

*"When the war ended, more than twelve million men and women put their uniforms aside and returned to civilian life. They went back to work at their old jobs or started small businesses; they became big-city cops and firemen; they finished their degrees or enrolled in college for the first time; they became schoolteachers,"* — **Tom Brokaw, The Greatest Generation**

### **Sigfrid Benson "Sig" Unander**



**"...to a Comrade-in-Arms"**

(1913 – 1978) was a distinguished member of the "The Greatest Generation". He was born the grandson of Oregon lumberman and philanthropist Simon Benson. After attending Harvard Law School he was appointed Executive Assistant to Gov. Charles A. Sprague and completed foundational work for the Public Employee Retirement System (PERS).

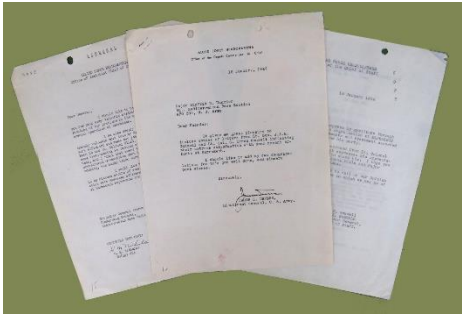
As WWII approached, Unander resigned to volunteer for Military service. In 1942 he was promoted to CPT and sent to North Africa, one of the first American officers to land with invasion forces in Algeria for *Operation Torch*. Fluent in French, he did liaison work with the Free French and British Commands. Promoted to MAJ, he performed essential security coordination for FDR's conferences at Teheran and Cairo. He then administrated Winston Churchill's 3-week stay in Marrakesh, Morocco planning the invasion of Anzio. This was followed by involvement in planning invasions into southern France and Germany. By the end of the War he was decorated by four foreign governments.

After the war, Unander rose rapidly in state politics, becoming Chairman of the Oregon Republican Party in 1948. In 1952 / '56 he was elected to two terms as State Treasurer. Eisenhower appointed him Vice Chairman of the Federal Maritime Commission in D. C. in '59. In 1962 he challenged incumbent senior Senator Wayne Morse. Despite Eisenhower's endorsement, he lost a narrow race. Sig continued to be relevant in Republican politics. In retirement he was a member of multiple fraternal and Veteran organizations as well as philanthropic efforts with educational and civic enterprises. His contributions to the city of Portland includes the revitalization and promotion of the now world famous "Benson Bubblers" throughout the city.

**Eisenhower, Dwight D. Inscribed Photograph. [San Francisco]: c. August 1956.** INSCRIBED, "For Sig Unander - with greetings and best wishes to a former Comrade-in-Arms. Dwight D Eisenhower" 8" x 10" B&W photo set in an 11" x 14" margin. Warm, personal expression from the president including a handsome, strong 5" signature. Light crinkle at the corners, and horizontal bend line across the center.

Dwight D Eisenhower, (1890 - 1969), was the two term, 34th President of the United States (1953-61), one of only five, 5-Star General of the Armies and Supreme Commander of the Allied Expeditionary Forces in Europe During WW II. He greatly respected Unander's capabilities extending back to WWII in Europe. Very fine signature on a very good photo.

*"This world of ours...must avoid becoming a community of dreadful fear and hate, and be, instead, a proud confederation of mutual trust and respect."* - D. D. Eisenhower **\$325**



**Devers, Jacob L. Typed Letter Signed Plus Documents. Allied Force Headquarters, Office of the Deputy Commander-in-Chief, January 16, 1944.** SIGNED, "Jacob Devers", Lieutenant General, U. S. Army. 8" x 10", 1 pp., two punch holes and two staple holes at the top. Includes two cc: letters from British Staff. (LTG James Gammell and Viscount Evers Monsell) Content: Expressing commendation to MAJ Unander for his involvement in the operations at Marrakech, where Prime Minister Winston Churchill spent 3 weeks planning Operation Shingle, the invasion of Anzio.

LTG Devers was the second ranking American officer in the European theater after Eisenhower. He wore four "hats" for the operation: Deputy Supreme Allied Commander; Commanding General NATOUSA; Commander, AFHQ; and Commanding General, 6th Army Group. Devers was appointed based upon his administrative expertise. However, he was often at the front, arriving on Anzio beach the day after the invasion. During his career he advanced the usage of battlefield weapons including the Sherman tank and the M-16 rifle.

