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May 26, 1969

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MEMORANDUM FOR:

DEPUTY SECRETARY OF DEFENSE

Subject: Comment by the President (Information Only)

The following short item appeared in the President's
May 22nd news summary:

"Secretary Packard said that the U.S. is
'building weapons that are too complex and
therefore too costly.' A computerized control
may soon 'increase the accuracy of tank gun-
nery, but so far it does not give evidence of
increasing reliability,' he said. 'A tank with
its gun out of order is no tank at all.' "

After reading this, the President addressed this comment
to you:

"Dave -- I completely agree ... e.g. when a short
circuit occurs in electrically controlled automobile
fixtures -- the car stops, the doors lock, the
windows can't be opened, etc.!"

Alexander P. Butterfield
Deputy Assistant to the President

PERSONAL

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May 26, 1969

MEMORANDUM FOR: DR. KISSINGER

Subject: Comment by the President (Information Only)

The following short item appeared in a recent news summary which was brought to the President's attention:

"Nathan Miller has reported in the Baltimore Sun that John Davis Lodge, under questioning by the Senate Foreign Relations Committee, revealed the fact that he did not know the present government of Argentina came to power almost three years ago by way of a military coup. Lodge said that he thought General Juan Carlos Ongania's regime was chosen in a general election. However, members of the Committee could not recall how Ongania came to power either."

After reading this account the President made the remark -- addressed to you -- that somebody had obviously slipped on a briefing.

ALEXANDER P. BUTTERFIELD

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May 26, 1969

MEMORANDUM FOR: STAFF SECRETARY

Norman Macrae has written a May 10th supplement to The Economist entitled "The Neurotic Trillionaire", a copy of which is attached. The President thought Macrae's analysis of what all other countries ought to be learning from the United States was most perceptive and he asked that copies be distributed to Secretary Shultz, Secretary Finch, Director Rumsfeld, Dr. Moynihan and Mr. Ehrlichman ... with the notation that they pay particular attention to pages 54-58.

(Please return this copy of "The Neurotic Trillionaire" to Dr. McCracken.)

Thank you.

ALEXANDER P. BUTTERFIELD

Attachment

cc: Dr. McCracken

chron

May 26, 1969

MEMORANDUM FOR: MR. HALDEMAN

A quick note on a matter which is really none of my business: Peter Flanigan heard recently that I had earlier recommended to Harry Flemming -- for any White House Staff members in need of a secretary -- Mrs. Hazel Fulton, presently employed in the Office of the Secretary of the Air Force, DoD. Peter called me on the telephone about a week ago and asked for verification of that recommendation -- which I gave him. Subsequently, Peter requested Mrs. Fulton's transfer to his office in the grade of GS-10.

It is my understanding now, from Bill Gulley, in the Office of the Armed Forces Aide, that the request has been turned back to you in view of Mel Laird's general displeasure over the quantity of such personnel requests by the White House in recent weeks. Although I have no strong personal interest in this case, I would like to pass on the following comments for what they might be worth to you:

- (1) Mrs. Fulton is, and for some two years has been, very desirous of obtaining employment here at the White House.
- (2) She is an excellent secretary/stenographer, has received several outstanding performance awards, and is working now as a GS-9.
- (3) Of the DoD secretaries now employed on the White House Staff, more have come from Army and Navy than from Air Force.
- (4) The Department of the Air Force Office of Civilian Personnel has no objection to Mrs. Fulton's release to the White House Staff while being retained on the Air Force payroll.

ALEXANDER P. BUTTERFIELD

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May 26, 1969

MEMORANDUM FOR: DR. KISSINGER

As you know, the President has been aware for some time of the publicity surrounding the case of Army Sergeant Michael Sanders. Today, however, he read more of it in his morning news summary. The account mentioned the fact that the U. S. Army had arranged Sanders' interview with the press.

The President would like for you to see to it that a full investigation is made of the Sanders article. He said that to him it looks as though the Army's PR man was "deliberately trying to sabotage".

ALEXANDER P. BUTTERFIELD

cc: Mr. Klein

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May 26, 1969

MEMORANDUM FOR: DR. KISSINGER

In a summary of Sunday news articles the President read a line attributed to Mel Laird (when Mel was trying recently to reject Senator Kennedy's criticism of our war tactics in Vietnam). It read as follows:

"The military commanders are carrying out to the best of their ability the orders that were prescribed by Presidents Nixon and Johnson for the military conduct of the war on the ground in Vietnam. "

The President wants to make certain that henceforth all of our spokesmen avoid identifying Nixon policy with LBJ policy.

ALEXANDER P. BUTTERFIELD

cc: Mr. Klein
Mr. Ziegler

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May 26, 1969

MEMORANDUM FOR: MR. HERB KLEIN

The President has just reviewed your May 22nd memorandum for Dwight Chapin which contained the complete list of newspapers you contacted on the evening of May 21st. He very much appreciated the work you put forth on this project and addressed to you these comments:

"Herb -- Good job! Please give me as well a list of local TV commentators who may have been contacted (like our two friends in Los Angeles)."

