ON THIS DAY IN WEST VIRGINIA HISTORY
September 17

Presidential candidate George McGovern campaigned in Huntington on September 17, 1972.


Investigate the Document: (Ms2006-016, Box 3; Ms2009-092, Box 1; Sc85-01)
1. What was George McGovern’s campaign slogan?
2. When was George McGovern planning to visit West Virginia?

Think Critically: List three (3) ways citizens can influence and participate in government at the local, state and national levels and assume the role of an active citizen participating in the democratic process.
McGOVERN for PRESIDENT

"I make one pledge above all others . . . to seek and speak the truth."

July 9, 1971

Dear Senator Holliday:

Thanks ever so much for your thoughtful letter of June twenty-third, with your $10 contribution.

Knowing the demands on your resources, I especially appreciate your check. Even more, I am grateful for the support and encouragement it represents. I will do my best to earn your continued confidence and hope that you will give me the benefit of your ideas and suggestions as we move along.

I am planning to be in West Virginia in mid-October and I do hope to see you then.

With warm appreciation, I am

Sincerely,

George McGovern

The Honorable Robert K. Holliday
P. O. Box 139
Oak Hill, West Virginia
July 13, 1971

Hon. George McGovern
410 First St., S.E.
Washington, D. C. 20003

Dear Sen. McGovern:

The Hon. Pat R. Hamilton of Oak Hill was telling me that you probably would be at his house in October some time, and now that I have received your 9 July 1971 letter I am pleased to learn that the date of your visit to West Virginia will probably be about mid-October. Certainly, we will want to take some pictures with you and the four children when you visit in the Hamilton home here in Oak Hill.

Naturally, any other pictures which would be appropriate for running in the newspaper we would be glad to take.

I wish you every success in your campaign to become president of the United States; and I am especially pleased that you were the first to make your announcement and to present yourself for public scrutiny, offering your program so that the American people can make a full and complete evaluation of your candidacy. If they read you as I do, I am certain that your campaign will continue to grow in momentum.

With warm regards, I am,

Sincerely yours,

Robert K. Holliday

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cc: Attorney Pat R. Hamilton