*Major Sigfrid B. Unander...It gives me great pleasure to inclose copies of letters from Lt. Gen. J.A.H. Gammell and Lt. Col. G. Evers Monsell indicating their extreme satisfaction with your recent efforts at Marrakech."/s/ Jacob L. Devers \$125*



**Hoover, Herbert. Signed Photographic Etching. Palo Alto: Berton Crandall (Photographer), c. 1958.** SIGNED "Herbert Hoover" at the bottom of a 4.75" x 7.75" photograph of a 1933 Clarence R. Mattei charcoal. Photograph attach on bottom rear to a 1.5" matte. Herbert Hoover (1874 -1964) was 31st President of the United States, Secretary of Commerce, Administrator of the U. S. Food Program, and successful business man in the mining industry before entering public life. C. R. Mattei (1883 - 1945) was a renowned, New York and Paris trained artist. He spent most of his life in Santa Barbara, CA. Berton Crandall (1882 - 1979) was a 1906 graduate of Stanford, Hoover's alma mater. He extensively photographed the great earthquake of 1906 as well as architecture and sports events at Stanford throughout his career. Fine.

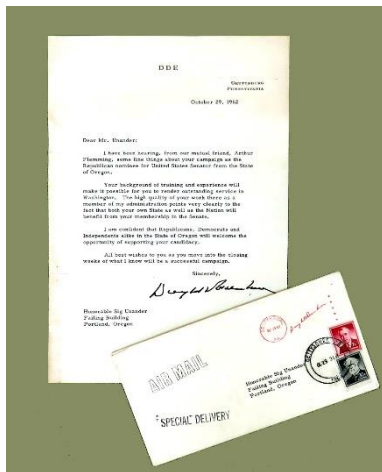
*"Freedom is the open window through which pours the sunlight of the human spirit and human dignity."*  
- H. Hoover \$350



**Eisenhower, Mamie Dowd. Typed Note Signed on The White House Stationary. Washington DC: April 5, 1960.** SIGNED "Mamie Doud Eisenhower" in a large, firm, clean 5" autograph. 6" x 9.25" on cream colored stationary with The White House, Washington letterhead. Fine item with usual two mailing folds, includes original 4-cent, 4th of July 1959 stamp with "Smokey the Bear" cancelation on included White House envelope. Ever the gracious First Lady hostess, Mamie rarely missed an opportunity to communicate with supporters and constituents.

Vivian Martin Unander (1925 - 2010) was born in Leavenworth, WA and attended WSU in Pullman, where her grandfather was a founding regent. Vivien moved to Portland, where she worked as a secretary and fashion model. She married Sigfrid Benson Unander, a public servant who served two terms as Oregon State Treasurer and with whom she had two children. An accomplished painter and art historian, Vivian showed her work in galleries and exhibitions. She served on the board of the Portland Symphony and was a benefactor to several charitable nonprofit organizations. Her hobbies included sailing, hiking, gardening and studying French and Japanese culture and language. Fine.

*"Dear Mrs. Unander, Thank you very much...to meet you and your husband here at the White House last Thursday! With warmest good wishes to you both. Sincerely, /s/ Mamie Doud Eisenhower \$125*



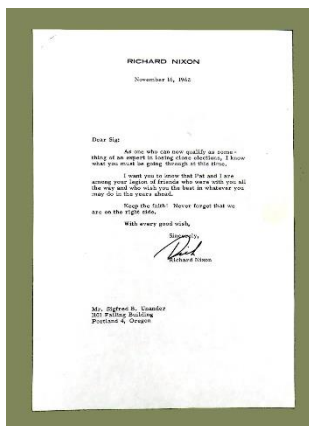
**Eisenhower, Dwight D. Typed Letter Signed. Gettysburg, PA: October 29, 1962.**

SIGNED "Dwight D Eisenhower", large and bold on 7" x 10.5" off-white, personal stationery with "D D E" letterhead. Fine item with usual two mailing folds, two small staple holes on left side, light toning to edges mostly left side. Includes franked mailing envelope from Gettysburg with 37-cents of additional postage, stamped "Air Mail / Special Delivery"

Dwight D Eisenhower, (1890 - 1969), was the two term, 34th President of the U. S. (1953-61), one of only five, 5-Star General of the Armies and Supreme Commander of Forces in Europe During WW II. This letter of encouragement from Eisenhower in the home stretch of the 1962 Senatorial election harkens back to the relationship the two men had during the war and Unander's

service, appointed by Eisenhower, on the Federal Maritime Commission (1960 - 62). Fine.

