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May 15, 1969

MEMORANDUM FOR: DR. KISSINGER

I am attaching a May 13th memorandum from Len Garment to Bob Haldeman. The President thought it was an especially helpful (and good) analysis of the mood of the nation and he wanted you to review it for your general information.

ALEXANDER P. BUTTERFIELD

Attachment

May 15, 1969

MEMORANDUM FOR: COLONEL HAIG

The following information relates to your recent request for parking permits for Jim Fazio, Helen Gillen, Dave Richardson and Lora Simkus:

Parking permits issued to Kissinger-NSC Staff 54
(13 on State Place, 34 on the Ellipse, 4 on West
Executive, and 1 in South Court)

Parking permits issued to Situation Room Staff 9
(all 9 on the Ellipse)

According to the parking permit policy makers and record keepers there are already more permits issued than there are parking spaces available. If a department head wishes to authorize reserve parking privileges for certain members of his staff, he will have to deprive other members of those same privileges. John Davies, White House Tour Director, is the Grand Mogul in charge, and he has put out three memoranda (Jan 27, Feb 5, and Mar 10) which pretty well spell out the manner in which problems such as the one you presented to me must be handled ... at least until such time as a new parking area is added to those already allocated, or a completely different parking permit system is put into effect.

You may want to check the Kissinger-NSC list to be certain that it is accurate. It may well be that spaces are still assigned to Bromley Smith and others who, as I understand it, have long since departed. In fact, now that I mention Bromley Smith I'm fairly certain that he still has an assigned slot on West Executive while Dick Moose is (simultaneously) authorized a parking space in South Court.

I suppose the long and short of what I'm saying is that your problem, at least for the time being, is one which must be handled internally.

ALEXANDER P. BUTTERFIELD

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May 15, 1969

MEMORANDUM FOR: MR. HUGH SLOAN

It is my understanding that the billionth Bible presentation is scheduled for Monday, May 19 and that representatives of the international Gideon society will be in attendance. If this is true, I would like to suggest that we also include in the ceremony the Chief of Chaplains of each of our Armed Forces. We would have nothing to lose and everything to gain by extending an invitation to each of these senior officers -- and seeing to it that they are included in whatever photographs are made during the brief ceremony.

ALEXANDER P. BUTTERFIELD

cc: Colonel Hughes

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May 12, 1969

PLEASE TREAT AS VERY CONFIDENTIAL

MEMORANDUM FOR: MR. PETER FLANIGAN

Just for the record, the President today indicated his fairly clear misgivings over our appointment of Jack Hood Vaughn to an ambassadorial post.

ALEXANDER P. BUTTERFIELD

cc: Mr. Haldeman
Dr. Kissinger

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May 9, 1969

MEMORANDUM FOR: MR. CHARLES WEST

I am attaching more Safeguard materials for your review -- and dissemination as you deem appropriate.

ALEXANDER P. BUTTERFIELD

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May 9, 1969

MEMORANDUM FOR: THE PRESIDENT

This news plan for next week was accomplished without benefit of the White House press release input normally provided by Ron Ziegler and/or Jerry Warren (both of whom are in Key Biscayne).

ALEXANDER P. BUTTERFIELD

May 8, 1969

MEMORANDUM FOR: MR. CHARLES WEST

The five sets of drafts (attached) were sent to us by DoD for dissemination to those who will have occasion to speak out publicly in support of the President's Safeguard decision -- i.e. U. S. Senators and Representatives, Cabinet members, sub-Cabinet officials, etc. Please see that they are reviewed by Bob Bennett, Larry Lynn, Jim Keogh, et al and distributed as appropriate. As you know, those which go to Congressmen should be handled through Ken BeLieu and Bill Timmons.

Thank you.

ALEXANDER P. BUTTERFIELD

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May 6, 1969

MEMORANDUM FOR: MR. HERB KLEIN

The following paragraph concerning the Safeguard campaign appeared in the President's daily news summary:

"NET's Public Broadcast Laboratory creamed the so-called 'Military-Industrial Complex' for an hour on Sunday night. That was a warm-up for their 35 minute barrage against ABM. Supporters of Safeguard were outnumbered by about 3-1. The segment concluded with MacNamara speaking on the 'Race for Reason' as opposed to arms. As he spoke we were shown film of gravestones, German soldiers, topless Go-Go dancers, medics in Vietnam, and crippled Vietnamese. Extremely biased and negative production."

After reading this the President addressed this comment to you:

"Herb -- I want a report on what is being done to shape up this publicly supported stuff."

ALEXANDER P. BUTTERFIELD

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May 6, 1969

MEMORANDUM FOR: MR. BeLIEU

Ken:

The flurry of paperwork continues ... but of necessity. The President made it clear to Bob Haldeman this afternoon that he wanted in his possession a game plan on each target Senator before he departs for Key Biscayne Wednesday evening. If 22 is too big a slice, let's concentrate on 10 or 15 -- and you can count on Jay and me to lend a hand. As I mentioned before, we must indicate: (1) who is in charge of each Senator; (2) a rundown of past actions taken to bring each Senator "into line"; and (3) the coming week's action program relative to each Senator.

