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February 7, 1969

MEMORANDUM FOR

THE ATTORNEY GENERAL

Attached to this memorandum is the paper I told you about on the telephone. As you will note, the President has asked that you not appoint Barefoot Sanders.

Alexander P. Butterfield
Deputy Assistant to the President

Enclosure

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THE WHITE HOUSE

WASHINGTON

8:10 a.m.

February 19, 1969

MEMORANDUM FOR THE PRESIDENT

Subject: Wire from the Virgin Islands Legislature

In the attached wire addressed to you the Virgin Islands legislature, in what appears to be a purely political move, states its inability to reasonably and responsibly proceed with its budget hearings without a new Governor, and petitions you to make an immediate appointment to fill the vacancy left by former Governor Paiewonsky on February 12th.

It is the opinion of your staff - particularly Bryce Harlow and myself - that on the admittedly odd but still possible chance that this subject will be brought up (even in casual conversation) during this morning's meeting with the bipartisan leadership, you should not be "caught short," but made aware of the matter as it now stands.

I first learned of the issue when Secretary Hickel called me early yesterday evening. I obtained a copy of the wire and learned simultaneously that Bryce Harlow, Peter Flanigan, and Harry Flemming were at that moment hashing it out in Bryce's office. As of this morning, things are on track. We are going ahead with Peter Bove without further delay.

Meanwhile, I would recommend that: Secretary Hickel respond to this wire (1) stating, on your behalf, an appreciation for the legislators' concern; (2) reminding them (gently) that the law provides that the Government Secretary "shall have all the powers of the Governor...in case of a vacancy in the office of Governor...or temporary absence of the Governor"; and

(3) assure them that a man of outstanding qualifications is in the process of being appointed.

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ALEXANDER P. BUTTERFIELD

AGREE: *pw*

DISAGREE: _____

COMMENTS: _____

STANS

February 20, 1969

MEMORANDUM FOR: THE PRESIDENT'S FILE

Subject: Mid-morning Meeting in the President's Office with
Secretary Stans and Newly Appointed Key Members
of His Commerce Staff (See attached list of names)...
(10:25-10:35 a.m.)

While the President was attending to a large volume of signature and other action items Dwight Chapin came in to remind him of the appointment to see Secretary Stans for a moment, and meet his newly appointed key staff members. The President, obviously anxious to get through the call as quickly as possible, asked me to stay in the office while the introductions were being made. At that moment Dwight led the group into the Oval office and Secretary Stans introduced each of the nine appointees to the President. As the President shook the last hand, Ollie Atkins came into the room to take pictures. Good-naturedly, the President moved over to the center of the office -- in front of his desk and facing the fireplace -- and invited the visitors to come forward one at a time so that a separate picture could be made for each.

Upon conclusion of the picture taking, the President spoke briefly to Maury Stans -- and his assistants -- about the problems brewing vis-a-vis the Machiasport Foreign Trade Zone/oil import case. There was little or no discussion -- only the promise by Secretary Stans that he was in touch with Bob Ellsworth on the matter.

The group began to file out of the Oval office by way of the hall door and the President returned to his desk.

ALEXANDER P. BUTTERFIELD

Persons Attending a Meeting in the President's Office
with Secretary of Commerce Stans, 20 February 1969

Mr. Rocco Siciliano - Under Secretary of Commerce

Mr. Kenneth N. Davis, Jr. - Assistant Secretary for
Domestic and International Business

Mr. Robert A. Podesta - Assistant Secretary for
Economic Development

Mr. James T. Lynn - General Counsel

Mr. Andrew E. Gibson - Maritime Administrator

Mr. C. Langhorne Washburn - Director of the United
States Travel Service

Mr. G. Fred Steele, Jr. - Federal Cochairman of the
Coastal Plains Regional Commission

Mr. W. D. Brewer - Federal Cochairman of the Four
Corners Regional Commission

Mr. Robert Smalley - Special Assistant to the Secretary
of Commerce for Public Affairs

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February 22, 1969

MEMORANDUM FOR

THE SECRETARY OF DEFENSE

With reference to a very short "staff brief" concerning last week's loss of an F-111 aircraft flying out of Nellis Air Force Base, the President expressed the thought that possibly you "should crack this one -- as a Johnson boondogle."

