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Nixon, Richard - Outgoing, 1969-6/1971

Burns declines to accompany Nixon to England to avoid appearing to be under administration control.

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September 16, 1970

Dear Mr. President:

I appreciated ever so much your suggestion that I join you when you visit Heath in London. I would love to do this for many reasons, and especially because this would give me a bit of extra time with you. However, as I have turned over your suggestion in my mind, I have concluded that it would probably be unwise for me to participate in this visit. As you well know, this is election season, some members of the press continue to believe that the Fed is under White House control, and some of the journalists might take my presence on your plane, etc. as evidence. I have communicated all this to John Ehrlichman, but I feel that you should know this directly from me.

Let me also take this opportunity to tell you that the Fed has taken some further constructive steps this week. When we both return to this city, I will inform you of what we have done and where we stand.

With very best wishes,

Sincerely yours,

Arthur F. Burns

The Honorable Richard Nixon  
The President of the United States  
The White House  
Washington, D. C.

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