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Dear Ms. Vandercook:

Last week I asked my administrative assistant to prepare a select list of people whom he thought would be willing to do me a personal favor. I stressed the fact that they should be people who are concerned about America and understand the need for good government. Your name appeared on the list.

Accordingly, I am writing this letter for the purpose of asking a personal favor. I know it will require a few minutes of your valuable time but it is extremely important, so please don't let me down. Here's what I'd like you to do:

Return this letter to me with your advice and opinions written on the back side. Tell me what you think is most needed in Congress today. Do you agree we need to elect more responsible members of Congress who will vote to cut government spending, etc? Do you agree that Republican members of Congress, who had nothing to do with Watergate, should not be blamed or punished for things that were done by others? Do you think a Republican majority in Congress would be a good thing in light of the fact that Democrats have controlled the House of Representatives for 38 of the past 42 years? Are you willing to give personal financial support to back up your opinions?

I'm hoping for a 100% response to this request for opinions and advice, so please don't be the one who let's me down.

The reason I'm asking you to do this is quite simple: we were in the midst of planning the most extensive campaign to elect a

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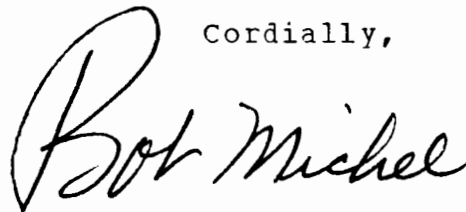
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Republican majority in the House of Representatives that has ever been undertaken. A lot of people were helping by making small donations -- \$10, \$15, \$25, a few people were able to give even more. But now, with all the Watergate developments, etc., we aren't sure whether to proceed or not. We want to, because we think the country needs a Republican Congress that will cut federal spending. But we just don't know if people like you will help.

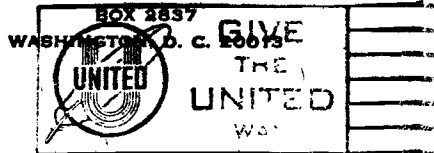
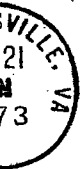
So it all boils down to this: I want to find out what your opinions are before making a decision on how to proceed. I'm hoping, of course, that besides sending your opinions you will also take time to send a check, even if it is for a small amount. That's what would really make the difference, if people like you were willing to give a few dollars during this critical time.

Please answer quickly. I'm very anxious to have your opinions and know whether you think Republican control of Congress deserves your personal support.

Cordially,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Bob Michel". The signature is written in dark ink and is positioned below the word "Cordially,".

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