

February 23, 1973

Dear Laura and Carl:

By the time you receive this letter, I think the two of you may be considering what you are going to be doing for the next year or so. Joan and I had thought that you might be back in the Philadelphia area soon, and we are anxious to see you to return some of the extraordinary hospitality which we enjoyed on our sailing trip through the Keys.

The six days which we spent on the Florida waters were an absolute delight. While the weather was not totally to everyone's satisfaction, it was vastly superior to Philadelphia's weather. It was a good experience for us to be on board the boat and we are looking forward to doing it again sometime.

The men in the Office are fine. Dick Sprague, Mike Rotko, Paul Michel, Walter Cohen and Arthur Makadon, as well as others, were interested to hear about your life on board the boat. They all asked if you were going to be coming back to join us in the Office. I told them that you were invited, but that you had not made a final decision.

That invitation is still open!

If you intend to settle in Chester or Bucks or Montgomery County, or perhaps in Monroe County, I shall be glad to make some calls for you.

I am asking Sandy to enclose some clippings on the political situation which describe my intentions for this year. As you can see, we will need all the help we can get.

Please give our best to Captain Jim. When I purchase my first yacht I will make him the first offer to be Captain. Tell him he had better find a job in the interim, however.

Sincerely,

Mr. and Mrs. Carl Feldbaum  
239 Robin Drive  
Bird Key  
Sarasota, Florida

AIR MAIL

February 23, 1973

Mr. Eugene L. Roberts, Jr.  
Executive Editor  
Philadelphia Inquirer  
400 North Broad Street  
Philadelphia, Pennsylvania

Dear Gene:

If you are willing to do so, I think it would be useful for you and me (perhaps with Creed, too) to review the disagreement as to methodology and approach on the series.

I realized that the Inquirer was committed to the series so I did not think it appropriate to take it up with you earlier, but I would like to at this time, if you are interested.

Sincerely,

ARLEN SPECTER

AS:sj

HAND DELIVER

February 23, 1973

Mr. Creed C. Black  
Editor  
Philadelphia Inquirer  
400 North Broad Street  
Philadelphia, Pennsylvania

Dear Creed:

I have written to Gene Roberts suggesting that it might be useful for us to review the methodology and approach on the Inquirer series.

As I said to him, I realized that the Inquirer was committed to the series so that I did not take it up until the matter was concluded, but I do think it would be useful to do it at this time, if you are interested.

Sincerely,

ARLEN SPECTER

AS:sj

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ARLEN SPECTER  
DISTRICT ATTORNEY

February 22, 1973

Mr. Eugene L. Roberts, Jr.  
Executive Editor  
Philadelphia Inquirer  
400 North Broad Street  
Philadelphia, Pennsylvania

Dear Mr. Roberts:

District Attorney Arlen Specter has asked me to write to you concerning a question which was raised by Messrs. Barlett and Steele at the news conference today.


After Mr. Specter had made his opening remarks, a question arose as to whether the District Attorney's files contained all of the materials in the court files. Mr. Specter illustrated his reply with reference to a case cited by the Inquirer where certain information had appeared on a bail application. Under normal practices, those bail applications do not become a member of the District Attorney's files.

Mr. Barlett, as I recall it, then asked Mr. Specter whether the District Attorney had won the case, and Mr. Specter replied that he was not certain but that he believed there had been a conviction on corruption of the morals of a minor.

That matter has been rechecked, and the District Attorney's Office did not win the case to which Mr. Specter first referred, but instead Mr. Specter was referring to a different case which had been reported by the Inquirer.

We wish to call this to your attention so that the record may be correct that the District Attorney's Office does not claim to have won the case that Mr. Barlett asked about.