ALEXANDER P. BUTTERFIELD

cc: Mr. Harlow

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May 6, 1969

MEMORANDUM FOR: STAFF SECRETARY

I am attaching to this memorandum a draft of a Presidential letter which will go eventually to Roy Ash, Chairman of the President's Advisory Council on Executive Organization, outlining the Council's charter ... and, in general, serving as the document justifying per diem payments and travel reimbursements to Council members.

I would appreciate your insuring that Messrs. Hopkins and Melencamp have a chance to review and modify the draft as they see fit.

The letter should be ready for signature on the day the President returns from Key Biscayne.

Thank you.

ALEXANDER P. BUTTERFIELD

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May 6, 1969

MEMORANDUM FOR: MR. FLANIGAN

In his May 6th digest of recent news, the President read that Senators Fannin and Griffin are particularly concerned over the recent White House announcement that there will be no shift in the NLRB chairmanship for the time being. According to the Senators, "The business people who supported Nixon didn't expect to see a continuity of JFK-LBJ policies."

The President would like a brief status report on the NLRB situation -- and he emphasized in a comment addressed to you that he wants the NLRB to be "cleaned up" without delay.

ALEXANDER P. BUTTERFIELD

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May 6, 1969

PLEASE TREAT AS CONFIDENTIAL

MEMORANDUM FOR: DR. KISSINGER

Subject: Comment by the President

In his May 6th analysis of television news, the President read that John Chancellor was again hot after Mel Laird. The short news item pertaining to the SS-9 said that even top personnel in Laird's own DIA disagree with his testimony on the subject and stick by their analysis of last year that the Soviet nuclear buildup is essentially defensive and proceeding at the anticipated pace.

The President felt that such disagreement was definitely out of order and commented (to you) that "Laird should fire some of these people".

ALEXANDER P. BUTTERFIELD

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May 6, 1969

PERSONAL INFORMATION ONLY

MEMORANDUM FOR: THE PRESIDENT

Subject: The Gorton Visit

Nothing in the course of your talks with Prime Minister Gorton will be in any way affected by the very unimportant information below. It is provided only as a reminder to you -- on the admittedly odd chance that before the visit is over my name is mentioned by one of the Gorton party.

- (1) Having just served in Australia -- until January 15th -- as the designated Senior U. S. Military Representative, I know all members of the Gorton party and they (except for Mrs. G) know me and are aware of my recent departure from Canberra to accept the appointment as your Deputy Assistant.
- (2) Although I never knew Gorton as well as the affable Harold Holt, I think I knew him about as well as any American in Australia ... which, of course, is not to say that I really knew him. (No one does!) As administrator of the bilateral Status of Forces Agreement and the U. S. point of contact for the 21 US/DoD activities in Australia, my day-to-day business was almost exclusively with Minister of Defense Allen Fairhall -- but I saw Gorton occasionally, chatted with him in his office about our U.S. forces stationed there (about 1400 total) and briefed him quite thoroughly once on the F-111. (I was also the F-111C project officer in his country.) Additionally, my wife and I made one air trip with PM and Mrs. Gorton.
- (3) My wife and children are still in Canberra -- but will leave Thursday and arrive here Saturday afternoon.

ALEXANDER P. BUTTERFIELD

PERSONAL INFORMATION ONLY

May 6, 1969

MEMORANDUM FOR: MISS ROSE MARY WOODS

As you will note by the attached the President would like a large autographed color picture sent to Martin S. Hayden (Editor of the Detroit News) ... "with appreciation for your friendship through the years".

ALEXANDER P. BUTTERFIELD

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May 6, 1969

MEMORANDUM FOR: MR. HERB KLEIN

Herb:

In addition to placing a telephone call to Martin S. Hayden, the President asked Rose Mary Woods to send him a large autographed color picture.

ALEXANDER P. BUTTERFIELD

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May 5, 1969

MEMORANDUM FOR: MR. BELIEU

Ken-

Here is a copy of the notebook which we are calling, at least for now, Status Report on Target Senators. As you will note, background information appears under each target senator's picture and we need only include the past and future actions material to complete the project.

If you think our target list is too large - and it may well be - I would suggest, rather than cutting it down since the way each of the twenty-two will vote is still a question mark, that we split the list into two categories: one for prime targets, i.e., those senators who seem closest to a "yea" vote; and one for secondary targets, i.e., those senators who are least likely to support the President.

I will stay as late as necessary to help get the required data on paper. If you think tomorrow morning is an impossible suspense date, please tell me what, in your opinion, would be more realistic.