ALEXANDER P. BUTTERFIELD

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May 26, 1969

SECRET LIMDIS (When With Attachments)

MEMORANDUM FOR: DR. KISSINGER

As you will note, the President was especially pleased with the content of Marshall Green's East Asia trip report of April 21st, classified SECRET LIMDIS. He would appreciate your seeing to it that it is circulated -- as required reading -- among key officials at Defense, State, USIA, and AID.

Thank you.

ALEXANDER P. BUTTERFIELD

Attachment

SECRET LIMDIS (When With Attachments)

Chen

May 26, 1969

MEMORANDUM FOR: MR. HARRY DENT

As you will note, the President has approved your recommendation that the Vice President be used as much as is practicable for personal visits to the South.

Please talk this over with Stan Blair and be certain that significant proposals and plans, when appropriate, are coordinated in advance with John Ehrlichman.

ALEXANDER P. BUTTERFIELD

Attachment

cc: Mr. Ehrlichman

Chen

May 26, 1969

MEMORANDUM FOR: MR. HALDEMAN

Subject: Ask A Simple Question

The C-140 Jetstar requires close to nine hours of flying time to travel from Andrews to Los Angeles to Andrews. On such a round trip JP-4 fuel consumed would total about 7,530 gallons. With reference to fuel costs only -- while the government purchase price of JP-4 fuel remains at 11.7¢ per gallon -- the five hour flight out to Los Angeles would total approximately \$490 ... and the four hour flight back to Andrews would total approximately \$392 ... a round trip total of some \$882.

As a matter of interest, if the C-140 were refueled at a non-military air installations (including the refueling prior to initial takeoff on the East Coast) the JP-4 cost would soar to 34¢ per gallon, or \$2,560 for the round trip.

Although I came in late on this conversation it might be meaningful to add that costs such as those cited above are chalked up to proficiency flight training. Normally, the Air Force is delighted to receive bona fide flight missions, such as a White House courier request, for its "proficiency aircraft" (i.e. all aircraft types maintained at Andrews), for it is responsible for providing proficiency flight time for all pilots stationed in the Washington area.

ALEXANDER P. BUTTERFIELD

Chron

May 23, 1969

MEMORANDUM FOR RECORD

At 10 minutes of 12:00 today Bob Haldeman called on the telephone asking me to relay the following instructions to Ken BeLieu:

Before the President leaves for Camp David at 1:00 p. m. today he wants to have on paper, and in hand, a solid count on how the U. S. Senators line up at the moment on the Safeguard issue; a game plan outlining the specific actions which he (the President) should take throughout the coming weeks -- beginning now and extending through the end of the forecast Safeguard voting period; and a report on precisely what DoD has done so far toward supporting the Safeguard campaign and what additional things it (DoD) should do throughout the coming weeks to make the total campaign more effective.

While Ruth Goodwin contacted Jay Wilkinson and asked him to come to my office to render assistance, I called Ken BeLieu and gave him all information outlined above. Between ourselves we agreed that the solid count on the Senatorial vote would take only 5-6 minutes to prepare and that of the remaining items Ken could best do the second and I the third. We then went to work.

At 12:55 p. m. I took the completed report on Defense actions (past and recommended) to Ken BeLieu's office where he reviewed and approved it and attached the material to his portion of the package. When I left his office at 1:15 his secretary was typing the final half page of his Presidential game plan memo and the President was just leaving the Cabinet room with plans to return to his office for another two hours prior to his Camp David departure.

ALEXANDER P. BUTTERFIELD

Chen

May 22, 1969

MEMORANDUM FOR:

SECRETARY OF HEALTH, EDUCATION AND WELFARE

Subject: Comment from the President (Information Only)

The following item appeared in the President's morning news summary:

"Denver residents have voted against a plan to bus children from one neighborhood to another to achieve racial balance in the schools. They elected Tuesday two men who have condemned the proposed bussing program to vacancies on the seven-member non-salaried school board. Those opposing bussing led the voting with 75,000 ballots and 73,000 votes respectively. The two men who campaigned as a team in urging mandatory bussing as a means of bringing better educational opportunities to children from minorities, ran third and fourth with 31,000 votes and 29,000."

After reading this account, the President asked that it be sent to you for your general information. He then added this comment:

"Bob -- Denver is a relatively liberal city with a very small Negro population -- and a strong paper (the Denver Post) which supports bussing."

Alexander P. Butterfield
Deputy Assistant to the President

May 22, 1969

MEMORANDUM FOR: MR. ZIEGLER

As I am sure you know, Drew Pearson's May 17th radio-TV broadcast reported an anti-Rogers whispering campaign in the White House. The President wants to be sure that your response to any queries that you might receive in connection with this allegation is, "Nonsense!" ... or other words to that effect.

