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June 24, 1969

MEMORANDUM FOR: DR. MOYNIHAN

The President has just read the June 18th letter you received from Richard C. Whittington, which I attach to this memorandum. He wants you to prepare a special reply for his signature.

Thank you.

ALEXANDER P. BUTTERFIELD

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June 23, 1969

Mr. President:

Further to your query last week concerning Senator Cook -- and to my memo re John Mitchell's comments. (We don't plan to let this fellow get away!)

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June 24, 1969

MEMORANDUM FOR: MR. EHRLICHMAN

Al Toner's June 20th "Staff and Department Brief" carried Tom Huston's report that the FBI will release statistics on June 24th showing that crime in the United States increased 10% during the first three months of 1969 over the same period last year.

After reading this, and directing his question to you, the President asked if we have an adequate answer to this. Then, realizing that in all probability we don't, he went on to say, "Naturally our policies could not have had effect by the end of March. However, we'd better be certain that they have had some effect by the last half of the year. Put a top man on the job of following up very closely the PR aspects of this very important issue."

ALEXANDER P. BUTTERFIELD

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June 24, 1969

MEMORANDUM FOR: MR. EHRLICHMAN

I am attaching Wally Hickel's June 20th memorandum for the President concerning management of the National Park System. As you will note, the President wants some credit for these new management policy guidelines given to the Administration.

ALEXANDER P. BUTTERFIELD

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June 23, 1969

MEMORANDUM FOR:

Dr. Paul W. McCracken
Chairman, Council of Economic Advisers

Today the President's news summary contained a short piece on inflation. It read:

Chester Bowles, head of the OPA during World War II, predicted that soaring bank interest rates will bring on a business recession which could double unemployment in less than a year. He also opposed wage-price controls. "I think you'll have 3-5 million unemployed by next March," said Bowles.

The President wants to know whether or not you agree ... and why.

Alexander P. Butterfield
Deputy Assistant to the President

June 23, 1969

Mrs. Nixon:

Today's News Summary mentioned two articles which the President wanted brought to your attention. One of them, by Wauhillaula Hay, appeared in the Scripps-Howard papers on June 19th. It said, in essence:

The First Lady "doesn't often lose her cool," but she was near tears watching blind youngsters staging their version of "Sound of Music". A visibly shaken and touched First Lady and Julie sat entranced It was a poignant segment of the tour.

The other article, by Lucia Mouat, was taken from the June 18th Christian Science Monitor. The summary read as follows:

The "small, splendid efforts" are receiving a firm, feminine boost from Mrs. Nixon. And the volunteers beam with pride at the "prestigious endorsement" Mrs. Nixon proved her mettle on the first day She listened patiently (with the combined heat of a June day and TV lights beating down hard), asked pertinent questions, and warmly shook hands all around. She was generous in her encouragement . . . By and large, officials of the Portland volunteer projects were convinced that "the effects of the visits could be nothing but positive."

Alexander P. Butterfield

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June 23, 1969

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MEMORANDUM FOR:

Honorable John N. Mitchell
The Attorney General

Walter Trahan had an article in the June 18th Chicago Tribune which said, in essence, that Charles Breital of the New York Court of Appeals had "pulled far ahead of Judge Irving Kaufman" in consideration for Fortas's replacement. The account went on to say that Breital's supporters include Rocky, Dewey and Brownell.

With reference to this news item the President addressed these comments to you:

"John -- Not now. If he's okay give him the Harlan vacancy."

Alexander P. Butterfield
Deputy Assistant to the President

cc: Mr. Ehrlichman

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June 23, 1969

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MEMORANDUM FOR: DR. KISSINGER

In the June 18th "Staff and Department Brief" the President read of the Soviet Union's recently intensified jamming efforts directed at Voice of America broadcasts. He would like a short report from you concerning the reaction on our part.

Thank you.

ALEXANDER P. BUTTERFIELD

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June 23, 1969

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MEMORANDUM FOR: MR. EHRLICHMAN

With reference to Al Toner's June 20th "Special Labor Department Brief" concerning the hospital strike in Charleston, South Carolina -- and the fact that half of the nurses and a number of doctors have threatened to resign if the 12 "civil rights employees" are rehired -- the President said, "Don't rehire them if this is the case."

ALEXANDER P. BUTTERFIELD

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MEMORANDUM

THE WHITE HOUSE

WASHINGTON

June 23, 1969

MEMORANDUM FOR: MR. HALDEMAN
MR. EHRLICHMAN

The President has just read in a June 18th "Staff and Department Brief" of John Price's report on student protest -- and the fact that "moderate anti-war students plan a one-day strike in September if the war is still in progress ... then two days in October, three in November, etc." He wants to know of our counter plan as soon as one is devised.

ALEXANDER P. BUTTERFIELD

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June 23, 1969

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MEMORANDUM FOR: MR. EHRLICHMAN

I am attaching to this memorandum the first batch of telegraphed public responses to the President's recent nationwide press conference. It is significant to say that it does not include a single derogatory or even slightly negative remark. Understandably, the President wants Herb Klein, Ron Ziegler, and others to make a really positive asset of this fact ... and of the highly complimentary comments in general. He knows how it bugs the press to learn that despite what they write we are able to "reach the people" via TV, and he wants to let them have it on this one ... with both barrels.

Further to this same subject, he wants Ken BeLieu and Bill Timmons to relay this public reaction to the Congressional types.

ALEXANDER P. BUTTERFIELD

cc: Mr. Klein
Mr. Ziegler
Mr. Harlow
Mr. BeLieu
Mr. Timmons

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June 23, 1969

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MEMORANDUM FOR:

Honorable Donald Rumsfeld
Director, Office of Economic Opportunity

Richard Critchfield had an article in the June 19th
Washington Star, the essence of which appears below:

A new integrated antipoverty organization has been formed with local GOP backing in Durham, N. C. The group, Opportunities Now, plans to ask OEO to consider it as an alternative recipient of a \$900,000 grant which is now scheduled to go to an all-black Durham group consisting of 17 staffers, 4 of whom "are self-avowed black nationalists and have been involved in campus violence this spring."

After reading this account in his daily news summary the President directed the following remarks to you: "Don -- Good! If it's legitimate it's a good alternative."

Alexander P. Butterfield
Deputy Assistant to the President

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June 23, 1969

MEMORANDUM FOR: MISS ROSE MARY WOODS

After reviewing Len Garment's June 21st memorandum for Bob Haldeman concerning his recent nationwide press conference, the President wrote these comments in a note to you:

"Rose -- Be sure that Len Garment comes to the Meier dinner. Also please ask him for 6 or 7 good names."

ALEXANDER P. BUTTERFIELD

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June 23, 1969

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MEMORANDUM FOR: MR. DENT

The President had an opportunity over the weekend to read your June 18th memorandum concerning the Montana Congressional race. With reference particularly to the priority of major issues he made this personal comment to you:

"Harry -- Our stupid candidate (acting on Lee Porter's advice) told me that inflation was the issue. When he loses be sure we put the blame squarely on his failure to tie more closely to Presidential issues and leadership."

ALEXANDER P. BUTTERFIELD

cc: Mr. Ehrlichman

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June 23, 1969

MEMORANDUM FOR: MR. BeLIEU

The President would like for you to forward to both Rog Morton and Senator Tower the three Hermann Deutsch editorials (June 16, 17 and 18) from the New Orleans States-Item which you forwarded to him on June 20th.