ALEXANDER P. BUTTERFIELD

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MEMORANDUM

THE WHITE HOUSE
WASHINGTON

May 5, 1969

MEMORANDUM FOR: MR. BELIEU
MR. KLEIN
MR. WEST

As you know there are a number of established peace, academic, church, and liberal organizations - as well as citizens' groups - which are working diligently in opposition to the President's decision to deploy the Safeguard system. Those which are known to us at the present time are listed below, and I pass them on to you with the hope that by way of your private sector contacts you can counter their propaganda by circulating the essential points of the President's March 14 statement. Additionally, you should identify those which are active in the states represented by "Target Senators" and generate a more intensive drive to promote Presidential backing in those areas.

National Citizens Committee
Concerned about Deployment
of the ABM
18 E. 48th St., Suite 1104
New York, N.Y.
212-838-4700

Coalition on National Priorities
and Military Policy
120 Maryland Ave., N.E.
Washington, D.C. 20002
202-543-1151

New England Citizens
Committee Against
the ABM
11 South St.
Boston, Mass.
617-482-6155

Council for A Livable World
1346 Connecticut Ave.
Washington, D.C. 20036
202-265-3800

Michigan Stop ABM
Committee
65 East Columbia
Detroit, Michigan
962-0340

North Dakota Citizens Against ABM
705 North University Drive
Fargo, N.D. 58102
701-237-3676

Colorado Action Committee
on National Priorities
P.O. Box 3536
Boulder, Colo. 80302

National Federation of
Priest Councils
1307 South Wabash
Chicago, Illinois
312-427-0115

Womanpower-in-Action
230 Park Avenue
New York, N.Y. 10017
212-983-8400

Another Mother for Peace
407 North Maple Dr.
Beverly Hills, Calif.
213-278-3476

Florida Coalition on National
Priorities
141 N.E. Third Ave.
Miami, Fla. 33132

New Democratic Coalition
of Ohio
3756 Lee Rd., Rm.
Shaker Hts., Ohio 44128
216-751-9700 or 371-9959

Philadelphia Action on
National Priorities
2006 Walnut St., 3rd Floor
Philadelphia, Pa. 19103

Scientists for Social and
Political Action
P.O. Box 3704
Stanford, Calif. 94305

Federation of American
Scientists
2025 Eye Street, N.W.
Washington, D.C. 20006
202-965-5155

Clergy and Laymen Concerned
about Peace in Vietnam
475 Riverside Drive
New York, N.Y. 10027
212-749-8518

Chicago Business Executives Move
for Vietnam Peace
116 South Michigan Ave.
Chicago, Ill. 60603
312-236-1577

Bay Area Opposition to ABM
Committee
50 Oak St.
San Francisco, Calif.

Clearinghouse on National
Priorities
1095 South Shore Dr.
Kansas City, Mo. 64151
816-741-5096

Ohio Action Conference on
National Priorities
1990 Ford Rd., Suite 407
Cleveland, Ohio
216-421-3468

New York Coalition on
National Priorities
381 Park Ave., S., Rm. 701
New York, N.Y.
212-889-3184

ALEXANDER P. BUTTERFIELD

MEMORANDUM

THE WHITE HOUSE

WASHINGTON

May 5, 1969

PLEASE TREAT AS CONFIDENTIAL

MEMORANDUM FOR: MR. BELIEU
MR. DENT
MR. KEOGH
MR. KLEIN
MR. WEST
MR. WHITAKER

Subject: Prime Arguments of the Opposition (Safeguard Campaign)

After taking notes on the CBS TV "ABM Special" the other night - and after reading a number of articles and reports of interviews by Safeguard system opponents - I have come up with only three prime arguments being used against our position. They are:

- (1) The Safeguard system is just another weapons system, just another "gimmick" of the military-industrial complex, just another "element to heat up the arms race."
- (2) The Safeguard system will cost billions of dollars ... money which could be used for improvements within our cities, for fighting hunger and poverty, and for other domestic purposes.
- (3) All the money we spent during the 1950's on an elaborate air defense system - CONAD (Continental Air Defense) and NORAD (North American Air Defense) - is "down the drain," for that system never did achieve the capability of defending the nation against aircraft. Are we now going to waste an equal or greater amount to try to defend the nation against missiles?

It is essential that we hit back hard with the very positive answers which counter these arguments.

ALEXANDER P. BUTTERFIELD

cc: Mr. Jay Wilkinson

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MEMORANDUM

THE WHITE HOUSE

WASHINGTON

May 5, 1969

MEMORANDUM FOR: MR. BELIEU
MR. DENT
MR. KEOGH
MR. KLEIN
MR. WEST
MR. WHITAKER

This note is merely to confirm word passed to you earlier this morning by telephone that we will hold a Safeguard committee meeting in the Roosevelt Room at 8:30 a.m. tomorrow, Tuesday, May 6. We will discuss:

- (1) Safeguard committee organization.
- (2) Last week's and next week's reports.
- (3) Target Senators.
- (4) Nationwide DOD briefing teams ... feasibility, extent of activity, etc.
- (5) Proposed articles, major statements, TV and other interviews by key Administration officials ... i.e., events which will generate major news impact.