ALEXANDER P. BUTTERFIELD

May 22, 1969

MEMORANDUM FOR: MR. EHRLICHMAN

An article by John Chancellor in the May 14th Los Angeles Times said that the President, thus far, had been "reactive, non-innovative, and illusive."

Addressing his (interrogatory) comment to you, the President said, "Why doesn't Herb Klein tell Chancellor about Tax Reform, Hunger, the Draft, etc?"

ALEXANDER P. BUTTERFIELD

cc: Mr. Herb Klein

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May 22, 1969

VERY-CONFIDENTIAL/EYES ONLY

MEMORANDUM FOR:

SECRETARY OF HEALTH, EDUCATION AND WELFARE

Further to my memorandum of May 21st, but for your eyes only, the specific items which the Vice President mentioned to the President (in an "Eyes Only" memorandum of his own) are:

- (1) Various pronouncements by Dr. James Allen, particularly his public expressions, on a recent "Meet the Press" program, of an opinion on bussing which obviously differed from the President's stand on that same issue.
- (2) Continual surfacing of radical left ideas throughout the framework of HEW.
- (3) A report in the May 13th Washington Star indicating that we are seriously considering the use of NWRO, "a militant welfare organization", as the Administration's broker in dealing with disadvantaged slum dwellers -- and that we are on the verge of making a grant to that organization in the amount of \$100,000 a year.

I would appreciate your destroying this note as it is wholly personal, and sent only to provide you with more facts than propriety allowed in the earlier memorandum.

Alexander P. Butterfield
Deputy Assistant to the President

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May 22, 1969

PERSONAL

MEMORANDUM FOR: MR. HALDEMAN

I am "proud" to tell you that I did not relinquish to Harry Flemming and his Personnel staff the "Steve Martini, Jr." project ... but instead, kept it for my very own and persevered.

Now, today -- after perspiration, lots of tears, and no doubt some bloodshed down amongst the Postal Department and Treasury field forces -- I can report that young Steverino is working as a GS-7 level novice customs inspector in Miami ... within easy driving distance of his previously-established new home ... and everyone is HAPPY.

ALEXANDER P. BUTTERFIELD

P.S. I hope that you will continue to assign to me for resolution the Administration's more difficult and challenging problems.

PERSONAL

MEMORANDUM

THE WHITE HOUSE

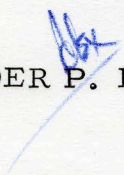
WASHINGTON

May 21, 1969

MEMORANDUM FOR: DR. KISSINGER
DR. MOYNIHAN

According to a recent news item in the New York Times Professor Arthur L. Jensen (author of the Harvard Educational Review article which advanced the thesis that genetic factors may cause low Negro performance on school tests) claims that since mid-April he has been the subject of a concerted SDS campaign of public harassment depicting him as a racist.

The President's only comment (addressed to each of you): "How low Harvard has sunk!"


ALEXANDER P. BUTTERFIELD

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May 21, 1969

PERSONAL

MEMORANDUM FOR:

SECRETARY OF HEALTH, EDUCATION AND WELFARE

Recently Vice President Agnew raised with the President several questions concerning the apparent direction of HEW policy ... concluding that, in his opinion, it is essential for us to maintain on most issues those moderate positions which have thus far proved successful.

The President believes that these matters can best be approached -- and either explained or resolved -- by your talking to the Vice President at the earliest date convenient to both of you.

Alexander P. Butterfield
Deputy Assistant to the President

cc: Vice President Agnew

PERSONAL

Chron

May 21, 1969

MEMORANDUM FOR:

Dr. Arthur F. Burns
Counsellor to the President

In the last paragraph of your May 17th (Paper Gold) memorandum to the President you said that should the President so desire you would be glad to elaborate your views concerning the reasonableness of a gold price increase under certain conditions. This is to inform you that the President would very much appreciate your doing so. (He went on to say that in his view, paper gold is just what the name implies.)

Alexander P. Butterfield
Deputy Assistant to the President

May 21, 1969

MEMORANDUM FOR: DR. KISSINGER

Several items in the President's May 20th news summary indicated quite clearly that Chalmer M. Roberts' May 18th story in the Washington Post had influenced a number of people -- among them Senators Frank Church and Albert Gore -- to believe that the President's nationally-televised Vietnam speech opened the doors to the formation of a coalition government in South Vietnam, that the Administration would now settle for the establishment of a temporary coalition government until elections can be held, etc.

The President reacted rather strongly to these intimations and addressed the following comments to you:

"Henry -- You had better knock down Roberts' silly story right away; otherwise, the enemy might well hold out for a coalition government, and Saigon might become increasingly distrustful."

ALEXANDER P. BUTTERFIELD

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May 21, 1969

MEMORANDUM FOR: MR. HERB KLEIN

The President was pleased to receive the tear sheets from the May 6 Wisconsin State Journal. In fact, he was so pleased, and so glad to know that you and your staff look continually for such special "color" stories that he said, "I want two of these every day." (He added that he had one a day as a Senator -- and that a really good mail analyst can find them.)

