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May 2, 1969

MEMORANDUM FOR:

DIRECTOR, OFFICE OF ECONOMIC
OPPORTUNITY

The following paragraph appeared in the President's April 30th Digest of Recent News. (It refers to an April 14th Barron's article by Shirley Scheibla.)

"OEO is subsidizing a large number of so-called 'newsletters' -- strongly resembling newspapers although papers as such are prohibited by Congress from receiving federal funds -- which 'are promoting black militance, racial hatred, civil disruption, the cry of police brutality ... and, not least, the war on poverty and all its works.' Representative of several stories cited is the following: 'Black people wake up; we are all in prison; we are all Huey Newtons. (Black Panther leader). He may be doing time in jail but we are doing it in the ghetto.' OEO has provided a handbook which gives elementary instruction for publishing newsletters and includes the comment that a good community action paper 'makes people mad.' Many of the newsletters 'churn out vast quantities of propaganda' for OEO.

The President was pleased to learn, simultaneously with his reading this item, that Special Assistant Tom Huston was checking into the matter; but he also wanted it brought to your attention right away.

Alexander P. Butterfield
Deputy Assistant to the President

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May 2, 1969

MEMORANDUM FOR: DR. KISSINGER

The President wanted me to pass on to you -- for information only -- the attached letter from Rita Hauser. It was received here on May 1st.

ALEXANDER P. BUTTERFIELD

Attachment

MEMORANDUM

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THE WHITE HOUSE

WASHINGTON

May 1, 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 1st.

	<u>STAFF MEMBER</u>	<u>REC CALL TO</u>	<u>DATE.</u>	<u>ACTION TAKEN</u>
(1)	B. Harlow	Phil Landrum	(?)	Call made.
		Joe Waggoner, Jr	Apr 25	Call made - talked to his wife.
		Bob Gialmo	Apr 25	No record of call being made.
		Phil Landrum	Apr 25	Call made.
(2)	H. Klein	Wm R. Hearst	Apr 22	Call made.
		Robert Woods	Apr 23	Call made.
(3)	J. Whitaker	Sec. Kennedy	Apr 30	Call made.
(4)	Rose Mary Woods	Russell Lund	Apr 23	Chose not to make call.

Please notify those concerned as to action taken.

ALEXANDER P. BUTTERFIELD

May 1, 1969

MEMORANDUM FOR: MR. HERB KLEIN

With reference to your April 26th memorandum concerning the request for Frank Borman's appearance at a YMCA fund-raising affair, I would suggest that either you or Bud call Julian Scheer and tell him frankly how we feel about it. It may be that the entire issue has been overtaken by events, for it is my understanding that the initial request came from Governor Peabody on April 16th.

Thank you.

ALEXANDER P. BUTTERFIELD

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May 1, 1969

MEMORANDUM FOR: MR. EHRLICHMAN

The President has looked over the plan which Bill Safire submitted through Jim Keogh concerning his (the President's) speaking out on campus unrest. (It is my understanding that you received a copy; it was dated April 30.)

This memorandum is merely to inform you that the President is aware of proceeding in the manner outlined, i. e. step by planned step ... deliberately mobilizing moderate opinion on campus and throughout the nation, and that he approves of this approach.

It would seem to me (and this is only a personal opinion) that we should make this calm and thoughtful approach known to a few friendly columnists so that we are not discredited with a "haphazard strategy".

ALEXANDER P. BUTTERFIELD

cc: Mr. Keogh
Mr. Safire

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May 1, 1969

MEMORANDUM FOR: MR. EHRLICHMAN

The President has just reviewed your April 29th memorandum concerning the race in Montana's 2nd District to fill the vacancy being created by Battin's appointment to the bench. He said it would appear to him that there is a valid requirement in that situation for professional analysis and management.

With specific reference to your recommendation that someone from the outside (preferably from the White House) go to Montana quickly and use White House authority to reunite the party, the President asked, "Who, Morton?"

I suggest that you follow up on this query and get back to the President with a name -- either orally or by memorandum -- within the next few days.

ALEXANDER P. BUTTERFIELD

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May 1, 1969

PLEASE TREAT AS CONFIDENTIAL

MEMORANDUM FOR: MR. FLANIGAN

The President has just reviewed your April 30th memorandum concerning Elliot Richardson's proposal that Philip Trezise be appointed Assistant Secretary of State for Economic Affairs. He approves the proposal on the condition that it is cleared and "okayed" by Henry Kissinger.

ALEXANDER P. BUTTERFIELD

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May 1, 1969

MEMORANDUM FOR: DR. KISSINGER (Info Only)

The President wanted the following paragraph brought to your attention. It appeared, as quoted below, in his April 30th news summary.

"Elliot Richardson says some American troops may be withdrawn from Vietnam as Saigon takes over a greater share of the war. And he says it may be done even if the Paris talks make no progress. Richardson conceded that the talks have not made any real progress to date. Richardson spoke of one or more future decisions of US troop withdrawals. But he did not speculate when the first decision might be made."

ALEXANDER P. BUTTERFIELD

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May 1, 1969

PLEASE TREAT AS CONFIDENTIAL

MEMORANDUM FOR: MR. FLANIGAN

The President has just read your April 28th memorandum concerning Elliot Richardson's current thoughts on a posting for Graham Martin. He tends to go along with the recommendation that Martin take on the responsibility for implementing personnel reductions in foreign missions; however, he insists that such reductions not be confined to military personnel. They should include all assignees to our overseas missions -- those from State, USIA, AID, etc. ... in addition to those from Defense.

ALEXANDER P. BUTTERFIELD

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May 1, 1969

MEMORANDUM FOR: MR. EHRLICHMAN

The President has read your April 25th memorandum concerning the possible appointment of a Coordinator of Civil Rights and Minority Matters. Whereas he is not opposed to the idea, he is not in favor of Bob Brown's assuming the responsibility. He said that it would put Brown on "too much of a spot", and he would like for you to come up with another name.

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May 1, 1969

MEMORANDUM FOR: MR. FLANIGAN

The President read with regret your brief memorandum of April 28th concerning Bob Stevens. He said that you should "hold this one for another RN recommendation" ... and he emphasized again the fact that he does not want a career man in Canberra.

ALEXANDER P. BUTTERFIELD

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May 1, 1969

MEMORANDUM FOR: MR. EHRLICHMAN

With reference to your April 28th memorandum for the President concerning the Peace Corps in Micronesia, he (the President) says that he is only interested in the Peace Corps' illegal political activities. He would now like a report on specific action taken on this particular point.

ALEXANDER P. BUTTERFIELD

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May 1, 1969

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MEMORANDUM FOR:

Mr. Charles Walker
Under Secretary of Treasury

The President has just read and "okayed"
your memorandum of April 29th concerning
your forthcoming visit with former President
and Mrs. Johnson at the LBJ Ranch.

He would like for you to tell the Johnsons
also how delighted he and Mrs. Nixon are
to know that Lynda and Lucy will be coming
to Tricia's party.

Alexander P. Butterfield
Deputy Assistant to the President

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May 1, 1969

MEMORANDUM FOR: DR. KISSINGER

The President has just reviewed the attached memorandum from the Vice President, dated April 29th. As you will note, he approves the recommendation put forth on the condition that you look into the matter carefully and also approve.

