

BIOGRAPHICAL SKETCH

GEORGE McGOVERN

George McGovern, former Democratic Senator from South Dakota, is chairman of Americans for Common Sense, a public interest group which has for its purpose building a counterforce to the right-wing, single-issue groups that have surfaced in American politics and encouraging the development of more practical answers to the great central issues that face the United States in domestic and foreign policy. The coalition is headquartered in Washington, D. C.

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Born in Avon, South Dakota, on July 19, 1922, son of a Methodist clergyman.

EDUCATION

Mitchell, South Dakota, public schools; Bachelor's degree from Dakota Wesleyan University, Mitchell (interrupted by World War II service); Ph. D. in History and Government earned at Northwestern University, Evanston, Illinois; returned to serve as Professor of History at Dakota Wesleyan University.

MILITARY SERVICE

As pilot of a B-24 bomber in the World War II European Theater, he flew 35 missions and was decorated with the Distinguished Flying Cross.

POLITICAL CAREER

In 1953, McGovern became South Dakota Democratic Party Executive Secretary. He was elected to the U. S. House of Representatives in 1956 and 1958. In December 1960, President John F. Kennedy appointed him first Director of the U. S. Food for Peace Program and Special Assistant to the President. He was elected to the U. S. Senate in 1962, re-elected in 1968 and 1974, and was defeated in his bid for a fourth term in 1980. In 1969, he was named Chairman of the Democratic Commission on Party Structure and Delegate Selection. In April of 1970, the Commission laid down guidelines to insure more open and representative delegate selection procedures. In 1972, Senator McGovern was the Democratic nominee for President. In 1976 he was appointed by President Gerald Ford as a Delegate to the 31st Session of the General Assembly of the United Nations. In 1978 he was appointed by President Jimmy Carter as a Delegate to the United Nations for the Special Session on Disarmament. In the Senate he served on the Agriculture, Nutrition and Forestry Committee. He was also chairman of the Select Committee on Nutrition and Human Needs. He was a member of the Senate Foreign Relations Committee and chairman of the Subcommittee on African Affairs. He was also a member of the Joint Economic Committee.

OTHER CREDITS

Senator McGovern is the author of six books: War Against Want, 1964; Agricultural Thought in the Twentieth Century, 1967; A Time of War/A Time of Peace, 1968; The Great Coalfield War (with Leonard F. Guttridge), 1972; An American Journey, 1974; and Grassroots, 1978. He holds several honorary degrees.

The Senator and his wife, Eleanor, have four daughters and one son and four grandsons.

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August 27, 1981

Dear Walter:

Thanks very much for your kind letter of August 22.

It appears that planning is going well for the course next year. I'd love to be one of the students in that class.

Enclosed is a biography of the Senator. If you need any additional information, please let me know.

Best regards,

A handwritten signature in cursive script, appearing to read "Pat", written in dark ink.

Patricia J. Donovan

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Place of Program: U. of California, Santa Barbara

Topic of Program: Religion and Politics in America Today

Contact: Walter Capps Home: _____ Office: 961-3578 or 805/966-9636 Home: 961-2607

Other Information: _____

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Date: August 10, 1981

By: [Signature]
George McGovern, President

Date: October 2, 1981

UCSB - Political Science

By: [Signature]
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September 29, 1981

Dear Walter:

As you know, the Americans for Common Sense (ACS) Board of Advisers will hold its first meeting on Sunday, October 4th.

I want to alert you to a time change for the meeting--which will convene at 4:00 PM, October 4th, rather than at 3:00 PM which we had previously indicated.

The site of the meeting, at my home in Washington, remains the same.


We will not have a formal agenda or lengthy written reports. I am most interested in a full and frank discussion of the future activities of ACS and your advice and counsel as to how we should proceed, issues we should emphasize and projects we should undertake. Appropriate members of the ACS staff will be on hand to answer questions and participate in the discussion.

Following the meeting--beginning at 6:00 PM--Eleanor and I are having a housewarming, complete with many of our friends from politics, entertainment and the news media. I hope you will be able to stay for the "food and fun" associated with this event.

Our new home is on the seventh floor at 2029 Connecticut Avenue, N.W., just one block north of the Washington Hilton Hotel.