ALEXANDER P. BUTTERFIELD

cc: Mr. Jay Wilkinson

May 5, 1969

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MEMORANDUM FOR RECORD (Safeguard Campaign)

It is 2:30 p.m., Monday, May 5th, and I want to quickly recall those actions which I have taken since last Thursday morning (May 1st) to comply with the President's request for a "game plan for each of the target Senators".

- (1) I mentioned in the presence of Bryce Harlow, Ken BeLieu, Bob Haldeman and Jim Keogh my willingness and intention to put together the necessary materials for a target Senators game plan book by that evening so that Ken (along with any assistants he may want to recruit, including myself) could insert the necessary information (i.e. "recent actions taken" and "future actions planned" vis-a-vis each Senator) by the following morning. This would satisfy the President's expressed desire within 24 hours. The game plan book was put together by 8:00 p.m. that evening -- just after adjournment of our regular Thursday evening press game plan meeting -- but at that hour everyone in the Congressional Liaison office had gone home.
- (2) On Friday morning, I sent a memo to Mr. BeLieu, the third paragraph of which stated my concern over the delinquent target Senators game plan book. I told Ken that I thought it was essential that we get on with the chore of writing down the required information by noon on Saturday at the latest so that the President could receive the finished product at 8:00 a.m. Monday.
- (3) A little after the noon hour on Friday, May 2nd, I expressed the same concern orally to Bryce Harlow and asked him to do whatever he thought best to generate action.
- (4) In the afternoon of Friday, May 2nd, I spoke to Ken BeLieu and reiterated the essence of what I had said earlier to Bryce and in my memorandum of that morning.

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- (5) At mid-morning Saturday, May 3rd, I sent another memo to Mr. BeLieu the first paragraph of which appears below:

"It was my understanding after our Thursday morning meeting that we would move out immediately on the preparation of separate game plans (or plans of attack) on each of our designated target Senators. Although the President did not indicate disappointment over not seeing this set of plans on Friday I know that he will be looking for something along this general line Monday morning. Perhaps we can bring Dale Grubb in to help with the background data (subcommittees, re-election dates, trends of past voting records on defense matters, etc.) on Sunday, and with 4-5 hours of good solid concentration and writing bang out the significant 'past actions' and 'programmed actions for the coming week' as they pertain to each target individual."

- (6) At 1:45 p.m., having received no information on target Senators or a status report as to the progress of information being gathered, I went to Ken BeLieu's office to see how we stood. Ken's secretary said that he was in the Staff Mess so I went there and joined him for 5-10 minutes. Again I made clear the importance of this project as I saw it and asked when he thought we might be able to get the book completed. Ken said that it would "probably take into the middle of next week to get all the information needed" and that he thought we should shoot for presentation of the books "just before the President leaves for Key Biscayne Wednesday evening". I said that I felt certain that the President would be looking for something well before that time. To further encourage a more hurried pace to the project I offered the assistance of Jay Wilkinson and myself to record all of the "background data and vital statistics" on each target Senator and get that much typed up and into our book. However, I was unable to elicit any sort of a promise or commitment from Ken that the game plans themselves would be ready prior to Wednesday.

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- (7) On Monday morning, May 5th, I spoke to Ken again and told him that I was shooting for completion of both books (the over-all Administration game plan book and the target Senators game plan book) by Tuesday morning at 8:00 a. m. His response pertained to the shifting nature of the "target Senators list", an updated copy of which he produced for attachment to the agenda materials prepared for the President's 5:00 p. m. meeting with Senator Marlow Cook.

ALEXANDER P. BUTTERFIELD

Additional item:

- (8) On Monday afternoon, May 5th, I sent to Ken BeLieu the target Senators game plan book containing the pictures and background data on each of the 22 designated target Senators. In an accompanying memorandum I asked if Tuesday morning would be an unreasonable suspense date for completion of the project -- if so, what time and date would, in his opinion, be more realistic.

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May 5, 1969

MEMORANDUM FOR: MR. KLEIN

Now that the tide is beginning to turn in a wave of support for the President's Safeguard system decision, we should reestablish our contacts with the PIO people in all of the Departments and certain of the Agencies. I know that the contacts are there, but we should make a special effort to stimulate all Administration PIO and PR people to move ahead vigorously and to insure absolutely and positively that Safeguard data - in complete accord with the President's original March 14 statement, and with our recently published position paper - is printed, distributed, spoken, and injected into the speeches of Department and Agency officials at every appropriate opportunity.

ALEXANDER P. BUTTERFIELD

cc:

Mr. BeLieu

Mr. Whitaker

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May 5, 1969

MEMORANDUM FOR: MR. WEST

With this memorandum I am passing on to you a xerox copy of a May 1 letter which the President just received from Mrs. Norma L. Laskey. As you will note, Mrs. Laskey has organized and is leading a committee supporting the Safeguard missile program and needs copies of speeches and informational data. I would assume that you and the Safeguard Support Group can accommodate her, but if not, please send the requirement immediately to DOD. I know that they are geared to handle this sort of request.

