

7 December 1960

Honorable Paul Kilday, M.C.
House Office Building
Washington, D. C.

Dear Paul:

This letter is about a matter close to my heart and close to many of the Adjutants General and senior commanders of the National Guard of the United States.

We want Carl Phinney as our next Secretary of the Army.

We feel he would be enthusiastically endorsed not only by the National Guard but by the Active Army and the US Army Reserve as well. No one has ever held that office who was better prepared to do a really outstanding job for the Armed Forces and for our Country.

I will not give you a long laudation of Carl for you know him perhaps better than I, but I do know of the high esteem with which he is held by members of the Army and I assure you that he is well and favorably known and highly regarded.

We, and by "We" I mean the great bulk of Guardsmen and citizens everywhere, feel that your being the main "Army Man" on the House Armed Services Committee your advice to Senator Kennedy would have great weight.

I have just heard Senator Symington expound his recommendation to do away with the civilian heads of the Army, Navy and Air Force. I am against such a plan but whether Mr. Kennedy and Congress accept it or not, Carl would be a fine man to head the Army as its Secretary and I entreat you to give such a move your powerful support.

With kind personal regards and the best of wishes to you and Mrs. Kilday for a Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year,
I am

Sincerely,

KLB/pk

K. L. HERRY



The State of Texas
Austin

Major General Kearie L. Berry
The Adjutant General

7 December 1960

*This letter sent to every
AG in the U.S.*

Dear General:

During the Special Meeting of the Adjutants General last weekend, several AGs and I discussed the advisability of making an effort to get Major General Carl L. Phinney appointed Secretary of the Army.

I believe such an appointment would be the finest possible one for the Army and I believe that with our concerted efforts we can put it over.

I will not make a laudation of Carl for what I would say would be superfluous as you know him perhaps as well as I. If you think him the man for the job, won't you join in an all out effort to see that he is given serious consideration for that most important position.

How you go about this matter is for you to decide. I am making my "pitch" to Senator Lyndon B. Johnson and Congressman Kilday.

I hope my suggestion meets with your approval and that you are in a position to help the matter along.

With kind regards,

Sincerely,

K. L. BERRY

*Copy sent to
Sen Phinney -*

6 December 1960

Senator Lyndon B. Johnson

207 Fed Bldg - Austin, Tex

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With kind regards and the best of wishes to you as we pass through the trying years ahead.

Sincerely,

KLB/pk

K. L. BERRY

STATE OF KANSAS
MILITARY DEPARTMENT
OFFICE OF THE ADJUTANT GENERAL
TOPEKA

16 December 1960

Major General K. L. Berry
The Adjutant General of Texas
Austin, Texas

Dear General Berry:

Your letter concerning Major General Carl L. Phinney for Secretary of the Army received and this is to say that I, personally, will be happy to support General Phinney for this position in any way I can.

According to the Symington Report to the President-Elect, this position is to be abolished.

I sincerely hope the report is not adopted by the new administration insofar as it refers to the Secretaries of the Service Departments, and, also, insofar as it refers to relegation of all Reserve Components to a purely Civil Defense mission.

I am referring your letter concerning General Phinney, together with my personal statement as to the great ability of this office to the Democratic State Chairman and to the Governor.

With Best Wishes for a good Holiday Season, I am

Sincerely,

JOE NICKELL
Major General
The Adjutant General

STATE OF KANSAS
ADJUTANT GENERAL'S DEPARTMENT
OFFICE OF THE ADJUTANT GENERAL
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OKLAHOMA MILITARY DEPARTMENT
OFFICE OF THE ADJUTANT GENERAL
2205 NORTH CENTRAL
OKLAHOMA CITY 5, OKLAHOMA

9 December 1960

Major General Kearie L Berry
Adjutant General of Texas
Box 5218 West Austin Station
Austin, Texas

Dear K. L.


General Phinney would make a wonderful Secretary of the Army and I will promote him through Senator Kerr who tried to and I think did help the President elect to get several thousand more votes in Oklahoma than he would have otherwise. I also will speak with General Daugherty who may have other angles he can pursue.

Oklahoma probably will not rank too well in Kennedy's mind because our voters goofed and gave Nixon a bigger majority than the state gave for Eisenhower in either of his elections.

I am very eager to learn what final actions were taken at the meeting on December 5th. We had to leave Saturday at 4:45 o'clock and at that time the Adjutants General were holding the closed session. Any news of what happened thereafter would be most appreciated.

With kindest regards, I am

Cordially,


ROY W KENNY
Maj Gen, AUS Retired
The Adjutant General

RWK/lj

STATE OF FLORIDA
OFFICE OF THE ADJUTANT GENERAL
ST. AUGUSTINE

12 December 1960

Maj. Gen. Kearie L. Berry
The Adjutant General of Texas
P. O. Box 5218
West Austin Station
Austin 31, Texas

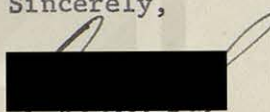
Dear Kearie:

I have your letter of 7 December advising of an effort which is being made to have Maj. Gen. Carl L. Phinney, of the Texas Army National Guard, appointed as the Secretary of The Army.

I agree that Carl would make an excellent Secretary, not only for the National Guard but for the Army as a whole. If there is any special thing I can do to assist in securing his appointment, please let me know.