ALEXANDER P. BUTTERFIELD

cc: Mr. Haldeman
Mr. Ehrlichman
Mr. Melencamp

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May 21, 1969

MEMORANDUM FOR: MISS ROSE MARY WOODS

As you will note the President has agreed to Henry Kissinger's suggestion in paragraph 2 of the attached memorandum.

ALEXANDER P. BUTTERFIELD

Attachment

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May 21, 1969

MEMORANDUM FOR: MR. FLANIGAN

The President has agreed to your May 19th proposal that we offer the Portland Free Trade Zone to Senator Smith. He would like you now to check with Bryce Harlow to see if he (the President) should see Senator Smith on this matter.

ALEXANDER P. BUTTERFIELD

cc: Mr. Harlow
Mr. BeLieu

chron

May 21, 1969

PLEASE TREAT AS VERY CONFIDENTIAL

MEMORANDUM FOR: MR. FLANGAN

With reference to your recent oral query concerning Don Kendall and Al Rockwell, I can now tell you in the strictest of confidence -- but with relative certainty -- that Kendall is as good as in.

(This is only half of my full report so you should not assume that Rockwell is "not in". I will get back to you on his prospects, probably within the week.)

ALEXANDER P. BUTTERFIELD

PLEASE TREAT AS VERY CONFIDENTIAL

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May 21, 1969

MEMORANDUM FOR: THE STAFF SECRETARY

Please prepare for the signature (RN) of the President a short note to all Cabinet and key White House Staff members ... to read as follows:

"John Gardner's Godkin Lectures (attached) express better than anything I have yet read what I hope will serve as the basic philosophy of this Administration. I commend them for your weekend reading."

In addition to the Cabinet's "regular extras" (Burns, Yost, Mayo, and Rumsfeld), be sure to include Max Fisher, Walter Thayer, Lee DuBridge, Paul McCracken, and Rog Morton.

For your convenience I am attaching to this memorandum 30 copies of the complete lecture series, but you will probably need some 5-10 more.

ALEXANDER P. BUTTERFIELD

Attachments

chron

May 20, 1969

MEMORANDUM FOR: MR. EHRLICHMAN

Today the President approved the Federal Response to Civil Disturbances plan which you forwarded to him on May 19th. As you will note, he was pleased with the obviously considerable thought and effort which John Mitchell, Mel Laird and you -- and your respective staffs -- put into the final preparation of this document.

ALEXANDER P. BUTTERFIELD

Chen

May 20, 1969

PERSONAL

MEMORANDUM FOR: DR. KISSINGER

Subject: Note from the President (Information Only)

Peter Kumpa had a news analysis piece on Page 2 of a recent issue of the Baltimore Sun. It dealt with Secretary Rogers' trip to South Vietnam and, among other things, mentioned "the contrast between Rogers and Rusk" ... describing it (the contrast) as indisputable. The article went on to say that Rusk used to emphasize "the American commitment" on his visits to Vietnam whereas Rogers stresses the inhumanity of the war and "the awfulness of it".

With reference to the underlined phrase above, the President addressed this comment to you:

"Henry -- This is one of the difficulties with our speech staff."

ALEXANDER P. BUTTERFIELD

chron

May 20, 1969

MEMORANDUM FOR: DR. KISSINGER

The President wanted you to make note of the following information, particularly the underlined portion:

The Christian Science Monitor recently published results of its own survey of public reaction to the President's televised speech on Vietnam. According to the Monitor, the President scored high for his "sincerity". Moreover he sustained his credibility with Americans and brought additional time in which to deal with the over-all Vietnam problem.

However, the reaction was not really enthusiastic, as there had been a hope among many viewers that the speech would announce some new breakthrough.

ALEXANDER P. BUTTERFIELD

Chron

May 20, 1969

MEMORANDUM FOR: DR. KISSINGER

Subject: News Item from the President (Information Only)

The President was pleased to read in his daily news summary that the Washington Post and Philadelphia Inquirer had carried stories on the following Harris Survey reports:

- (1) When asked if they favored U. S. recognition of a South Vietnam government in which the Communists were represented as a result of free elections, American people (polled) expressed opposition by 46 per cent to 32 per cent.
- (2) The proposition to form a coalition South Vietnam government with the Communists -- as part of a Paris settlement -- met with an even larger (47 per cent to 26 per cent) public rejection.

ALEXANDER P. BUTTERFIELD

May 20, 1969

MEMORANDUM FOR: MR. EHRLICHMAN

Subject: News Item from the President (Information Only)

The President was pleased to read in his daily news summary that seven George Washington University students were expelled recently for their forcible April 23rd takeover of the University's Sino-Soviet Studies Institute. (And with equal pleasure he read a second item which reported appropriate disciplining of six more students who had been found guilty of slashing chairs, breaking furniture, and scattering private documents. One was given a letter of reprimand, two were suspended until the 1970 spring semester, and three await private hearings.)