ALEXANDER P. BUTTERFIELD

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June 23, 1969

PLEASE TREAT AS CONFIDENTIAL

MEMORANDUM FOR: MR. EHRLICHMAN

The President made these comments after reading your June 20th memorandum concerning Whittier College:

"John -- Good! I want this to succeed. Let some of our major contributors know about it ... and put something more into it."

ALEXANDER P. BUTTERFIELD

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June 23, 1969

MEMORANDUM FOR: MR. DENT

The President has approved your proceeding with the actions outlined in paragraph 3 of your two-page June 20th memorandum concerning the recent mayoral elections.

ALEXANDER P. BUTTERFIELD

cc: Mr. Ehrlichman

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June 23, 1969

MEMORANDUM FOR: DR. MOYNIHAN

The President enjoyed reading the editorial which you forwarded ... taken from the June issue of Architectural Record. Moreover, he was pleased to know that you have arranged for him a viewing of the Pennsylvania Avenue model. He believes deeply that this is one area in which we can leave a "decent monument".

ALEXANDER P. BUTTERFIELD

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June 23, 1969

MEMORANDUM FOR: MR. EHRLICHMAN

The President wants a complete rewriting, and general improvement, of letters to graduating classes. He believes the idea is good ... but wants to be sure that we avoid a "me too" line.

ALEXANDER P. BUTTERFIELD

cc: Mr. John Brown

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June 23, 1969

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MEMORANDUM FOR: MR. KLEIN

The President thought Richard Wilson's June 18th column titled, "New Apostles, Old Soothsayers" was excellent. He wants you to be sure that Senator Marlow Cook gets a copy. He wants you to be certain also that we have a good story ready "to top Larson's stupid meeting." We should get the date and plan our move carefully.

ALEXANDER P. BUTTERFIELD

cc: Mr. Ehrlichman

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June 23, 1969

MEMORANDUM FOR: MR. BUCHANAN

This is just a short note to tell you that the President read with interest your June 20th memorandum concerning the New York primary returns. He thought it represented considerable perception on your part, especially the last paragraph on page one.

ALEXANDER P. BUTTERFIELD

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June 23, 1969

MEMORANDUM FOR: MR. BeLIEU

The President read with interest your June 21st memorandum concerning Safeguard/H.R. 12167. He is very much in favor of Jerry Ford trying to get a roll call and would like you to relay that personal message to Jerry without delay.

Thank you.

ALEXANDER P. BUTTERFIELD

cc: Mr. Harlow
Mr. Timmons

June 23, 1969

MEMORANDUM FOR:

Dr. Paul W. McCracken
Chairman, Council of Economic Advisers

The President read with interest your June 20th memorandum concerning the Consumer Price Index for May. He would like you to get a copy of that memorandum to Bryce Harlow, John Ehrlichman and Herb Klein, and together with that group consider our "guardedly making a bit of news" out of the contents.

Alexander P. Butterfield
Deputy Assistant to the President

cc: Mr. Ehrlichman
Mr. Harlow

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June 23, 1969

MEMORANDUM FOR: DR. MOYNIHAN

I am returning your June 20th memorandum for the President ... along with his personal compliments on a job well done at the Notre Dame commencement ceremony.

As you will note, he thinks a letter for his signature to the Wall Street Journal editor would be in order -- just a short note congratulating him on the very thoughtful editorial.

ALEXANDER P. BUTTERFIELD

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June 23, 1969

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MEMORANDUM FOR: DR. MOYNIHAN

The President has reviewed your June 17th memorandum addressed to the Staff Secretary -- the one which responded to an earlier Presidential inquiry concerning funds spent thus far on cleaning up the riot-torn cities. His comments back to you were:

"Pat -- Let's get some publicity when we release the money; and give Romney the credit. Tell him to hit it hard on a good news day. (Perhaps he should report to me at the White House ... in order to build it up a little. What do you think?)"

Please forward to the President at the appropriate time your action proposals.

ALEXANDER P. BUTTERFIELD

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June 23, 1969

MEMORANDUM FOR: MR. EHRLICHMAN

With reference to your June 17th memorandum for the President concerning homicide increases within the District of Columbia, the President said that we must have some good statistics on crime by December 31st. He wants you to keep on top of this item and ensure that the bureaucrats don't dodge the issue.

ALEXANDER P. BUTTERFIELD

June 20, 1969

MEMORANDUM FOR: MR. BUCHANAN

I am enclosing the Presidential press conference briefing package. Whereas we normally hold in Rose Mary Woods' "special file" all of the President's handwritten notes, we are this time Xeroxing copies and returning them to you in an effort to assist your staff in the preparation of similar material on the next such occasion. Please take special care to ensure that these notes are neither reproduced nor circulated beyond your immediate offices.

Many thanks.

ALEXANDER P. BUTTERFIELD

Enclosure

June 20, 1969

Mrs. Nixon:

This morning while reviewing a summary of televised news reports, the President came across the following paragraph ... which he asked that I pass on to you.

NBC's Jack Perkins, in an extremely favorable report, said that the First Lady's tour had turned out to be more for the press than for Mrs. Nixon's personal edification. He said the press never would have seen such projects had the First Lady not gone on the tour and done the things she did. They (the press) would have covered black militant activities instead of being drawn to those projects in which the blacks are waging constructive efforts. Mrs. Nixon was said to have been "greatly successful" ... for showing so many good things to the nation.

Alex Butterfield

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June 20, 1969

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MEMORANDUM FOR: MISS ROSE MARY WOODS

At a recent meeting of the Safeguard Campaign Planning Committee it was the unanimous opinion of the "political experts" present that in the interest of retaining the supporting vote of Senator Packwood both he and his wife should be invited to a near-future social function at the White House ... if at all possible. This was not an arbitrary decision. Bits and pieces of intelligence information lead us to believe that this is the one action which will ensure his continued support. I hope some appropriate occasion is coming up soon.

Thank you.

ALEXANDER P. BUTTERFIELD

PLEASE TREAT AS CONFIDENTIAL

June 20, 1969

MEMORANDUM FOR: MISS ROSE MARY WOODS

I am attaching Harry Dent's June 19th memorandum for the President concerning Mr. John King. As you will note the President has agreed to Harry's suggestion that Mr. King be invited to the Israeli dinner as well as the August 4th West German dinner.

ALEXANDER P. BUTTERFIELD

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June 20, 1969

MEMORANDUM FOR: DR. MOYNIHAN

MEMORANDUM

Subject I am returning your June 19th Memorandum for the President concerning your thoughts on recent municipal elections. As
The for you will note, he thought the paper was a good one, and appreciated your forwarding it to him prior to the press conference.

STAFF

ALEXANDER P. BUTTERFIELD

Attachment

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MEMORANDUM

THE WHITE HOUSE
WASHINGTON

June 20, 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 June 19th.

	<u>STAFF MEMBER</u>	<u>REC CALL TO</u>	<u>DATE.</u>	<u>ACTION TAKEN</u>
(1)	Rose Mary Woods	Paul Keyes	Jun 11	Call made.

Please notify those concerned as to action taken.

ALEXANDER P. BUTTERFIELD

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June 20, 1969

MEMORANDUM FOR: MR. EHRLICHMAN

The President wants to know why the only conservative TV channel in New York City -- (owned by the New York Daily News) -- lost its license. He would like to have the facts on this matter as soon as you can get them together.

Thank you.

ALEXANDER P. BUTTERFIELD

cc: Mr. Klein

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June 19, 1969

MEMORANDUM FOR: MR. HALDEMAN

Bob:

Two quick items.

