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A written report to the President is attached.

MEMORANDUM FOR: MR. HALDEMAN
FROM: ALEXANDER P. BUTTERFIELD
RE: Pictures in the EOB

I have just received your January 14th memorandum concerning pictures in the EOB ... and my delay (for nearly a month) in getting certain information back to the President.

I remember precisely what the President said when he spoke to me about this and there was no request for a report back -- only a clear directive that action be taken. Whereas I am not in the habit of dragging my feet ever (especially on a matter of expressed priority interest to you or the President) I did in this case adhere to the President's word of caution that a sweeping order to bring down all pictures of past Presidents -- coming on the heels of his December 24th "walk-through" -- might well be taken as "Presidentially-directed".

There are 2 parts to the project: (1) Discreetly institute the proper "picture policy" ... and ensure that its merits (indeed its justification) are clearly understood by all personnel in the Executive Office of the President, especially GS employees on the White House Support Staff; and (2) Assign one of our own people to every support office, or in some other way set up a system which will ensure across-the-board loyalty of White House Support Staff personnel even if it is necessary to "abolish all offices and start over from scratch." The first half of the project -- admittedly the easiest half -- was begun with my own "walk-through" the EOB offices on January 1st, less than 48 hours after the President's departure for San Clemente. It was completed on January 14th, just 13 days later. The second half of the project is just beginning -- and will not be done overnight. I am looking at personnel files now, and when I finish I will recommend to you 1 or 2 possible courses of action that is, unless you want to stay out of it entirely and give me a full rein.

Finally, let me say that it was only this past Tuesday when I first learned from you that the President was asking for a progress report on this subject. On Wednesday I reported to you by memorandum that I would have a rundown for you today (January 16th). In that I did not hear from you, I assumed that schedule was satisfactory; then came your note expressing impatience, itself delayed by a day and a half.

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RE: Sanitization of the EOB

Recalling your word of caution to me that a sweeping order to take down from EOB walls all pictures of past Presidents -- coming on the heels of your December 24th walk-through -- might well be taken as "Presidentially-directed", I did not move on this project until after your departure for San Clemente. However, on New Year's day I made my own inspection of EOB offices occupied by White House Support Staff personnel and less than a week later spoke to Bill Hopkins about general policy on the matter, his views, etc. I couched my pitch to Hopkins in terms of my surprise discovery ... i.e. learning that civilian government employees, unlike military personnel, do on occasion display pictures of past commanders or commanders-in-chief on (Federal) office walls. I took time to elaborate on the fact that the taking down of pictures of former chiefs, in offices or other official business environments, is only a gesture of common courtesy to new chiefs -- a gesture of "pledged loyalty" ... with no disrespect whatever intended for those who have served and moved on. Bill Hopkins knew all of this, of course, so was naturally understanding of the position I was taking. I asked him to make a detailed check (not telling him of my earlier check) ... which he did prior to your return to Washington. Here is a recapitulation of results:

- Of 35 large and small offices occupied by White House Support Staff personnel, 6 displayed photographs of one or more former Presidents ... in addition to your own.
- 27 offices (including the 6 mentioned above) displayed your picture.
- 8 offices displayed no pictures of U.S. Presidents.

-- The office which you mentioned to me specifically -- the one in which you noticed 2 pictures of President Kennedy -- is supervised by Edna Rosenberg, a civil servant at the GS-9 level, who has the distinction of having served on the White House Staff longer than anyone else 41 years this coming March 7th. I have checked her file very carefully and found that the House Committee on Un-American Activities, the Civil Service Commission's Bureau of Personnel Investigation, the State Department and its Passport Office, the CIA, the Secret Service, and the FBI have all rendered continual reports to the effect that she is a "completely loyal American whose character, reputation, and associations are above reproach." Born in 1902 here in Washington, D. C., she has remained single all of these years, and lives now with a sister (Miss Janette Rosenberg) in Silver Spring, Maryland.

--- One of the Kennedy pictures bore a personal inscription of good wishes to the personnel of that office, and undoubtedly for that reason had been retained and displayed by those who work there.

-- Using to best advantage the fact that your new official photographs have just been printed and made accessible to Federal offices and employees, I instructed Bill Hopkins to see to it that every office supervisor received one and in the process of hanging it on the wall took all others down . . . "in accordance with normal policy".

-- On January 14th the project was completed and all 35 offices displayed only your photograph.

The second half of this project -- i. e. to ensure across-the-board loyalty of all White House Support Staff personnel even if we find it necessary to "abolish current office arrangements and start over from scratch" -- is underway; but I cannot yet report results. I am in the process of screening personnel records and within 2-3 days will be ready to suggest possible courses of action to Bob Haldean.

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- Mort Allin completed the summary around 11:00 p. m. Tuesday evening. He learned that the first vehicle going up to Camp David was scheduled to leave at 6:00 a. m. the following morning with a group of Secret Service agents; so he left the news summary in the Correspondence Section of EOB and directed the White House Garage to pick it up there and take it to the Secret Service room, W-16, in the West Wing Basement.
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I had gone so far as to draft a short memorandum to Bob Taylor outlining this policy, but decided against sending it when I learned that the agent did not himself give the item to the President. I can see very easily how this particular delivery evolved, and really, Manolo is the fellow to talk to. Everyone else understands that official business and other reading matter for the President flows from the Staff to you or me (and alternatively, but only in rare cases, to Chapin and Bull) and then to the President directly, or to the President via the duty Aide.

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RE: Mr. and Mrs. Michael Brody ... and
Mr. Michael Aronin

As you may know already Michael Brody, the young man who has been giving away money over the past 7-10 day period -- and making a complete jerk of himself on various nationally-televised talk shows -- chartered a helicopter in New York this afternoon and had it fly to Washington National Airport. He then took a cab to the Pennsylvania Avenue entrance to the White House where he is now and has been for the past half hour. He is with his wife and a gentleman named Michael Aronin and 2-3 members of the press and claims that he will not leave until he is allowed to see the President. We are ignoring him and plan to continue doing so.

The Secret Service just ran a quick NCIC security check on Michael Aronin and find that he is wanted for fraud. The FBI is going to pick him up ... but after the group leaves the vicinity of the White House.

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