ALEXANDER P. BUTTERFIELD

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May 19, 1969

MEMORANDUM FOR: DR. KISSINGER

MEM Today the President read in his daily news summary that Peking's
Subject Ninth Party Congress had denounced him as a "hypocritic priest",
a "gangster wielding a blood-dripping butcher's knife", and one
who "resorts to crafty counter-revolutionary double-faced tactics
toward socialist China."

ST. FF His only comment (addressed to you): "Very colorful!"

ALEXANDER P. BUTTERFIELD

Please write to the President and the Vice President

MEMORANDUM

THE WHITE HOUSE

WASHINGTON

May 19, 1969

MEMORANDUM FOR: MR. CHAPIN

Subject: Action Report on Staff-Recommended Presidential Phone Calls

The following staff-recommended phone calls were reviewed by the President on ~~May 19th~~.

<u>STAFF MEMBER</u>	<u>REC CALL TO</u>	<u>DATE.</u>	<u>ACTION TAKEN</u>
(1) B. Harlow	Clark MacGregor	May 16	Call made.

Please notify those concerned as to action taken.

ALEXANDER P. BUTTERFIELD

chron

May 19, 1969

MEMORANDUM FOR: MR. EHRLICHMAN

Betty Beale wrote recently that Clare Luce thinks Washington is missing a bet by not providing a benefit of local talent . . . one that would set everyone back on his heels." Miss Beale went on to say that Clare thinks some enterprising person or persons should have a concert for charity with "famous folk playing this and that and perhaps singing a few songs . . . at a thousand bucks a head, with the President one of the soloists."

Addressing his comment to you the President said, "It might be a good idea for some laughs."

You may want to look into what the possibilities are and be ready to report your findings to the President at a near-future staff meeting.

ALEXANDER P. BUTTERFIELD

May 19, 1969

MEMORANDUM FOR: MR. HERB KLEIN

I am attaching a copy of the press release concerning the world peace proposal by U. S. Jaycees. If we're putting anything out on their visit with the President, you may be able to use the information.

ALEXANDER P. BUTTERFIELD

Attachment

May 19, 1969

MEMORANDUM FOR: DR. KISSINGER

This is just a short note to inform you that in keeping with normal policy I have sent all drafts of the President's recent Vietnam speech, and his handwritten notes thereon, to Rose Mary Woods. I mention this because some of the papers were marked "Secret-Sensitive" and your staff might be looking for them along with other materials being returned from the President's desk.

ALEXANDER P. BUTTERFIELD

May 19, 1969

MEMORANDUM FOR: MR. CHAPIN

Your May 7th memorandum to the President reminding him to thank Ab England for the painting (at dinner that night) was in the President's "out basket" today. He had written on the bottom of the memo a note to you asking to see the painting. In that this was probably written 12 days ago, I assume that you got the word via some other means, and have already shown the painting to the President. However, if not, I know he would appreciate seeing it right away.

ALEXANDER P. BUTTERFIELD

chron

May 19, 1969

MEMORANDUM FOR: MR. FLANIGAN

On May 14th Louis Dombrowski wrote in the Chicago Tribune that lack of broad support for the President was apparent at the recent Business Council meetings in Hot Springs. According to the article (a resume' of which was in the President's morning news summary) the proposed repeal of the investment tax credit was "strongly opposed" and seen to be an "obvious capitulation to the Democrats" in Congress.

Dombrowski went on to say that the principal concern of the Business Council members was that the Administration does not seem to be attuned to the needs of the business community ... yet they (the members) acknowledge the fact that the President is doing a good job overall.

After reading this the President wondered why Fred Borch shouldn't respond. If you can get ahold of Borch right away I feel certain that he could set Dombrowski straight as to the facts of the matter.

ALEXANDER P. BUTTERFIELD

cc: Mr. Klein

chron

May 19, 1969

PLEASE TREAT AS CONFIDENTIAL

MEMORANDUM FOR: MR. EHRLICHMAN

Philip Wise had an article in the May 15th issue of the Washington Post which reported that Texas Republicans are seething over "Albert Fuentes at SBA and Gilbert Pompa at Justice". According to the news item Fuentes has been accused by Congressman Gonzalez, in a sworn affidavit, of providing an SBA loan for a firm which promised him (Fuentes) a substantial share in the business ... and Pompa, "who somehow jumped over 22 community relations fieldmen throughout the nation to land in his current Justice Department position", may soon be named in a civil rights suit.

The President would like for you to check into these allegations immediately and if true, act quickly to preclude the possibility of additional adverse publicity.