We look forward to seeing you this Sunday, October 4th.

Sincerely,


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October 5, 1981

Dear Walter:

I regret that your schedule prevented you from joining us for the first meeting of the Americans for Common Sense Board of Advisers, which was held yesterday at my home.


I thought we had a productive session. Those of us who have direct responsibility for the on-going efforts of ACS, together with program and policy development, came away from the Board meeting with new insights on how best to proceed so that our work is more effective.

With the thought that you might find it of interest, I am enclosing a listing of the ACS Board as presently constituted. It is, as you know, still open ended and we anticipate adding additional members later.

Walter, although you were not able to join us, I hope you will not hesitate to offer your advice and counsel at any time--and that you will be able to respond to any subsequent requests we might make for specific assistance on procedural or substantive matters.

With kind personal regards, I am

Sincerely,


George McGovern

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Enclosure

ACS Board of Advisers

Bishop James Armstrong of the United Methodist Church, Indiana Area, Indianapolis, Indiana.

Robert Bauer, Esq., general counsel to ACS and associate member of the firm of Perkins, Coie, Stone, Olsen & Williams, Washington, DC.

Honorable Birch Bayh, former Senator from Indiana, a partner in the firm of Bayh, Tabbert & Capehart, Washington, DC.

Daniel Boyer, an international financier and industrialist. He is an American, residing in Paris, France.

Walter H. Capps, Ph.D., Director of the Institute of Religious Studies, University of California, Santa Barbara, California.

Honorable Frank Church, former Senator from Idaho, a partner in the firm of Whitman & Ransom, Washington, DC.

Honorable Dick Clark, former Senator from Iowa, a Senior Fellow of the Aspen Institute for Humanistic Studies, Washington, DC.

Thomas L. Collins, partner in the firm of Rapp & Collins, Inc., a direct marketing firm, New York City.

Helen Feibelman, a businesswoman in retail women's wear, Los Angeles.

Joseph Grandmaison, former federal cochairman of the New England Regional Commission, now operating a consulting firm in New Hampshire.

Wilma Hazen, Director of the Center for the Family, American Home Economics Association, Washington, DC.

Terry Herndon, Executive Director, National Education Association, Washington, DC.

Ken Holum, General Manager, Western Fuels Association, Inc., Washington, DC.

Steven Jonas, M.D., Associate Professor, Department of Community and Preventive Medicine, State University of New York at Stony Brook.

Honorable Martha Keys, former Congresswoman from Kansas, associated with Former Members of Congress and a lecturer, Washington, DC.

Honorable Peter Kostmayer, former Congressman from Pennsylvania, with John Adams Associates Inc., Washington, DC.

Admiral Gene R. La Rocque (USN Ret.), Director of the Center for Defense Information, Washington, DC.

Bishop James K. Mathews of the United Methodist Church, Washington, DC.

Marshall Matz, Esq., former general counsel to the Senate Subcommittee on Nutrition, with the firm of Barnett, Alagia & Carey, Washington, DC.

Honorable Gaylord Nelson, former Senator from Wisconsin, Chairman of The Wilderness Society, Washington, DC.

Barbara O'Connor, Professor of Communications, California State University, Sacramento, California.

Lester Thurow, Professor of Management and Economics, Massachusetts Institute of Technology, Cambridge, Massachusetts.

Laurence H. Tribe, Professor of Law, Harvard University Law School, Cambridge, Massachusetts.

Glenn E. Watts, President of Communications Workers of America, Washington, DC.

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October 9, 1981

Dear ACS Board Member:

This is the first in a series of informal, informational notes that we will be sending to members of the Americans for Common Sense (ACS) Board from time to time.

Those of you who were able to attend the ACS Board meeting at Mr. McGovern's home on October 4th, are aware, I'm sure, of our continuing interest in your advice and counsel on the way that ACS should proceed on procedural and substantive matters. We welcome your letters and phone calls.

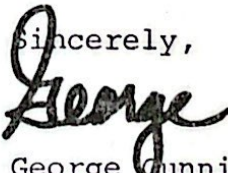
We thought you might be interested in the attached copies of the first page of fund raising letters put out by two right wing organizations. (If you are interested, I'll be pleased to supply you with the full text of either or both letters)

The one dated "August, 1981" was put out by Paul Weyrich, Chairman of the Committee for the Survival of a Free Congress". The letter dated simply "Monday" comes from Connie Marshner, the Family Policy Director of the Free Congress Research & Education Foundation.