Alexander P. Butterfield
Deputy Assistant to the President

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THE WHITE HOUSE
WASHINGTON

MEMORANDUM FOR: MR. BUTTERFIELD

Be sure you have the latest form which the President corrected several times as to how the statement should go, and then work out with Klein some way to get this out.

~~Miss Jackson~~

Exb -

Buckrogh has done most or all of the legal checking into the various aspects of this proposed action. He suggests we release statement in such a way as to avoid questions relating to taxes, etc. - - - although actually the money does remain as taxable income - but because of the ways in which it will be spent, there will be a number of business

March 20, 1969

MEMORANDUM FOR: THE PRESIDENT'S FILE

Subject: Early-afternoon Meeting in the President's Office with
Honorable Thomas A. Pappas (1:00-1:15 p.m.)

Mr. Pappas and the President sat on the couches near the fire.
The meeting was quite short -- the following excerpts representing
the essence of the conversation:

On Greece

Mr. Pappas - "I saw the King recently and he wanted to know
what was going on at home ... among the Greek
people. I think the King should go back eventually,
but meanwhile he should travel. It would be good
for him and for the Greek people if he would travel."

The President - "The King could do a lot for the people, psycho-
logically, if he would go back."

Mr. Pappas - "What Greece needs in the worst way is something
like the Peace Corps. Couldn't you send a peace
corps there, Mr. President?"

The President - "I'm not sure what all we have there, Tom,
but we'll look into it." (The President asked
me to make a check on what we had in Greece
at the present time and what, along the lines
of a peace corps, we might be able to put there
without a long delay.)

Mr. Pappas - "It would also be a wonderful gesture, Mr.
President, if you would receive the Foreign
Minister here in your office ... just for a few
moments."

The President - "Certainly, I'd be delighted to see the Foreign
Minister."

ALEXANDER R. BUTTERFIELD

On Cyprus and the Greek-Turk Controversy

Mr. Pappas - "Cyprus is a separate and very serious problem. It divides the Greeks and the Turks. The US must get the Greeks and Turks together as allies. Those are the two big problems -- Cyprus first, the Turkish-Greek alliance second."

Remarks: European Press Conference in the President's Office with
Honorable Thomas A. On Italy (11:00-11:15 a.m.)

Mr. Pappas - "I think there is a real danger that Italy will soon turn completely to the Left."

The President - "Yes, I realize there is a strong Leftist element there and yet it's strange, for they have no real economic reason for turning to the Left and Saragat impressed me as being a good man."

Mr. Pappas - "I am sure that Italy is turning to the Left. What was going on in Italy among the Greek people?"

Mr. Pappas - "Mr. President, whom have you selected to serve as your Ambassador in Greece?"

The President - "We haven't worked that one out yet, Tom."

Mr. Pappas - "Well, you need the very best you can get -- the very best there is for both Greece and Italy."

Just prior to leaving the President's office, Tom paid the President high compliments on his successful European visit, and on his recent (crackdown) statement on students. He then asked the President if he would grant a favor -- the favor being to permit him to serve later on in the year as national coordinator for all of the ethnic groups in America (referred to by Tom as "All-American Groups"). Tom said that he had hundreds of friends among the ethnic groups and that he had worked in this same area several times before. The President agreed that Tom would do a wonderful job in such a capacity and assured his visitor that he would keep the request in mind. He (the President) then turned to me and asked that arrangements be made to send an autographed picture to Tom and his wife Bessie.

The President - "Certainly, I'd be delighted to see the Foreign Minister."