ALEXANDER P. BUTTERFIELD

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April 30, 1969

MEMORANDUM FOR:

HILARY J. SANDOVAL, ADMINISTRATOR
SMALL BUSINESS ADMINISTRATION

A one-sentence item in the President's daily news summary said that the SBA has conceded that it backed more than \$1 million in loans to a Mafia-controlled trucking concern in the Bronx.

The statement concerned the President and he asked, "During which Administration?" He said that if this occurred prior to January 20th, we should have seen to it that that point was made clear.

Although the President did not address his query to anyone in particular, I thought that you should be apprised. I am sure the President would appreciate a brief report as to the facts of the matter.

Thank you.

Alexander P. Butterfield
Deputy Assistant to the President

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April 30, 1969

MEMORANDUM FOR: MR. FLANIGAN

Recently the President received a report to the effect that Driver's departure from the Veterans Administration is going to result in a serious reduction in force of top-level professional talent, i.e. key people who have served the Administration well and faithfully for some 15-25 years.

The President is uncertain as to why this should be the case and would appreciate your checking into the matter right away and giving him a report.

Thank you.

ALEXANDER P. BUTTERFIELD

cc: Mr. Flemming

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April 30, 1969

MEMORANDUM FOR: MR. FLANIGAN

There was a short item concerning Administration personnel in the President's morning news summary. It read: "Only half of the 1,705 Schedule C jobs -- confidential or political posts usually in the \$15,000-\$30,000 salary range -- have been filled by the new Administration."

The President would like to know right away if these figures are correct.

(Although the President's request for information from you pertained only to the statement which has been quoted above, I should add that the news item went on to cite such examples as: (1) At the Pentagon fewer than half the 29 first-line civilian jobs have been filled with fresh GOP talent; (2) Seven of the eight top jobs at OEO are still filled by holdovers from the LBJ Administration; and (3) Of the 109 slots subject to political appointment in the Agriculture Department's Washington headquarters, the Administration has filled only 46.)

ALEXANDER P. BUTTERFIELD

cc: Mr. Flemming
Mr. Whitaker

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April 30, 1969

MEMORANDUM FOR: MR. CHAPIN

The President will be unable to officiate at the opening ceremonies for the 1969 AFL-CIO Union-Industries Show in Denver on May 16th. However, he would like for you to check on the Vice President's availability before you respond to the attached letter from Joseph Lewis.

Thank you.

ALEXANDER P. BUTTERFIELD

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April 29, 1969

MEMORANDUM FOR: DR. KISSINGER

I am attaching to this memorandum three papers which must be cleared for security purposes. The titles are: ABM -- A Weapon Against War; Six Facts You Probably Didn't Know About Soviet Military Power; and Committee for the ABM and A Strong America (a fund-raising letter).

It is intended that this material be widely distributed as a part of our over-all campaign to support the President's Safeguard System decision ... and I would appreciate your staff's completing the review and clearance by the close of business on Friday, May 2nd.

Thank you.

ALEXANDER P. BUTTERFIELD

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April 29, 1969

MEMORANDUM FOR: DR. HENRY KISSINGER

It is my understanding that today Jim Keogh sent to you for a final "okay" a copy of his department's redraft of the Safeguard brochure which your staff prepared in coordination with State and Defense some 7-10 days ago. This memorandum is only to say that we would appreciate your giving attention to the final check as soon as possible so that we can get on with the printing and distribution.

Many thanks.

ALEXANDER P. BUTTERFIELD

cc: Mr. Ken BeLieu
Mr. Ken Cole
Mr. Jim Keogh
Mr. Herb Klein

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THE WHITE HOUSE
WASHINGTON

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April 29, 1969

MEMORANDUM FOR: **MR. CHAPIN**

Subject: Action Report on Staff-Recommended Presidential Phone Calls

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(1) H. Klein	Lloyd Wendt	Apr 21	Call made.

Please notify those concerned as to action taken.

ALEXANDER P. BUTTERFIELD

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THE WHITE HOUSE

WASHINGTON

April 29, 1969

MEMORANDUM FOR: MR. CHAPIN

Subject: Action Report on Staff-Recommended Presidential Phone Calls

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(1) D. Chapin	General Sarnoff	Apr 28	Call made.

Please notify those concerned as to action taken.

ALEXANDER P. BUTTERFIELD

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April 28, 1969

MEMORANDUM FOR: THE VICE PRESIDENT

The President's Advisory Council on Executive Organization is scheduled to meet with the President in his office at 11:00 a. m. tomorrow (April 29th). Four of the five members will be in attendance. They are: Roy Ash, Chairman; Fred Kappel; Richard Paget; and Governor John Connally. The fifth member, Harvard's Dean George Baker, will be detained at Cambridge.

Present plans call for the group to have lunch with Governor Nils Boe and me -- in the White House Staff Mess. At 2:00 p. m. they have an appointment with Dr. Arthur Burns ... then they go on to the Hill to meet with some 3-4 members of both the House and Senate Committees on Government Operations. Although the schedule leaves only 30-45 minutes before lunch, and possibly 15-30 minutes immediately after lunch, the Council members would be most appreciative if they could meet with you during either of those free periods ... or better yet, if you could see your way clear at this late date to join them for lunch.

I telephoned this approximate message to your secretary early this morning and pass this memorandum on to you now only to confirm the Council's schedule and desire with regard to a brief chat with you while here in Washington. I will check this matter with your secretary at mid-morning tomorrow.

Alexander P. Butterfield
Deputy Assistant to the President

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April 28, 1969

MEMORANDUM FOR: Mr. Sam Hughes
Deputy Director, Bureau of the Budget

The President's Advisory Council on Executive Organization is scheduled to meet with the President tomorrow (April 29th) at 11:00 a. m. Prior to that appointment the members (Roy Ash, Fred Kappel, Dick Paget, and John Connally), sans George Baker, will meet for one hour in Room 134 of the Executive Office Building. They would be most appreciative if you are able to avail yourself sometime during that hour -- preferably between 10:00 and 10:30 a. m. -- to participate in final discussions and decision making re an Executive Order.

Alexander P. Butterfield
Deputy Assistant to the President

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April 28, 1969

MEMORANDUM FOR: Mr. Robert Mayo
Director, Bureau of the Budget

The President's Advisory Council on Executive Organization is scheduled to meet with the President at 11:00 a. m. tomorrow (April 29th). They will have lunch with Nils Boe, possibly see the Vice President for 15-30 minutes, meet with Arthur Burns from about 2:15-3:00 p. m., then proceed to the Hill and meet separately with some 3-4 members of both the House and Senate Committees on Government Operations. After that rather full day the group will disband -- that is, all except Roy Ash, who will remain here in Washington until late Wednesday afternoon. He would like very much to meet with you sometime on Wednesday -- preferably during the morning hours -- for the purpose of discussing the various aspects of the Council's financial support.

Perhaps you can get word back to me, or to Roy, sometime tomorrow.

Thank you.