Along this same line, you should know that I have instructed the White House incoming mail section to forward to the Safeguard Support Group in EOB all favorable Safeguard system mail which requests Administration assistance in any way. None of this mail should go unanswered.

Thank you.

ALEXANDER P. BUTTERFIELD

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MEMORANDUM FOR

Mr. Richard Fryklund

Dick-

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See you tomorrow.

Alexander P. Butterfield
Deputy Assistant to the President

MEMORANDUM

THE WHITE HOUSE

WASHINGTON

May 5, 1969

MEMORANDUM FOR: DR. KISSINGER
MR. EHRLICHMAN

The President thought the attached chapter on the Presidency (written by Woodrow Wilson when he was still at Princeton in 1908) would be worth your reading. It was sent to him by Mr. Raymond Moley who says that he quoted from the text quite frequently in his NEWSWEEK columns -- and that he thinks what Wilson says is profoundly important since it remained precisely his (Wilson's) concept of the Presidency well after he attained that office.

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ALEXANDER P. BUTTERFIELD

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MEMORANDUM

THE WHITE HOUSE
WASHINGTON

May 5, 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 5th.

<u>STAFF MEMBER</u>	<u>REC CALL TO</u>	<u>DATE.</u>	<u>ACTION TAKEN</u>
(1) H. Klein	Martin Hayden	Apr 23	Call made.

Please notify those concerned as to action taken.

ALEXANDER P. BUTTERFIELD

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May 5, 1969

MEMORANDUM FOR: MR. HALDEMAN

As I mentioned to you before, it is my intention (time permitting) to give you a status report at the middle and end of every month vis-a-vis Memoranda for the President's File. You will find attached my report for the end of April with statistics current as of the end of the day on the 30th.

If we compute percentages as we did on the last status report (mid-April), we find that 39% of all memoranda due have been completed and are on file. If, however, we eliminate the 85 "Question Mark" appointments, considering them "hopeless" -- due in most cases to lack of attendance or participation by a White House Staff member -- we find that 51% have been completed and filed. (The previous report's figures respectively were: 36% and 52%.

ALEXANDER P. BUTTERFIELD

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May 5, 1969

MEMORANDUM FOR: MR. EHRLICHMAN

The President received an April 29th letter from Rabbi Sherman D. Siff congratulating him for attempting to reintroduce a religious atmosphere and the practice of religion in America. Rabbi Siff's address is The Young Israel Synagogue of Manhattan, 225 East Broadway, New York, N. Y. 10002 (Tel. 732-0966).

I pass this on to you because the President believes the Rabbi might do well as one of our White House religious service speakers. Of course, he would like for you to check him out first and if possible get a good appraisal from someone in New York.

ALEXANDER P. BUTTERFIELD

May 5, 1969

MEMORANDUM FOR: MR. EHRLICHMAN

The President would like for you to send a copy of "Letter From Columbia" by Arnold Beichman, Encounter (May 69) to all senior White House staffers, and to Cabinet members, as suggested reading from RN.

ALEXANDER P. BUTTERFIELD

cc: Dr. Kissinger

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May 5, 1969

MEMORANDUM FOR: MR. HIGBY

The following information responds to your May 3rd query concerning a permanent White House staff to support the President's Advisory Council on Executive Organization:

- (1) There will be one senior staff member (of a stature equal to that of the Council members), who will serve, I feel certain, on the same level as Haldeman, Ehrlichman, Moynihan, Kissinger, etc. The plan is to name this individual -- and have him appointed -- as quickly as possible.
- (2) The senior staff man (mentioned above) will have two White House staffers working for him ... an Executive Secretary (or something similar) and an assistant to him.
- (3) There will, of course, be secretarial requirements for this group of three staffers ... I suppose something on the order of one for each.
- (4) This White House staff group will serve as the permanent liaison group between the President's Advisory Council on Executive Organization and the President. In addition, ~~they~~ will handle the day-to-day actions with BoB, Congressional Committees on Government Operations, the Office of Intergovernmental Relations, and other offices and agencies which are generated by the Advisory Council.

ALEXANDER P. BUTTERFIELD

MEMORANDUM

THE WHITE HOUSE
WASHINGTON

May 5, 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 5.

<u>STAFF MEMBER</u>	<u>REC CALL TO</u>	<u>DATE.</u>	<u>ACTION TAKEN</u>
(1) Mr. Klein	Mr. E.H. Richert	May 2	Call made

Please notify those concerned as to action taken.