With best wishes to you for the coming Christmas season and the New Year, I am

Sincerely,


MARK W. LANCE
Major General
The Adjutant General

LYNDON B. JOHNSON
TEXAS

United States Senate
Office of the Democratic Leader
Washington, D.C.
December 12, 1960

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Dear General:

I certainly appreciate your letter of December 6 and your recommendation of Carl Phinney as Secretary of the Army.

I would agree with any laudation of Carl, for there is no one for whom I have greater admiration. If I have any voice in matters of this nature, be assured that I will do what I can in his behalf.

It is always good to hear from you, and I hope you will keep in touch with me from time to time.

Best personal regards.

Sincerely,



Lyndon B. Johnson

Major General K. L. Berry
Office of the Adjutant General
Austin 31, Texas

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MAJOR GENERAL RAYMOND H. FLEMING
THE ADJUTANT GENERAL OF LOUISIANA
NEW ORLEANS

HLB

9 December 1960

Major General Kearie L. Berry
The Adjutant General
State of Texas
Austin, Texas

Dear General Berry:

Believe me, Carl Phinney would be a natural as Secretary of the Army. I will start at once figuring out some plan to promote the idea. Frankly, I think Senator Johnson could go a long way to bringing this about and I certainly hope that he will do what he can.

I was sorry to miss the meeting of the Adjutants General in Washington recently but, as you probably have noticed from the newspapers, the situation here is just such that I cannot get away.

With kind personal regards, I am

Sincerely yours,

RAYMOND H. FLEMING
Major General
The Adjutant General



WILLIAM P. WILSON
MAJOR GENERAL
THE ADJUTANT GENERAL

STATE OF MISSISSIPPI
MILITARY DEPARTMENT
OFFICE OF THE ADJUTANT GENERAL
JACKSON

WMB

16 December 1960

Major General K. L. Berry
The Adjutant General
State of Texas
Austin, Texas

Dear K. L.:

I was with Senator Stennis of Mississippi yesterday, and I mentioned General Phinney to him, and he knew General Phinney or, rather, met him this summer while in Texas making speeches in behalf of the Democratic Party. Seems that General Phinney and General Phinney's daughter met the Senator at Love Field in Dallas and carried him to the place where the speaking was being held that night.

He spoke very highly of General Phinney and has said he would do whatever he could.

With highest personal regards and best wishes, I
am

Sincerely yours,

WILLIAM P. WILSON

THE COMMANDING GENERAL
DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA, NATIONAL GUARD
2001 EAST CAPITOL STREET
WASHINGTON 3, D. C.

WAB

14 December 1960

Major General Kearie L. Berry
The Adjutant General
The State of Texas
Austin, Texas

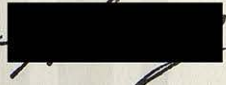
Dear General:

I certainly agree that the appointment of Carl Phinney to the position of Secretary of the Army would indeed be an excellent one for the Army.

I am behind the idea 100% and will do everything that I can toward its fulfillment, as a matter of fact, I am having lunch with Congressman Olin Teague today and will discuss this with him.

If you have any further suggestions as to what I may be able to do, please let me hear from you.

Sincerely yours,



W. H. ABENDROTH
Major General

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MILTON ATCHISON RECKORD
THE ADJUTANT GENERAL



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STATE OF MARYLAND
MILITARY DEPARTMENT
FIFTH REGIMENT ARMORY
BALTIMORE-1

11 December 1960

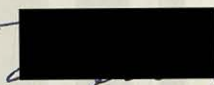
Major General Kearie L. Berry
The Adjutant General of Texas
P. O. Box 5218, W. Austin Sta.
Austin 31, Texas

Dear Kay:

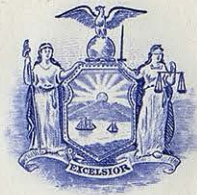
This will acknowledge receipt of your letter of 7 December
in the interest of Carl Phinney.

Nothing would please me more than to see Carl appointed Sec-
retary of the Army. I will do anything possible to advance this
matter; although, I fear the State of Maryland will have very little
influence on the Federal administration about to take over.

Sincerely yours,


MILTON A. RECKORD
Major General
The Adjutant General

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STATE OF NEW YORK
EXECUTIVE DEPARTMENT
DIVISION OF MILITARY AND NAVAL AFFAIRS
112 STATE ST., ALBANY 7, N. Y.

NELSON A. ROCKEFELLER
GOVERNOR
COMMANDER-IN-CHIEF

MAJOR GENERAL A. C. O'HARA
CHIEF OF STAFF TO THE GOVERNOR
AND
COMMANDING GENERAL, N. Y. ARMY NATIONAL GUARD

13 December 1960

Major General K. L. Berry
The Adjutant General of Texas
Box 5218, West Austin Station
Austin, Texas

Dear General Berry:

Thank you for your letter of 7 December in reference to the proposal for appointment of General Phinney in the post of Secretary of the Army.

I believe it would be highly desirable to have a Secretary who would continue in the policies of Secretary Brucker as they relate to Army National Guard affairs and I am sure General Phinney would accomplish this purpose.