*"Dear Mr. Unander: I have been hearing, from our mutual friend, Arthur Flemming, some fine things about your campaign as the Republican nominee for United States Senator from the State of Oregon...I am confident that Republicans, Democrats and Independents alike in the State of Oregon will welcome the opportunity supporting your candidacy...Sincerely, /s/ Dwight D Eisenhower" \$225*

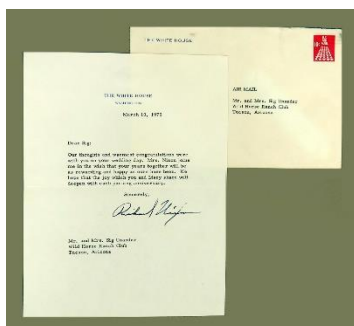


**Nixon, Richard. Typed Letter Signed. [Los Angeles, CA]: November 16, 1962.**

SIGNED "Dick" on personal, off-white "Richard Nixon" letterhead. 7" x 10.5", with usual two mailing folds, two staple holes in top left, otherwise fine. A very warm, personal and somewhat humorous self-deprecating note from the leading national politician who had just lost his own election.

Richard M. Nixon, (1914 - 1994), was the 37th President of the U. S., the 36th Vice President, served in both houses of Congress and was a Lt. Cmdr. in the Navy during WW II. Having lost the Presidential race in 1960 to John F. Kennedy and the California Governor's election in 1962, Nixon had recently delivered his day after loss speech to the press, "You won't have Nixon to kick around anymore..." Fine.

*"Dear Sig: As one who can now qualify as something of an expert in losing close elections, I know what you must be going through at this time. I want you to know that Pat and I are among your legion of friends who were with you all the way and who wish you the best in whatever you may do in the years ahead. Keep the faith! Never forget that we are on the right side. With every good wish, Sincerely, /s/ Dick \$150*



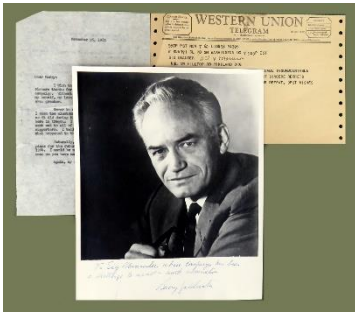
**Nixon, Richard. Typed Letter Signed. Washington DC: March 10, 1970.**

SIGNED "Richard Nixon" on The White House stationery with embossed Presidential seal. One mailing fold and strong, firm signature. Includes mailing envelope from the The White House and 10-cent Air Mail stamp. Fine

Richard M. Nixon, (1914 - 1994), was the 37th President of the United States, the 36th Vice President, served in both houses of Congress and was a Lt. Cmdr. in the Navy during WW II. He developed a friendly relationship with Hon. Sig Unander who was leader of the Republican Party in Oregon and worked in the

Eisenhower / Nixon administration. Fine.

*"Dear Sig: Our thoughts and warmest congratulations were with you on your wedding day... We hope that the joy which you and Mary share will deepen with each passing anniversary. Sincerely, /s/ Richard Nixon" \$175*



**Goldwater, Barry. Inscribed Photograph. Phoenix, AZ: c. 1962.**

INSCRIBED "To Sig Unander who's campaign has been a challenge to us all - with admiration /s/ Barry Goldwater", 8" x 10" B&W photo, including a cc: of letter from Unander to Goldwater expressing his appreciation for Goldwater's help in the 1962 Oregon Senate election, as well as assistance in campaign funding. Also included is a Western Union Telegram from Goldwater to Unander, sending his regrets about the outcome of the overmatched election. All three items are in fine condition and provide historical perspective to the challenges of two-party politics.

Barry Morris Goldwater (1909 – May 1998) was a five-term Senator from Arizona (1953–1965, 1969–1987) and the Republican Party nominee for President of the United States in 1964. Despite his loss of the 1964 presidential election in a landslide, Goldwater is the politician most often credited with sparking the resurgence of the American conservative political movement in the 1960s. He also had a substantial impact on the libertarian movement. He supported desegregation of the military, medical marijuana and abortion rights. Fine.