ALEXANDER P. BUTTERFIELD

Jan '69

January 29, 1969

MEMORANDUM FOR

John Ehrlichman

SUBJECT: Mr. Braun (Info Only)

Further to the business of Hickel-Braun, I have just talked to Cliff Miller who has agreed to contact Braun and have him call me when he has completed his immediate business in the East and is ready and available to work with Secretary Hickel. Upon receipt of that phone call, I will notify you, and you (in turn) can call Hickel and set up a date for the two to get together.

Alex Butterfield

January 30, 1969

MEMORANDUM FOR: SECRETARY STANS

In reviewing his news summaries today, the President marked an extract under the heading: U. S. Foreign Trade. It read: "Washington -- Commerce Department says worse foreign trade figures for U. S. in more than 30 years."

Beside this "news item," in the margin, the President noted for your attention that this is an inherited problem, and that (whenever possible) this particular point should be made.

ALEXANDER P. BUTTERFIELD
Deputy Assistant to the President

January 30, 1969

MEMORANDUM FOR: MR. WILLIAM TIMMONS

Concerning your January 29 request that a Presidential representative attend the funeral services for former Congressman Jessie Walcott (R-Mich), I agree that, under the circumstances outlined, we should willingly comply.

I would suggest as the principal nominee Mr. John Davies, White House Tour Director... and as the alternate nominee, whichever of the military assistants to the Armed Forces Aide, Colonel Hughes, might wish to select.

I will leave action responsibility in your hands.

Many thanks.

ALEXANDER P. BUTTERFIELD

cc: Mr. Bryce Harlow

January 30, 1969

MEMORANDUM FOR: JOHN EHRLICHMAN

SUBJECT: Mr. Braun

Further to my memorandum of January 29 concerning the Hickel-Braun business, Cliff Miller called last night to inform me that Braun is back on the West Coast and would like to delay his Washington, D. C. reporting date until Monday, February 10. I told him I thought that this would be satisfactory, and that I would pass the information on to you so that you could arrange the Hickel-Braun meeting hopefully on the 11th, 12th, or 13th.

ALEXANDER P. BUTTERFIELD

January 30, 1969

MEMORANDUM FOR: DR. KISSINGER

With regard to the proposed letter to Congressman King, attached hereto, the President would appreciate your making a quick review of the contents in the event the Congressman should release it to the press.

Many thanks.

ALEXANDER P. BUTTERFIELD

Attachment

January 30, 1969

MEMORANDUM FOR: SECRETARY FINCH
Department of Health, Education and
Welfare

While reviewing a series of subjects in his today's news summaries, the President focused on the attached material concerning HUNGER. He then jotted a note to you and Secretary Hardin asking each of you to give him a recommendation based on the content. His note went on to say that he believes a strong statement is called for, followed by some symbolic action now and a long-range program later.

The President wanted an information copy of this memorandum to go to Dr. Arthur Burns.

ALEXANDER P. BUTTERFIELD
Deputy Assistant to the President

cc: Dr. Arthur Burns

attachment

January 30, 1969

MEMORANDUM FOR: SECRETARY HARDIN
Department of Agriculture

While reviewing a series of subjects in his today's news summaries, the President focused on the attached material concerning HUNGER. He then jotted a note to you and Secretary Finch asking each of you to give him a recommendation based on the content. His note went on to say that he believes a strong statement is called for, followed by some symbolic action now and a long-range program later.

The President wanted an information copy of this memorandum to go to Dr. Arthur Burns

ALEXANDER P. BUTTERFIELD
Deputy Assistant to the President

cc: Dr. Arthur Burns

attachment

January 30, 1969

MEMORANDUM FOR: MR. JOHN SEARS

This memo is to inform you that your Linwood Holton-Ken Robinson paper was discussed with the President late this afternoon. Without deliberation, the President said that he felt (in this case) that you should make the phone call to Robinson in his behalf.

ALEXANDER P. BUTTERFIELD

cc: John Ehrlichman 

January 31, 1969

MEMORANDUM FOR: MR. BRYCE HARLOW

Yesterday while signing "speaking engagement" letters, the President said that he believes that the bulk of such correspondence should be prepared for your signature rather than for his.