We have made it a policy in New York State for all members of the Division of Military and Naval Affairs to refrain from any political action of an official nature in order that politics will not permeate our military problems and for this reason, I would hesitate to officially endorse General Phinney or, so far as that is concerned, any proposed appointee to this position.

My personal opinion, which incidentally, would be of little value, is that any officer aware of National Guard requirements and pledged to assist us, would have our support.

Sincerely,

[Redacted Signature]

A. C. O'HARA
Major General, NYARNG

ACO'H/ed



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STATE OF RHODE ISLAND AND PROVIDENCE PLANTATIONS
OFFICE OF THE ADJUTANT GENERAL
ARMORY OF MOUNTED COMMANDS
1051 NORTH MAIN STREET
PROVIDENCE, 4. R. I.

14 December 1960

Major General Kearie L. Berry
The Adjutant General of Texas
PO Box 5218, West Austin Station
Austin 31, Texas

Dear General Berry:

I agree wholeheartedly with the contents of your letter of 7 December pertaining to the desirability of Carl L. Phinney being appointed Secretary of the Army.

I am trying to find out who is responsible for the appointment -the President, the Secretary of Defense, or whether with the concurrence of the Senate, etc.

In the interim, I shall address a letter to Mr. McNamara. Meanwhile, if you have any additional pertinent information that might be helpful, I would appreciate same in order that I can follow up your suggestion. Of course, I will also communicate with our Senators and Representatives in the new Congress.

With kind regards and best wishes for the holiday season.

Sincerely,

[Redacted signature]

DANIEL S.T. HINMAN
Major General, AGC
The Adjutant General

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State of Rhode Island
THE ADJUTANT GENERAL'S OFFICE
Armory of Mounted Commands
1051 North Main Street
Providence 4

13 December 1960

Honorable Robert S. McNamara
President, Ford Motor Company
Detroit, Michigan

Dear Mr. McNamara:

In behalf of the officers and men of the Rhode Island National Guard, and personally as their Commanding General, I extend our congratulations on your appointment as Secretary of Defense in the Cabinet of President-elect John F. Kennedy.

I trust that you will accept the compatibility of our suggestion in furtherance of the One Army Concept that you consider Major General Carl L. Phinney, Texas National Guard, as your appointment as Secretary of the Army.

No doubt, you will soon become fully appraised of the qualifications of General Phinney. Suffice to say at this time, I very much admire General Phinney both as an attorney, as an officer, and as a gentleman, with the dignity and stature that makes him stand out from his contemporaries for the appointment in question.

I have worked with General Phinney in various committees of the National Guard Association and value his sound and constructive advice and counsel, particularly in legislative matters for presentation to the Congress that valuably affect the future of the National Guard, of the One Army, and of the United States as a whole.

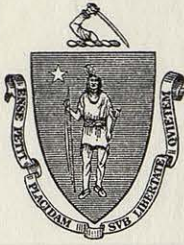
Thank you very much indeed for your kind consideration of my unqualified recommendation of this outstanding nominee.

With best wishes for your tour in the Pentagon, I remain,

Very sincerely yours, (R)

DANIEL S.T. HINMAN
Major General, AGC
The Adjutant General

WHH/ivm



THE COMMONWEALTH OF MASSACHUSETTS
MILITARY DIVISION

THE ADJUTANT GENERAL'S OFFICE
905 COMMONWEALTH AVENUE, BOSTON 15, MASS.

In reply refer to

14 December 1960

Major General Kearie L. Berry
The Adjutant General of Texas
PO Box 5218, West Austin Station
Austin 31, Texas

Dear General Berry:

Your letter of 7 December, relative to the advisability of making an effort to have Major General Carl L. Phinney appointed Secretary of the Army, is acknowledged.

Like yourself and so many others, I consider Carl ideally equipped to do a superior job as Secretary of the Army. Personally, I feel that Carl, because of his active participation and understanding of Army affairs, would make an excellent Secretary of the Army. Nothing would please me more than to see him so appointed.

In this connection, I addressed a letter on 7 December to the President-Elect, recommending General Phinney for his consideration as Secretary of the Army. I also addressed a letter to Senator Johnson to which I inclosed a copy of my letter to Senator Kennedy. As of this date, I have had no acknowledgment from either source. Perhaps, because of your close proximity to Senator Johnson, you might be able to determine what additional effort we should make in Carl's behalf. I shall attempt to find out as much as I can from this end.

If you have any suggestion, and feel that further efforts on my part in any direction might be helpful, please advise me.

With kind regards,

Sincerely,

WILLIAM H. HARRISON, JR.
Major General, AGC, MassARNG
The Adjutant General

December 7, 1960

Dear Senator Johnson:

I am pleased to forward to you a copy of a letter which I have dispatched to the President-elect urging that your very good friend, Major General Carl L. Phinney of Dallas, the Commanding General of the 36th Infantry Division of the Texas Army National Guard, be considered for appointment as Secretary of the Army.

I am sure you will agree with me that General Phinney is extremely well-qualified to serve in such a position. It is the hope of many of his friends in the National Guard throughout the United States that he be considered for such an appointment.

Sincerely,

WILLIAM H. HARRISON, JR.
Major General, AGC, MassARNG
President

Attachment

The Honorable Lyndon B. Johnson
United States Senator
Senate Office Building
Washington 25, D. C.