Alexander P. Butterfield
Deputy Assistant to the President

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April 28, 1969

MEMORANDUM FOR: DR. HENRY KISSINGER

James McCartney had an article in the April 24th Philadelphia Inquirer which said that there is mounting evidence of a major communications foul-up in the EC-121 "spy plane crisis". McCartney went on to report that the result of the communications foul-up was that official Washington, from the President on down, slept through the crisis completely unaware. The story suggests red tape delays in the national emergency and raises serious questions about the effectiveness of DoD's communications net.

With reference to this report, the President was very anxious to get word to you that such stories and rumors as this "must be nailed quickly". In this particular case, I would suggest that you contact McCartney personally and set him straight.

Thank you.

ALEXANDER P. BUTTERFIELD

April 28, 1969

MEMORANDUM FOR: DR. HENRY KISSINGER

The following item appeared in Al Toner's April 25th Staff and Department Brief:

"The Soviet Academy of Sciences and the All-Union Chemical Society have invited Dr. Seaborg to present a paper at a September 23-27 assembly in Leningrad honoring the 100th anniversary of Mendeleev's Periodic Law. AEC notes that while the invitation is to Seaborg as an internationally known scientist, it might indicate renewed interest in scientific and cultural exchanges with the U.S. Although the occasion conflicts with Dr. Seaborg's plans to represent the U.S. at the annual Vienna meeting of the IAEA, as he has done since 1961, he is exploring travel arrangements to see if it is possible to accept the Soviet invitation."

The President wants you to know that he strongly favors the Soviet bid.

Perhaps, if Dr. Seaborg is made aware of the President's feelings on the matter, he will be able to adjust schedules in such a way as to make both the Leningrad and Vienna appearances.

ALEXANDER P. BUTTERFIELD

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April 28, 1969

MEMORANDUM FOR: DR. MOYNIHAN

The President read and enjoyed the published essay which was your 1967 Phi Beta Kappa oration at Harvard University. Because he wrote several personal comments to you at the bottom of your original March 18th cover memorandum I am attaching that memo along with the essay.

ALEXANDER P. BUTTERFIELD

Attachments

April 28, 1969

MEMORANDUM FOR: MR. FLANIGAN
DR. KISSINGER

The President has read in a summary of recent New York Times articles that a rumor to the effect that Armin Henry Meyer will be the new U.S. Ambassador to Japan has brought on a "letdown" feeling in Japan, and a hint of disappointment.

With reference to this piece of news, the President commented that this is precisely what he expected. He said that "Japan and Germany need more than just routine career appointments."

ALEXANDER P. BUTTERFIELD

April 28, 1969

MEMORANDUM FOR: MR. BUCHANAN

With reference to your memo to the President of April 26 requesting suggestions for ways of improving the Daily News Summary, the President responded as indicated below:

"Pat - (1) The Summary is excellent, but is still loaded a little too heavily on the writing press side. Can't we get some analyses of Los Angeles TV, Chicago TV, TV from independent stations, etc. (2) Include articles from around the nation that should be digested as supplements to the regular Summary. I will read them if I have time."

ALEXANDER P. BUTTERFIELD

April 28, 1969

MEMORANDUM FOR: DR. KISSINGER

Flora Lewis had an article in the April 15 issue of the Los Angeles Times which said that in Bangkok there is a "tone of bitter disillusion with the U.S. and distress of America's future in Asian policy." The report went on to say that the U.S. is increasingly seen as an unreliable ally, thus making it necessary for Thailand and other small Asian states to begin making their own deals with Peking.

The President was somewhat concerned when he read this and would like a report from you as to the truth of the matter. If this report is essentially true, he would like to know why ... and what State proposes to do about it.

ALEXANDER P. BUTTERFIELD

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April 28, 1969

MEMORANDUM FOR: THE PRESIDENT

From: Alexander P. Butterfield

Subject: Your Meeting with The President's Advisory Council on Executive Organization ... Scheduled for 11:00-11:30 a.m., Tuesday, April 29th

This memorandum covers key events and prime interest items pertinent to the President's Advisory Council on Executive Organization. To facilitate your review -- preparatory to your first meeting with the Council on Tuesday morning -- a brief chronology of background data is provided by paragraphs A through D (each of which is supplemented by correspondingly tabbed material in the attached addendum). Remaining paragraphs E through I concern only the forthcoming meeting.

A. Post-Inaugural Activities re Council's Creation:

Pursuant to one of the Frank Lindsay Task Force recommendations the BoB's Office of Executive Management was upgraded and given more exposure. Meanwhile, Roy Ash's recommendations for achieving efficient organization and management of the Executive Branch urged strong central management under a single, uniquely high-level Assistant (or Counsellor) to the President. (Tab A)

- (1) On Feb 6 (one day after establishment of BoB's Office of Executive Management) -- at a meeting in your office with Roy Ash, Bob Haldeman and me -- you agreed that: Roy would chair a 3 to 5-man "outside group", the members of which would be of "Cabinet stature" and serve voluntarily on a part-time basis; candidates' names would be mutually agreed to by Bob and Roy; Roy would approach candidates and make solicitations in your behalf; further thought would be given to who "of equal stature" might serve as permanent "inside" liaison man, close to the President ... as a top assistant or counsellor; and further thought would be given to the possibility of making Henry Loomis the executive assistant to the key inside man. (Tab A/1)

- (2) On Feb 17, despite the Willie Mae Rogers fiasco and a billion dollar Litton-Navy contract looming on the horizon, you decided to proceed as planned, with Ash as chairman, and take whatever adverse publicity lumps might come as a result. (Tab A/2)
- (3) Ash received enthusiastic acceptances from George Baker, Franklin Murphy, John Connally and Fred Kappel. Then Murphy dropped out and Dick Paget (pronounced Pā-jet) was substituted. This is the present membership. (Tab A/3)
- (4) Arthur Burns, Bob Mayo, and Henry Loomis expressed deep concern over the fact that the Ash group, by all indications, would usurp the prerogatives of Dwight Ink's Office of Executive Management and quite possibly degrade the stature of the BoB Director. (Tab A/4)

B. Your Personal Letter to Each Member, April 1:

You sent personal letters via air mail to each prospective member. Letters were in the hands of addressees one day prior to the press announcement. (Tab B)

C. White House Press Announcement, April 5:

After insuring that the Vice President and key Senators and Representatives had been properly apprised -- and after discussing several draft press releases with Ash in California and Burns and Mayo here -- I sent the final (compromise) press material to Key Biscayne and from that location Ron Ziegler announced the Council's establishment, membership and mission. (Tab C)

D. Advisory Council's First Meeting, April 10:

All members except George Baker, who was detained at Harvard, met in the EOB for five hours. Discussion of priorities and modus operandi consumed 3-1/2 hours, in addition to most of the lunch period. Remaining time was spent with Peter Flanigan on personnel matters and with Dwight Ink and Sam Hughes on priorities and staff support. Conclusions were:

- The single most important next step is to obtain a full-time "inside man" (of equal stature), and agree to his job title.
- The Council should meet with the President as soon as possible in order to get some feel for what he (the President) considers to be the highest priority objectives. Thereafter, the Council should meet briefly with the President every second or third session . . . or at least enough to preserve its stature and preclude possible rumors of its negative utility.
- As a matter of course, the Council should study and advise on immediate as well as long-range problems.
- Unless otherwise announced, the Council should meet in Washington on the third Friday of each month and consider the Thursday before and the Saturday after as possible extension periods.

