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WASHINGTON

January 14, 1974

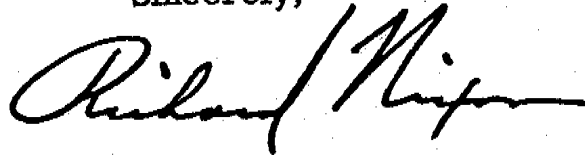
Dear Mrs. McFarland:

Mrs. Nixon and I were saddened to learn of your husband's death, and we send you and your family our deepest sympathies.

Harvey McFarland was an exceptional man. His kindness and goodwill, and his genuine concern for his fellow citizens were reflected in many ways, and he will be greatly missed by all of us who were privileged to know him. My visit to Picton in 1957, when I first met him, is one of my most pleasant recollections. Fifteen years later I spoke of that meeting in my remarks at Government House during our trip to Ottawa in 1972.

While words have little meaning at this time, I hope the memories of the rich life you shared will help to lighten the burden of sorrow for you. You and your family will be in our thoughts and prayers in the difficult days ahead.

Sincerely,



Mrs. Harvey J. McFarland  
Picton  
Ontario, Canada

SUGGESTED TEXT

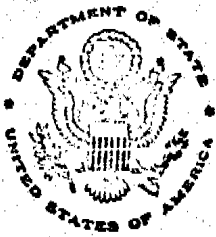
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Sincerely,

Richard Nixon

Mrs. Harvey J. McFarland  
Picton,  
Ontario.



# Department of State

# TELEGRAM

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TAGS: SGEN, CA  
SUBJECT: DEATH OF MAYOR OF PICTON, ONTARIO

MAYOR OF PICTON, ONTARIO, HARVEY J. MCFARLAND, DIED OF HEART  
ATTACK IN TORONTO JANUARY 10. HIS WIFE ARLEY AND TWO SONS  
SURVIVE HIM. WITH ONE BRIEF HIATUS, MCFARLAND WAS MAYOR OF  
PICTON FROM 1952 UNTIL HIS DEATH. HE WAS LONG-TIME FRIEND  
OF THE PRESIDENT AND SEVERAL U.S. AMBASSADORS TO CANADA.  
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## DEPARTMENT OF STATE

Washington, D.C. 20520

January 11, 1974

Memorandum for: NSC Secretariat  
The White House

Subject: Death of the Honorable Harvey J.  
McFarland, Mayor of Picton, Ontario

Mayor McFarland died January 10, 1974, aged 69, in a hospital in Toronto, Ontario, after several weeks of illness with a heart condition. He leaves a widow and two sons.

Mr. McFarland was Mayor of Picton from 1952 to 1969, and again beginning in 1973 until his death. The then Vice-President met him in 1957 on a visit to Picton, to which the President referred in his remarks after the state dinner at Ottawa April 13, 1972. A successful businessman, Mayor McFarland was proud of the President's friendship, which is a matter of some public notice in Canada. He sent a get-well telegram to the President on July 13, 1973, which was acknowledged September 5.

A message of sympathy from the President to Mrs. McFarland would be most appropriate. A suggested text is attached.

If approved, we would send the message through the Embassy at Ottawa. The Embassy would note that the White House does not intend to make it public, but would have no objection if Mrs. McFarland wished to do so. We would appreciate receiving a signed original for forwarding to Mrs. McFarland by diplomatic pouch, if that should be desired.

*A. Bragdon*  
Secretariat Staff

Attachment:

Suggested Text

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