CENTRAL HARRIS W'S FILES



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STATE OF ALABAMA

OFFICE OF THE ADJUTANT GENERAL

MONTGOMERY

HENRY V. GRAHAM
THE ADJUTANT GENERAL

13 December 1960

Major General Kearie L. Berry
The Adjutant General of Texas
Austin, Texas

Dear General Berry:

I share with you a high regard for Major General Carl L. Phinney. I will be pleased to do all that I can to gain this appointment for him as, in my judgment, it will be a splendid appointment for all of us who serve and love the Army.

As you may know, Governor Patterson was very active in the support of Senator Kennedy from the beginning, and I shall ask him to write a letter to President-Elect Kennedy in behalf of General Phinney.

With kindest regards, I remain

Yours very truly,

HENRY V. GRAHAM
Major General
The Adjutant General



STATE OF OHIO
ADJUTANT GENERAL'S DEPARTMENT

BUILDING 101, FORT HAYES
COLUMBUS 16, OHIO

LOREN G. WINDOM
MAJOR GENERAL
THE ADJUTANT GENERAL

[Signature]
MICHAEL V. DI SALLE
GOVERNOR

12 December 1960

Major General Kearie L. Berry
The Adjutant General of Texas
Austin, Texas

Dear K.L.:

Immediately upon receipt of your letter of 7 December 1960 relative to the appointment of Major General Carl L. Phinney as Secretary of the Army I contacted the President of the Ohio National Guard Association and requested that our Association immediately contact the President-Elect and support the appointment of General Phinney. I have also asked Governor DiSalle to give General Phinney his active support and have myself addressed letters to both President-Elect Kennedy and Senator Johnson.

I am in complete agreement that the United States Army could not have a better Secretary than Carl Phinney.

Sincerely,

[Redacted Signature]

LOREN G. WINDOM
Major General
The Adjutant General

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State of North Carolina
The Adjutant General's Department
Raleigh

Handwritten initials

CAPUS WAYNICK
MAJOR GENERAL
THE ADJUTANT GENERAL

12 December 1960

Major General K. L. Berry
The Adjutant General of Texas
Austin, Texas


Dear General Berry:

Your letter of 7 December suggesting that Major General Carl L. Phinney would make a good Secretary of the Army has been received. I know General Phinney well enough to agree with you that he would make a good man in any reasonable assignment you could accord him.

As far as any concerted effort to get him appointed is concerned, I believe that you are in a favored position in view of your friendship with the Vice President-elect. I am advertent to the fact that the President-elect has before him recommendations for sweeping changes in the whole military setup which might eliminate the job itself.

All I can promise is that I will keep an eye on the situation and be ready to be of assistance in a movement if it appears that I can be.

Cordially yours,


CAPUS WAYNICK
Major General, NC NG
The Adjutant General

CW:m



PAUL J. KILDAY
20TH DISTRICT OF TEXAS
SAN ANTONIO

HARRY E. MCADAMS
EXECUTIVE SECRETARY

CONGRESS OF THE UNITED STATES

HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

WASHINGTON 25, D.C.

14 December 1960

MEMBER:
COMMITTEE ON
ARMED SERVICES
CHAIRMAN:
Subcommittee No. 1

Major General K. L. Berry
The Adjutant General of Texas
Capitol Station
Austin, Texas

Dear K. L.:

This will acknowledge receipt of yours of December 7th. I appreciate receiving your recommendation of Carl Phinney as Secretary of the Army. I, too, respect Carl very highly and feel that he would make an excellent Secretary of the Army.


On yesterday, President-Elect Kennedy named his Secretary of Defense. I doubt very much if I will be asked for recommendations as to the Secretaries of the military departments.

I have read the Symington report. It constitutes the advocacy of a single Chief of Staff. It contains a number of things which can be done under existing law. It contains other things which Symington advocated in 1958 and which Congress rejected.

Mrs. Kilday and I reciprocate your wishes for the season.

With best regards, I am

Sincerely yours,


Paul J. Kilday, M. C.



WILLIAM P. WILSON
MAJOR GENERAL
THE ADJUTANT GENERAL

STATE OF MISSISSIPPI
MILITARY DEPARTMENT
OFFICE OF THE ADJUTANT GENERAL
JACKSON

WMB

13 December 1960

Major General Kearie L. Berry
The Adjutant General of Texas
Austin, Texas

Dear K. L.:

Attached are copies of letters that I have written
to our two Senators and Congressman Winstead.

When I see these gentlemen I will talk with them
about this matter and will continue to urge their support in
every way.

If for any reason, you think the letters are not
suitable, so state, and I will re-write.

I certainly hope that we are successful in getting
General Phinney appointed Secretary of the Army. We would
certainly like to see it!

With the highest personal regards and best wishes, I
am

Sincerely yours,

WILLIAM P. WILSON

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1. Cy ltr to
Sen. Eastland.
2. Cy ltr to
Sen. Stennis.
3. Cy ltr to
Rep. Winstead.

STATE OF MISSISSIPPI
MILITARY DEPARTMENT
OFFICE OF THE ADJUTANT GENERAL
JACKSON

13 December 1960

The Honorable James O. Eastland
United States Senate
Washington 25, D. C.