In the text material of both letters, the authors mount a direct attack against Americans for Common Sense.

It indicates that ACS is "getting under the skin" of the right wing - and also that right wing organizations find George McGovern and ACS a "good drawing card" for their direct mail solicitations.

Let us stay in touch.

Sincerely,

George Cunningham

August, 1981



Dear friend,

"I have been astounded at the enthusiasm of the response I have been getting. There has been nothing like it since the mid-60's. I've had turnaway crowds across the nation."

Who do you think said that?

Ronald Reagan? Jerry Falwell? Milton Friedman?

Guess again my friend -- because it was George McGovern in a recent interview.

And it really concerns me.

That's why I'm coming to you today to explain.

Because I need your help to make a serious decision. And as a friend of mine, and a supporter of the Committee for the Survival of a Free Congress -- I know you'll want to find out exactly what we're going up against in the days ahead.

My friend...I think you'll understand why your immediate support is so important to me.

Because George McGovern continued, "Whether in the deep South or the Mid-west or New England, all over the country large numbers of people (liberals) are looking for an organization to focus the fight against right-wing groups."

Yes.... George McGovern is at it again, and like last time --



. . . McGovern is moving out
with a full scale attack
against every household
in America!

Monday

Dear Family Protection Friend,

"George McGovern is very much alive."

So said the Daily News on March 10, 1981.

But as friends of the pro-family movement...we have known that George was alive and kicking...and fighting tough, fighting hard, and fighting mad for some time -- especially since he founded a new organization of his own.

In fact, McGovern says in his own brochure that "guided by skilled investigators" members of his group will be asked to "send newsclips" to his headquarters of "any information" regarding the new conservative movement.

{ He's monitoring you and me...and he's out to do battle with our Free Congress Research and Education Foundation. }

Now McGovern calls his new outfit "Americans for Common Sense." But we really know what he stands for and what he's working for. And for that reason I think his group ought to be called "People for Nonsense."

Believe me...I know what I'm talking about...because I JUST FINISHED DEBATING GEORGE MCGOVERN IN ATLANTIC CITY.

Our topic was the impact of family issues,

I wish you could have been there in person, because I think you would have enjoyed it.

Let me fill you in...

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October 13, 1981

Dear Walter:

Thank you for your letter of October fifth, with the signed contract.

I talked with the Senator about the possibility of giving three classes rather than the two now scheduled, but he thinks that two is all he will be able to handle, given his other commitments.

He told me also that he does not at this time want to accept the Commonwealth Club invitation in San Francisco.

Best regards,



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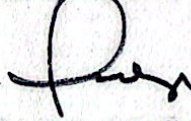
November 2, 1981

Dear Walter:

Attached are suggested books and articles for the reading list. The first two, marked with an asterisk, are especially recommended.

I look forward to being with you next year.

All the best,



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READING LIST

ISSUES IN CONTEMPORARY AMERICAN POLITICS

I. THE "NEW RIGHT"

*Alan Crawford, Thunder on the Right (Pantheon Books, 1980)

*Richard Hofstadter, The Paranoid Style in American Politics (Alfred A. Knopf, 1965), especially chapter 1.

George McGovern, "The New Right and the Old Paranoia,"
Playboy, January 1981.

Frances Fitzgerald, "A Reporter at Large: A Disciplined,
Charging Army," The New Yorker, May 18, 1981.

Senator Thomas J. McIntyre, The Fear Brokers (Pilgrim Press,
1979).

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January 20, 1982

Dear Walt:

What I really loved, was the tap dancing. Of course, the loud music and karate shouts added to the informal ambience of the evening...

Oh well, with friends like you, who needs enemies??

Just kidding of course, and found you and your wife Lois to be delightful people, making the entire trip really successful.

And some of the co-eds weren't too bad either, though most were too young and on the virtuous side...Sigh...I'm really into religion anyway...

