

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

✓ <sup>W.</sup>  
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

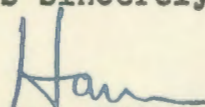
Dear Lewis:

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

1/8/59

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.

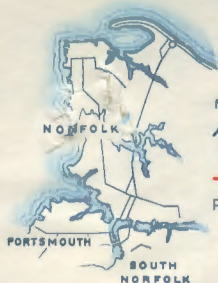
If it is not too much trouble, I would appreciate your requesting the proper party to send me a copy of the charter and by-laws of the Atomic Industrial Forum.

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

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# 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



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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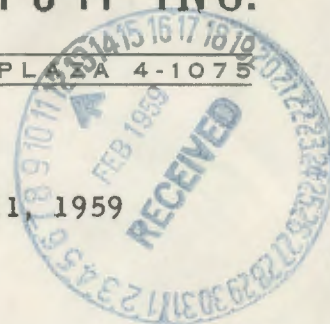
cc: Mr Lewis F Powell Jr



# ATOMIC INDUSTRIAL FORUM INC.

3 EAST 54TH STREET • NEW YORK 22, N. Y. • PL 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.

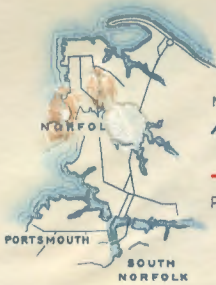
I note your kind suggestion that you would be glad to discuss any of this with me when you are in Richmond on February 24th. I will be in Chicago on that date. If our group here in Virginia (which is concerned with industrial development generally) should reach the point where a talk with you would be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

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. Alfriend, 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.



THOMAS BENJAMIN GAY  
EPPA HUNTON, III  
GEORGE D. GIBSON  
ARCHIBALD G. ROBERTSON  
LEWIS F. POWELL, JR.  
PATRICK A. GIBSON  
H. BRICE GRAVES  
H. MERRILL PASCO  
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JAMES A. HARPER, JR.  
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**HUNTON, WILLIAMS, GAY, MOORE & POWELL**

ELECTRIC BUILDING

**RICHMOND 12, VIRGINIA**

MILTON 3-0141

**February 20, 1959**

E. RANDOLPH WILLIAMS  
(1901-1982)

HENRY W. ANDERSON  
(1901-1984)

T. JUSTIN MOORE  
(1932-1986)

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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cc: Mr. Henry E. McWane

*in back office*



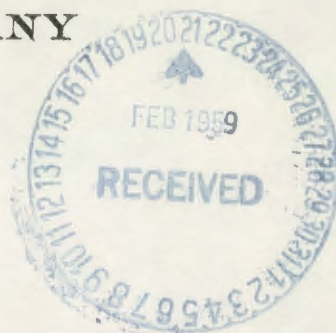
# LYNCHBURG FOUNDRY COMPANY

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,

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# FIRST NATIONAL TRUST AND SAVINGS BANK

LYNCHBURG 1, VIRGINIA

JAMES R. GILLIAM, JR.  
CHAIRMAN OF THE BOARD

February 20, 1959



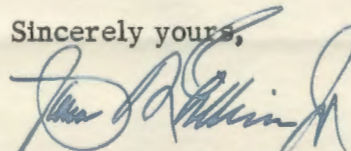
Mr. Lewis F. Powell, Jr.  
Hunton, Williams, Gay, Moore & Powell  
Electric Building  
Richmond, Virginia

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,



James R. Gilliam, Jr.

JRGjr:t  
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 dark ink, appearing to read "Sam", written in a cursive, stylized script.

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<sup>of him</sup>has  
come up very considerably since he talked to us at dinner.

cc: Mr. J. Harvie Wilkinson

SIGNED

*De Ried*



**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 be '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 <sup>members of</sup> 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 <sup>believe</sup> ~~felt~~ that you wisely chose a realistic course consistent with the best interest of Virginia. We <sup>are</sup> ~~were~~ happy that ~~an over-whelming~~ majority of the General Assembly gave you their support.

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

the same time, we recognize the need for sufficient flexibility in our laws to permit variations <sup>from</sup> 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 <sup>possible</sup> local alternatives. We have confidence that, with your leadership and the combined wisdom of the Commission now studying this problem, a solution <sup>to this different problem</sup> will be found compatible with <sup>the trend</sup> ~~conditions~~ and the future welfare of Virginia.

Respectfully,



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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,

Harvie -

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.

Lewis

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:

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Many thanks.

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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.

JHWjr:mrw

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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  
Tenth Floor  
Electric Building  
Richmond, Virginia

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STATE-PLANTERS BANK OF COMMERCE AND TRUSTS  
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February 23, 1959

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

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

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February 23, 1959

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

Dear Harvey:

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