- (1) Yesterday afternoon while Lee DuBridge and I were in his office, the President said that he wanted John Whitaker, Ron Ziegler, Herb Klein (if he is in town), and either you or me to sit in on the first meeting of the Environmental Council scheduled for Friday. He said also that he would like you to make the decision as to whether or not anyone else from our staff should be there. He's amenable to one or two more, but doesn't want to crowd the room with relatively disinterested observers. I have notified John Whitaker, Ron Ziegler, and Herb Klein's office. Meanwhile, unless I hear otherwise from you, I will plan to represent our office.
- (2) Bill Safire called. He is somewhat anxious to learn what has become of his memorandum -- or possibly Jim Keogh's memo -- proposing that Archibald MacLeish be commissioned to write a poem on the coming APOLLO 11 moon shot. He said it was his understanding that the proposal had gone from John Ehrlichman to you. Ken Cole's office is looking now.

ALEXANDER P. BUTTERFIELD

MEMORANDUM

THE WHITE HOUSE

WASHINGTON

June 19, 1969

MEMORANDUM FOR:

MR. KLEIN
MR. WHITAKER
MR. ZIEGLER

The President wants each of you to attend the first meeting of the Environmental Council scheduled for 3:00 p. m. Friday, June 20th.


ALEXANDER P. BUTTERFIELD

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June 19, 1969

MEMORANDUM FOR: DR. BURNS

Attached to this memorandum are two pieces of correspondence which you forwarded to the President for his review -- one dated June 13th, and the other dated June 16th. Please note the President's brief comments written in the margins.

ALEXANDER P. BUTTERFIELD

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June 19, 1969

MEMORANDUM FOR: DR. BURNS

The President appreciated your forwarding the copy of Sgt. Davis's moving letter. He has asked John Ehrlichman to see what he can do to get it into the Readers Digest.

ALEXANDER P. BUTTERFIELD

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June 19, 1969

MEMORANDUM FOR: MR. EHRLICHMAN

Attached to this memorandum, and outlined in ink, is a copy of a letter written by Sergeant Jeffrey A. Davis to his wife ... just before he met death on a Vietnam battlefield. It was forwarded to the President by Arthur Burns, and now the President wants you to see what you can do to get it into the Readers Digest. He said that it is deserving of publication.

ALEXANDER P. BUTTERFIELD

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June 19, 1969

MEMORANDUM FOR: THE PRESIDENT

Jim Keogh's staff, and Paul Costello in Herb Klein's office, have looked over with a fine tooth comb the seven New York Times issues published in the week prior to your March 14th Safeguard announcement and have not found any mention of the UPI or AP Senatorial survey statistics sent to you earlier this morning. Whereas they will continue their search (looking in earlier and later issues of the Times), you may be interested in the following pertinent comment made by Keogh:

"It is not too surprising to me that these statistics do not appear in the New York Times. I know from experience that they are far more apt to publish their own survey statistics than figures released by UPI or AP," especially on a (Congressional Vote) issue such as this one."

ALEXANDER P. BUTTERFIELD

June 19, 1969

MEMORANDUM FOR: THE PRESIDENT

From: Alexander P. Butterfield

Subject: Information re Safeguard Campaign

Late yesterday afternoon you asked that you be provided without delay:

- (1) A short paragraph or two describing our Safeguard Campaign ... i.e. our low-key approach, our always above-board tactics, our continuous appeal to only logical and rational reasoning, and resultantly the effectiveness of our strategy as so clearly indicated by the magnitude of our achievements to date; and
- (2) Confirmation that a thorough "double-checking" operation is in progress (which includes all U.S. Senators other than those totally committed to the opposition), along with a current status report on Senators Anderson, Prouty, and J.J. Williams in one category ... Marlow Cook in a second category ... and Ellender, Gravel, Cannon and Boggs in a third and final category.

Item (1) material is at Tab A, and Item (2) material is at Tab B.

Q. Are you prepared to accept some form of compromise on ABM?

A. Compromise has always been an element in legislation -- but there must be no compromising our national security.

I am encouraged by what appears to be happening to the "undecided" votes in the Senate. You may recall that back in early March, the United Press reported that some 46 Senators were against an ABM system, 20 were for, and 25 were undecided.

Now it is generally agreed that the vote is nip and tuck, with the balance beginning to tip in our favor. That can only mean that the Senators who were uncommitted either way at the start have been coming down -- almost unanimously -- on the side of a Safeguard defense.

There are two reasons for that trend: first, I believe the Administration has made a calm, rational presentation of its case. And secondly, I believe the case for Safeguard makes good sense to all those who approach the subject with an open mind.

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June 19, 1969

MEMORANDUM FOR: THE PRESIDENT

From: Alexander P. Butterfield

Subject: Current Status Report on Specific Senators re
Safeguard Issue

Prior to reporting on those Senators whose names you mentioned to me late yesterday afternoon, let me first confirm the fact that a thorough "double-checking" operation was outlined at a long morning meeting of the Safeguard Campaign Planning Committee ... and is in motion already. Participants will leave no stones unturned in their efforts to assure the votes of those Senators who by all outward appearances are with us, and to sway to our side those who leave any doubt whatever as to their voting intentions.

Current status reports on Senators in whom you expressed a particular interest appear below:

Category I

(Senators in whom you seem most interested)

(1) Senator Anderson

- (a) In charge -- Scoop Jackson
- (b) Probable vote -- A strong "aye"
- (c) Current status -- He gave his word that he would be with us; however, Scoop Jackson is going to stay close to him and help ensure the supporting vote.

(2) Senator Prouty

- (a) In charge -- Bryce Harlow
- (b) Probable vote -- Uncommitted at the moment, but we have reason to believe that he will vote "aye".
- (c) Current status -- Both Harlow and BeLieu believe that the Senator will give us his vote during his office call tomorrow afternoon. If he does so, he will probably ask that the information be kept strictly confidential. All other information appears in the memorandum which Ken BeLieu prepared for your reading prior to the scheduled Friday afternoon meeting. (That memorandum is on your desk.)

(3) Senator J. J. Williams

- (a) In charge -- Ken BeLieu
- (b) Probable vote -- A strong "aye"
- (c) Current status -- Ken BeLieu feels that Williams is solidly behind us. However, we plan to pay close attention to him re our stroking activities.

Category II

(The Senator you wanted checked out with John Mitchell)

Senator Cook

- (a) In charge -- Dale Grubb in Harlow's office and General Bernie Shriever
- (b) Probable vote -- "Nay" at the moment.

- (c) Current status -- I talked to John Mitchell about Cook and he said that as recently as early this week he lunched with Cook and got the distinct feeling that the Senator wants badly to be courted. He said also that Cook is appallingly lacking in knowledge of the Safeguard system. It was apparent from this information that Cook is vulnerable and should be a prime target. Dale Grubb, a regular golfing partner of Cook's, is going to do a little courting during an already-scheduled golf game this weekend, and Bernie Shriever is going to do the same thing during a separate golf game planned with the Senator for Monday or Tuesday of next week. Additionally, we are going to work out a special session for Cook with Henry Kissinger ... possibly tied in with a luncheon appointment at the White House Staff Mess.

Category III
(Other Senators mentioned)

(1) Senator Ellender

- (a) In charge -- Russell Long
- (b) Probable vote -- "Nay"
- (c) Current status -- Over the past two-month period we have had three sets of contradictory prognoses from Russell Long concerning the Safeguard voting intentions of Ellender. But because the latest word is to the effect that "he will not be swayed from his opposition stand," Ken BeLieu believes that he is a lost cause.