At the same time, however, he expressed his complete understanding that now and then there will be certain letters which, in your good judgment, must be signed by the President -- and to these papers he is prepared to give the necessary attention.

ALEXANDER P. BUTTERFIELD

January 31, 1969

MEMORANDUM FOR: MR. LEE HEUBNER

In reviewing your suggested remarks for the Justice Department visit (dated January 29), the President underlined the following on page 3:

The French philosopher Pascal said it well. "It is right," he said, "that what is just should be obeyed; it is necessary that what is strongest should be obeyed. Justice without might is helpless; might without justice is tyrannical." And our work, therefore, he said, is "to combine justice and might...and make what is just strong, or what is strong just."

He liked the quote and asked that you take note of it and consider its use in a future speech.

ALEXANDER P. BUTTERFIELD

cc: Mr. J. Keogh

January 31, 1969

MEMORANDUM FOR: MR. PAT BUCHANAN

In reviewing the attached pamphlet entitled "Worldwide Treatment of Current Issues" -- a daily media reaction analysis put out by USIA's Office of Policy and Research -- the President commented that you and others on Jim Keogh's staff should look it over and henceforth include in your own news summaries for R.N. those items and/or points which you consider to be of particular interest.

ALEXANDER P. BUTTERFIELD

attachment

cc: Mr. Keogh

Feb '69

February 1, 1969

MEMORANDUM FOR: JOHN EHRLICHMAN

While reviewing his January 30 news analyses, the President noticed a synopsis of Hugh Sidey's column in LIFE (1/31) which describes RN's active first week in office--the skipping of lunch, the lack of naps, the total review of Vietnam, etc. Beside this item, in the margin, the President addressed the following question to you: "Ehrlichman - Have we done an adequate job on RN at work? -- i.e. begins in office at 7:45 -- nonstop to 6:30 or 7:00, etc.? Please let me know."

ALEXANDER P. BUTTERFIELD

February 1, 1969

MEMORANDUM FOR: BRYCE HARLOW

While reviewing his January 31 news summary, the President focused on the following item:

Joe Tydings has jumped on the popular issue of crime in the District in order to make some ground before his record comes up for review by Maryland voters in 1970. Incidentally, he is a soft-liner on gun control and this has gotten him into some trouble with the law and order people in Maryland.

Beside the underlined portion, in the margin, the President wrote the following note to you: "Harlow - See that Tower doesn't let him get away with this. Be sure we give him no aid on this issue."

ALEXANDER P. BUTTERFIELD

February 1, 1969

MEMORANDUM FOR: JOHN EHRLICHMAN

While reviewing his January 30 evening news summary, the President focused on the following article:

"SON IS SEEKING NIXON PARDON FOR
IMPRISONED DOCTOR

"The son of a Milwaukee, Wis., doctor who served prison time for tax evasion but feels he's still being persecuted is here to seek help from President Nixon.

"The physician, Dr. Milton Margoles, 56, has been refused relicensing by his home state since his release from prison in 1962, and he believes the Internal Revenue Service is pressing him too hard for payment.

"His son, Perry, 25, has sent Nixon a petition for a presidential pardon and a plea that he block an IRS auction of the Margoles home scheduled for March 17.

"The petition is the latest development in what Rep. H. R. Gross, R-Iowa, has called a "startling case" of a man who "paid the penalty for wrong-doing, now being the subject of harassment.

"Last year Margoles failed to win a pardon from President Johnson."

Beside this item, in the margin, the President wrote the following note to you: "John Ehrlichman - This is the kind of case we should do something on."

ALEXANDER P. BUTTERFIELD

February 1, 1969

MEMORANDUM FOR: MR. McCracken

The President agrees with your recommendation that the Cabinet Committee on Economic Policy should meet twice each month for awhile--then, whenever you think it appropriate, only once a month.

