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January 15, 1969

TO:           Schedule Committee

FROM:         Sally Dahler  
              Secretary to Henry Kissinger

For your information, I have today set up an appointment for Mr. Herman Kahn to see Mr. Kissinger on Wednesday, January 15 at 3:00 per RN's request on letter from Robert Sprague dated December 9, 1968.

M E M O R A N D U M

TO: MR. KISSINGER

FROM: SCHEDULE COMMITTEE (DWIGHT CHAPIN)

JANUARY 9, 1969

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Will you please advise concerning the attached correspondence? Should we honor this gentleman's request to meet with the President-Elect, or do you suggest some other solution?

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ROBERT C. SPRAGUE  
CHAIRMAN AND  
CHIEF EXECUTIVE OFFICER

December 9, 1968

*Schmitt*  
*on New Year's Card*

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The Honorable Richard M. Nixon  
Temporary Headquarters -  
Pierre Hotel  
5th Avenue & 61st Street  
New York, New York

Dear Dick:

As it appears possible that my letter of November 11  
may not have reached you, I am enclosing a copy.

I have followed the report of your activities and  
appointments since the election with great interest.

Again, congratulations and best wishes.

Cordially,

*[Signature]*  
Robert C. Sprague

RCS/sjl  
Encl.

*Refer to  
Dr. Kessinger  
for recommendations?*

*Yes and  
if Dr. K contact her  
he should say he is doing  
it at Mr. Nixon's request.*

November 11, 1968

The Honorable Richard M. Nixon  
P. O. Box 1968  
Times Square Station  
New York, New York 10036

Dear Dick:

For the last eight years I have been a Trustee of Hudson Institute, a small, non-profit policy research organization headed by Herman Kahn, whose fine work I first ran into when I directed the so-called "Gaither" Committee. On Thursday I spent half a day with Herman, during which he told me about the results of the studies he and his organization have been doing in Viet Nam (he had just returned from his latest trip to Saigon). He and his group are very good at getting the real story about what is going on in a military operation and getting a fresh view of the whole political-military picture.

I believe that some of his concerns and ideas about the immediate situation in Viet Nam are worth your looking into. Of course many of Herman's ideas have been and are being considered by the present administration (he has briefed Secretary Clifford and talked extensively with General Abrams) but you may have a somewhat different perspective on the possibility of making changes in current policy. If you want to review the whole situation to consider what actions you may need to take quickly, I know of no more imaginative and sound source of ideas than Herman.

I understand that Herman and some of his staff have been in contact with your staff (and that you talked to him yourself some months ago), so this suggestion may be unnecessary. However, although of course I appreciate the great demands on your time at this point, it occurred to me that because of the advantage of hearing these kinds of points directly you might want to talk to Herman yourself. He can be reached at the following address:

Mr. Herman Kahn, Director  
Hudson Institute  
Quaker Ridge Road  
Croton-on-Hudson, New York 10520

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The Honorable Richard M. Nixon

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November 11, 1968

If you decide to meet with Mr. Kahn, I would be very happy to sit in if you would like me to, although this is certainly not an essential element of my recommendation.

Again, heartiest congratulations on your magnificent victory on November 5, the breadth of which can be much better understood by looking at a map of the States you won rather than at the popular vote or the vote of the electoral college.

With warmest regards.

Cordially,

Robert C. Sprague

RCS/sjl