(2) Senator Cannon

- (a) In charge -- Ken BeLieu with the assistance of Nevada's Governor Paul Laxalt and Clint Murchison ... but very little pressure has been applied in recent weeks.
- (b) Probable vote -- "Nay"
- (c) Current status -- Both Harlow and BeLieu say that Cannon has committed himself to Ted Kennedy, that Kennedy's money is helping to support him, and that he will most assuredly vote with the opposition.

(3) Senator Gravel

- (a) In charge -- Carl Bendetsen
- (b) Probable vote -- Uncommitted
- (c) Current status -- As you know, Gravel has been precisely in the middle of the road from the beginning. However, American Petroleum Company representatives are working on him as are a number of other businessmen and several prominent Alaskan news editors and publishers, and recently Carl Bendetsen said that he knew how to get Gravel ... and that he would "take the project on as a personal crusade." He is a prime target.

(4) Senator Boggs

- (a) In charge -- Ken BeLieu
- (b) Probable vote -- "Aye"
- (c) Current status -- The Senator gave a speech for us not long ago and we have no apparent reasons to believe that he will move to the "nay" column. This is not to say that we are going to leave him alone. He will receive lots of attention and subtle stroking. Additionally, one of his best friends and a World War II colleague, General Bob Grow, is going to keep an eye on him and help ensure Boggs' supporting vote.

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THE WHITE HOUSE
WASHINGTON

June 19, 1969

MEMORANDUM FOR: THE PRESIDENT

FROM: Alexander P. Butterfield *APB*

SUBJECT: Information re Safeguard Campaign

Late yesterday afternoon you asked that you be provided by 8:00 a.m. today whatever pre-March 14th survey statistics were made public concerning Senatorial views on an ABM defense system. That information is attached.

A brief "talking paper" outline describing the strategy by which you have made so much headway, and gained the Senatorial support which is conceded to you at the present time, is being prepared by Jim Keogh's staff . . . and will be completed by noon today.

The very thorough double-checking which you requested on Senators Cook, Anderson, Prouty, Ellender, Gravel, J. J. Williams, Cannon, and Boggs is in progress. That report, too, will be ready by noon.

Extracts from UPI Release Appearing in March 8th
WASHINGTON EVENING STAR Under the Heading

POLL FINDS ABM SENATE FOES
LACK 5 VOTES FOR A MAJORITY

- Opponents of the proposed Sentinel antiballistic missile system are within five votes of a majority in the Senate, a United Press International survey shows.
- Of 91 Senators or their spokesmen responding to the survey, 46 said they are opposed or leaning against deployment of the Sentinel system, 20 said they would vote for an ABM defense system and 25 were undecided.
- The polls showed 16 Republicans among the 46 who oppose deployment. The 20 who indicate they favor an ABM include eight Democrats.
- A Republican freshman -- Sen. Charles Mc. Mathias of Maryland -- yesterday devoted his maiden speech to opposition to the ABM, and he was given support on the floor by Sens. Charles H. Percy, R-Ill., Mark O. Hatfield, R-Ore., Jacob Javits, R-N. Y., Foreign Relations Committee Chairman J. William Fulbright, D-Ark., and others.
- In an 11th-hour bid to get Nixon to scrap the plan, the Foreign Relations Committee yesterday formally called for delay in deployment of any new weapon systems until the administration "has had time to make an earnest effort to pursue meaningful discussions with the Soviet Union."

Copy of full article attached.

Poll Finds ABM Senate Foes Lack 5 Votes for a Majority

By United Press International
Wash. Star 3-8-69

Opponents of the proposed Sentinel antiballistic missile system are within five votes of a majority in the Senate, a United Press International survey shows.

Of 91 Senators or their spokesmen responding to the survey, 46 said they are opposed or leaning against deployment of the Sentinel system, 20 said they would vote for an ABM defense system and 25 were undecided.

The polls showed 18 Republicans among the 46 who oppose deployment. The 20 who indicate they favor an ABM include eight Democrats.

President Nixon is in Key Biscayne, Fla., studying pro and con papers on the issue. Despite some indications the controversial Sentinel defense project would get his go-ahead, Nixon told newsmen he has not yet made up his mind. He plans to announce his decision early next week, probably Tuesday.

The UPI survey, conducted during the past week, indicates Nixon could pick up some support for the ABM if he proposes putting the nuclear-tipped defensive missiles far from the nation's major population areas.

Hard Core Against

Though there is still a hard core of sentiment in the Senate against deployment of any kind of an ABM system now, the survey results may not be as lopsided as they seem.

Most of the undecided are Republicans who could be expected to follow the President's recommendations, especially if he makes a strong appeal for deployment in the interest of national security.

Among the 46 Senators in the "no" column are a dozen who might be persuaded to vote for the Sentinel if Nixon asks for deployment in rural areas.

Whatever deployment Nixon recommends, however, will face tough opposition when the Senate votes later this year on authorization and money bills for the system.

The poll indicates opponents would have the edge if Nixon proposes the sort of ABM system the Johnson administration began last year—one to protect the American population from a suicidal nuclear strike by China.

Work on the Sentinel was stepped in January amid protests from major metropolitan areas like Boston, Chicago and Los Angeles, selected as sites

for the defensive nuclear silos.

This "bombs-in-the-backyard" opposition has gained support in the Senate, including Democratic Leader Mike Mansfield, Democratic Whip Edward M. Kennedy and Republican John Sherman Cooper.

A Republican freshman—Sen. Charles Mc. Mathias of Maryland—yesterday devoted his maiden speech to opposition to the ABM, and he was given support on the floor by Sens. Charles H. Percy, R-Ill., Mark O. Hatfield, R-Ore., Jacob Javits, R-N.Y., Foreign Relations

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Committee Chairman J. William Fulbright, D-Ark., and others.

In an 11th-hour bid to get Nixon to scrap the plan, the Foreign Relations Committee yesterday formally called for delay in deployment of any new weapon systems until the administration "has had time to take an earnest effort to pursue meaningful discussions with the Soviet Union."

A Treaty Violation Seen

Some critics contend that deploying Sentinel would violate the spirit of the nuclear nonproliferation treaty, which comes up for formal debate Monday. One section requires nuclear powers to embark on an early date on negotiations to halt the nuclear arms race.

Mansfield told the Senate yesterday that a decision to deploy the Sentinel is likely to mean the beginning of another round of armaments escalation.

"Sentinel will not add one iota to the security of life in the United States," he said. "It may well detract from it."

Meanwhile, advocates of the Sentinel are urging Nixon to pull back from the full program by reducing the number of missile sites from 20 to a half-dozen, the Associated Press reported.

Sen. Milton R. Young, R-N.D., told an interviewer that he had urged the scaled-down version of the Sentinel when Nixon met with GOP congressional leaders Thursday night at the White House.

Extracts from WASHINGTON POST Staff
Article Which Appeared in the March 10th
Issue of that Newspaper Under the Heading

SEN. STENNIS WAVERING ON ABM

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Copy of full article attached.

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MONDAY MORNING

WASHINGTON POST - 10 MARCH 1969 P-1

Sen. Stennis Wavering On ABM

By Robert C. Maynard
Washington Post Staff Writer

Once a strong supporter of the Sentinel anti-ballistic missile system, Sen. John C. Stennis, chairman of the Senate Armed Services Committee, said yesterday he isn't sure it should be deployed at present.