Dear Senator Eastland:

The Adjutant General of the State of Texas, Major General Kearie L. Berry, along with other National Guard officers and quite a few citizens of that State are desirous of getting the new President to consider appointing Major General Carl L. Phinney, Secretary of the Army.

I have known General Phinney since the early 1940's, mostly as a fellow officer in the Services and association with him in the National Guard since War II.

He is highly capable, a very level-headed, "down to earth" sort of man, and one I am sure would make a good Secretary of the Army.

If you can be of any aid or assistance in this matter, I would highly appreciate it.

With the best regards to you, I am

Sincerely,

WILLIAM P. WILSON

STATE OF MISSISSIPPI
MILITARY DEPARTMENT
OFFICE OF THE ADJUTANT GENERAL
JACKSON

13 December 1960

The Honorable John C. Stennis
United States Senate
Washington 25, D. C.

Dear Senator Stennis:

General Kearie L. Berry, the Adjutant General of Texas, and a bunch of Guardsmen of Texas, as well as quite a few citizens of that State, are very interested in getting Major General Carl L. Phinney appointed Secretary of the Army.

I have known General Phinney from the early 1940's, mostly as a member of the Armed Services, and then in the National Guard Association of the United States. I do not wish to make a laudation of General Phinney to you, but I would just like to simply state that he is very capable and could fill the position. He is a practicing attorney of Dallas, Texas. If in any way you see fit to plug a good word for him, it would be highly appreciated by this office.

With highest personal regards and best wishes, I am

Sincerely yours,

WILLIAM P. WILSON

STATE OF MISSISSIPPI
MILITARY DEPARTMENT
OFFICE OF THE ADJUTANT GENERAL
JACKSON

13 December 1960

The Honorable Arthur Winstead
House of Representatives
Washington 25, D. C.

Dear Arthur:

Major General Kearie L. Berry, the Adjutant General of Texas, along with other National Guard officers of that State and a bunch of the citizens of Texas are attempting to get all consideration given to the appointment of Major General Carl L. Phinney as Secretary of the Army.

You, of course, are very familiar with Congressman Kilday of Texas. The people of Texas are making their pitch to Senator Lyndon B. Johnson and Congressman Kilday.

I do know that General Phinney is highly capable and is qualified to be Secretary of the Army. Using one of Herman Alford's expressions, "He is our kind of people."

Any way that you can help these people out would be not only appreciated by them but highly appreciated by this office.

Sincerely,

WILLIAM P. WILSON



MAJOR GENERAL FRED C. TANDY
THE ADJUTANT GENERAL OF IOWA
DES MOINES

12 December 1959

Major General K. L. Berry
The Adjutant General of Texas
Box 5218, West Austin Station
Austin, Texas

Dear General:

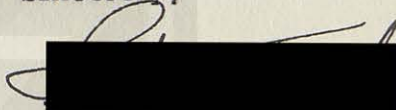
I received your letter regarding Major General Carl L. Phinney as Secretary of the Army. I know of no other individual who could do a better job in that high position than Carl, and I will certainly do everything I can for him.

I will contact Senator Hickenlooper and Senator Miller from Iowa and also the Congressmen, and see if we can put this over.

I feel that the other Adjutants General would certainly go along in recommending Carl.

With best wishes for the Holiday Season, I remain

Sincerely,


FRED C. TANDY
Major General
The Adjutant General

THE OHIO NATIONAL GUARD ASSOCIATION

BUILDING 101, FORT HAYES
COLUMBUS 16, OHIO

12 December 1960

The Adjutant General
State of Texas
PO Box 5218
Austin, Texas

Dear General Berry,

At the request of General Windom I have forwarded the inclosed letter to President Elect John F. Kennedy in support of Major General Phinney's appointment as Secretary of the Army.

The Ohio National Guard Association is happy to lend it's support to this movement and if we can be of any further service in General Phinney's behalf please advise.

Sincerely yours,

JCC:pjc

JAMES C. CLEM
Lt Col, Arty
Pres, ONG Ass'n

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Lt Col, Arty
Pres, ONG Ass'n

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12 December 1960

President Elect John F. Kennedy
Senate Office Building
Washington 25, D.C.

Sir:

The Ohio National Guard Association would appreciate your favorable consideration of Major General Carl L. Phinney, Commanding General, 36th Infantry Division, Texas National Guard, for the position of Secretary of the Army.

General Phinney is well qualified to fill this important position. As a member of the National Guard he is thoroughly familiar with our Country's military program and the need for maintaining a strong defense team. As a highly successful attorney in civilian life, he has demonstrated the organizational and administrative abilities so essential to this post.

The Ohio National Guard Association believes General Phinney's selection as Secretary of the Army would strengthen our military preparedness program.

Sincerely yours,

JCC:pjc

JAMES C. CLEM
Lt Col, Arty
Pres, ONG Ass'n



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THE ADJUTANT GENERAL'S OFFICE
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3 January 1961

Major General Kearie L. Berry
Adjutant General of Texas
Austin, Texas

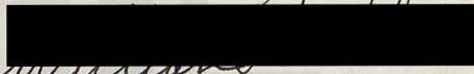
Dear General Berry:

The attached copy of letter from Senator Stennis I think is self-explanatory.

As I hear from these people I will forward it on to you.