*"I would remind you that extremism in the defense of liberty is no vice. And let me remind you also that moderation in the pursuit of justice is no virtue."* - B. Goldwater    **\$75**

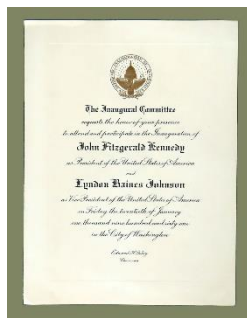
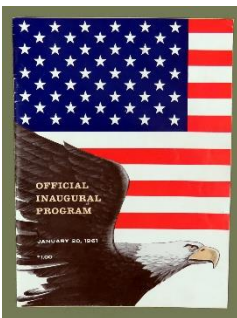


**Hatfield, Mark, Douglas McKay, Robert Straub, Charles Sprague. Typed Letters Signed by Prominant Oregon Governors. 1952 - 1975.**

SIGNED, 3 TLS and 1 B&W Photograph all in VG to Fine condition. Straub letter has small circular spot in the center, letters have usual mailing folds, a few dog-ears, photo in fine, INSCRIBED state. Charles A. Sprague (1887 - 1969), 22nd Governor; Douglas McKay (1893 - 1959), 25th Governor and 35th Secretary of the Interior in the Eisenhower administration; Mark O. Hatfield (1922-1911), 29th Governor and 30 years as U. S. Senator; Robert

W. Straub (1920 - 1992), 31st Governor. Content; Letters of encouragement and congratulation, mostly in the familiar, two signed with first name only. All on stationary with state seal letterhead. VG to Fine.

*"As a Christian, there is no other part of the New Right ideology that concerns me more than its self-serving misuse of religious faith."* - Mark Hatfield    **\$135**



**[John F. Kennedy]. 1961 Inaugural Invitation and Official Inaugural Program. Washington DC: Kennedy Johnson Inaugural Committee, January 20, 1961.**

8.5" x 11", 4pp, with invitation printed on recto extended by inauguration chairman Edward H. Foley. Also included is the Official Inaugural Program, 8.5" x 11", pp. 3-64, with paper graphic paper wraps, photos and lists throughout. Invitation has faint dog-ear at two corners, otherwise fine. Program has a small, original owner, mailing label on p. 1., still included is a mailing postcard for

the Deluxe Edition of the 1961 Inaugural Program. Historical reference for Presidential inaugurations and indispensable volume recognizing those individuals at all levels of service and contribution to the event. Fine.

*"As the nation entered the 1960's, two roads diverged on the political scene - one, the old and easy road of comfort and complacency, the other the hard and challenging road to a new frontier. Kennedy never hesitated."* - James McGregor Burns (p 3)    **\$50**

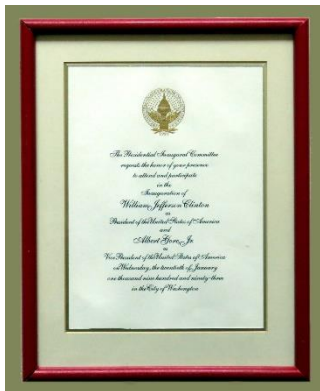




**[Johnson, Lyndon Baines]. Invitation to Inaugural Ceremonies. Washington DC: January 20, 1965.**

11" x 8.5" folio folded with printing on recto only. [A] Invitation to Inauguration, light bend at two corners, VG+ [B] Invitation to Inaugural Ball, mailing fold across center, Fine [C] Schedule of Inaugural Activities with printing on both sides, Fine. All printed on off-white, heavy paper, two items have embossed inaugural seal at the top. Dale Miller identified as Inaugural Committee Chairman, Warren G. Woodward Inaugural Ball Chairman. VG+ to Fine.

*"Justice requires us to remember that when any citizen denies his fellow, saying, "His color is not mine," or "His beliefs are strange and different," in that moment he betrays America, though his forebears created this Nation." LBJ Inaugural Speech \$45*



**[William J. Clinton]. Invitation To The Inauguration As President; and Albert Gore Jr. as Vice President. Washington DC: Presidential Inaugural Committee, January 20, 1993.**

10.5" x 8" in an attractive matte, gilt bevel and red frame. Appears Fine, not inspected outside of frame, prepared for hanging. William Jefferson Clinton (1946) was the 42nd president of the United States from 1993 to 2001. Prior to the presidency, he was the governor of Arkansas from 1979 to 1981, and again from 1983 to 1992, and the attorney general of Arkansas from 1977 to 1979. A member of the Democratic Party, Clinton was ideologically a New Democrat, and many of his policies reflected a centrist "Third Way" political philosophy.

*"In serving, we recognize a simple but powerful truth, we need each other. And we must care for one another." - Bill Clinton, 1993 Inaugural Address \$25*