ALEXANDER P. BUTTERFIELD

PLEASE TREAT AS CONFIDENTIAL

May 19, 1969

Mr. Richard Cross
General Dynamics/Quincy Division
(DX Project)
Boston, Massachusetts

Dear Dick:

I am writing this short note only to confirm the message relayed to you by telephone the other day -- essentially that Bob Ellsworth acknowledged receipt of your resume' and told me personally that he was delighted to have it and to know of your keen interest in the NATO establishment and your particularly strong desire to assist and participate in whatever plans evolve toward expansion of the civilian elements. He said that he would file the resume' among those items of business to be looked into during the first 2-3 months of his tenure. As I'm sure you understand, he could make no promises one way or the other at this early stage of the game. However, I feel quite certain that you will hear from him if after his initial on-the-scene perusal of the total situation he believes some actions toward closer coordination between NATO and U. S. defense industries are appropriate at this time.

You will find enclosed the May 20th issue of Senator Karl Mundt's periodic report to South Dakota constituents. The reverse side of the sheet pertains to the need for a generally broadened NATO outlook, and I thought it might be worth looking over and filing away for future reference.

Please don't fail to call us the next time you are in Washington. Charlotte and the children arrived on May 10th and although we are not yet settled in a house we would very much enjoy seeing you and getting together for a lunch or dinner. We are staying with cousins at 5014 Glenbrook Road, N.W., Telephone 244-7997. Call either that number or my office (456-2117).

Our love to Nancy, and to children young and old.

Sincerely,

Alexander P. Butterfield
Deputy Assistant to the President

cc: Mr. Robert Ellsworth

May 19, 1969

MEMORANDUM FOR: MR. HARLOW

Jack Bell of the Associated Press had a front-page story in the May 18th Washington Star which claimed that the Administration's own confidential polls show it is behind 46 to 44 in the Senate "Safe-guard" vote ... or 5 votes short of a majority. The story goes on to say that despite this slight disadvantage at the present time, Administration officials believe they can "still squeeze out a victory."

The President is curious ask to where this "news" came from. He asked if we put this information out -- and if so, why?

ALEXANDER P. BUTTERFIELD

cc: Mr. BeLieu
Mr. Klein
Mr. Ziegler

chron

May 19, 1969

MEMORANDUM FOR:

SECRETARY OF HEALTH, EDUCATION AND WELFARE

Subject: Comment by the President (Information Only)

A resume' of a recent UPI news item reported that James Allen had disassociated himself from other high Administration officials who call militant students tyrants, criminals and/or barbarians. According to the article, when questioned about the statements of Justice Department officials Allen said, "I don't think they're helpful at all. By and large this is the finest generation of young people we've ever had. The students, and other young people today, are capable, bright and knowledgeable. They know more for their age than any generation before them."

After reading this account in his morning news summary, the President addressed the following comment to you:

"Bob -- Allen is right, referring to young people as a group, i. e. the entire younger generation; but what about the militants?"

Alexander P. Butterfield
Deputy Assistant to the President

cc: Mr. John Ehrlichman

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May 19, 1969

MEMORANDUM FOR: DR. KISSINGER

The President wanted the attached copy of Secretary Stans' trip report passed on to you.

ALEXANDER P. BUTTERFIELD

Attachment

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May 17, 1969

MEMORANDUM FOR: MR. HARRY DENT
MR. PETER FLANIGAN

With reference to Harry Dent's May 9 memorandum to Pat Buchanan, and Pat's May 13 memo to the President - all on the subject of Southerners appointed to positions within the Federal Government - the President would like a little more specific information as to precisely what the trouble is ... and what reasonable course of action might be taken to remedy the situation.

ALEXANDER P. BUTTERFIELD

cc:

Mr. Pat Buchanan
Mr. Darrell Trent
Mr. John Whitaker

Chron

May 17, 1969

PERSONAL

MEMORANDUM FOR: MR. EHRLICHMAN

In the May 15th Richmond Times-Dispatch, Charles Bartlett came forth with some of the first criticism we've seen relating to the President's new home in California. The essence of Bartlett's remarks is outlined below:

The President's purchase of a California resort home suggests that he may feel the remarkable period of ease which he has so far enjoyed will persist. His staff argues that it doesn't really matter where the President is because communications are so good. But still, action is less likely to occur from a sun-filled vacation home, and the President's potential could be diluted if "he lets himself be spoiled by his opportunities for self-indulgence". Neither a "spark of excitement" nor a "guiding philosophy" has yet emerged from the Administration, and it is not possible to tell whether "the bright spring is an omen of good things to come ... or an illusion".

After reading a resume' of the article in his morning news summary the President wondered if we handled the California property transaction properly ... in all respects; and with reference to this and other personal items, he addressed these comments to you:

"John -- (1) Why didn't someone emphasize that RN has nothing in stocks and bonds and puts everything into real estate? (2) All of this personal business is being handled very well by you, on the merits -- but I wonder about the PR aspects."

This memorandum confirms my recent oral report to you of the President's concern. If you haven't already done so I'm sure he would appreciate your coming up with a suggestion or plan as to how we might avoid or significantly reduce future criticism of those Presidential actions and events which are strictly personal.

ALEXANDER P. BUTTERFIELD

PERSONAL

May 17, 1969

MEMORANDUM FOR

The Attorney General

The President thought the content of the attached letter from Warren Burger expressed very good judgment, and he asked that a copy be passed on to you for your general information.