(Tab D)

---End of Background Items---

E. Who Will Be Present?

Roy Ash; Fred Kappel; Dick Paget; and hopefully John Connally, at this writing still trying hard to disengage from previously made business commitments. (Dean George Baker does not feel that he can leave the Harvard campus.)

F. Suggested Opening Remarks:

- Welcome the members and comment that you are particularly pleased to have such a distinguished and experienced group advising you on this important subject.
- Express regret but understanding over the fact that Baker (and perhaps Connally) could not be present.
- State your awareness of the importance of your meeting with the Council occasionally (not only to stay abreast of its activities, but to preserve its stature and preclude possible rumors of its negative utility) -- perhaps for

20-30 minutes during every other monthly session, in addition of course to meetings which might be necessitated by urgent business.

NOTE: Your saying this will eliminate one item of business from Roy's agenda.

G. Anticipated Questions and Suggested Responses:

Question: Mr. President, we feel it's essential to get someone on board right away who can serve as our permanent liaison with you ... the "inside man", as we've referred to him previously. Peter Flanigan is working on this, but do you have anyone in mind who might do well in this role?

Answer: Peter has told me that Walter Thayer is under consideration and I think he'd be an excellent choice. If Thayer can break away -- and we won't know that for another week or so -- we're considering Bert Harding as his executive assistant. Until just recently Harding was acting director of OEO. He's a professional government man and extremely knowledgeable on all aspects of government operation.

Question: Mr. President, we have some ideas on priorities with regard to our objectives but don't like to move ahead on them without first checking with you to get your opinion. Are there certain specific areas which you would want us to give immediate attention?

Answer: Well, there are many as a matter of fact -- and each of them is important. It seems to be a matter of whichever area you're dealing with at the time. But all things considered, I believe our human resources programs are most in need of review and probably a good overhaul. I mean all of them and the departments and agencies which supervise them -- HUD, HEW, Labor, OEO ... the Job Corps and Head Start programs ... all so vitaly needed, yet so terribly bogged down in various forms of red tape.

NOTE: You may want to mention your recent meeting with the 11 big city mayors to emphasize the really crucial issues, and the probable devastating consequences if these departments, agencies, and programs are not made immediately more productive.

Answer - Continued: Of course the science area is important too -- the problem of best managing and coordinating the related science activities of the NSF, NASA, AEC, DoD, OST, not to mention the science activities of other departments and agencies.

H. Suggested Additional Remarks:

- Emphasize the fact that the Council's assessments as an impartial, non-partisan group are most important to you.
- Mention the necessity for the Council's working closely with (not for or through) the Bureau of the Budget, the Congressional Committees on Government Operations and the Advisory Commission on Intergovernmental Relations.
- Assure the members that they have ready access to you whenever necessary.

I. Advisory Council's Schedule for Remainder of the Day:

11:45- 12:15	Meet with Gov. Nils Boe, Director, Office of Intergovernmental Operations.
12:30- 1:30	Lunch with Nils Boe and Alex Butterfield.
1:45- 2:15	Tentative appointment with the Vice President.
2:15- 3:00	Meet with Dr. Arthur Burns.
3:30- 4:30	Rayburn Office Building to meet with certain members of House Committee on Government Operations (Chet Holifield, ranking Dem.; Florence Dwyer, ranking Repub; John Blatnik, Dem. chairman of Exec Reorg. Subcommittee; John Erlenborn, ranking Repub. member of that subcommittee; and Mrs. Christine Davis, representing Chairman William Dawson). Bill Timmons will accompany.
4:45- 5:30	New Senate Office Building to meet with certain members of Senate Committee on Government Operations (Chairman McClellan; Karl Mundt, ranking Repub; Abe Ribicoff, Dem. chairman of Exec. Reorg. Subcommittee; Jake Javits, ranking Repub. on that subcommittee; and Jim Calloway, Staff Dir., Government Operations Committee). Dale Grubb will accompany.

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April 28, 1969

MEMORANDUM FOR: DR. HENRY KISSINGER

In a news summary dated April 24th there was a piece on the ABM which said that Senator Brooke was particularly concerned over the fact that some ABM opponents were blithely suggesting that the Safeguard System is not needed because U. S. offensive missiles can be fired instantly, i. e. as soon as a nuclear attack is detected.

The President would like you to get the word into a few widely-read news columns about "firing on warning". He suggested Alsop's column as one of these.

ALEXANDER P. BUTTERFIELD

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April 28, 1969

PLEASE TREAT AS CONFIDENTIAL

MEMORANDUM FOR: MR. EHRLICHMAN

A recent news item which came to the President's attention harped away on the ABM issue and how poorly it had been handled by the Administration. The article cited the biggest problem as being "a lack of coordination and planning", and went on to say that only the President's personal intervention can remedy the situation. (Crosby Noyes in the April 19th Washington Star)

The President would like for you to discuss this directly with Bryce Harlow. He believes that the biggest portion of the problem is "due to the ineptitude of our Senate contact group".

ALEXANDER P. BUTTERFIELD

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April 28, 1969

MEMORANDUM FOR: DR. HENRY KISSINGER

Saul Friedman had an article in the April 23rd issue of the New York Times which said that despite public denials, the Pentagon admits privately that field commanders and not the President will have control of the ABM's nuclear trigger. Evidently many of the ABM opponents are expressing concern over this matter.

With reference to this report, the President wonders just how far the opposition will go in its campaign to defeat him on this issue. He is most anxious to get someone with stature and clout to predict an ABM victory for the Administration. Others on the staff are supposed to be giving some thought to this, but I am sure he would like for you to do the same. The whole ABM campaign, on our side, is running out of steam. We need all of the ideas that we can get and a revitalized effort to put them in motion.

ALEXANDER P. BUTTERFIELD

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April 28, 1969

MEMORANDUM FOR:

Honorable Rogers Morton
Chairman, Republican National Committee

A recent news summary focused on the fact that Fred Harris has ordered his staff to give high priority to state legislative races which in the past "have been left to local organizations, or to chance." This particular news item went on to say that the Democrats are focusing on Arizona, California, Colorado, New Jersey, Illinois, Michigan, New York, Ohio, Pennsylvania, and Wisconsin ... all in an attempt to recruit large numbers of RFK and McCarthy fans.

The President asked what we are doing along the same line. He believes that it is time for us to get moving in this same direction.

Alexander P. Butterfield
Deputy Assistant to the President

cc: Mr. John Ehrlichman
Mr. Harry Dent
Mr. Pat Buchanan

THE WHITE HOUSE

WASHINGTON

April 28, 1969

MEMORANDUM FOR: MR. HERB KLEIN

Jim Weighart reported recently in the New York Daily News that the President's ABM proposal faces certain defeat unless it wins the support of sixteen GOP Senators now in opposition.

The President would like for you to set Weighart straight on the facts of the matter.

With regard to this subject the President believes that all of us can make a greater effort to speak quietly to those reporters and broadcasters who from time to time report erroneously ... or only half truths. He believes that these people can be brought into line if properly approached.

