virginia
- ✓ Mr. John B. Woodward, Jr., Chairman of the Board
Newport News Shipbuilding and Dry Dock Company
Newport News, Virginia

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✓ Dr. Harvey Maguigan, Mgr.
National Aniline Division
Allied Chemical Corp.
Hopewell, Va.

Mr. E. H. Graves, Plant Mgr.
Continental Can Co.
Hopewell, Va.

The following were invited but could not attend dinner at the
Commonwealth Club at 6:30 P.M. December 10, 1958

Mr. Frank Armstrong, President
National Fruit Product Company, Inc.
Winchester, Virginia

Mr. R. B. Douglass
Chairman of the Board
Smith-Douglass Company, Inc.
Norfolk, Virginia

Mr. W. J. Erwin, President
Dan River Mills, Inc.
Danville, Virginia

Mr. Henry Clay Hofheimer, II
Chairman of the Board
Southern Materials Company, Inc.
Norfolk, Virginia

Mr. R. H. Hughes, President
Clinchfield Coal Company
Dante, Virginia

Mr. Bertram W. Mahoney
General Manager
Industry Control Division
General Electric Company
Roanoke, Virginia

Mr. A. H. McDowell, President
Virginia Electric and Power Company
Richmond, Virginia

Mr. Louis Reynolds
Vice-President
Reynolds Metals Company
6601 West Broad Street
Richmond, Virginia

Mr. Frank Talbott, Jr.
Chairman of the Board
Dan River Mills
Danville, Virginia

Mr. Edward A. Wayne
First Vice-President
Federal Reserve Bank
Richmond, Virginia

Mr. N. L. Whitecotton
Regional Vice-President
General Electric Company
3 Penn Center Plaza
Philadelphia 2, Pennsylvania

Mr. E. H. Will
Chairman of the Board
Virginia Electric & Power Co.
Seventh and Franklin Streets
Richmond, Virginia

NORFOLK AND WESTERN RAILWAY COMPANY

STUART T. SAUNDERS
PRESIDENT

ROANOKE, VIRGINIA

January 3, 1959.



Mr. Frank Batten, Publisher,
Norfolk-Portsmouth News, Inc.,
Norfolk, Virginia.

Mr. Henry E. McWane, President,
Lynchburg Foundry Company,
Lynchburg, Virginia.

Mr. E. H. Will, Chairman,
Executive Committee,
Virginia Electric & Power Company,
P. O. Box 1194, Richmond 9, Virginia.

Mr. John B. Woodward, Jr.,
Chairman of the Board,
Newport News Shipbuilding and Dry Dock Co.,
Newport News, Virginia.

Gentlemen:

You will recall that at our dinner in Richmond on December 19 I was authorized to appoint a committee to devise a program which our group would follow in its attempt to promote industrial development in Virginia and also suggest a permanent organization. I would like for each of you to serve on this committee. I am also asking Messrs. Powell and Wilkinson to sit with the committee as advisers, and, in addition, I would like the privilege of sitting with you. If this is agreeable, I would like to call a meeting of the group sometime within the next few weeks. Won't you please let me know whether you can serve.

Sincerely,

(Signed) Stuart T. Saunders

cc: Mr. Lewis F. Powell, Jr.
Mr. J. Harvie Wilkinson, Jr.

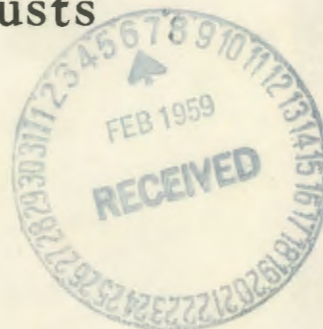


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State-Planters Bank of Commerce and Trusts

RICHMOND 14, VIRGINIA

February 5, 1959



Mr. Lewis F. Powell, Jr.
Attorney at Law
Electric Building
Richmond, Virginia

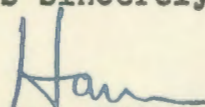
Dear Lewis:

Under separate cover I am sending you
copies of the information I was assigned to collect.

On page 27 of the Report of the Department
of Conservation and Economic Development will be found
the enabling act creating the Advisory Council on
the Virginia Economy. We can thus see its present status
and the possibility of using it as a vehicle for our
aspiration.