With highest personal regards and best wishes for a Happy New Year and a Prosperous One, I am

Sincerely,


WILLIAM P. WILSON
Maj Gen, Miss NG
Adjutant General

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Cy ltr frm Senator
Stennis, dtd Dec. 28,
1960.



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December 28, 1960

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Maj. Gen. William P. Wilson
 The Adjutant General
 State of Mississippi
 Jackson, Mississippi

Dear General Wilson:

I deeply appreciate your very fine recommendation in behalf of the appointment of Major General Carl L. Phinney as Secretary of the Army.

I feel sure that General Phinney has an outstanding record to enjoy the confidence of the Adjutant General of Texas and the others who have recommended him so highly. If this matter comes up in any way in which I can be of assistance, I want to assure you that I will be pleased indeed to fully support his appointment.

I enjoyed very much our visit several days ago and hope that I will have an opportunity to see you in Washington before long.

With every good wish, I am

Your friend,

John Stennis
 United States Senator

JS/cd

27 December 1960

The Honorable Lyndon B. Johnson
United States Senate
Washington, D. C.

Dear Senator Johnson:

It has come to my attention that the name of Major General Carl L. Phinney has been suggested as a possible appointment to the high office of Secretary of the Army.

The officers of the Wisconsin National Guard are well aware of the outstanding record made by this citizen-soldier and the admiral qualities which brought about his election as Vice-President of the National Guard Association of the United States. I personally feel, with his military and legal training, he could qualify as one of the outstanding candidates for the Office of Secretary of the Army.

Another of his ardent supporters is Colonel Carlisle P. Runge, a Battle Group Commander in the Wisconsin 32d Infantry National Guard Division; and in civilian life, Assistant Dean of the University of Wisconsin Law School. Colonel Runge received national recognition as Director of the National Security Studies Group, which brought outstanding leaders to the University of Wisconsin Campus for open discussions on national issues. Incidentally, you may be interested to know that Colonel Runge also did considerable work in your behalf both before and after the Democratic Convention.

Again, I am very honored and anxious to support Carl L. Phinney for the Secretary of the Army.

Sincerely yours,



RALPH J. OLSON
Maj Gen, AGC, Wis ARNG
The Adjutant General

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STATE OF INDIANA
THE ADJUTANT GENERAL'S OFFICE
INDIANAPOLIS 4

14 December 1960

Major General Kearie L. Berry
Adjutant General of Texas
Austin, Texas

Dear General Berry:


We will be most happy to lend our support in behalf of General Carl L. Phinney for the office of Secretary of the Army.

I will be replaced on 9 January 1961 because of a change in the state administration, but I know that my successor will react favorably to your request. Meanwhile I will start the ball rolling by contacting our congressmen in General Phinney's behalf.

Please forward a biographical sketch of General Phinney to assist us in this operation.

Wishing you and your staff a Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year, I remain

Sincerely yours,


ALFRED F. AHNER
Brigadier General
The Adjutant General



THE ADJUTANT GENERAL
NEW HAMPSHIRE

14 December 1960


Major General K. L. Berry
Adjutant General of Texas
Austin, Texas

Dear General:

This will acknowledge your letter of 7 December 1960. I agree in the eminent qualifications of General Phinney to be Secretary of the Army. I have brought this matter to the attention of our Senior Senator, Styles Bridges, but I am afraid from his position on the other side of the aisle he will not be able to help.

I certainly hope you are successful in your efforts and want to assure you that you have my full support.

Sincerely,


F. B. McSWINEY
Maj General, AGC, NHNG
The Adjutant General

STATE OF MISSISSIPPI
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THE ADJUTANT GENERAL'S OFFICE
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19 December 1960

Major General K. L. Berry
The Adjutant General of Texas
Austin, Texas

Dear General Berry:

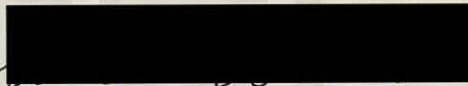
I am attaching a letter that is self-explanatory, from
Congressman Winstead.

I will continue to check with Congressman Winstead until
he has made the contact with Congressman Kilday of Texas in
reference to General Carl L. Phinney's appointment as Secretary
of the Army.

I have again spoken to Senator Stennis about the matter, and
as I told you in previous letter, he knew or has met General Phinney
and was well impressed with him. If you can think of anything I
should do, please let me know.

With highest personal regards and best wishes, I am

Sincerely yours,


WILLIAM P. WILSON
Maj Gen, Miss NG
Adjutant General

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Copy, ltr frm
Rep. Winstead,
Dec. 16, 1960.

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Congress of the United States
House of Representatives
Washington, D. C.

December 16, 1960

Major General William P. Wilson
The Adjutant General
State of Mississippi
Jackson, Mississippi

Dear General Wilson:

This will acknowledge and thank you for your letter of December 13th, concerning the appointment of Major General Carl L. Phinney as Secretary of the Army.

I called Congressman Kilday yesterday, but he was out. I will see him within the next few days and express my interest in General Phinney's appointment. You may be assured that I will be glad to cooperate in any way possible.