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ALEXANDER P. BUTTERFIELD

cc: Mr. C. Wilkinson
Mr. Ron Ziegler

Chron

April 25, 1969

MEMORANDUM FOR: DR. HENRY KISSINGER

Subject: Note from the President (Action Item)

On the front page of today's New York Times John Finney has a story saying that some of the Republican Senators opposed to "Safeguard", but reluctant to break with the White House, are advancing a strategic arms moratorium as a way out of the current political (missile defense) impasse. Under their plan, the Senators would have the Administration announce its readiness to enter into a mutual moratorium with the Soviets on the testing and deployment of strategic weapons ... both offensive and defensive.

The President would like your ideas as to what might be done to "contain this kind of nonsense."

ALEXANDER P. BUTTERFIELD

cc: Mr. BeLieu

Chron

April 25, 1969

MEMORANDUM FOR: MR. PAT BUCHANAN

Subject: Note from the President

The President does not want any more comments concerning the Ripon society included in his daily news summaries.

ALEXANDER P. BUTTERFIELD

Chron

April 25, 1969

MEMORANDUM FOR: MR. JOHN WHITAKER

As you will note, the President was very pleased with your April 24th memorandum to Secretary Volpe.

ALEXANDER P. BUTTERFIELD

Attachment

April 25, 1969

MEMORANDUM FOR: DR. HENRY KISSINGER

The President would like you to read the following "Chieu Hoi" item which appeared in his April 23rd Staff and Department Brief:

"USIA notes that the chieu hoi (open arms) returnee rate continues high, with Viet Cong and North Vietnamese soldiers and members of the National Liberation Front's political apparatus rallying to the Government of Viet-Nam at a rate unprecedented since the spring of 1967. The 1,048 rallies in the week ending April 5 were the highest weekly figure since March 1967. Over 11,500 defected from January 1 to April 12, 1969, compared with about 3,000 for the same period last year, - almost the equivalent of a division of Communist forces. Causative factors are: the three-month Accelerated Pacification Campaign of late 1968 and early 1969, which gave both incentive and opportunity for dissident Viet Cong to defect; development of information and psychological operations to a high level of effectiveness; and the apparent success of a new 'third party inducement' program, which provides cash awards for inducing Viet Cong to return."

ALEXANDER P. BUTTERFIELD

chron

April 25, 1969

MEMORANDUM FOR: DR. ARTHUR BURNS

The President appreciated your short note of April 22nd in which you reiterated the wisdom of our maintaining some flexibility with regard to the tax proposals. He said that he agrees with you completely.

ALEXANDER P. BUTTERFIELD

RICHARD CROSS

- About 45 years of age ... exceptionally bright with analytical mind ... now serving as an advanced program and engineering development expert with a General Dynamics facility in Boston, Mass.
- Raised in Coronado, California, the son of a career naval officer who was killed back in the early 30's in one of the U. S. Navy's major lighter-than-air (dirigible) tragedies.
- B.S. degree from either MIT or CalTech (the former, I think) in naval architecture and marine engineering.
- Enjoys an outstanding reputation in his field ... has always been sought after by various companies and corporations particularly because of his knowledge of ships (submarine and surface), the art of anti-submarine warfare, advanced program analysis and his ability to size up situations accurately and recommend appropriate courses of action.
- He has worked in a corporate capacity with North American, General Dynamics and other defense industries.
- His widowed mother still lives in Coronado, California -- his only sister is married and lives in Yuma, Arizona -- and he is married with 5 or 6 children and living with his family in Boston. He is an outstanding gentleman in every respect.
- His prime interest now is in becoming associated with the NATO establishment preferably at the senior staff level. He believes he has much to offer if there is any thought whatever going into the eventual expansion of the civilian side of NATO, i.e. in coordinating NATO and defense industries in the United States. He has traveled to Europe several times in his General Dynamics job capacity and on such trips spoken to General Salet, who I understand is the Defense Advisor to the U. S. Ambassador to NATO. He has also spoken to a Mr. Steve Kline, an ops analysis expert on the U. S. Ambassador to NATO staff in Brussels.

Dick Cross is not trying to push himself in any way. As a matter of fact, when he was visiting me the other day -- and I offered to put him in touch with you -- he backed out saying that it would be best not to take your time until you had had a chance to learn something about him and his interest with regard to NATO. He suggested that I talk to you about this interest of his and if you know of anything brewing along these lines, or think anything might be stirring in the near future, and feel that it might be worthwhile talking to him, he will avail himself with no more than a day's notice. His address is:

Mr. Richard Cross
General Dynamics/Quincy Division
(DX Project)
Boston, Massachusetts
Telephone: Area Code 617
471-4200

April 25, 1969

MEMORANDUM FOR: See Distribution

The attached brief -- sent to me by a friend at the Department of Justice -- concerns the income tax liability of federal employees residing in the Washington, D. C. area. Whereas certain portions were of particular interest some 4-5 weeks ago, I thought those of you who are relatively new residents would find the entire general content worth reviewing.

ALEXANDER P. BUTTERFIELD

Attachment

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Mr. Ron Ziegler

THE WHITE HOUSE

WASHINGTON

April 25, 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 April 25th.

<u>STAFF MEMBER</u>	<u>REC CALL TO</u>	<u>DATE.</u>	<u>ACTION TAKEN</u>
(1) Rose Mary Woods/ Herb Klein	Bill Knowland	Apr 21	RN said, "No".
(2) Bryce Harlow	Jerry Ford	Apr 25	RN called Apr 24 - not in.

Please notify those concerned as to action taken.

ALEXANDER P. BUTTERFIELD

chron

April 25, 1969

MEMORANDUM FOR: MR. TIMMONS

Further to the Bill Scott matter, I am attaching to this memorandum four papers which pertain thereto. It may be that you have them on file already; but if not, they should provide a little more insight into the crux of his chief concerns.

ALEXANDER P. BUTTERFIELD

Attachments

April 24, 1969

MEMORANDUM FOR: DR. KISSINGER

Subject: Note from the President

There was a short paragraph concerning the Vietnam war in the President's daily news summary. It read as follows:

"The 'widespread revulsion from the Vietnam War' being witnessed on U. S. campuses illustrates again the grave disadvantages which democracies suffer when engaged in any protracted conflict with a disciplined, ideologically motivated dictatorship. . . . The problem arises in a cold war as well as a hot one' as witness the lukewarm Western reaction to the Soviet's 1968 invasion of Czechoslovakia. The U. S. failed to heed the 1963 advice of Britain's Asian expert, Sir Robert Thompson: 'If we plan for a long haul, we may get quick results, but, if we go for quick results, we may at best get a long haul.' Today the Communists 'who never could have won on the battlefield, look like they're winning the battle of hearts and minds in the U. S. ' (Anthony Lejeune in 4/19 Dallas Morning News 'Report from London')"

The President felt that the quote by Sir Robert Thompson (the underlined portion above) was particularly apt, and asked that you circulate it -- via written papers, interviews, backgrounders, etc. -- to the maximum extent possible.

ALEXANDER P. BUTTERFIELD

cc: Mr. Keogh
Mr. Klein

Chen
April 24, 1969

MEMORANDUM FOR: MR. BRYCE HARLOW

Subject: Note from the President

The President just read in his daily news summary that the Administration is being criticized by Representative John B. Saylor (R-Pa.) as being the "slowest in 20 years and perhaps in history" to submit legislative recommendations. Saylor is alleged to have said further that there had never been such a delay in the two decades that he and Aspinall had served on the Interior Committee of the House.