Kindest regards.

Always sincerely,


J. Harvie Wilkinson, Jr.
President

JHWjr:mrw

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Marion:

Please open a file under Mr.
Powell's personal number as follows:

"Committee on Virginia Industrial
Development" (Messrs. Saunders &
Wilkinson)"

Liz Fisher

Jan. 27, 1959

Lorin A. Thompson's mimeographed article -

"Some Economic Aspects of Virginia's Current
Educational Crisis"

sent to: Fitzgerald Bemiss, Esq.
D. D. FitzGerald, Inc.
15 South Fifth Street
Richmond, Virginia

at the request of Lewis F. Powell, Jr.

Va. Economic Development

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(last file opened I think)

February 6, 1959

Dear Broke :

Receipt today of several pounds of material from Harvie Wilkinson reminds me of your reference to the Atomic Industrial Forum as a possible form of organization for our consideration.

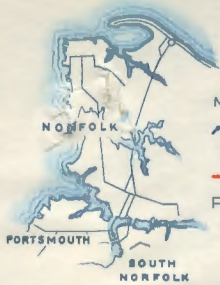
If it is not too much trouble, I would appreciate your requesting the proper party to send me a copy of the charter and by-laws of the Atomic Industrial Forum.

It was good to see you on Tuesday.

Sincerely,

Mr. J. B. Woodward, Jr.
Chairman of the Board
Newport News Shipbuilding and Dry Dock Co.
Newport News, Virginia

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MORNING AND SUNDAY

THE VIRGINIAN-PILOT · LEDGER-STAR

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NORFOLK AND PORTSMOUTH

NORFOLK I, VIRGINIA

FRANK BATTEN, PUBLISHER



February 6, 1959

Mr. Lewis F. Powell, Jr.
Electric Building
Richmond, Virginia

Dear Lewis:

Enclosed is a copy of my notes on our committee meeting of February 3rd. I had to reconstruct them from memory and I hope all of the points we discussed have been covered.

With best regards,

Frank

Frank Batten

Va. Industrial Development

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February 10, 1959

Mr. Frank Batten
Publisher
Norfolk Newspapers, Inc.
Norfolk 1, Virginia

Dear Frank:

Many thanks for yours of February 6th, and particularly for going to the trouble of preparing the notes on our meeting.

It seems to me that you have done this extraordinarily well.

Sincerely,

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NEWPORT NEWS SHIPBUILDING AND DRY DOCK COMPANY

NEWPORT NEWS, VIRGINIA



February 10 1959

Mr Charles Robbins Executive Manager
Atomic Industrial Forum Inc
3 East 54th Street
New York 22 N Y

Dear Charlie:

An industrial group in Virginia is considering the formation of an organization for promoting the industrial development of the State. The plan being discussed resembles in many respects the AIF.

If available we would greatly appreciate a copy of your charter and bylaws. Could you not send this to Mr Lewis F Powell, Jr, c/o Hunton, Williams, Gay, Moore & Powell, Electric Building, Richmond 12, Virginia?

With thanks and kindest regards,

Sincerely,

J. B. WOODWARD, JR.

J B Woodward Jr

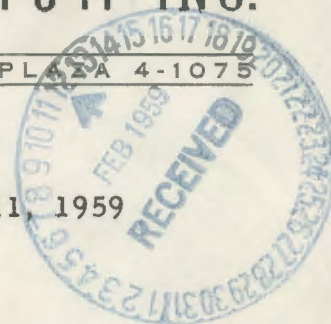
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cc: Mr Lewis F Powell Jr

ATOMIC INDUSTRIAL FORUM INC.

3 EAST 54TH STREET • NEW YORK 22, N. Y. • PL 2A 4-1075

February 11, 1959



Mr. Lewis F. Powell, Jr.
Hunton, Williams, Gay, Moore & Powell
Electric Building
Richmond 12, Virginia

Dear Mr. Powell:

Mr. J. B. Woodward, Jr. writes to ask if we will send you a copy of the charter and bylaws of the Atomic Industrial Forum, and this we are happy to do, as attached. Also enclosed is our most recent Annual Report, a brochure giving the objectives of the Atomic Industrial Forum and the most recent issue of our monthly publication, MEMO to Members.