With warm personal regards, I am

Sincerely yours,

Arthur Winstead



STATE OF VERMONT
OFFICE OF THE ADJUTANT GENERAL
CAMP JOHNSON
WINOOSKI

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16 December 1960


Major General Kearie L. Berry
The Adjutant General of Texas
Box 528
West Austin Station
Austin, Texas

Dear General Berry:

Mr. Fred Fayette, Vermont State Democratic Chairman, delivered my letter to the President-elect on Wednesday morning. Mr. Kennedy expressed his pleasure in receiving a recommendation from Vermont and it is reported to me that Carl's name was not unfamiliar to him and that Carl stood high in the President-elect's opinion.

I have the impression that Carl will be given serious consideration. If so, I hope we have been of help.

Sincerely,


F. W. BILLADO
Major General
The Adjutant General

December 22, 1960

LSB

Honorable Frank Theis
National Committeeman
Arkansas City, Kansas

Dear Frank:

Governor Docking has asked me to call the enclosed letters from General Nickell and General Berry, concerning the appointment of General Phinney^{or} Secretary of the Army, to your attention.

Sincerely,

GENE SULLIVAN
Executive Secretary

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encl.

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P. O. BOX 2691
FORT DOUGLAS, UTAH

21 December 1960

Handwritten initials: PWB

Major General K. L. Berry
The Adjutant General
State of Texas
Box 5218, West Austin Station
Austin, Texas

Dear KL:

Thank you very much for your letter of 7 December concerning the appointment of Carl L. Phinney as Secretary of the Army.

I have been in contact personally with my Senator from Utah, Frank E. Moss, with reference to the appointment. He assured me he would be on the look out and anything he could do he would.

I think this appointment would be good for the Army as well as the National Guard and will do everything in my power to help.

Thanking you for your letter, and with best personal regards and Seasons Greetings, I am,

Yours very truly,

[Redacted signature]

MAXWELL E. RICH
Major General, Utah ARNG
The Adjutant General

MER/mlj

Army National Guard of Rhode Island
Office of the Adjutant General
Armory of Mounted Commands
1051 North Main Street
Providence 4, R. I.

19 December 1960

Senator-elect Claiborne Pell
Ledge Road
Newport, Rhode Island

Dear Senator-elect Pell:

I trust that you will give consideration to the subject matter in the enclosed self-explanatory copy of my letter dated 13 December 1960 to the Secretary of Defense-designate.

General Phinney has been suggested as the new Secretary of the Army by many of his contemporaries in the National Guard of the United States, and I understand that his nomination has been favorably received by Senator Lyndon Johnson. Similar favorable consideration appears to be gaining momentum amongst other members of the Congress from the several States when their attention has been invited to the outstanding qualifications of General Phinney.

Enlisting in the Texas National Guard as a private in 1925, commissioned in June 1927, General Phinney rose through the several officer grades in the 36th Infantry Division, and served with distinction in the European Theatre of Operations during World War II. He remained with the Division upon its return to Texas and was appointed its Commanding General in March 1953. An attorney in civilian life in Dallas, he is a distinguished and accomplished member of the Texas Bar and of the American Bar Associations.

I have known General Phinney personally for two years, being associated with him in committee work of the National Guard Association of the United States. Dignified, alert, with a keen and analytical mind, all of his associates have valued his counsel and advice, principally in the field of proposed legislation for the Congress of interest to the National Guard of the United States.

If an opportunity presents itself to you, we in the Guard would be especially appreciative if General Phinney's qualifications could be brought to the attention of those concerned with the appointment of a new Secretary of the Army.

Thank you very much indeed for your kind consideration of
this matter and I extend best wishes for the Holiday Season.

Sincerely,

Encl

DANIEL S.T.HINMAN
Major General, AGC
The Adjutant General

NOTE-Similar letters also sent to:

US Senator John O. Pastore
US Congressman John E. Fogarty
US Congressman-elect Fernand J. St. Germain

cc-Gen Harrison, Pres., NGAUS
Gen Berry, AG, Texas
Gen Phinney

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State of Rhode Island
THE ADJUTANT GENERAL'S OFFICE
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1051 North Main Street
Providence 4

13 December 1960

Honorable Robert S. McNamara
President, Ford Motor Company
Detroit, Michigan

Dear Mr. McNamara:

In behalf of the officers and men of the Rhode Island National Guard, and personally as their Commanding General, I extend our congratulations on your appointment as Secretary of Defense in the Cabinet of President-elect John F. Kennedy.

I trust that you will accept the compatibility of our suggestion in furtherance of the One Army Concept that you consider Major General Carl L. Phinney, Texas National Guard, as your appointment as Secretary of the Army.

No doubt, you will soon become fully appraised of the qualifications of General Phinney. Suffice to say at this time, I very much admire General Phinney both as an attorney, as an officer, and as a gentleman, with the dignity and stature that makes him stand out from his contemporaries for the appointment in question.

I have worked with General Phinney in various committees of the National Guard Association and value his sound and constructive advice and counsel, particularly in legislative matters for presentation to the Congress that valuably affect the future of the National Guard, of the One Army, and of the United States as a whole.

Thank you very much indeed for your kind consideration of my unqualified recommendation of this outstanding nominee.

With best wishes for your tour in the Pentagon, I remain,

Very sincerely yours,

DANIEL S.T. HINMAN
Major General, AGC
The Adjutant General

20 December 1960

Major General Ralph J. Olson
The Adjutant General of Wisconsin
Post Office Box 328
Madison 1, Wisconsin

Dear Ralph:

Thanks for your letter.