ALEXANDER P. BUTTERFIELD

February 3, 1969

MEMORANDUM FOR: PAT MOYNIHAN

Subject: Notes from the President

With reference to your February 1st memorandum to the President concerning the "bad mouthing" habits of Whitney Young, the President addressed the following comments to you in return:

"Moynihan - I think Young may have decided to go all the way to get King's mantle and, in addition, to satisfy the militants. Why don't you have a meeting with him and lay it on the line? If he has drawn the sword we should know it, and act accordingly. Also, the meeting with Wilkins should be given appropriate publicity just so it does not embarrass him."

ALEXANDER P. BUTTERFIELD

February 3, 1969

MEMORANDUM FOR: JOHN EHRLICHMAN

Subject: Notes from the President

The President made the following comments in response to your January 31 memorandum concerning legal residence alternatives:

"John - I disagree. I believe that as soon as we can get our California base established we can get some real help by being a California resident. New York residence has very little political importance - Florida does not need it - and D.C. is useless on that score."

ALEXANDER P. BUTTERFIELD

February 3, 1969

MEMORANDUM FOR: JOHN EHRLICHMAN

Subject: Notes from the President

After reviewing some material from J. Edgar Hoover concerning the FBI National Crime Information Center, the President addressed the following comments to you and the Attorney General:

"John - We seem to have a great deal going on the crime front, which if strongly increased could make a dent on the problem. Should we not ask J. Edgar Hoover how much more he could use for his program?"

I am sending a similar memorandum to Attorney General Mitchell.

ALEXANDER P. BUTTERFIELD

February 3, 1969

MEMORANDUM FOR

The Attorney General

Subject: Notes from the President

After reviewing some material concerning the FBI National Crime Information Center, the President addressed the following comments to you and John Ehrlichman:

"A.G. - We seem to have a great deal going on the crime front, which if strongly increased could make a dent on the problem. Should we not ask J. Edgar Hoover how much more he could use for his program?"

I am sending a similar memorandum to John Ehrlichman.

ALEXANDER P. BUTTERFIELD
Deputy Assistant to the President

February 3, 1969

MEMORANDUM FOR: PAUL McCracken

Subject: Notes from the President

The President focused on the following paragraph in his February 1st news summary:

"Drew Pearson had an interesting column on the possibility that many large stockbrokers could go under in what might turn into the greatest stock market crash in history. The problem: the paperwork back-up is so great many firms don't know how much capital they have with which to meet commitments to customers. If pressed for delivery of stock held in 'street name', they couldn't deliver and would go under."

With reference to this item, the President addressed the following comments to you:

"McCracken - Is this a significant danger? Check with Kennedy and Stans. Possibly an item for next economic policy meeting."

ALEXANDER P. BUTTERFIELD

February 3, 1969

MEMORANDUM FOR: PAT MOYNIHAN

Subject: Notes from the President

The President would like for you to give him a brief memorandum explaining why the AFDC welfare rate suddenly (in the mid-1960's) lost its earlier dependence on the unemployment rate. He is interested in the causes.

ALEXANDER P. BUTTERFIELD

February 3, 1969

MEMORANDUM FOR: PAT MOYNIHAN

Subject: Notes from the President

The President appreciated your forwarding the review of your new book, "Maximum Feasible Misunderstanding". He said that the book sounds particularly intriguing and that he thinks he will have to read it.

ALEXANDER P. BUTTERFIELD

February 3, 1969

MEMORANDUM FOR: PAT MOYNIHAN

Subject: Notes from the President

With reference to your February 1 memorandum for the President concerning a Robert Kennedy Memorial, the President made the following comment:

1. "Ted spoke to me about it."
2. "I instructed Bryce Harlow to follow through with Budget."
3. "You might want to check with Harlow to see what action has been taken. Once the go ahead has been cleared, we ought to get some credit in the press."