If we can be of any further assistance please let us know. I plan to be in Richmond February 24 for a meeting beginning at 2 p.m. in the Executive Offices of Reynolds Metals which will run all afternoon. In the morning I hope, with two of my associates, to see Mr. A. H. McDowell, Jr. of VEPCO. However, I have only just written to Mr. McDowell and therefore do not know what his response will be to my inquiry.

It might be that we can get together on the 24th, possibly before or after seeing Mr. McDowell, if that becomes an appointment.

Sincerely,

Charles Robbins
Executive Manager

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enclosures

cc: Mr. J. B. Woodward, Jr.

February 13, 1959

Mr. Charles Robbins
Executive Manager
Atomic Industrial Forum, Inc.
3 East 54th Street
New York 22, New York

Dear Mr. Robbins:

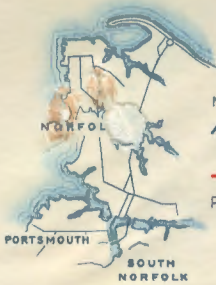
I appreciate so much your sending me the material requested by Mr. Woodward, which I will review with interest.

I note your kind suggestion that you would be glad to discuss any of this with me when you are in Richmond on February 24th. I will be in Chicago on that date. If our group here in Virginia (which is concerned with industrial development generally) should reach the point where a talk with you would be helpful, I will certainly take advantage of this kind offer.

Sincerely,

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cc: Mr. J. B. Woodward, Jr.



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NORFOLK AND PORTSMOUTH

NORFOLK I, VIRGINIA

FRANK BATTEN, PUBLISHER



February 16, 1959

Mr. Lewis F. Powell, Jr.
Electric Building
Richmond 12, Virginia

Dear Lewis:

Enclosed is the statement I was asked to prepare. It is the best I could do in the time available.

If it needs to be completely rewritten, please do so, as I have no pride of authorship.

I enjoyed having lunch with you.

Best regards,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Frank".

Frank Batten

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NORFOLK AND WESTERN RAILWAY COMPANY

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STUART T. SAUNDERS
PRESIDENT

ROANOKE, VIRGINIA

February 18, 1959.

Mr. John S. Alfriand, President,
National Bank of Commerce,
Norfolk, Virginia.

Mr. Henry E. McWane, President,
Lynchburg Foundry Company,
Lynchburg, Virginia.

Lewis F. Powell, Jr., Esquire,
Electric Building,
Richmond, Virginia.

Mr. John B. Woodward, Jr.,
Chairman of the Board,
Newport News Shipbuilding and Dry Dock Co.,
Newport News, Virginia.

Gentlemen:

I enclose a number of copies of the letter which we agreed that our group should write to Governor Almond. I understand that each of you will get the members of our group in your respective cities to sign the letter and that you will then transmit it to Mr. Lewis Powell. Please do this by the first part of next week so that Mr. Powell can deliver it to the Governor on February 25.

Sincerely,

Stuart

Encl.



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HUNTON, WILLIAMS, GAY, MOORE & POWELL

ELECTRIC BUILDING

RICHMOND 12, VIRGINIA

MILTON 3-0141

E. RANDOLPH WILLIAMS
(1901-1952)

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(1901-1954)

T. JUSTIN MOORE
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H. BRICE GRAVES
H. MERRILL PASCO
RALPH H. FERRELL, JR.
JOHN W. RIELY
FRANCIS V. LOWDEN, JR.
E. WARWICK DAVENPORT
LAWRENCE E. BLANCHARD, JR.
T. JUSTIN MOORE, JR.
JOSEPH C. CARTER, JR.
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E. MILTON FARLEY, III
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WILLIAM J. WILLIAMS
LEWIS T. BOOKER
GEORGE C. FREEMAN, JR.
JAMES A. HARPER, JR.
WALTER J. MCGRAW

February 20, 1959

FILE NO.

BY HAND

Mr. J. Harvie Wilkinson, Jr.
President
State-Planters Bank of Commerce & Trusts
9th and Main Streets
Richmond, Virginia

Dear Harvie:

In accordance with our talk, I am sending you herewith 7 copies of the letter to be sent to the Governor. I also enclose several copies of Stuart's transmittal letter.