Stennis, hedging on whether he still supports the defensive missile program, called ABM, said he will conduct a full study of the program as soon as President Nixon announces his decision.

The President, pondering for several weeks whether to propose the deployment of the missiles, said at his Tuesday evening press conference that he will announce his decision early this week.

Responding to reporters' questions on the CBS program "Face the Nation," Stennis said that if the President makes a plea for the ABM, "I would think it would pass the Senate."

In his hearings, Stennis said, he wants to examine two things, "the threat, what is different from what it was a year ago, and what progress has been made on the ABM from a year ago."

Noting that he once opposed and then favored ABM, Stennis said:

"I always said that I favored an ABM as purely a defensive measure . . . But I said, until last year, that it still is in the research and development stage and not up to the deployment stage."

As for his present stand, Stennis said in answer to a question, "I am not on the fence." But then he said, "These missiles vary greatly in their progress and development. I want to take another look at that."

Asked if the Sentinel ABM system might not ultimately cost many billions of dollars, Stennis said:

"Well, this will prove to be a progressive program, I believe, more and more as we go on. As you know, it will require greater and greater installations."

While Stennis appeared not fully decided in favor of the ABM, the controversial missile program was being lambasted by others yesterday.

Former Vice President Hubert Humphrey, speaking on ABC's "Issues and Answers," made an impassioned plea against deployment of the ABM at this time.

"I don't believe we should precipitously upset what I consider to be a very delicate and strategic balance in nuclear weaponry between ourselves and the Soviet Union," Humphrey said.

"The climate is right now, and ripe, for disarmament negotiations, for discussions. Let's not lose this opportunity. We have a chance of a lifetime."

The argument of a precious opportunity to negotiate a slowdown of the arms race was also used by Prof. Abram Chayes of Harvard Law School, who appeared on NBC's "Meet the Press," aired here on WRC-TV, to denounce proposed deployment of the ABM.

"We are at a moment of opportunity," said Chayes, a former legal adviser to the State Department, "a potential turning point when it might be possible, really, to make some progress toward turning down the arms race."

Chayes said the "moment of opportunity" occurs now because the United States and the Soviet Union are relatively evenly matched in strategic weapons, "the Russians want to talk" and a new Administration can enter talks not bound by the commitments of the previous Administration.

"All that adds up," Chayes said, "to a moment of opportunity for real progress. Those moments are rare. If they are lost, they don't come again very soon."

Appearing with Chayes was the Provost of Massachusetts Institute of Technology, Dr. Jerome B. Wiesner, former White House science adviser.

As he has said of the ABM before, Wiesner stated, flatly, "In my judgment it won't work. It won't provide the defense that people claim it will."

Wiesner and Chayes head a task force appointed by Sen. Edward M. Kennedy (D-Mass.) to study the entire ABM picture. Both men were advisers to President John F. Kennedy.

The Sentinel, on which deployment work was halted in February after an outcry from urbanites near whose cities the missiles were to have been placed, is called a "thin" defensive system.

Its purpose, as stated by Secretary of Defense Melvin R. Laird, is to deal with the relatively modest nuclear delivery system of China for about the next decade.

The principle on which the system is based is that its two component missiles—Spartan and Sprint—are sent aloft to meet incoming missiles and knock them down in space.

Opponents of the system, such as Wiesner and Chayes,

argue that such a system is a hit-and-miss proposition at best. At worst, it could set off a spiraling new armaments race between the United States and the Soviet Union, opponents say.

Wiesner called it a "multi-billion-dollar mistake" yesterday, warning that the "thin" system's estimated cost of \$10 billion could give way in time to a "thick" system costing as much as 10 times the present estimates.

Laird, as one argument in support of the Sentinel, has said the system would enhance the U.S. bargaining position in talks with the Soviet Union on reducing armaments.

"I have heard about Secretary Laird's statement that we need a \$5 billion poker chip to go into talks with," Chayes said in a voice dripping with ridicule. "But I don't see that we have to deploy this system, or begin to deploy it, to have the value of that as a potential option in bargaining with the Russians."

With liberal opposition closing ranks, Mr. Nixon, if he decides for the system, will face his first big fight in the Senate. It promises, according to polls released by the wire services, to be closer.

Of 100 Senators, the Associated Press found 47 against ABM, 24 for it and 29 undecided. United Press International found 45 Senators opposed or inclined to be opposed, 20 in favor and 25 undecided.

Even though at present the single largest block is opposed, most of those undecided are Republicans likely to follow the Republican President.

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June 18, 1969

MEMORANDUM FOR: MR. CHAPIN

The President wants to be sure that arrangements are made in advance to allow the press photographers 2-3 minutes (on Friday) to record the first meeting of the Environmental Council.

(For your additional information, John Whitaker; Ron Ziegler; Herb Klein, if he is in town; and either Bob or I will be sitting in.)

ALEXANDER P. BUTTERFIELD

THE WHITE HOUSE

WASHINGTON

June 18, 1969

MEMORANDUM FOR: DR. DU BRIDGE

This is just a reminder of some of the more significant comments made by the President during your meeting with him late this afternoon. As I recall, they were:

- Prepare some appropriate comments and talking points for me to use as I open the Environmental Council meeting on Friday.
- I think one meeting every month is about right ... certainly no more often than that.
- We should have the next meeting in California.
- It might be a good idea to invite Bill Lear and perhaps Laurence Rockefeller to the California meeting. (We might even think of putting Lear on a subcommittee eventually.)
- With regard to papers prepared by the Council and/or its subcommittees (i.e. reports of an informative nature as well as action recommendations), you should sit down with Henry Kissinger, "who is a very buttoned-down guy", and see if he can suggest the best way to go about numbering papers, forms, etc. ... something similar to the way his staff papers for me are prepared.
- We should get the Vice President, in his role as liaison with Governors and Mayors, to become involved in these environmental studies. So much of this business has to do with the cities and the states.

- Perhaps you (Lee) should talk to the Governors at their Colorado Springs conference.
- It would be a good idea for you to talk to Peter Flanigan and have him get together with Fred Borch on the Business Council's setting up an Environmental Council. That group has all kinds of resources at hand and can put out some very fine work when asked.
- Meanwhile - between now and Friday - you (Lee) should work something out with Ziegler in the way of a press announcement (to be made immediately after the meeting) to show that some considerable number of actions have already been taken.

ALEXANDER P. BUTTERFIELD

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June 18, 1969

MEMORANDUM FOR: MR. LAMAR ALEXANDER

I understand that because John Ehrlichman was on the Hill late this afternoon you were asked by Dwight Chapin's office to sit in with the Congressional group which called on the President in the Oval Office and presented to him its report on campus disorders. If that is the case, I would be most appreciative if you would prepare a very brief paper -- something on the order of a half-page -- telling generally what transpired ... just the thread of the substance of the meeting along with any particularly significant comments or commitments made. The paper should be in the following form:

MEMORANDUM FOR: THE PRESIDENT'S FILE

Subject: Late-Afternoon Meeting in the President's Office with Congressman William E. Brock and Others ... to present the Congressional Report on Campus Disorders (4:15-4:30 p. m.)

... then your brief paragraph or two.

Many thanks.

ALEXANDER P. BUTTERFIELD

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June 18, 1969

MEMORANDUM FOR: MR. KLEIN

I am returning the sampling of press reactions of the black media which you submitted to the President on June 14th. He reviewed the report this morning and, as you will note, thought the coverage was very good.