Cordially,

  
JOHN MICHAEL WILLMANN  
Assistant District Attorney  
Chief, Policy and Planning

JMW:srj

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cc: Mr. Frederick Chait  
Mr. Donald Barlett  
Mr. James Steele

Mr. Robert Greenberg  
Day City Editor



February 21, 1973

To The Editor  
Philadelphia Bulletin  
30th and Market Streets  
Philadelphia, Pennsylvania

Dear Sir:

In fairness to Judge Curtis C. Carson, Jr. and Judge Joseph T. Murphy, I think that it should be noted that they were not in the category where the Bar Association Commission on Merit Judicial Retention opposed their election.

That Commission marked as "not endorsed" judges in two categories where the Commission concluded that (1) judges were unqualified, or (2) there was a "substantial question as to qualifications."

Neither Judge Carson nor Judge Murphy was in either of those categories.

As the Commission Report shows, a majority of the Commission voted to find both Judge Carson and Judge Murphy qualified, but they were not placed in the qualified category because the vote fell short of the two-thirds majority required under the Commission's rules.

Accordingly, I think the public should know with particularity what occurred with each of these judges, since neither was placed in the category of "not endorsed," which was suggested in some of the news reports. Similarly, neither was placed in the "endorsed" category, because they did not get the requisite two-thirds vote, so that all that can be said is that a majority of the Commission voted to find each of these two judges qualified.

Sincerely,

ARLEN SPECTER

AS:sj

cc: Edward W. Madeira, Jr., Esq.  
Chairman, Commission on Merit  
Judicial Retention

February 21, 1973

To The Editor  
Philadelphia Inquirer  
400 North Broad Street  
Philadelphia, Pennsylvania

Dear Sir:

In your  
Philadelphia Inquirer  
February 17, 1973  
Philadelphia, Pennsylvania

Editor  
Philadelphia Inquirer  
400 North Broad Street  
Philadelphia, Pennsylvania

Dear Sir:

I am enclosing for you a letter which  
I think should be printed to clarify the  
situation with respect to Judge Curtis C.  
Carson, Jr. and Judge Joseph T. Murphy,  
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unclear.

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ARLEN SPECTER

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Enclosure

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Philadelphia ...

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Philadelphia Daily News  
400 North Broad Street  
Philadelphia, Pennsylvania

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ARLEN SPECTER

AS:sj

cc: Edward W. Madeira, Jr., Esq.  
Chairman, Commission on Merit  
Judicial Retention



February 20, 1973

Honorable R. Budd Dwyer  
616 Center Street  
Meadville, Pa.

Dear Budd:

I want you to know that I very much appreciated your coming to our breakfast last Thursday so that we could have a chance to talk.

In spite of the inclement weather, the entire day's activities went well, with most of the credit going to Harvey.

I look forward to seeing you again, either in Erie or Harrisburg.

Sincerely,

ARLEN SPECTER

AS:mc

bc: JS

M E M O R A N D U M

February 20, 1973

TO: ALL ASSISTANT DISTRICT ATTORNEYS  
ALL DISTRICT ATTORNEY'S DETECTIVES  
ALL OFFICE PERSONNEL

FROM: ARLEN SPECTER

I do not want you to be unduly concerned about the article in this morning's Philadelphia Inquirer, because we can decimate their charges.

The Inquirer's statistics are grossly inaccurate.

I think you should also know that the Inquirer did not even ask for our reasons or procedures in handling the cases as we did. When we learned of the Inquirer series, we specifically invited them to review our files, and they declined to do so.

Before the day is up, there will be a fuller statement of our Office's position.

AS:sj

February 19, 1973

Sheriff Charles E. Murray, Jr.  
332 City Hall  
Philadelphia, Pennsylvania 19107

Dear Sheriff Murray:

I appreciate your writing to me about  
Assistant District Attorney Edward G. Rendell.

I shall look into the matter and take  
whatever action is appropriate.

Sincerely,

ARLEN SPECTER

AS:sj

bc: ADA Rendell - What is the situation here?

February 19, 1973

Hon. R. Budd Dwyer  
Senate Office Building  
Harrisburg, Pennsylvania

Dear Budd:

Thanks for sending the clips to me.

I appreciate your keeping me informed.