I understand that you will attempt to obtain the signatures of Messrs. Reynolds, Marsh, Mitchell, Bemiss and Donahue; and also that you will send copies of the letter to Messrs. Riggs, Graves and McGuigan with a covering letter asking them to sign and return the Saunders' letter to me by next Wednesday.

I will see Messrs. Rhoads and Will.

I am sending a copy of this letter to Henry McWane to remind him that he agreed to ask Frank Talbott to sign a copy, and send it on to me.

Sincerely,

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Encl.

cc: Mr. Henry E. McWane

February 20, 1959

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Sincerely,

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Encl.

cc: Mr. Henry E. McWane

in back office

LYNCHBURG FOUNDRY COMPANY

GENERAL OFFICE

LYNCHBURG, VA.

February 20, 1959

HENRY E. McWANE
PRESIDENT



Mr. Lewis F. Powell, Jr.
Hunton, Williams, Gay, Moore & Powell
Lawyers Electric Building
Richmond, Va.

Dear Lewis:

I have just finished a telephone conversation with Frank Talbott concerning the letter to the Governor.

Frank suggested that I forward this letter to him and let him consider the matter carefully before making up his mind to sign it. Due to his official position as Rector of the University of Virginia, he feels that he might have some reservations about the matter.

I suggested that if he decided to sign the letter, for him to forward it to you promptly, and if not, for him simply to put it in the waste basket. If you have not heard from him by mid-week, I would think you could assume that he has decided against signing the document.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in dark ink, appearing to read "Henry", is written below the typed name "Sincerely,".

HEMcW:y

FIRST NATIONAL TRUST AND SAVINGS BANK

LYNCHBURG 1, VIRGINIA

JAMES R. GILLIAM, JR.
CHAIRMAN OF THE BOARD

February 20, 1959



Mr. Lewis F. Powell, Jr.
Hunton, Williams, Gay, Moore & Powell
Electric Building
Richmond, Virginia

Dear Mr. Powell:

I enclose a copy of the letter to Governor Almond, dated February 25, 1959, which I have signed. I understand that similar letters are being signed by members of the group referred to in the letter.

With kind regards,

Sincerely yours,

A handwritten signature in dark ink, appearing to read "James R. Gilliam, Jr.", written in a cursive style.

James R. Gilliam, Jr.

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Encl.

SAMUEL MERRIFIELD BEMISS
P. O. BOX 1156
RICHMOND, VIRGINIA

February 23, 1959



Mr. Lewis F. Powell, Jr.
Electric Building
Richmond, Virginia

Dear Lewis:

I have signed a letter to the Governor sent to me by Harvie Wilkinson.

Unquestionably, the Governor ardently seeks such support as Stuart Sanders' group can give. Its approval means much to him.

My only reservation concerning the contents of the letter is the sentence in the third paragraph reading:

"At the same time, we recognize the need to provide a method of relief for those communities most critically affected."

This sentence can be construed as a request to proceed with integration in those communities which will accept it, and no public schools elsewhere in Virginia.

The Governor and the Legislature are seeking a solution with all the earnestness they possess. I, therefore, think the last sentence could read:

"To this end we offer you our support and encouragement."

Sincerely,

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

Samuel M. Bemiss

Lewis -

If you modify this letter in any significant way which you think constructive please sign my name to the letter you determine to send.

Thanks.

JHWJr.

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MEMO

AVOID VERBAL INSTRUCTIONS

TO MR. LEWIS F. POWELL, JR. DATE February 23, 19 59

The enclosed letter to Governor Almond was sent to me today by

Harvie Wilkinson; copy of his transmittal to you.

I agree entirely with the sentiments expressed and have signed the letter as requested. Nothing is said about putting the letter on my own stationery so I assume this is not planned.

Hope that this will be of some use to the Governor; my opinion ^{of him} has come up very considerably since he talked to us at dinner.

cc: Mr. J. Harvie Wilkinson

SIGNED

P. R. Rigg

NORFOLK AND WESTERN RAILWAY COMPANY

STUART T. SAUNDERS
PRESIDENT

ROANOKE, VIRGINIA
February 23, 1959.

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Lewis F. Powell, Jr., Esquire,
Electric Building,
Richmond, Virginia.

Dear Lewis:

I enclose a letter signed by the Roanoke group to Governor Almond and a letter which you can use in transmitting the various letters which have been signed by our group.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in dark ink, appearing to read 'Stuart'.