ALEXANDER P. BUTTERFIELD

Attachment

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June 18, 1969

MEMORANDUM
SUBJECT: Mr. Clarke Simonds
The following
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HONORABLE JOHN O. PASTORE
UNITED STATES SENATE
WASHINGTON, D. C.

Dear Senator Pastore:

I am returning, for your files, the original letters sent to you on June 13th by Mr. Clarke Simonds ... copies having been made already for our records.

The President very much enjoyed the short session with you Tuesday afternoon, and was especially interested in the items discussed -- among them Mr. Simonds' two proposals.

Sincerely,

Alexander P. Butterfield
Deputy Assistant to the President

MEMORANDUM

THE WHITE HOUSE

WASHINGTON

June 18, 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 June 17th.

	<u>STAFF MEMBER</u>	<u>REC CALL TO</u>	<u>DATE.</u>	<u>ACTION TAKEN</u>
(1)	Bryce Harlow (and Sec'y Kennedy	Rep. Wilbur Mills Rep. John Byrnes Rep. Hale Boggs	Jun 17	Call made. Call made. Call made.

Please notify those concerned as to action taken.

ALEXANDER P. BUTTERFIELD

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June 18, 1969

MEMORANDUM FOR: DR. KISSINGER

Today the President's news summary contained a short account of a Tuesday morning VC rocket attack in Saigon which destroyed portions of a school building about 100 yards from the U. S. Embassy. The article said it was the first such attack since June 6th.

The President wants to know if you consider this reported occurrence "a reaction to our recent actions."

ALEXANDER P. BUTTERFIELD

MEMORANDUM

THE WHITE HOUSE

WASHINGTON

June 17, 1969

MEMORANDUM FOR: MR. BELIEU
MR. DENT

You will recall that last week we mutually agreed on the wisdom of reviewing closely our full list of U. S. Senators who either fully or partially support the President's Safeguard decision ... and, in the interest of holding that support, taking whatever action or actions might be most appropriate in the case of each. We mentioned brief notes or possibly office calls by one or more members of the staff -- nothing elaborate, but rather, mere gestures of recognition and/or expressions of gratitude ... on the President's behalf.

The attached format (drawn up by Jay Wilkinson) may be of assistance in determining just exactly what should be planned for each of the fifty Senators recently designated, and in recording the progress and eventual completion of the project.

ALEXANDER P. BUTTERFIELD

Attachment

cc: Mr. Harlow

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Byrd, W. Va.
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Ervin
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Goldwater
Griffin
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Hruska
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Thurmond
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Williams, Del.
Young

	Short Note	Phone Call	Office Call	Person or Persons Designated to Take Action(s)	Remarks
Scott					
Sparkman					
Spong					
Stennis					
Stevens					
Talmadge					
Thurmond					
Tower					
Williams, Del.					
Young					

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June 17, 1969

MEMORANDUM FOR: MR. EHRLICHMAN

With reference to the bi-partisan group of lawmakers which has made so much news lately -- and which today called for a reordering of national priorities and a closer Congressional scrutiny of military spending (i.e. Sen. Cook, Sen. Saxbe, Sen. Hughes, Sen. Cranston, Rep. Bingham, Rep. Ottinger, etc.) -- the President asked again if there isn't some way in which we might effectively infiltrate this group. He wants you and the information addressees of this memorandum to give some concentrated thought to this matter.

ALEXANDER P. BUTTERFIELD

cc: Mr. Harlow
Mr. BeLieu
Mr. Grubb
Mr. Timmons

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June 17, 1969

MEMORANDUM FOR: DR. BURNS

Senator John Pastore saw the President in the Oval Office earlier this afternoon and left with him a three-page June 13th letter which he (Pastore) had received from Clarke Simonds, President of the United Fund of Southeastern New England, Inc. Simonds' letter (a copy of which is attached . . . along with a two-page memorandum explaining the purpose, financing, and disbursement procedures of the Rhode Island Urban Emergency Fund) puts forth two requests: (1) Permission for Federal personnel in the state of Rhode Island to contribute to the United Fund on a payroll payment plan; and (2) Approval of the Internal Revenue Service's allowing corporations making contributions to urban crisis problems to exceed the 5 percent ceiling now in effect for charitable gifts.

After reviewing the letter the President directed the following comments to you (which I assume refer to the second of the two requests stated above):

"Arthur -- I like this idea. Perhaps we could add 1 percent to the tax deduction for corporations. Please check it out and give me a recommendation."

ALEXANDER P. BUTTERFIELD

Attachment

MEMORANDUM

THE WHITE HOUSE

WASHINGTON

June 17, 1969

MEMORANDUM FOR: MR. KLEIN
MR. KEOGH
MR. WHITAKER
*MR. DENT
*MR. SAFIRE
*MR. COSTELLO
MR. J. WILKINSON

I am sure that by now you've seen the headline in tonight's EVENING STAR -- the issue just out. It reads, "SENATE PUTS OFF ABM DEBATE ... SAFEGUARD FOES SEEN LOSING VOTE." Some extracts from the article appear below:

- There is talk among Senators that ABM opponents may be losing ground in their drive to line up a majority against the President's Safeguard proposal.
- Democratic Senators John Stennis (pro-Safeguard) and Mike Mansfield (a Safeguard critic) agreed that postponement of the debate was the best course of action, for when a military procurement bill containing Safeguard authorization is brought before the Senate it should be kept there without a break until a showdown vote. "It would be a mistake to bring the bill up and then have to set it aside for the July recess."
- Senator Thomas Eagleton (D-Missouri), an ABM critic, said he sees the Safeguard vote now at 52 yeas and 48 nays.
- Mansfield conceded that whereas he thought he had a majority against Safeguard several weeks ago he is now quite uncertain.

- Senator Milton Young (R-North Dakota) said he came away from a recent home state visit with the impression that 75 percent of the people there favor ABM.

We believe that now we may have the opposition on the run ... and "running scared", which means it is the precise time to beef-up our own efforts, review our techniques, sharpen our tactics, and apply heavy and constant pressures until the issue is concluded in the President's favor. We want to insure that a DoD task force is in being and operating smoothly; that each military service's LL staff is appropriately augmented and geared to pursue identical objectives; that talking points, rebuttals, speeches, clear explanations of key points, opinion poll statistics, etc. are pulled out of the files, inventoried and made ready for use; that "boiler plate" thank you notes to Senators and others are prepared; and that Governors, Party Chairmen, citizens' committees, and other elements of the field forces are rejuvenated so as to overwhelm state Senators on home visits during the 4th of July recess. Meanwhile, we must not forget the importance of adroitly stroking those Senators who are with us or at least leaning to our side.

To better plan this new phase of our campaign we will meet in Jim Keogh's conference room on Thursday morning, June 19th, at 9:30 a.m. Those of you whose names are preceded by an asterisk should come to this meeting with a draft game plan of what you believe to be the essential objectives in your specific areas between now and the showdown vote (i.e. approximately 6-8 weeks hence) and a proposed schedule of actions necessary for their attainment.

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ALEXANDER P. BUTTERFIELD

cc: Mr. Harlow
Mr. BeLieu
Col R.J. Bennett, SSG

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June 17, 1969

MEMORANDUM FOR: MR. EHRLICHMAN

You will recall that during our 8 o'clock staff meeting this morning I mentioned the Washington Free Press and my surprise, after reviewing a copy of the latest issue, that it is so widely (and freely) distributed throughout the Washington, D. C. area. Jay Wilkinson made a quick check for me during the noon hour. He said that he spotted a number of hippy-types peddling the obscene tabloid quite openly -- without any noticeable fear of being apprehended by law enforcement officials.