Alexander P. Butterfield
Deputy Assistant to the President

Attachment

May 17, 1969

PLEASE TREAT AS CONFIDENTIAL

MEMORANDUM FOR: MR. FLANIGAN

I am returning your May 8 memo to the Staff Secretary concerning the National Labor Relations Board. As you will note, the President is agreeable to your checking quietly to see if Howard Jenkins would be interested in an Ambassadorial post in one of the Black African nations.

ALEXANDER P. BUTTERFIELD

PLEASE TREAT AS CONFIDENTIAL

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May 16, 1969

MEMORANDUM FOR: MR. CHARLES WEST

As you may know, Herb Klein does a considerable amount of traveling around the country and speaking to a wide variety of citizen groups. Whereas his topics are any and all which pertain to the Nixon Administration, he is concentrating for the next 3-4 weeks on the Safeguard System and the wisdom of the President's Safeguard decision. Thus, it occurred to me that he is one who would benefit more than most by getting together with Colonels Bennett and Trussell. It may well be that they could provide Herb with some new material and perhaps some new slants to the material which he has been using right along.

Further to this same subject, I assume that the Support Group, and/or Defense continues to feed new and interesting Safeguard materials to John Whitaker (Cabinet Secretary) or directly to Cabinet and sub-Cabinet members.

ALEXANDER P. BUTTERFIELD

May 16, 1969

MEMORANDUM FOR: MR. CHARLES WEST

Depending, of course, upon the results of your morning talk with Paul Nitze, I think we should move out on the formation of a committee -- any kind of committee -- which might serve as the sponsor for our Safeguard brochure. This is the ideal time to get those brochures circulated, and I should think that almost any group of businessmen in almost any city would be delighted to provide the sponsorship we seek.

If for some reason our hands are tied on the "citizens committee" project, let's turn the brochures over to the Nitze group ... anything to get them out -- and into the possession of business and community leaders.

ALEXANDER P. BUTTERFIELD

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May 16, 1969

MEMORANDUM FOR: MR. CHARLES WEST

The eight drafts (attached) were sent to me by DoD and, like the others I sent you on May 8th, should be reviewed thoroughly and disseminated as you and the Safeguard Support Group deem appropriate.

ALEXANDER P. BUTTERFIELD

Attachments

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May 16, 1969

MEMORANDUM FOR: MR. HARLOW

The President is anxious for you to get the word clearly across to those Senators who might be affected by Labor that the AFL-CIO Executive Council has voiced its support for Safeguard.

(Incidentally, this very item was one of the subjects discussed at our weekly Safeguard Campaign Planning Committee meeting this morning, so I know that at least some action is being taken now to comply with the President's request.)

ALEXANDER P. BUTTERFIELD

cc: Mr. Belieu
Mr. Klein
Mr. Timmons

bcc: Mrs. Charles West

Chron

May 16, 1969

MEMORANDUM FOR: MR. RAY PRICE

Today, out of nowhere, the attached miniature-size memorandum just appeared . . . and fortunately, too, for it bears high compliments from the President for your "superb draft" letter (for his signature) to Mrs. Richard F. Keyer, Sr.

ALEXANDER P. BUTTERFIELD

Attachment

cc: Mr. Keogh

May 16, 1969

MEMORANDUM FOR: MISS ROSE MARY WOODS

Mr. William Doyle, National Commander of the American Legion, would be most appreciative if the President would autograph the two photos attached. The pictures were taken on April 28th when Bill Doyle and Frank Kelly (of the American Legion's Washington, D. C. office) called on the President.

ALEXANDER P. BUTTERFIELD

Attachments

May 15, 1969

MEMORANDUM FOR: MR. BeLIEU

Ken:

Two quick items:

- (1) Your updated copy of Book #2 (Bi-Weekly Status Report on Target Senators) is due tomorrow morning at 8 o'clock. I am in the process now of updating Book #1 (Weekly Status Report Re Safeguard Campaign) despite the fact that no reports were turned in by Herb Klein (media), Charley West (private sector), and John Sears (political). I would think your report should be presented in the same "note-book" format as it was last week, but of course content is the important thing. If you do need any notebook materials, please call on Jay Wilkinson.
- (2) Further to the matter discussed during our planning committee meeting Tuesday morning, I think we'd make a lot of money, and save considerable time and effort, if the Dent-Sears political activity were coordinated at a short daily meeting with you ... a meeting concerning only carefully laid plans of attack on target Senators. I think, too, that we miss a bet by not utilizing the talents of J. Fred Buzhardt, Jr. of DoD and Tony Jurich of Treasury, as suggested on May 6th by Harry Dent. If Jurich is as good as they say he is, and Buzhardt is really a "brilliant expert on national security, one of the foremost experts on the Safeguard System, an eloquent writer and one of the best legal and analytical minds in the country," I should think they would be of immeasurable assistance to you. However, if you think their becoming involved in your efforts to influence target Senators would only impede progress, it may be that the Safeguard Support Group could use them. Dent says that Buzhardt is the one man who could review the Kennedy book and provide appropriate answers most quickly.