ALEXANDER P. BUTTERFIELD

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May 5, 1969

MEMORANDUM FOR: MR. BELIEU

On April 29 you asked that some material sent to you by the American Security Council be reviewed and cleared by Dr. Kissinger's staff. I am attaching that cleared material to this memo and at the same time emphasizing the reservations which the Kissinger staff expressed earlier vis-a-vis this kind of "far right" literature. We must see to it - you, Charlie West, and me - that the Administration does not become inadvertently associated with the views of controversial groups and elements, no matter how "American" those views might appear to "us conservatives."

ALEXANDER P. BUTTERFIELD

cc:
Mr. West

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May 5, 1969

MEMORANDUM FOR: DR. KISSINGER

In his yesterday morning's news summary, the President read that the Baltimore Sun and Washington Post were playing up our helicopter losses in Vietnam. Both papers printed stories telling of "four more helicopter losses" by the U.S. Command and a "third air collision in a 12-day period." They went on to cite the alleged fact that since April 1 at least 50 American helicopters have been shot down and another 26 have been destroyed in rocket, mortar, and ground attacks on U.S. bases ... or in air-to-air collisions. The news item (quoting an AP report) put the total U.S. helicopter losses for the war at 2,594.

The President would like for you to get an accurate report on this matter from DOD.

ALEXANDER P. BUTTERFIELD

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May 5, 1969

MEMORANDUM FOR: DR. KISSINGER

The original of the attached letter was in the President's out basket at mid-morning, and on the odd chance that he did not review it with you during your 9 a.m. briefing session in his office, I am sending it to you now. Whereas the contents will be of interest to your staff, I know that you will hold the letter itself very closely, for it is a personal communication to the President and was not intended by the sender to be xeroxed and/or distributed.

ALEXANDER P. BUTTERFIELD

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May 5, 1969

MEMORANDUM FOR: MR. KEOGH

Where do we stand on the one-page Safeguard summary?
I am attaching the paper you sent to me along with suggested
modifications. Have you received returned copies from
Henry Kissinger and others on the staff?

ALEXANDER P. BUTTERFIELD

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May 5, 1969

MEMORANDUM FOR: MR. EHRLICHMAN

The President wants to know "what has happened on SBA?" He wonders why Maury Stans can't put a top man in to control it.

To the best of my knowledge his question and comment were not related to anything in today's reading file. I would guess that the subject just popped into his head. The most recent SBA memo that I wrote is attached hereto and hopefully will be of some help.

I would suggest you get together with Maury and submit to the President an all-inclusive status report on SBA affairs.

ALEXANDER P. BUTTERFIELD

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May 5, 1969

MEMORANDUM FOR:

SECRETARY OF HEALTH, EDUCATION
AND WELFARE

Jerry Milbank sent the attached letter to Rose Woods with
a note reading as follows:

"Rose -- I think it's important that you read
the enclosed and that the President has the
opportunity to know the problem."

The President asked me to send the letter on to Peter
Flanigan and an information copy to you.

Alexander P. Butterfield
Deputy Assistant to the President

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May 5, 1969

MEMORANDUM FOR: MR. FLANIGAN

The President wanted the attached letter sent to you with instructions that you should "hold Lee's hand".

Jerry Milbank sent the letter to Rose Woods with a note reading as follows: "Rose -- I think it's important that you read the enclosed and that the President has the opportunity to know the problem. "

I will be sending an info copy of this letter to Bob Finch.

ALEXANDER P. BUTTERFIELD

Attachment

May 5, 1969

MEMORANDUM FOR: MR. COLE

Please send to Maury Stans a copy of the memorandum which I addressed to him last week but which was redirected by your office to Sandoval.

Thank you.

ALEXANDER P. BUTTERFIELD

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May 5, 1969

MEMORANDUM FOR: MR. COLE

I am attaching a memorandum just received from Rose Mary Woods. As you will note, it concerns a suggestion by Rose that a note be attached to each letter prepared for the President's signature indicating how it should be signed -- Richard Nixon, RN, etc.

Please give the matter some thought and get with me as soon as possible so that whatever problem exists, if any, can be resolved without delay.

ALEXANDER P. BUTTERFIELD

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May 5, 1969

MEMORANDUM FOR: MR. CHARLES WEST

I am attaching to this memorandum a speech which was given by Congressman Thomas M. Pelly (R-Wash.) in the House of Representatives on Thursday, March 27th. It would suggest that you pass it on to the Safeguard Support Group in EOB, or to DoD, for analysis and preparation of positive counterstatements.

ALEXANDER P. BUTTERFIELD

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May 3, 1969

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MEMORANDUM FOR:

Mr. John Whitaker, Cabinet Secretary
Mr. Richard Fryklund, Special Advisor
to the Deputy Secretary of Defense

This is just a short note to confirm the understanding that Cabinet members, sub-Cabinet members, and other federal department representatives -- civilian and military -- will be reminded prior to fulfilling speaking engagements before outside groups that at some appropriate moment during their addresses (either immediately preceding or following) they should digress for only a moment to emphasize the wisdom of the President's recent decision with regard to deployment of a modified anti-missile Safeguard System ... to safeguard the Nation's security in a generally insecure world, etc.