I hope I have the opportunity to work either by phone, or out west again with you soon. After speaking with several students, they seem interested in starting a campus chapter of ACS; they are hoping you would be their advisor. Sounds good to me. In any event, let me know how a campus or town chapter progresses.

For the record, I would suggest that if you are unable to find a suitable hall the next time, that you have at least a full size podium for McGovern to use, and also, if possible, the acoustics would be better if you could seat on the floor, with podium facing crowd lengthwise, vs. speaking to a crowd spread out over the width of the gym. Hope you don't mind the suggestions. The tap dancers are up to you...

Thanks again, and all the best.

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January 28, 1982

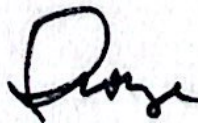
Dear Lois and Walter:

Thanks so much for your great hospitality when I was in Santa Barbara, and especially for the enjoyable dinner evening at your home with your friends. You are gracious hosts.

Eleanor and I look forward to our return visit in March.

Until then, our warm regards.

Sincerely,



George McGovern

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P. S. Walt, thanks for the clippings and the guest list.

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February 3, 1982

Professor Walter H. Capps
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Dear Walter:

I have appreciated your willingness to serve on the Board of Advisors to Americans for Common Sense. I am hopeful in 1982 that we can draw more heavily on your advice and insight.

As you know, we started off a year ago with a twofold mission: first, to analyze, monitor and combat the Radical Right; secondly, to develop a range of alternative proposals for dealing with the major issues that face the United States, including the nuclear war danger, the economy, the environment, energy, and so forth. In the belief that the nation is now far more alert to the techniques and the dangers of the Radical Right than it was a year ago and with the further belief that the effectiveness of the Radical Right probably reached its crest in 1980, it has seemed to my staff and to me that we could now best turn our major attention in 1982 to the second area of our responsibility.

For that reason, we have been working for several months on the preparation of analyses and proposals relating to the central issues before the country. We propose to issue a series of Common Sense papers on a regular basis, with the first one devoted to the nuclear arms challenge. This would be followed by a related Common Sense paper on the economic impact of the arms race and by a third one on Reaganomics and a suggested alternative for the American economy.


I would be interested in any thoughts you have on the general assumption that we should turn our focus to constructive issue proposals of this kind, while, of course, continuing to monitor the activities of the Radical Right. I would also be interested in your thoughts as to the issues you think it is most useful for us to address and your suggestions as to any resource persons that we might draw upon in developing these issues. I hope we can have a meeting of our Board of Advisors soon.

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On a practical matter, we have been able to pay a small professional staff, plus our rent, mailing, research obligations and other expenses without incurring a deficit of any consequence in 1981. I hope we can do even better in 1982. We now have an IRS Section 501(c)(3) authorization which means that all contributions to ACS are fully tax deductible. If you have any thoughts beyond the direct mail approach that we principally relied on last year to finance the organization, I would appreciate having the benefit of your advice. I think you know that I have been working without any financial remuneration as the Chairman of Common Sense, but I do want to make sure that we are able to meet our obligations.

With all good wishes to you for a successful 1982,
I am

Sincerely yours,


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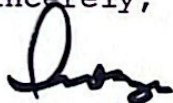
April 7, 1983

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Dear Walter:

I was deeply moved by all of those expressions from your students that you sent me some time ago. I have shared these messages of love and admiration with a number of my former colleagues in the Senate, and all of them agree that it is a very unique and wonderful expression. Please extend my very warmest regards to all the members of your class. It was a pleasure to be with you recently.

Sincerely,



George McGovern

*I'll be making a decision in early Sept. — I am
now leaning toward a "yes".*

*Any chance of getting a tape of my remarks to the
Channel City Club men?*

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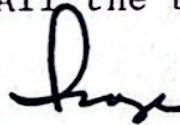
May 2, 1984

Dear Walter:

Thanks for your note which I found on my desk of April 13th. I'm sorry I missed you.

Walter, one thing that this recent campaign has done is to elevate me on the lecture schedule fee. I'm now up to \$5,000 plus expenses. I'm afraid that kind of puts me beyond what you have in mind at UCSB but in any event, I appreciate your continued interest in me.

All the best,



George McGovern

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*P.S. I have had no income at all since
last June because of the campaign.*