Enc.

We, the undersigned, are a group of citizens vitally interested in the economic development of Virginia.

We commend Governor Almond for his wise position during the recent session of the General Assembly. In our judgment, he has taken the only realistic course available to Virginia.

If Virginia is to expand or even preserve its economy, we believe it must maintain a sound system of public schools. At the same time, we recognize the need to provide a method of relief for those communities most critically affected by the court decisions.

We, therefore, urge the Governor and the General Assembly to seek a solution to our school problem which holds to the principle and continued operation of the public school system but permits exceptions for localities with special needs.

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Dear Governor Almond:

We, as ^{members of} a group of citizens who have been working together informally on plans to promote and stimulate the type of economic development which we think essential to the future welfare of Virginia, are joining in this letter to commend you warmly for your position during the recent session of the General Assembly.

~~In our judgment, and~~ having in mind the extremely difficult situation which confronted you, we ^{believe} ~~felt~~ that you wisely chose a realistic course consistent with the best interest of Virginia. We ^{are} ~~were~~ happy that an ~~overwhelming~~ majority of the General Assembly gave you their support.

If Virginia is to expand or even preserve ^{the productivity of our people and} the type of economy essential to the welfare of our ^{state} people, we believe ^{is imperative to} it ~~must~~ maintain a sound ^{state} system of public education. At

the same time, we recognize the need for sufficient flexibility in our laws to permit variations ^{from} of a statewide system in communities most critically affected. A

We are fully appreciative of the extreme difficulty of preserving a sound public school system for our state, and at the same time providing the necessary flexibility for ^{possible} local alternatives. We have confidence that, with your leadership and the combined wisdom of the Commission now studying this problem, a solution ^{to this different problem} will be found ^{compatible} with ^{the trade} ~~conditions~~ and the future welfare of Virginia.

Respectfully,

Dear Governor Almond:

We, as a group of citizens who have been working together informally on plans to promote and stimulate the type of economic development which we think essential to the future welfare of Virginia, are joining in this letter to commend you warmly for your position during the recent session of the General Assembly.

In our judgment, and having in mind the extremely difficult situation which confronted you, we felt that you wisely chose a realistic course consistent with the best interest of Virginia. We were happy that an over-whelming majority of the General Assembly gave you their support.

If Virginia is to expand or even preserve the type of economy essential to the welfare of our people, we believe it must maintain a sound system of public education. At the same time, we recognize the need for sufficient flexibility in our laws to permit variations of a statewide system in communities most critically affected.

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Respectfully,

Hanvil -

This is what Frank Batten wrote. While no soul stirring ~~powerful~~ proclamation, it is vague, simple and non-controversial.

Please give it such editing as you think necessary & call me.

Tennis

Dear Governor:

We are, as you so well understand, a group of citizens vitally interested in the continued economic development of Virginia in order that our people may have the opportunity for constructive employment at rising income levels and in order that the economic development of Virginia may continue. We wish to commend you for your wise position taken during the recent sessions of the General Assembly. It seems to us that you have taken the only realistic course available to the Commonwealth.

If Virginia is to even preserve its economy, much less expand it -- and with such expansion goes the opportunity for employment -- we believe it must maintain a sound system of public schools. At the same time we fully recognize the desirability of providing a method of relief for those communities most critically affected by the recent decisions of the courts.

We therefore urge you and the General Assembly to strive for a solution to our school problem that will hold to the principle of continued operation of the state public school system but allows for exceptions for localities which are confronted with special situations and special needs.

With our every good wish.

Very sincerely yours,

Copy of letter written by
STATE-PLANTERS BANK OF COMMERCE AND TRUSTS
Richmond and Hopewell, Virginia

February 23, 1959

Mr. J. Rhodes Mitchell, Vice-President
Chesapeake and Potomac Telephone Company
Seventh and Franklin Streets
Richmond, Virginia

Dear Rhodes:

Attached hereto is a copy of a letter which was drafted by Stuart Saunders and Lewis Powell. The decision to develop such a letter came out of a meeting of the Executive Committee group which Stuart had called for the purpose of developing the outlines of a program to present to our larger group concerned with Industrial Development in Virginia.