The President's guess is that Saylor must be referring to delays by Interior. Although he has asked for no specific action with regard to this news item, you or Bill Timmons may want to look quietly into the matter and give the President a report on your interpretation of Saylor's remarks, and your estimate as to the authenticity of his dissidence.

ALEXANDER P. BUTTERFIELD

cc: Mr. Timmons

Chen

April 24, 1969

MEMORANDUM FOR: MR. EHRLICHMAN

Subject: Note from the President

Carroll Kilpatrick has a one-page story in the Post today saying that the White House has disavowed Jerry Leonard's suggestion that Clifford Alexander resign from the EEOC. The article goes on to say that the President was unhappy over Dirksen's attack on Alexander and the EEOC and that he will soon name a White House assistant to coordinate "civil rights and minority" matters.

With reference to the suggestion that a White House assistant be appointed to coordinate civil rights and minority problems, the President would like to have your opinion as to what we might do along these lines.

ALEXANDER P. BUTTERFIELD

Chen
April 24, 1969

MEMORANDUM FOR: THE STAFF SECRETARY

I am attaching to this memorandum two speeches made recently at the Freedoms Foundation Conference at Valley Forge. As you will note, they are unedited -- having been typed precisely as transcribed from the tapes.

I would appreciate your sending them to the typing pool in EOB, and having them neatly retyped on standard 8" x 10-1/2" bond by the close of business today so that we can then have them reproduced and distributed in accordance with the President's wishes.

ALEXANDER P. BUTTERFIELD

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THE WHITE HOUSE

WASHINGTON

April 24, 1969

MEMORANDUM FOR: MR. CHAPIN

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The following staff-recommended phone calls were reviewed by the President on April 24th.

<u>STAFF MEMBER</u>	<u>REC CALL TO</u>	<u>DATE.</u>	<u>ACTION TAKEN</u>
(1) Rose Mary Woods	Herbert Hoover, Jr.	Apr 23	Call made.
(2) B. Harlow	Mrs. Edith Green	Apr 24	Call made.
(3) B. Harlow	Jerry Ford	Apr 24	Call placed - not in.
(4) B. Harlow	Les Arends	Apr 24	Call made.
(5) B. Harlow	Bill Ayres	Apr 24	Call made.
(6) B. Harlow	Al Quie	Apr 24	Call made.

Please notify those concerned as to action taken.

ALEXANDER P. BUTTERFIELD

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April 24, 1969

MEMORANDUM FOR: MR. HIGBY

Please arrange office space for a one-hour meeting (10:00-11:00 a. m.) on April 29th of the President's Advisory Council on Executive Organization. It will be completely satisfactory, and appropriate, if you ~~could~~^{can} obtain the same conference room which was set aside for this group's last meeting in early April. There will be no requirement for a secretary/stenographer; however, I am sure that a small pot of coffee, and some cups, in the room would be greatly appreciated.

Thank you.

ALEXANDER P. BUTTERFIELD

Chen

April 24, 1969

MEMORANDUM FOR: MR. CHAPIN

The attachment to this memorandum has just come to me from the Los Angeles County United Republican Finance Committee via Roy Ash. As you will note, the Committee presents a pretty good case for the President traveling to California later this year to attend the Los Angeles County Fall Dinner.

I have spoken briefly to Bob Haldeman about this and he suggested that I relay it to you for handling ... and for whatever response you deem appropriate. (If you do respond, I would suggest your sending the letter to Roy L. Ash, c/o Litton Industries, Inc., 9370 Santa Monica Boulevard, Beverly Hills, California 90213; or, better yet, you could pass the word to him on a person-to-person basis on the morning of April 29th at which time he is scheduled to see the President.)

Thank you.

ALEXANDER P. BUTTERFIELD

Chron
April 24, 1969

MEMORANDUM FOR: MR. TIMMONS

On April 22nd I sat in on a mid-afternoon meeting in the President's office with Congressman Bill Scott. He brought up to the President three items, each of which is explained in the attached memorandum. The President assured the Congressman that these matters would be given close and careful attention -- item #1 (transportation needs) by John Ehrlichman, and items #2 and #3 (Lorton Reformatory and public school systems) by Dick Kleindienst -- with your office serving as the principal liaison.

With that brief background I pass this business on to you with information copies going simultaneously to John Ehrlichman and Dick Kleindienst.

(Note: Perhaps I should add the fact that the President only suggested Kleindienst as being the proper person to assist with items #2 and #3. He added that they may well be issues more appropriately handled by HEW. At any rate the President did commit us to insure that attention is given to these three points and answers forwarded to Bill Scott.)

Thank you.

ALEXANDER P. BUTTERFIELD

cc: Mr. Bryce Harlow

Mr. John Ehrlichman

Mr. Richard Kleindienst

Chow

April 23, 1969

MEMORANDUM FOR: MISS ROSE WOODS

Listed below are names and addresses of persons you may want to add to your "standby" guest list for White House social functions.

Mr. and Mrs. John W. Burke, Jr.
5014 Glenbrook Road, N. W.
Washington, D. C. 20016

(Mr. Burke has been the Executive Secretary of the Business Council for some 15 years. He is an ardent Republican, a strong backer of President Nixon and one who works closely with Bryce Harlow and others on Business Council matters of interest to the President.)

Mr. and Mrs. Benjamin H. Oliver, Jr.
9100 Burning Tree Road
Bethesda, Maryland

(Mr. Oliver is an AT&T Vice President who heads the Washington office for Government Communications. He, too, is an ardent Nixon Republican and has several times publicly demonstrated his enthusiastic backing of President Nixon's policies during this first ninety days.)

Mr. and Mrs. James Weiner
The Towers
4201 Cathedral Avenue, N. W.
Washington, D. C.

(Mr. Weiner is the Communications Manager for the Washington office of AT&T. He and his wife are an especially delightful couple. Other comments are as indicated above for Mr. Oliver.)

General and Mrs. Emmett (Rosy) O'Donnell
6221 Kellogg Drive
McLean, Virginia

(General O'Donnell is well known to the President. He is now a retired 4-star Air Force general serving as Director of the USO and as a Vice President for the Marriott Corporation. He was a strong Nixon backer during the campaign and chaired one of the ball committees immediately prior to the inauguration.)

General and Mrs. Nathan Twining
1001 Wilson Boulevard
Arlington, Virginia

(General Twining is a retired 4-star Air Force general and former Chairman of the Joint Chiefs of Staff.)

ALEXANDER P. BUTTERFIELD

MEMORANDUM

THE WHITE HOUSE

WASHINGTON

April 23, 1969

MEMORANDUM FOR: MR. DWIGHT CHAPIN

Subject: Action Report on Staff-Recommended Presidential Phone Calls

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<u>STAFF MEMBER</u>	<u>REC CALL TO</u>	<u>DATE.</u>	<u>ACTION TAKEN</u>
(1) Rose Mary Woods	Mrs. Eugene McGovern	Apr 15	Call made.

Please notify those concerned as to action taken.

ALEXANDER P. BUTTERFIELD

MEMORANDUM

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THE WHITE HOUSE

WASHINGTON

April 23, 1969

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(1) D. Chapin	Sen. Lausche	Apr 22	Call made.