Alexander P. Butterfield
Deputy Assistant to the President

cc: Mr. Herb Klein
Mr. Charles Wilkinson
Mr. Jerry Friedheim, Deputy Assistant Secretary of Defense
(Public Affairs)

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May 3, 1969

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MEMORANDUM FOR: MR. JOHN WHITAKER

It may be that Bob Haldeman or Ken Belieu has spoken to you about this already, but the President thought it might be a good idea for Mel Laird to talk to Margaret Chase Smith in an effort to sway her from her present stand on the ABM to one of support for the President's decision. This could be worth a lot to us so I would appreciate your checking it out with Bryce and Ken and following up on whatever they deem advisable. Many thanks.

ALEXANDER P. BUTTERFIELD

cc: Mr. Belieu
Mr. Harlow

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May 3, 1969

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MEMORANDUM FOR: MR. HERB KLEIN

Herb:

It may be that Bob Haldeman or Ken BeLieu has spoken to you about this already, but the President understands that Gene Pulliam is planning to call Hartke in an effort to sway him (Hartke) from an indecisive stand to one of support for the President's Safeguard System decision. The President wants to be sure that you follow this up and put some real heat on if necessary because Hartke comes up for re-election in 1970.

ALEXANDER P. BUTTERFIELD

cc: Mr. BeLieu

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May 3, 1969

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MEMORANDUM FOR: MR. BELIEU

It was my understanding after our Thursday morning meeting that we would move out immediately on the preparation of separate "game plans" (or plans of attack) on each of our designated "target Senators". Although the President did not indicate disappointment over not seeing this set of plans on Friday, I know that he will be looking for something along this general line Monday morning. Perhaps we could bring Dale Grubb in to help with the background data (i. e. subcommittees, dates up for re-election, trend of past voting record on defense matters, etc.) on Sunday, and with 4-5 hours of good solid concentration and writing bang out the significant "past actions" and "programmed actions for the coming week" as they pertain to each target individual.

Further to the subject of the President's concern over the Senate vote, let me outline below the specific items he mentioned to me on Thursday afternoon. (I know that some of these actions are underway already but will review the entire list if only for the record.)

- Are we using Griffin to good advantage? Has anyone talked to him?
- What's being done to get Scott to work on individual swing Senators?
- Can we get Laird to talk to Margaret Chase Smith?
- We must be sure that we keep Bob Byrd and McClellan tightly locked up. (Also the President said that he would see McClellan ... at the right time.
- Forget about Percy and Brooke. (I know you are awared of this one.)
- Forget about Goodell unless Mitchell feels strongly that there is still a chance.

-- We must have a separate game plan for each target Senator, i. e. a game plan for: Aiken, Prouty, Smith, Boggs, Williams (I'm not sure which Williams the President meant here), Jordan (Idaho), Magnuson, McGee, Moss, Saxbe, Hartke, Spong, Gravel, McIntyre, Pearson, Randolph, and Schweiker.

(Incidentally, the names which I have underlined do not appear on the list of 15 "target Senators" that you gave to Jay Wilkinson last night. What do you think? Shouldn't we enlarge the list of 15 by including these underlined names? I would think that we should, i. e. unless you have some recent conclusive information that one or more of them is hopeless. One other item -- your list shows that Ellender is a "target". If our plan is to see that he takes a walk -- along with Hatfield -- shouldn't we exclude him? If we exclude Ellender from your list of 15 and include the 7 underlined names above we would have a total target list of 21. I am only thinking out loud on this, Ken. You know the business and the final decision is yours. But I do need a final list of names right away as do others on our committee who are working toward the same goals.)

ALEXANDER P. BUTTERFIELD

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May 2, 1969

MEMORANDUM FOR: MR. CHARLES WEST

You are probably way ahead of me on this one, but it has been suggested that we use to good advantage some of Washington, D. C. 's (and the Nation's) more prominent Democrats who strongly support the President's decision with regard to deployment of an anti-missile Safeguard System. Former Secretary of Defense Clifford and former Secretary of State Dean Acheson are two local personalities who fall into this category. Let's come up with a list of such people -- looking especially hard in the key population areas and in the states of prime target Senators -- and devise a good plan for appropriately publicizing their views.

ALEXANDER P. BUTTERFIELD

cc: Mr. Klein
Mr. BeLieu
Mr. Dent

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May 2, 1969

MEMORANDUM FOR: MR. HARRY DENT
MR. CHARLES WEST

Several Senators have mentioned to the President that ABM mail from their constituents is lopsided in opposition to the President's decision. If true, or even half true, action must be taken immediately to reverse the trend.

Please take this on as a project and instruct our liaison people in the states and in the private sector to get going on mailing lists, and to start generating a heavy flow of favorable mail to their Senators. Of course, you will want to concentrate your efforts (but not confine them) to the states of prime target Senators.