Just take a look at this "rag". If the language on the first few pages doesn't throw you, the lewd and strictly pornographic cartoons on pages 18 and 19 surely will. We ought to really crack down hard on this publication and all who support it.

ALEXANDER P. BUTTERFIELD

Attachment

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June 17, 1969

MEMORANDUM

Subject: ~~McDon~~ MEMORANDUM FOR: MR. HALDEMAN

The following ~~is~~ Bob:

STAFF ~~McDon~~ I am attaching to this memorandum five separate pieces of correspondence. I would guess that the three sheets containing original RN notes should be red-checked and turned over to Elmer ... just for the record. The remaining two items bear original notes in your hand and pertain to events long since forgotten. You will probably want to throw them away.

ALEXANDER P. BUTTERFIELD

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Attachments

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MEMORANDUM

THE WHITE HOUSE

WASHINGTON

June 17, 1969

MEMORANDUM FOR:

Subject: Action Report on Staff-Recommended Presidential Phone Calls

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Please notify those concerned as to action taken.

ALEXANDER P. BUTTERFIELD

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June 17, 1969

MEMORANDUM FOR: MR. EHRLICHMAN

With reference to your June 16th Memorandum for the President concerning the Replogle Globe Company's offer of another globe of the world, the President would like you to decline with thanks. He says that he has another one.

ALEXANDER P. BUTTERFIELD

June 17, 1969

MEMORANDUM FOR:

Honorable Emil Mosbacher, Jr.
Chief of Protocol
Department of State

Today the President reviewed your June 11th memorandum concerning a proposed gift for the APOLLO 11 astronauts. He said that he is opposed to the idea of a gift for Neil Armstrong and company if we did not make similar presentations at the conclusion of previous manned space flights. He does approve, however, the idea of a State gift ... if not too costly.

Alexander P. Butterfield
Deputy Assistant to the President

June 17, 1969

MEMORANDUM FOR: MR. BRUCE JACOBS
Safeguard Support Group
Room 497, EOB

I am attaching for your files a receipt signed by the Assistant Manager of the Pittsburgh Hilton, Mr. J. O'Rourke. It was returned to me yesterday by the WHCA courier who delivered our package of Safeguard materials to Louie Welch's care at the Mayors' Conference.

ALEXANDER P. BUTTERFIELD

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June 17, 1969

MEMORANDUM FOR: THE STAFF SECRETARY
Attention: Mr. Steve Bull

The President does not agree with the point which Secretary Finch makes in opposition to both osteopathic and chiropractic fees being covered under Medicare. He says that if a State approves chiropractors, the Federal government will follow that rule.

ALEXANDER P. BUTTERFIELD

June 17, 1969

MEMORANDUM FOR: MR. DENT

The President has read your June 16th memorandum concerning Senator Pastore (attached). As you will note, he was very pleased to receive the information.

ALEXANDER P. BUTTERFIELD

Attachment

June 17, 1969

PLEASE TREAT AS VERY CONFIDENTIAL

MEMORANDUM FOR: Chairman Rogers C. P. Morton
Republican National Committee

Last Sunday evening one of our staff writers prepared a special report, entitled "The McNamara Legacy", a copy of which the President wanted sent to you for your perusal.

(Copies are being sent also to Mel Laird and Bryce Harlow.)

Alexander P. Butterfield
Deputy Assistant to the President

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ALEXANDER P. BUTTERFIELD

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June 17, 1969

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MEMORANDUM FOR:

Honorable Melvin R. Laird
Secretary of Defense

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(Copies are being sent also to Rog Morton and Bryce Harlow.)

Alexander P. Butterfield
Deputy Assistant to the President

Attachment

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Chron

June 16, 1969

MEMORANDUM FOR: DR. KISSINGER

Subject: Comment by the President (Information Only)

While reading over an analysis of nationwide morning news, the President noticed that the WASHINGTON POST had picked up and played on a line which NEWSWEEK's current issue had revealed earlier in the week ... i.e. that the U.S. has told the Soviet Union it hopes to begin arms talks on limitation of strategic missiles by July 31st.

The President's comment to you: "Henry -- Here we go again!!"

ALEXANDER P. BUTTERFIELD

June 16, 1969

MEMORANDUM FOR: MR. HARLOW

The following item, subtitled Foreign Aid, appeared in the President's morning news summary:

President Nixon's recent attack on critics of military spending as "new isolationists" backfired on his \$2.6 billion foreign aid program. The developments suggested that the program was in even worse trouble than a year ago, when Congress cut President Johnson's \$2.9 billion request by nearly \$1.2 billion. Before the hearings with Dr. Hannah adjourned for the day, the investment corporation scheme had been attacked from the Democratic side as a "device to avoid continued Congressional supervision," and from the Republican minority as a "save-the-foreign-aid-program-gimmick..." (Felix Belair, Jr., New York Times 6/12)

The President's only comment: "Bryce - Don't try too hard."

ALEXANDER P. BUTTERFIELD

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June 16, 1969

MEMORANDUM FOR: DR. KISSINGER (information only)

Today the President read in his news summary that Mike Mansfield felt the ABM would cause a "mad momentum" in the arms race. The account went on to credit Mike with the statement that this country is "far ahead of Russia in numbers of missiles" ... e.g. there are 1,054 ICBM's in our arsenal and only 905 in Russia's.

The President's only comment: "A great advantage!"

ALEXANDER P. BUTTERFIELD

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June 16, 1969

MEMORANDUM FOR: MR. EHRLICHMAN
MR. HALDEMAN

Recently there have been a number of news accounts to the effect that the deep-down mood in Washington, from the White House through the Congress, lacks enthusiasm and sparkle. One such piece referred to Arthur Burns as the "gloomiest gus of all," saying that he had been talking lately along the line that the dollar might well have to be devalued if the Congress does not extend the surtax.

The President believes that we should get our people together and explain to them the importance of putting out a more optimistic line.

ALEXANDER P. BUTTERFIELD

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June 16, 1969

PLEASE TREAT AS VERY CONFIDENTIAL

MEMORANDUM FOR: MR. EHRLICHMAN
DR. KISSINGER

Subject: Comment by the President (information only)

This is just a short note to inform you, at the President's request, that he doesn't think much at all of Dave Packard's response when asked what the President had meant by a "sufficiency" of arms. As reported in today's Presidential news summary, Packard merely shrugged and said, "It is a good word to use in a speech. Beyond that, it doesn't mean a god-damned thing."

ALEXANDER P. BUTTERFIELD

PLEASE TREAT AS VERY CONFIDENTIAL

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June 16, 1969

MEMORANDUM FOR: MR. EHRLICHMAN

After reading more news comments about his Air Force Academy speech, and the fact that stories of "waste in Defense spending" are refueling the opposition, the President wonders why we can't get across to the public the point that he is strongly in favor of cutting waste ... and said so in that particular address.

ALEXANDER P. BUTTERFIELD

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June 16, 1969

MEMORANDUM FOR: MR. HALDEMAN

Today while reading his news summary, the President focused on an Evans and Novak report to the effect that he was "angered" by Secretary Kennedy's statement last week that price and wage controls might be necessary if the surcharge is not extended. He said the statement is "absolutely false" ... and he wants to know who might have put out such information.

ALEXANDER P. BUTTERFIELD

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June 16, 1969

MEMORANDUM FOR: MR. HARLOW

The President has just read a resume of the Baltimore Sun's page one story about Senator Joseph Tydings recent commencement address at Goucher College. The brief account says that Tydings told the graduates that in many underdeveloped nations revolutionary activity represents the only hope for rescuing the majority of the people from their unending misery.

