

July 17, 2001

The Honorable George Bush
The White House
1600 Pennsylvania Avenue NW
Washington, DC 20500

Dear President Bush:

I am pleased to support the consideration of Jimmie Rodgers, "The Father of Country Music," A.P., Sarah and Maybelle Carter, "The Orig. Carter Family," and Ernest V. "Pop" Stoneman for the presidential Medal of Freedom. The State of Mississippi is rich in its heritage and has provided our nation with a variety of interesting musical talents throughout history.

The efforts to share the music and legacy of the nominees hope to carry this award as the greatest contribution to the memory of these great musicians. I believe that these nominees for the presidential Medal of Freedom are worthy of such a prestigious honor.

Thank you for your consideration of these musical legends. If I can be of further assistance, please feel free to call me.

Very truly yours,

RONNIE MUSGROVE

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