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LEVI T. PENNINGTON  
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NEWBERG, OREGON

May 13, 1964.

Robert W. Chandler, Publisher,  
Bend Bulletin,  
Neff Road,  
Bend, Oregon.

Dear Mr. Chandler:--

Your letter of the 11th, signed by four other leading citizens, mailed in one of your envelopes but printed on stationery bearing the 640 S. W. Washington address, with which I am familiar, and posted in Portland, is just received, urging me to vote for the nomination of Nelson Rockefeller as the Republican candidate for president of the United States.

The brochure that accompanied your letter mentioned the things that in the judgment of those who are backing the Rockefeller candidacy would be most helpful, but omitted some things that were hinted at in the urge that we look beyond the kind of rumor and talk which fosters only prejudice.

I would like to ask you some questions. Failure to answer them will certainly not advance the Rockefeller campaign, so far as I am concerned, and so far as one can judge this which you call "rumor and talk" is affecting the Rockefeller prospect.

My questions:

1. Did the present Mrs. Rockefeller leave her former husband and young children to marry this millionaire?
2. Who got the divorce that enabled Rockefeller to marry legally his present wife? (I know the only ground for legal divorce in the state of New York.)
3. Is it true that on the honeymoon voyage of "Rocky" and "Happy" the vessel on which they were sailing got out beyond the twelve mile limit and then the party had a gambling party?

I'm not telling you, I'm asking you. If the answer to these three questions is what I think it is, it would seem unlikely that I should vote to have such a pair in the White House. There are at least two men on the ballot as well qualified as is Nelson Rockefeller for the highest office in the greatest country in the world, without the things that in my judgment would make it unfortunate to have such a pair in the White House.

Sincerely yours,

*Levi T. Pennington*

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*Former Mrs Rockefeller obtained divorce in Idaho because she had no grounds in New York*

*No - they have legal custody of children*

*No they went by plane on regular scheduled flight*

*Thanks for your interest  
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