Addressing his comment to you, the President asked why someone in the Senate doesn't check with Tydings and see what he thinks communist revolution has done for people behind the Iron Curtain.

ALEXANDER P. BUTTERFIELD

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June 16, 1969

MEMORANDUM FOR: MR. EHRLICHMAN

This paragraph appeared in today's Presidential news summary:

Most U.S. adults believe that the violence which has plagued this country in recent years is the work of a small minority. A survey showed that 66.1% of those polled disagree with the finding of a presidential commission that Americans are a "rather bloody-minded people" who think that violence is "an ultimate solution to social problems."

Only 21.7% of the 1,640 adults surveyed agreed with the commission.

The President's only comment: "This commission is a disaster!"

ALEXANDER P. BUTTERFIELD

cc: Mr. Dent

June 16, 1969

MEMORANDUM FOR: MR. EHRLICHMAN

The attached material was passed to the President recently by Herb Klein -- and the President has asked Rose Mary to write a short note of thanks back to Gardner.

With reference to this item, the President addressed these remarks to you:

- "John -- (1) Send a copy of each letter to Bill Gavin.
- (2) This demonstrates how we can enormously increase our use of such techniques.
- (3) We should get some support and assistance from local TV and radio disc jockeys.
- (4) Have Gavin et al submit to me by July 1st a greatly expanded program -- on the order of a game plan -- on these kinds of actions. "

ALEXANDER P. BUTTERFIELD

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June 16, 1969

MEMORANDUM FOR: MR. KLEIN

The President appreciated your forwarding to him Hy Gardner's letter of June 2nd. For your information he has asked Rose Mary to write a short note of thanks to Gardner for reprinting the original Presidential letter of May 13th.

ALEXANDER P. BUTTERFIELD

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June 16, 1969

MEMORANDUM FOR: MISS ROSE MARY WOODS

I am attaching a copy of the President's May 13th letter advising a ten-year-old boy of the qualities a President ought to have ... and Hy Gardner's June 2nd expression of thanks.

The President would now appreciate your writing a very short note of thanks back to Gardner -- something along the following lines:

Dear Hy: Many thanks for reprinting the letter. We all have a special responsibility to give whatever we can in the way of inspiration to a very troubled younger generation. Best personal regards.

ALEXANDER P. BUTTERFIELD

Attachment

June 16, 1969

MEMORANDUM FOR: THE STAFF SECRETARY

The President has reviewed the recently prepared revisions of the Letter of Credence and Letter of Recall. He wants the State Department, in coordination with our staff, to spend some more time on this project and come up with something a little better. His prime interest is to rid the letters of their present archaic and/or stilted style.

ALEXANDER P. BUTTERFIELD

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June 16, 1969

MEMORANDUM FOR: MR. TOM HUSTON

The President reviewed with considerable interest your June 12th memorandum concerning the recent session you had with Indiana high school students. His comment to you was, "Tom, A very good report."

For your further information the President has asked John Ehrlichman to look into ways and means of setting up some positive contacts with the decent youngsters throughout America ... and of putting a stop to the media's giving so much attention to the bomb throwers.

ALEXANDER P. BUTTERFIELD

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June 16, 1969

MEMORANDUM FOR: DR. BURNS

The President has reviewed your June 9th memorandum concerning clean elections legislation. He wants to be sure that any one contributor can give \$5,000 to each candidate, and that no limitations whatever are placed on contributions prior to nominations. He went on to say, however, that we should forget the bill unless we can insure inclusion of the provision which regulates contributions by corporate, trade association, and labor-union/political-action committees.

(The President added a comment concerning "the Congressmen" ... something to the effect that most of them, in the case of this proposed "contribution limitation" legislation, are thinking only of themselves ... for they don't get contributions over \$5,000.)

We should get the President's thoughts on this matter cranked into the mill without delay.

Thank you.

ALEXANDER P. BUTTERFIELD

cc: Mr. Ehrlichman

MEMORANDUM

THE WHITE HOUSE

WASHINGTON

June 16, 1969

MEMORANDUM FOR: MR. EHRLICHMAN
MR. DENT
MR. BELIEU

On Friday evening I had an opportunity to show to the President the pro-ABM poster put out recently by Bill Casey's "Citizens Committee for Peace with Security" (which appeared as a full-page ad in last Friday's NEW YORK TIMES) and the "Missile Defense Makes Sense" automobile bumper sticker which is now being circulated. He was highly pleased with both, and remarked that the poster was "excellent", and the sticker "particularly good".

As you may have noted a good portion of the poster is devoted to the display of some rather revealing pro-ABM national polling statistics ... as gathered by Opinion Research Corporation of Princeton, New Jersey. Three extracts appear below:

Here is how America responded:

1. "Do you think the United States should have some sort of ABM defense system, or should not?"

Total Public:

Yes, Should	No, Should Not	No Opinion
84%	8%	8%

2. "President Nixon has come out for a limited ABM system -- called the Safeguard System -- which is supposed to protect our ability to strike back at an attacker. Do you think Congress should approve this system, or should not?"

Total Public:

Yes, Should Approve	No, Should Not Approve	No Depends	No Opinion
73%	10%	3%	14%

3. "As far as you know, does Russia already have some ABM's in place and ready to use?"

Total Public:

Yes	No	Not Yet, But Will	Don't Know
63%	3%	1%	33%

After focusing on these figures, the President addressed these comments to each of you:

"I think the Gallup people are loading their questions for the purpose of avoiding 'pro' answers which might be contrary to the views of their bigger subscribing papers. Get this Opinion Research Corporation poll out to all Senators along with a personal letter from Scott."


ALEXANDER P. BUTTERFIELD

cc: Mr. Harlow
Dr. Kissinger

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June 16, 1969

MEMORANDUM FOR: MR. EHRLICHMAN

The President had a chance over the weekend to review your June 12th memorandum concerning Clayton Fritchey's article on McLaren and the B.F. Goodrich/Northwest Industries merger. His comments appear below:

"John -- (1) Let's be doubly sure that McLaren is clean.

(2) Rather than continuing to hit our friends, why doesn't he go after Ford, for example?"

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June 16, 1969

MEMORANDUM FOR: MR. KLEIN

The President has just read Tom Huston's June 12th memorandum concerning the interesting session he had recently (at Senator Birch Bayh's request) with a group of Indiana high school students. The gist of the memorandum, if you have not seen it, is that the young people were most impressive and asked a number of highly intelligent questions. They seemed less concerned about our policy toward Vietnam than about our plans for quelling the campus disorders. One of Tom's statements was of particular interest. It was to the effect that the students' questions indicated rather clearly that the President's General Beadle State College speech had been pretty well submerged in the news by press accounts of the Air Force Academy speech.

With obvious reference to this portion of the memorandum, the President asked for a final rundown on the mail outs of the General Beadle State College and Air Force Academy speeches. Additionally, he would like to know the story on reprints -- and whether or not Readers Digest could do this.

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cc: Mr. Haldeman

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They also expressed the hope that the Government not grant amnesty to Vietnam deserters.

After his review of Tom's memorandum, the President addressed this comment to you: "John -- We should make some real efforts towards setting up some positive contacts with the decent kids throughout the country ... and towards putting a stop to the media's giving so much attention to the bomb throwers."

ALEXANDER P. BUTTERFIELD

cc: Mr. Klein