ALEXANDER P. BUTTERFIELD

February 3, 1969

MEMORANDUM FOR: BRYCE HARLOW

Subject: Notes from the President

On the original of the attached January 30th memorandum for the President from Secretary Laird (subject: Proposed Construction in a Private Shipyard of Two Nuclear-powered Attack Submarines in the Navy's Fiscal Year 1969 Shipbuilding and Conversion Program), the President wrote a note to you which read as follows:

"Harlow - RN has signed, subject to Harlow's clearance on any possible political problems, i.e. Does some Senator or Congressman have an interest in having the work done in his state of district? "

ALEXANDER P. BUTTERFIELD

February 3, 1969

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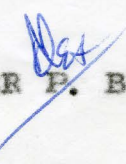
MEMORANDUM FOR: HARRY FLEMMING

Subject: Appointments to Independent Agencies

To confirm the understanding we reached after Bob Haldeman's February 1 meeting concerning personnel appointments to Independent Agencies, we would appreciate your office preparing and forwarding to me the following lists by the end of business on February 5th:

1. Past Appointments (appointments made - no further action required at this time).
2. Current Appointments (appointments open - immediate action required).
3. Future Appointments (appointments requiring attention at a later date).
4. Prospective Appointees (names of "eligible" persons, each followed by a short identifying/descriptive statement).
5. Prime Contacts (list of all federal departments and major federal agencies, and opposite each, name and office of the one or two absolutely solid "RN men" whom we consider to be our designated prime contacts. Where no one can be so identified, list that department or agency but leave space under the prime contact column to indicate that a personnel action is required.)
6. Known "Democrats for Nixon".

Many thanks,


ALEXANDER P. BUTTERFIELD

cc:

Murray Chotiner/John Ehrlichman/Fred LaRue/Larry Higby

February 4, 1969

MEMORANDUM FOR: JOHN EHRLICHMAN

Subject: Notes from the President (info only)

At the bottom of your February 3rd memorandum for the President, which responded to his earlier query concerning the Alan Boyd story and DOT's grant to the Chicago South Suburban Mass Transit District, the President wrote the following comment:

"Of course! This is just a well executed screen play which gave Boyd a touchdown."

ALEXANDER P. BUTTERFIELD

February 4, 1969

MEMORANDUM FOR: BRYCE HARLOW

Subject: Notes from the President (action required)

The President would like for your staff to prepare a nice acknowledgement to the attached letter from Jerry Waldie ... (a liberal Democrat, but young and fair minded). He suggests that the salutation be written, "Dear Congressman Waldie."

Many thanks,

ALEXANDER P. BUTTERFIELD

February 4, 1969

MEMORANDUM FOR: JOHN EHRLICHMAN

Subject: Notes from the President (action required)

On your February 1st memorandum for the President -- the one in which you concur with Pat Moynihan's suggestion that he (Moynihan) talk to Secretary Volpe about the impact of highways on urban development and the possibility of one of his deputies at least partially serving to represent City Government -- the President wrote the following comments:

- "1. Very important to get a man who is sensitive to the problem.
- "2. Of course the problem is the Governor and the State Highway Commission Lobby.
- "3. Do your best."

ALEXANDER P. BUTTERFIELD

February 4, 1969

MEMORANDUM FOR: THE PRESIDENT'S FILE

Subject: Mid-Afternoon Meeting in the President's Office with David Kennedy, Secretary of the Treasury; Walter Hickel, Secretary of the Interior; and Maurice ^{TANS}~~Sands~~, Secretary of Commerce (3:30 - 4:15 p.m.)

Also present: John Ehrlichman (called in after 20 minutes) and Bryce Harlow (called in after 30 minutes on a different issue; see last paragraph)

The President and his visitors sat on the ~~couches~~ in front of the fireplace.

The meeting concerned a current rather serious dilemma resulting from the Federal Government's long-delayed decision over whether or not to establish a Free Trade Zone (FTZ) at Machiasport, Maine -- and, in the ~~event~~ that a FTZ is established, whether or not to grant oil import rights to the Occidental Petroleum Company to the exclusion of all other companies.