~~Please notify those concerned as to action taken.~~

ALEXANDER P. BUTTERFIELD

Chen

April 23, 1969

MEMORANDUM FOR: DR. KISSINGER

Subject: President's Schedule (May 7th)

Ambassador Waller has called me twice to inquire as to the President's intention to attend the opening (dedication) ceremony of the Winston Churchill Library in Fulton, Missouri. Evidently Prime Minister Gorton also has been invited and although of a mind to decline, does not want actually to do so until he has ascertained that President Nixon will not be there.

I realize it will be an "out of channel" action for me to relay the President's plan to Ambassador Waller once that plan is known; however, I feel somewhat obligated to do so and would appreciate your notifying me when the President responds to your recommendation on this matter.

Thank you.

ALEXANDER P. BUTTERFIELD

cc: Mr. Chapin
Mr. Haldeman

Chen

April 22, 1969

MEMORANDUM FOR: MR. PETER FLANIGAN

Yesterday during a meeting in the President's office with Mr. Richard Homan, Commander in Chief of the VFW, and three other VFW delegates, the President was forced into a discussion of Mr. Driver's pending resignation of his VA Administrator post. The visitors were extremely enthusiastic about Driver and praised him for the job he had done. They urged the President to retain him if at all possible -- and they openly expressed first surprise, then disappointment, then what I considered a rather naive curiosity when the President did not recall having received their recent letter (written "about 7 or 8 days ago") on this same subject. They went on to say that if the President was unable to hold Driver, due to a stubborn Congress, three top-notch candidates for the post, in their opinion, were: Tim Murphy, Andy Borg, and Les Fry. Without any background on this one I was at a loss to tell whether or not the President was serious when he expressed "some interest" in retaining Driver. Have we actually accepted his tendered resignation?

Because I do not know where you stand with the President on this matter I only forward the suggestion that you provide him (the President) a status report ... especially if any considerable time has elapsed since he was last apprised.

ALEXANDER P. BUTTERFIELD

Chron

April 22, 1969

MEMORANDUM FOR: DR. KISSINGER

Subject: Note from the President (Action Item)

In his news summary of April 21st the President read where Senator Muskie had suggested publicly that he (the President) should "press vigorously for compensation" for the EC-121 reconnaissance plane lost recently . . . and the American lives which were lost with it. He wonders if there are some good reasons why we cannot "do so now, routinely", and would appreciate a recommendation on this matter right away.

Thank you.

ALEXANDER P. BUTTERFIELD

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April 22, 1969

MEMORANDUM FOR: MR. BRYCE HARLOW

Yesterday during a short meeting in the President's office with Mr. Richard Homan, Commander in Chief of the VFW, and three other VFW delegates, the President designated Ken BeLieu the White House Staff point of contact for all veterans organizations.

ALEXANDER P. BUTTERFIELD

cc: Mr. BeLieu
Mr. Ehrlichman
Mr. Flanigan

MEMORANDUM

THE WHITE HOUSE

WASHINGTON

April 22, 1969

MEMORANDUM FOR: MR. CHAPIN

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(1) Rose Mary Woods	James Hagerty	Apr 21	Call made.
(2) Rose Mary Woods	Bill Henry	Apr 21	Call made.
(3) B. Harlow	Sen. Bellmon	Apr 21	Call made.

Please notify those concerned as to action taken.

ALEXANDER P. BUTTERFIELD

chron

April 22, 1969

MEMORANDUM FOR: MR. COLE

The President will meet for some 20 minutes with his Advisory Council on Executive Organization at 11:00 a. m. , Tuesday, April 29th. I will prepare, and coordinate with the proper offices, the necessary background and talking papers for the President's Monday evening reading file.

ALEXANDER P. BUTTERFIELD

cc: Mr. Chapin
Mr. Mayo

April 22, 1969

MEMORANDUM FOR: MR. HALDEMAN

This is just a quick report to let you know where we stand, and how we will be proceeding, with the weekly news game plan ... which, incidentally, has yet to be a plan per se.

- Each Monday at 4:45 p.m., Herb Klein, Ron Ziegler, and Dwight Chapin meet with me for the purpose of programming (to the extent possible) the news items for the following week (Sunday through Saturday). The resultant news forecasts are typed in time for limited distribution the following morning (Tuesday) at 8:00 a.m. The document is titled Preliminary News Forecast/Sunday through Saturday,(Dates).
- At this same late Monday afternoon meeting Klein, Ziegler, Chapin and Butterfield up-date the current weekly news plan (Tuesday through Saturday ... in that the Sunday and Monday plans are obsolete). The resultant plan is typed in time for limited distribution the following morning (Tuesday) at 8:00 a.m. This document is titled Adjusted Final News Plan/Tuesday through Saturday,(Dates).
- On Thursday afternoon at 4:45 the same group meet to review the Preliminary News Forecast put together the previous Monday. Probable news events are reviewed and the resultant news items are typed in time for limited distribution the following day (Friday) at 8:00 a.m. This document is titled Final News Plan/Sunday through Saturday,(Dates).

This means that we will have a preliminary forecast, a final plan, and an adjusted final plan. In all honesty, all three represent at present little more than a composite listing of news items thrown into the hopper by the Appointments Secretary, the Press Secretary, and the Director of Communications. Thought is given to the probable degree of news impact, but little more. But then perhaps the fault here is mine. As more game plan components are brought together

for coordination and scrutiny by an established reviewing authority we will undoubtedly have occasion to shift the dates of some of these projected news items in such a way as to gain maximum benefit. At present, without these other game plan components, it makes good sense to leave nearly all projected news items precisely where they stand.

There will be some noticeable progress very soon.

ALEXANDER P. BUTTERFIELD

Chiron

April 22, 1969

MEMORANDUM FOR: MR. CHAPIN

In response to your memorandum of April 21st concerning the appointment with the President for his Advisory Council on Executive Organization, I wish to confirm the fact that Mr. Ash and all other members of the Council have been informed.

ALEXANDER P. BUTTERFIELD

cc: Mr. Cole

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April 22, 1969

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MEMORANDUM FOR:

THE ATTORNEY GENERAL

While reading a summary of mail trends for the period April 10-16, the President noted that a large number of letters and telegrams were being received here at the White House requesting clemency for Louis E. Wolfson. He asked that I pass on to you his strong feeling that "under no circumstances" should we relent on this matter.

Alexander P. Butterfield
Deputy Assistant to the President

cc: Mr. John Ehrlichman

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chron

April 22, 1969

MEMORANDUM FOR:

THE SECRETARY OF HOUSING AND
URBAN DEVELOPMENT

The following item appeared in the President's April 17th Staff and Department Briefs:

"HUD comments that so far there is little or nothing to show in results for the much publicized million dollar interim assistance program for riot area improvement in Washington, D. C., which the President announced on January 31. HUD followed through quickly with the contract agreement, but now the Deputy Mayor's office reports that no agreement has been reached on how to spend the money. Various citizens' groups were asked to submit recommendations for priorities as to what should be done, but they have not sent anything in, which exemplifies the hazards of citizen participation. HUD officials are doing their best to get action and note that perhaps they should be more optimistic, since the Washington Post quoted the Deputy Mayor this week as admitting problems but expecting to make deadlines."