It was good seeing you in Erie last  
week.

I want you to know that I am grateful to  
you for all your continuing help.

Sincerely,

ARLEN SPECTER

AS:sj

cc: 616 Center Street  
Meadville, Pennsylvania 16335

February 19, 1973

Leo J. Durbin, Jr., D.D.S.  
1215 Simonton Street  
Key West, Florida 33040

Dear Dr. Durbin:

I want to thank you very much for your very prompt and efficient help in repairing my tooth which I broke on my recent trip to Key West, Florida.

When I bit down into the bread at the restaurant, it felt like an explosion went off inside my mouth. From my point of view, it was an obviously alarming situation.

It was certainly a great comfort to have you perform the expert dental work and repair the situation.

Sincerely,

ARLEN SPECTER

AS:sj

AIR MAIL

February 19, 1973

Honorable Frank L. Rizzo  
Mayor  
215 City Hall  
Philadelphia, Pennsylvania 19107

Dear Mayor Rizzo:

Thanks for your letter of February 14 and for the enclosure of the Bulletin article quoting Judge Cirillo.

I agree with you that Judge Cirillo was correct in urging that the State take over on incarcerating sentenced prisoners.

I think this would be a good subject for action by the new Coordinating Committee consisting of you, the President of City Council, the Police Commissioner, the President Judge and me.

My best.

Sincerely,

ARLEN SPECTER

AS:sj

February 14, 1973

Mr. Samuel Moore  
President  
Cobbs Creek Community Development  
Association  
6109 Christian Street  
Philadelphia, Pennsylvania

Dear Mr. Moore:

Thank you very much for sending the 1973 membership card for the  
Cobbs Creek Community Development Association.

I very much appreciate your making me an honorary member of the  
Association.

Sincerely,

ARLEN SPECTER

AS:r1j

February 14, 1973

Mr. John E. FitzGerald, III  
315 South Seventh Street  
Darby, Pennsylvania 19023

Dear Mr. FitzGerald:

Thank you very much for your letter of February 12, 1973, inquiring about a possible position with this Office.

Deputy District Attorney Michael J. Rotko will be in touch with you directly on this subject.

We appreciate your interest in this Office.

Sincerely,

ARLEN SPECTER

AS:sj

bc: DDA Rotko



February 14, 1973

Mr. Joseph Woods  
4015 Neilson Street  
Philadelphia, Pa. 19124

Dear Mr. Woods:

On behalf of the citizens of Philadelphia, I want to thank you for your services on the January Grand Jury.

As it has often been said, jury duty is second only to service in the armed forces as a contribution to the community.

It is my view that such duty better acquaints the citizens with the important matters of law enforcement. You have made a substantial contribution to the administration of criminal justice.

With this letter, I am enclosing a photograph which will serve as a memento of your service on the Grand Jury.

Sincerely,

ARLEN SPECTER

AS:mc

Encl.

February 6, 1973

Mr. Charles Lutz  
% Palmer Police Department  
Easton, Pa. 18042

Dear Mr. Lutz:

Thank you very much for all the help and assistance that you gave to Joan and me when we were in Palmer Township on Saturday, January 27, 1973.

Joan and I have never been treated better.

We both very much appreciate all of your courtesies.

Sincerely,

ARLEN SPECTER

AS:mc

bc: JS  
Rosemary

February 1, 1973

Hon. George X. Schwartz  
President, City Council  
490 City Hall  
Philadelphia, Pennsylvania 19107

Dear George:

Enclosed you will find a proposed amendment to Chapter 20-600 of the Philadelphia Code which has been prepared by my Office. The amendment would prohibit conflicts of interest involving City employees.

Because as City Council President you are quite obviously in the best position to see that this proposal is accorded a fair hearing on its merits, I am forwarding it to you.

I would be most appreciative if you would arrange for the amendment's introduction before Council. I hope you will agree that it is both timely and responsive to an obvious need.

Sincerely,

ARLEN SPECTER

AS:sj

Enclosure

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