Secretary ^{TANS}~~Sands~~ elaborated on the problem. He emphasized the contrasting views of Northeasterners and Midwesterners and the political pressures being brought to bear. (Commerce is involved because that department is concerned with matters affecting industries in their capacities as consumers of oil and natural gas.)

Secretary Hickel said that his department was involved because quotas governing the importation of oil are administered by the Secretary of the Interior, in accordance with an informal determination by LBJ and an underlying proclamation. He went on to say that he is strongly opposed to any plan which benefits a particular region or group of regions, i. e. to the exclusion of other parts of the nation which could and should receive equal benefits.

Secretary Kennedy stated that his interest in the issue concerned balance of payments implications. He stated further that the Treasury Department is concerned with special tax provisions granted to producers, and the relation of the tax statutes to U.S. firms which are international in character, particularly those dealing in petroleum. He added that he thought the matter would result in a law suit and go into the courts no matter what decision was reached eventually. He said that he thought there were too many influential people on both sides of the issue to keep the matter out of the courts.

The President then made these points: (1) We shouldn't feel forced to move too quickly. We should take a very close look at the politics involved, and the merits from all angles; (2) Wally Hickel should not have to sit in the hot seat on this one, especially so soon after his somewhat delayed confirmation; (3) I'm not so sure this matter should remain with Interior. Perhaps we should consider rescinding President Johnson's proclamation and putting the matter of oil import quotas back in the White House. Of course, we don't want it to look as though we're attempting to keep the matter out of Wally's area purposely. It might be moved to Commerce ultimately.

The President called in John Ehrlichman and asked his opinion. Mr. Ehrlichman stated that there were several alternatives: We could sit on the matter for a while -- move the issue back into the White House -- or, as the President suggested, move it to Commerce.

After some discussion it was decided to transfer the matter of administering quotas governing the importation of oil back to the White House, and then perhaps eventually transferring it on to Commerce. Meanwhile, we will be able to state to the Congress and the various pressure groups that as soon as the move is completed we will give the matter intensive study, in a new light, taking a fresh approach to the issues involved. In the interim, we will have our thinking caps on and be pondering all aspects of the total problem.

Near the end of the meeting Bryce Harlow was called in to discuss briefly with the President and Secretary Kennedy a statement, in the form of a release by the President, on the Administration's position re tax reforms.

NOTE: This memorandum has been written in more detail than is normally necessary because the President wanted Dr. Kissinger read in on the matter.

ALEXANDER P. BUTTERFIELD

cc: Dr. Henry Kissinger

February 4, 1969

MEMORANDUM FOR: PAT BUCHANAN

Subject: Notes from the President

In your February 4th digest of News Analyses, under the sub-heading, "The Administration", you included an extract from the January 31st issue of the New York Daily News. It mentions Ted Lewis' view of the Administration's first two weeks, and goes on to say that the public might go for the "friendly Nixon Administration" tag and resent any sneaky efforts to change the label.

The President would like to see a copy of this complete column.

Thank you,

ALEXANDER P. BUTTERFIELD

February 4, 1969

MEMORANDUM FOR: JOHN EHRLICHMAN

Subject: Notes from the President (action required)

With reference to your February 1st memorandum to the President concerning dissemination of the Inaugural Address, the President made the following comments:

"John - I assume wide distribution is being made abroad. Kennedy and Johnson had theirs sent by U.S.A. --- a classy slick paper job with appropriate pictures. Have Shakespeare check to see what has been done in the past, and what we can do. I believe we can go very far on inaugural because it is completely nonpartisan."

ALEXANDER P. BUTTERFIELD

February 4, 1969

MEMORANDUM FOR: JOHN EHRLICHMAN

Subject: Notes from the President (action required)

This morning the President reviewed your February 1st memorandum concerning the sales of Six Crises since August 1, 1968. At the bottom of the cover sheet he wrote the following note to you:

"The 5 O'Clock Group might think of ways to get this and the best bios of RN more heavily distributed, i.e., schools, etc."

ALEXANDER P. BUTTERFIELD