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TO:           Patrick J. Griffin

FROM:          Dorian V. Weaver  
                Office of Presidential Personnel

SUBJECT:      Request for Status of National Transportation Safety Board

The National Transportation Safety Board (NTSB) is a bi-partisan board that consists of five seats: 3 Democratic and 2 Republican/Independent seats. Jim Hall (D), Bob Francis (D) and John Goglia (I) currently serve on the board. One vacancy exists; one seat, currently occupied by a Republican, will open up in December. Both Francis and Goglia were recently confirmed. It is my understanding that Dole allowed them to be confirmed if and only if Presidential Personnel appointed a Republican of Dole's choice to the vacant seat.

The Presidential Personnel Associate Director responsible for NTSB selected Goglia--a Democrat with solid union credentials but who registers in Massachusetts as an Independent--as part of a scheme to get 4 Democrats on the board. The Associate Director's plan was that if Goglia was confirmed as an Independent, the Senate Republicans would have to accept Goglia's seat as one of their R/I seats. The Associate Director would then put a Republican in the current vacancy (one year remaining on a 5 year term) and kick off John Hammerschmidt (son of former Congressman John Paul Hammerschmidt (R-AR))--converting the "Hammerschmidt" Republican seat to a Democratic seat. The board would then consist of four "Democrats" and only one Republican:

Jim Hall, Chair (D) (serving in 5 year term)  
Bob Francis (D) (serving in a 5 year term)  
John Goglia (I) (serving in a 5 year term)  
Dole's Republican (R) (to serve a 1 year term, which is the  
                          remainder of a 5 year term)  
Our Democrat (D) (to serve in a 5 year term).

Bob Nash and others want to broker a deal to re-appoint John Hammerschmidt. Nash and others have been lead to believe that this deal could work because they have a Democratic seat to pair with a Republican seat. My gut tells me that the Senate Republicans

assume that the two remaining seats are Republican seats. I suspect that the Republicans will fight for both seats. But I cannot get a straight answer from our shop on whether Dole and Pressler think they have two Republican seats.

Please advise me on whether (1) whether there are two Republican seats on NTSB and (2) if it would be foolish to continue with the Associate Director's plan to "convert" the fifth seat to a Democratic seat, thus stacking the board with four Democrats (3 registered Democrats and one registered Independent who is really a Democrat).

I can meet you any time to discuss this. My number is x6-5285. Thank you.