The President remarked that this was a "very discouraging report". He wants to be certain that the heat is put on and kept on.

Alexander P. Butterfield
Deputy Assistant to the President

cc: Dr. Moynihan
Mr. Ehrlichman

chron

April 21, 1969

MEMORANDUM FOR: THE PRESIDENT'S FILE

Subject: Mid-Afternoon Meeting in the President's Office with Mr. Richard Homan, Commander in Chief, Veterans of Foreign Wars; Mr. Julian Dickenson, Adjutant General; Mr. John L. Smith, Director of Public Relations; and Mr. Cooper T. Holt, Executive Director of the Washington Office of the VFW (3:05 p.m. - 3:25 p.m.)

The visitors were led into the President's office, via the hall door, by Dwight Chapin. The President came forward from his desk to greet them and shake hands, then suggested that everyone sit on the couches in front of the fire. Mr. Homan sat next to the President, to his left, while the other three VFW delegates sat opposite. Almost immediately Ollie Atkins came in and took several pictures quickly. As soon as Ollie left the office the President slapped Mr. Homan on the knee and asked pleasantly how he (Homan) was enjoying his job as VFW Commander in Chief. As Mr. Homan started to reply the hall door opened and some 15-20 press photographers came into the room behind Bruce Whelihan. As soon as he had recovered his composure -- and while the bright, hand-held photo lights glared down from above and cameras clicked steadily away -- Mr. Homan told the President that he enjoyed his job very much and was enthusiastic about the VFW's many interesting mission objectives. No sooner had he said this than he pulled out of his pocket his VFW (Commander in Chief's) cap and placed it proudly on his head. Bruce Whelihan shouted, "15 seconds, gentlemen" and a minute later the press boys were leaving the office.

The President, now speaking in a much lower tone, opened the business part of the meeting by telling the VFW officers how familiar he was with the fine work that all of them did ... and how much he counted always on their support. This led inevitably to some talk about the Safeguard System and the various efforts the VFW was putting forth in support of the President's recent ABM decision. Mr. Homan told the President in general terms what he personally was doing and the kinds of things he was emphasizing in his speeches. Mr. Homan said that audience reaction was almost always very good but that the press

all over the country seemed loath to print all of the facts being covered by the VFW speakers. He said it seemed as though the entire press was in the enemy camp. The President recognized the fact that the majority of the press was opposed to his decision but he encouraged them to continue with their helpful supporting activities.

At this point Mr. Dickenson asked the President if he had seen a copy of Clark Mollenhoff's excellent talk to the Freedom Foundation only two days prior (Saturday, April 19th). The President said that he had neither heard of the talk nor seen a copy of the script. Then he turned to me and asked that I obtain a copy and see to it that it was appropriately distributed. This pleased Mr. Dickenson for, as he said, the speech not only pressed hard for support of the President's Safeguard System decision but it emphasized the need for a revitalization of good old-fashioned American patriotism. In continuing the discussion of the Safeguard System campaign the President mentioned several Senators who were considered "on the fence" at the moment. He asked the VFW delegates if they might have a chance to chat informally with some of these "target Senators" and all four visitors responded enthusiastically that indeed they might. The President again turned to me and this time asked that I get from Ken BeLieu our current list of target Senators and give it to the VFW delegation. (And this request reminded him that Billy Graham would be calling Dwight Chapin within the next few days for the same reason -- to get the names of the indecisive Senators. He asked me to obtain the list for Billy Graham or remind Dwight that the Graham request would be immediately forthcoming.)

Suddenly the subject turned to the VA Administrator post and the recently tendered resignation of Mr. W. J. Driver. The visitors were extremely enthusiastic about Driver and praised him for the job he had done. They urged the President to retain him if at all possible -- and they openly expressed first surprise, then disappointment, then what I considered a rather naive curiosity when the President did not recall having received their recent letter (written "about 7 or 8 days ago") on this same subject. They went on to say that if the President was unable to hold Driver, due to a stubborn Congress, three top-notch candidates for the post, in their opinion, were: Tim Murphy, Andy Borg, and Les Fry. The President indicated that he would look into the situation right away, and that he was delighted to have the benefit of their candid opinion.

As the guests got up to leave the President spoke again of his strong interest in the various veterans organizations and of his gratitude for the assistance they were currently providing on the ABM issue. In response to Mr. Dickenson's request for a "veterans affairs contact man in the White House" the President said that Ken BeLieu was best qualified to serve in such a capacity. The VFW officers thanked the President for taking the time to see them -- then departed via the hall door.

ALEXANDER P. BUTTERFIELD

CHRON

April 19, 1969

MEMORANDUM FOR: MR. HARLOW

You will recall that on April 17 you recommended to the President that he telephone Senator Jim Pearson...as a means of smoothing Pearson's ruffled feathers.

This note is to inform you that the President did not contact the Senator feeling that a little more thorough assuagement might result if you or Ken BeLieu were to have him in for lunch some day soon - quite informally - and bring him by the office to "say hello." Under these conditions, with a little advance warning, the President would be happy to talk to him for some 15 or 20 minutes.

ALEXANDER P. BUTTERFIELD

cc:

Mr. BeLieu

MR. CHAPIN

April 19, 1969

MEMORANDUM FOR: MR. BUCHANAN

Subject: Comment by the President (Information Only)

On page 1 of your "Weekly News Magazines Analysis" (dated April 13) you said that the lead articles in both Newsweek and Time gave an overall unfavorable impression of the Administration...generally because of our not moving on domestic matters. Whereas the President did not totally dismiss the point of the analysis, he did comment that both lead articles "were written before our domestic message."

ALEXANDER P. BUTTERFIELD

chron

April 18, 1969

MEMORANDUM FOR: MR. RON ZIEGLER

I would be the first to admit that many of the military organizations -- especially the joint service establishments -- are ridiculously complicated. On the other hand, like you, I realize how important it is to state the names and job capacities accurately ... especially in press announcements which emanate from the White House. Thus the following brief note concerns Major General James B. Knapp, to whom you have referred on several occasions as "head of the UN Command team" and "senior member of our UN Command", etc. In fact, one press release gave the impression that General Knapp was being sent to Korea (or had arrived after having been sent) as our delegate at the Mixed Armistice Commission ... whereas, in reality he is based in Seoul at the UN Command headquarters. Here is a quick summary:

The senior military officer in South Korea, of all countries represented in the UN Command, is a U. S. Army 4-star general, General C. H. Bonesteel. He wears two hats -- one as Commander, UN Command (this is his joint military job) and the other as Commander, U. S. Eighth Army (this is his U. S. Army job). This senior military officer in Korea -- as long as I can remember the UN Command being there -- has been a U. S. Army 4-star general.

Air Force Major General (2-star) James B. Knapp is the Senior Member, UN Command, to the Military Armistice Commission, Korea, which means simply that he is the senior member of the UN Command Headquarters assigned to the Military Armistice Commission. He and all other members of the UN Command in Korea are based at the UN Command Headquarters in downtown Seoul. They represent many different countries and all services, Army, Navy, and Air Force -- and their duty tours vary from one to two years depending on whether or not their families have accompanied them.

I hope this is of some help to you.

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