If you think well of this idea to support the Governor in his current efforts would you be good enough to sign this and send it to:

Mr. Lewis F. Powell, Jr.
Attorney at Law
Tenth Floor
Electric Building
Richmond, Virginia

not later than Wednesday of this week.

If you have any questions in regard to the letter do not hesitate to call either Lewis Powell (MI 3-0141) or Stuart Saunders. The feeling of the Executive Committee group was that expressed support to the Governor would be meaningful at this time and help towards the objectives we all seek.

Thanks so much for your cooperation.

Always sincerely,

J. Harvie Wilkinson, Jr.

JHWjr:mrw
Enclosure

cc: Mr. Lewis F. Powell, Jr.

Copy of letter written by
STATE-PLANTERS BANK OF COMMERCE AND TRUSTS
Richmond and Hopewell, Virginia

February 23, 1959

Mr. Robert T. Marsh, President
First and Merchants National Bank
Richmond, Virginia

Dear Bob:

Enclosed you will find the letter to which I referred and which was drafted by Lewis F. Powell, Jr. and Stuart T. Saunders. This letter grew out of a meeting of the Executive Committee group which Stuart had called together to develop the outlines of a program which we could place before our larger group concerned with Industrial Development.

Would you be kind enough to call Lewis Powell (MI 3-0141) if you have any questions, and I hope you will sign the letter and forward it to Lewis not later than Wednesday of this week. His address is:

Mr. Lewis F. Powell, Jr.
Attorney at Law
Tenth Floor
Electric Building
Richmond, Virginia

Many thanks.

Always sincerely,

J. Harvie Wilkinson, Jr.

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We, the undersigned, are a group of citizens vitally interested in the economic development of Virginia.

We commend Governor Almond for his wise position during the recent session of the General Assembly. In our judgment, he has taken the only realistic course available to Virginia.

If Virginia is to expand or even preserve its economy, we believe it must maintain a sound system of public schools. At the same time, we recognize the need to provide a method of relief for those communities most critically affected by the court decisions.

We, therefore, urge the Governor and the General Assembly to seek a solution to our school problem which holds to the principle and continued operation of the public school system but permits exceptions for localities with special needs.



State-Planters Bank of Commerce and Trusts

RICHMOND 14, VIRGINIA

February 23, 1959

Mr. Lewis F. Powell, Jr.
Attorney at Law
Tenth Floor
Electric Building
Richmond, Virginia

Dear Lewis:

The attached are self-explanatory. Unfortunately I could not get Richard Reynolds or Alan Donnahoe. I am sorry to have goofed on them but the facts are I got involved in a tight situation affecting our Suburban Bank at 5:00 P.M. Friday and did not finish it until 5:45 P.M.

God bless and take care of yourself.

Always faithfully,

Harvie (a)

J. Harvie Wilkinson, Jr.

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Richmond and Hopewell, Virginia

February 23, 1959

Mr. Samuel Bemiss
15 South Fifth Street
Richmond, Virginia

Dear Sam:

Attached is a copy of the letter about which we talked over the telephone Friday. If you have any reservations concerning it would you be good enough to talk to Lewis on the telephone (MI 3-0141).

I hope you will feel free to sign this letter and send it on to Lewis not later than Wednesday of this week at the following address:

Mr. Lewis F. Powell, Jr.
Attorney at Law
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Electric Building
Richmond, Virginia

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February 23, 1959

Mr. Robert Riggs
Nitrogen Division
Allied Chemical Corporation
Hopewell, Virginia

Dear Bob:

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If you think well of this idea to support the Governor in his current efforts would you be good enough to sign this and send it to:

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Tenth Floor
Electric Building
Richmond, Virginia

not later than Wednesday of this week.

If you have any questions in regard to the letter do not hesitate to call either Lewis Powell (MI 3-0141) or Stuart Saunders. The feeling of the Executive Committee group was that expressed support to the Governor would be meaningful at this time and help towards the objectives we all seek.

Thanks so much for your cooperation.

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Mr. E. L. Graves
Plant Manager
Continental Can Company
Hopewell, Virginia

Dear Ed:

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Mr. W. Harvey Maguigan, Manager
National Aniline Division
Allied Chemical Corporation
Hopewell, Virginia

Dear Harvey:

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