I cleared the matter with Carl before I started working. He is not working for the job of Secretary of the Army but would accept it if it were offered to him. He certainly does not need the job but would be willing to step out of active participation in his law firm for service in Washington as a matter of good citizenship.

I feel that there is small chance that Symington's plan will go thru. A recent letter from Paul Kilday told me that he (Symington) tried it before and it failed.

I feel the best way you can help us is to get one or more of your big Democratic wheels in Wisconsin to write both Kennedy and Johnson. Several AGs have done this and it is bound to help. Many have gotten their senators, congressmen and governors to write.

I am quite enthused over Carl's chances for my letters have really aroused interest and support. I feel he has a real chance so any help you can give might tip the beam.

A Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year to you and yours.

Sincerely,

K. L. BERRY

KLB/pk



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STATE OF WISCONSIN

OFFICE OF THE ADJUTANT GENERAL

RALPH J. OLSON
MAJOR GENERAL

12 December 1960

POST OFFICE BOX 328
MADISON 1, WISCONSIN

Major General Kearie L. Berry
The Adjutant General of Texas
Box 5218, West Austin Station
Austin, Texas

Dear Kearie:

This will acknowledge your letter of December 7, 1960 relative to Major General Carl L. Phinney.

I certainly agree with you that Carl would make an excellent Secretary of the Army, and if he is interested, I am sure that you would find many National Guard Officers quite anxious to support this appointment.

If memory serves me right, one of the recommendations submitted by Senator Symington was the abolition of the post of civilian secretary of the various services. If the President-elect should follow these recommendations, what do you have in mind for Carl then? Also, I would appreciate any suggestions as to how our support can best be accomplished. I would be very happy to write a personal letter to Vice President-elect Johnson or anyone else you might suggest.

With kindest personal regards, I am

Sincerely yours,

RALPH J. OLSON
Maj Gen, AGC, Wis ARNG
The Adjutant General

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STATE OF WASHINGTON



GEORGE M. HASKETT
MAJOR GENERAL
THE ADJUTANT GENERAL

MILITARY DEPARTMENT
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CAMP MURRAY, WASHINGTON

ALBERT D. ROSELLINI
GOVERNOR

4 January 1961

Major General Kearie L. Berry
The Adjutant General - State of Texas
P.O. Box 5218, West Austin Sta.
Austin, Texas

Dear General Berry:

Please excuse my late answer to your letter of 7 December 1960 in which you had mentioned the fact that Major General Carl L. Phinney was a candidate for appointment as Secretary of the Army.

I have been absent from my office due to illness for a period of time and unable to take much action. I certainly agree with you that it would be highly desirable to have a man of General Phinney's abilities appointed to this high post, particularly, when he is a National Guardsman who has the interest of the National Guard at heart.

Sincerely,

GEORGE M. HASKETT
Major General, Wash ARNG
The Adjutant General



STATE OF VERMONT
OFFICE OF THE ADJUTANT GENERAL
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5 January 1961

Major General Kearie L. Berry
The Adjutant General of Texas
Box 5218
West Austin Station
Austin, Texas

Dear General Berry:

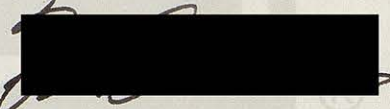
Herewith is a thermo-fax copy of a letter received this date.

My letter of recommendation for Carl's appointment was hand delivered to Mr. Kennedy personally. The inclosed only goes to show our letter was put in the proper channel.

When I learned the Secretary of the Navy designate is from Texas, my hopes for Carl dimmed somewhat since it appeared inconceivable to me that both Navy and Army Secretaries would be Texans. Anyway, we tried.

With best wishes for the New Year, I am

Sincerely,


F. W. BILLADO
Major General
The Adjutant General

Incl.

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December 27, 1960

Major General F. W. Billado
The Adjutant General
State of Vermont
Camp Johnson
Winooski, Vermont

Dear Major Billado:

This is to acknowledge and thank you for your recent recommendation to the new Administration. You may be sure that full consideration will be given to it and we want you to know your interest is appreciated.

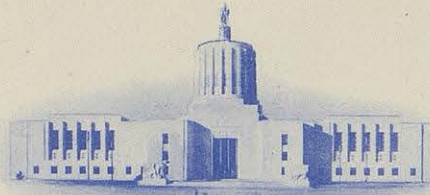
With kindest regards, I am

Sincerely,

Lawrence F. O'Brien

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15 December 1960

Major General Kearie L. Berry
Adjutant General of Texas
P.O. Box 5218, West Austin Station
Austin, Texas

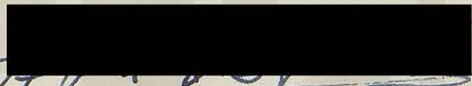
Dear General Berry:

Received your letter regarding the
appointment of Major General Carl L. Phinney
as Secretary of the Army.

I certainly agree that General Phinney
would be most qualified for this position,
and will lend my fullest assistance in this
endeavor.

With best wishes for the holiday season,
I remain

Sincerely,


ALFRED E. HINTZ
Major General
The Adjutant General

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