

July 9, 1971

Dear Mrs. Abbamonte:

Thank you for your letter to President Nixon. It was good of you to offer him your suggestion and your interest in sharing your thoughts with him is appreciated.

With the President's best wishes,

Sincerely,

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Q. I understand that President Nixon's staff wants him to grow a beard on the premise that it would make him more lovable especially to young and old people. What's the story?—Al Katz, Baltimore, Md.

A. President Nixon has no intention of growing a beard despite the fact that all five bearded U.S. Presidents were Republicans.



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President Richard M. Nixon
The White House
Washington, D.C.

Dear Mr. President:

In the May 30, 1971 issue of Parade Magazine, reference was made to the desirability of your growing a beard. I do not think a beard is very advisable but I would like to make a suggestion, Mr. President. I feel that if you combed your hair forward, perhaps this would improve youth's image of you.

My suggestion is based on two premises: first, my husband took my advice and looks part of the scene and second, you have enough luxuriant hair to comb it forward.

This letter reminds me of the story of the little girl who wrote to another Republican president, Abraham Lincoln, suggesting that he grow a beard. That I have not advised but I do hope you will comb your hair forward. Enclosed is a sketch how you might look if you attempted it.

Respectfully,

A. M. Abbamonte

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