ALEXANDER P. BUTTERFIELD

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May 15, 1969

PLEASE TREAT AS CONFIDENTIAL

MEMORANDUM FOR: MR. HERB KLEIN
MR. JIM KEOGH
MR. CHARLES WEST
MR. BILL TIMMONS

Despite the fact that we expect to win the Safeguard System issue in the House of Representatives, we should not allow ourselves to be entirely complacent with regard to the need to generate among Congressmen support for the President's decision. They should be spoken to, briefed, given backgrounders, etc. in the same manner -- although not so extensively -- as target and other Senators, for each of them is a potential prime resource for favorably influencing the Senate vote.

The attached memorandum pertains indirectly to this effort. I pass it on to each of you with the request that you give some serious thought to ways and means in which the idea advanced by the President might be used to our good advantage.

ALEXANDER P. BUTTERFIELD

PLEASE TREAT AS CONFIDENTIAL

MEMORANDUM

THE WHITE HOUSE

WASHINGTON

May 15, 1969

MEMORANDUM FOR: MR. CHAPIN

Subject: Action Report on Staff-Recommended Presidential Phone Calls

The following staff-recommended phone calls were reviewed by the President on May 15th.

<u>STAFF MEMBER</u>	<u>REC CALL TO</u>	<u>DATE.</u>	<u>ACTION TAKEN</u>
(1) B. Harlow	Page Belcher	Apr 22	Chose not to make call.
(2) B. Harlow	Robert Glaimo	Apr 28	RN did not call - "Put him on list if he helps on another one."
(3) B. Harlow	Wm Steiger	May 5	Call made.
(4) B. Harlow	Frank Bow	May 5	Call made.
(5) J. Whitaker	George Cook	May 13	Call made.
(6) Rose Mary Woods	Arthur Krock	Apr 21	Call made - "Coming to dinner"

Please notify those concerned as to action taken.

ALEXANDER P. BUTTERFIELD

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May 15, 1969

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MEMORANDUM FOR: MR. KLEIN

With reference to the Justice Fortas issue, the President read in a recent TV news analysis that Douglas Kiker's report on NBC (in contrast to reports on ABC and CBS) said the Administration is resorting to "intense private pressures" to get Fortas to resign. "It's almost inconceivable that he would resign unless the Administration had the goods on him," Kiker said. The reporters went on to describe the Administration's action as a "partisan political fight" and a "deep, rare intrusion into the Judicial branch by the Executive branch."

The President believes that you should tell Kiker immediately, and off the record, how responsibly the Administration has conducted itself vis-a-vis all aspects of the Fortas matter.

ALEXANDER P. BUTTERFIELD

PLEASE TREAT AS CONFIDENTIAL

May 15, 1969

MEMORANDUM FOR: THE PRESIDENT

Subject: Safeguard Campaign

This Book #1 updates that of May 8 which was sent to Key Biscayne last Friday.

ALEXANDER P. BUTTERFIELD

P.S. Late note (7:30 a.m., May 16): I have just been informed by Bob Haldeman that you are no longer interested in seeing a periodic report such as this one ... now that you have been assured that there is a Safeguard organization and that it is engaged continuously in activities geared directly and indirectly to a Presidential victory on this issue.

Therefore - although we will not stop working - we will delete this particular (Book #1) Friday morning report and concentrate our "reporting efforts" on the target Senator game plans. (And because you will undoubtedly remain interested in actions being taken to make maximum use of the TV, radio, and news media, we will continue to provide information along the lines of that found in the second section of this report.)

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ALEXANDER P. BUTTERFIELD

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May 15, 1969

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MEMORANDUM FOR:

SECRETARY OF HOUSING AND URBAN DEVELOPMENT

This is just a short note to tell you how much the President enjoyed reading his Daily News Summary account of your Monday's announcement to building and construction union workers that they would have to quickly end restrictive labor practices if the nation's housing goals were to succeed. He liked the way you put the facts squarely on the line, and was especially pleased by your unflinching, straight-from-the-shoulder retorts to unfavorable audience reaction.

Alexander P. Butterfield
Deputy Assistant to the President

PERSONAL

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May 15, 1969

MEMORANDUM FOR: MR. RAY PRICE

Ray:

This note is to remind you that a brief "Memorandum for the President's File" is past due for each of the meetings of the Urban Affairs Council listed below.

- (1) Monday, February 3
- (2) Wednesday, February 12
- (3) Thursday, March 6
- (4) Monday, March 17
- (5) Monday, April 7
- (6) Monday, April 21
- (7) Tuesday, May 13

If you were not in attendance during any one or more of these meetings, please let me know so that I can obtain the required data from John Price or some other member of Pat Moynihan's staff.

ALEXANDER P. BUTTERFIELD