ALEXANDER P. BUTTERFIELD

cc: Mr. Klein
Mr. BeLieu

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May 2, 1969

MEMORANDUM FOR: MR. BELIEU

Ken --

Three quick items:

- (1) The May 5th Safeguard System briefing for the AFL-CIO Executive Council members is on track ... with Secretaries Rogers and Laird programmed to be in attendance along with Henry Kissinger.
- (2) The President's position relative to deployment of the Safeguard System is being presented to the Republican Governors (at the Governors' Conference in Lexington) in its proper light. However, as I am sure you realize as well as anyone, the chances of our efforts there generating a resolution in support of the President are not as good as they would have been had the way been paved with some good thorough advance planning. From what I gather from Harry Dent, who just returned from Lexington yesterday evening, the Safeguard topic and the proposal for a resolution were brought up after the conference convened and, of course, hit the conferees cold. I think we will be lucky if they adopt a resolution ... but at least the wisdom of the President's decision is going to be well aired.
- (3) I put together the briefing book on the "target Senators" last night but must admit that it was close to 8 o'clock before I got it up to your office. I should have given you a call beforehand. It is essential now that we get on with the chore of writing down separate game plans for each of the 10, 12, 15 (or whatever) Senators. If you will identify them for me, I will type their names on the Xeroxed format sheets and attach their pictures to the

upper righthand corner of the lead-off pages. But I think only you can provide the list of "past and present actions" and "future actions planned" which pertains to each. It would be great to get this out of the way today, or at the latest by noon on Saturday, so that we don't have to devote the entire weekend to the project. I have received the necessary game plan inputs from the other members of our "committee" and will be devoting some of my own time to the final preparation of the briefing book in which that material will appear. We should have both books on the President's desk Monday morning.

ALEXANDER P. BUTTERFIELD

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May 2, 1969

MEMORANDUM FOR: MR. WHITAKER

I agree with Secretary Shultz that a Safeguard System briefing for the AFL-CIO Executive Council members is in order -- and that no time would be better than the half-hour immediately following the Council's May 5th meeting with the President.

Although Henry Kissinger has already talked to Meany, he should appear again ... along with Secretaries Laird and Rogers; and either Henry or Mel Laird should conduct the basic briefing.

I will talk to Henry, and will appreciate your lining up the State and Defense Secretaries and coordinating arrangements with Shultz. A solid punch such as the one I envisage -- with Kissinger, Laird and Rogers all nodding heads and shaking heads in unison -- should go far toward generating a Council resolution in support of the President's position.

ALEXANDER P. BUTTERFIELD

cc: Mr. BeLieu

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May 2, 1969

MEMORANDUM FOR RECORD (THE PRESIDENT'S FILE)

Subject: Board of Governors, American Red Cross

At approximately 4:40 p.m., May 2nd, General James F. Collins, President of the American National Red Cross and E. Rolland Harriman, Chairman of the American National Red Cross (in the company of Mr. Charles Wilkinson of the White House staff) called on the President in the oval office. The purpose of the visit was to report to the President on the status of the Red Cross as a quasi-governmental agency, and to suggest to him the appointment of six federal government officials to vacancies in the 50-member Board of Governors.

I am writing this memorandum only to record the fact that the President approved the appointments of the following six federal government officials:

George P. Shultz, Secretary of Labor
Robert H. Finch, Secretary of Health, Education and Welfare
David Packard, Deputy Secretary of Defense
Roger T. Kelley, Assistant Secretary of Defense (Manpower)
Paul A. Volcker, Under Secretary of Treasury for Monetary Affairs
Elliot Richardson, Under Secretary of State.

ALEXANDER P. BUTTERFIELD

cc: Mr. Whitaker
Mr. Wilkinson

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May 2, 1969

MEMORANDUM FOR: MR. CHARLES WILKINSON

In that you accompanied General Jimmy Collins and Mr. Harriman during their short visit with the President late this afternoon, I would appreciate your writing out a brief "memorandum for the President's file" describing in general terms the mood of the meeting, the substance of the discussion, and any especially colorful and otherwise noteworthy events which may have occurred.

Thank you.

ALEXANDER P. BUTTERFIELD

MEMORANDUM

THE WHITE HOUSE
WASHINGTON

May 2, 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 2nd.

<u>STAFF MEMBER</u>	<u>REC CALL TO</u>	<u>DATE.</u>	<u>ACTION TAKEN</u>
(1) H. Klein	Francis Dale	Apr 23	Call made.
(2) J. Sears	"	Apr 21	

Please notify those concerned as to action taken.

ALEXANDER P. BUTTERFIELD

May 2, 1969

MEMORANDUM FOR:

THE SECRETARY OF DEFENSE

The President would be interested in your comments on the attached seven-page memorandum.

I would suggest a two-part reply -- one addressing the general thoughts put forth by the memo's author, and the other addressing the specific proposal that some kind of Presidential statement be made with reference to the military-industrial complex.

Thank you.

Alexander P. Butterfield
Deputy Assistant to the President

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