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MEMORANDUM

THE WHITE HOUSE

WASHINGTON

March 26, 1970

MEMORANDUM FOR

MR. MORGAN

MR. COLSON

FROM:

ALEXANDER P. BUTTERFIELD *A*

The President thought that the attached list might be helpful to each of you. The accompanying letter merely explains how the list came into our hands.

Attachment

cc Mr. Ehrlichman

LIST OF IMPORTANT LOCAL AND REGIONAL
'LABOR LEADERS

John J. Tobin, President, Boston Building and Construction Trades Council
(United Association)
683 Atlantic Avenue, Rm. 452, Boston, Massachusetts 02111

Jack Wood, Secretary, Detroit, Building and Construction Trades Council
(Carpenters)
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Trades Council
(Painter)
441 Lexington Avenue, New York, New York 10017

John Zancanaro, President, Milwaukee Building and Construction Trades Council
(Laborer)
5900 West Center Street, Milwaukee, Wis. 53210

Thomas Arconti, Regional Manager for Kentucky and Ohio
(Laborer)

Al Clem, Vice President and Business Agent, San Francisco California
(Operating Engineer)

William Konyha, General Representative of the Carpenters for Northern Ohio
(Carpenter)

Thomas Murray, President, Chicago Building Trades Council
(IBEW)
130 North Wells Street, Chicago, Illinois 60606

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Construction Trades Department
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Jr.
George Vest, / Chicago Carpenters District Council

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March 17, 1970

Miss Rose Mary Woods
Executive Office of the President
The White House
1600 Pennsylvania Avenue
Washington, D. C. 20500

Dear Miss Woods:

In the White House on the night of January 17th, the President suggested that in about two months I send you, so it could be passed on to him, a list of the Building and Construction labor leaders who make policy in their regions in the United States.

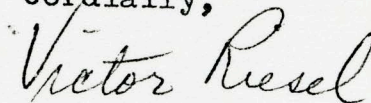
Here is that list which after considerable mulling I'm certain is a roster of men who really are the pace setters. They in turn could draw in others so I've kept the list short and manageable.

I most strongly advise an informal discussion with AFL-CIO President George Meany before any effort into the regions themselves.

The President knows that I would be willing to assist in any fashion along the lines of our discussion last January after the farewell banquet of William McChesney Martin.

You and I have not talked since those seemingly ancient days of the Pierre. So in these latter few lines I send you the warmest wishes for personal success and happiness. As one of your predecessors said in the previous administration "It's wonderful even for a fleeting moment to have this seat in the front row of such awesome history."

Cordially,



Victor Riesel

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March 26, 1970

MEMORANDUM FOR: MR. MAYO

FROM: ALEXANDER P. BUTTERFIELD

I am returning your March 24th memorandum to the President ... along with his personal good wishes for a well-deserved rest during your vacation period.

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March 26, 1970
12:30 p.m.

MEMORANDUM FOR: MR. EHRLICHMAN
FROM: ALEXANDER P. BUTTERFIELD
RE: Presidential Statement Concerning
the GI Educational Benefits Bill

The President has just signed the GI Educational Benefits Bill ... but with the stipulation that a statement be prepared immediately. He wants the statement to set forth, in general, the kinds of things that a veto message would include, and he wants it to make clear the point that he signed with considerable reluctance.

cc: Mr. Harlow
Mr. Timmons
Mr. Cole

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March 26, 1970

MEMORANDUM FOR: MR. HOPKINS
FROM: ALEXANDER P. BUTTERFIELD
RE: Delivery of Cabinet Chair

I would appreciate your making the necessary arrangements to have Attorney General Mitchell's old Cabinet chair delivered to his apartment sometime after April 6th. The address is: Watergate East, Apt. 712-N, 2510 Virginia Avenue, N.W., Washington, D. C. You may want to suggest to Mr. Rotchford that he call Mrs. Mitchell prior to delivery to be certain that someone will be at home to receive the chair.

The Attorney General's check made out to the Treasurer of the United States in the amount of \$154.50 is attached hereto.

Thank you.

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March 26, 1970

MEMORANDUM FOR: MR. CASHEN
FROM: ALEXANDER P. BUTTERFIELD
RE: Memorandum for the President's File

I would appreciate your writing a brief memorandum for the President's file on the 10:00 a.m. meeting which the President had yesterday with Secretary Volpe and Governor Sargent. If you have not written one of these previously, Mr. John Brown can provide the necessary guidelines.

Thank you.

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March 26, 1970

MEMORANDUM FOR: DR. KISSINGER

FROM: ALEXANDER P. BUTTERFIELD

RE: Proposed Foreign Travel by the
Secretary of the Treasury

Honorable David M. Kennedy, Secretary of the Treasury, is planning official travel to two different parts of the world: one visit will take him to Osaka, Seoul, Tokyo and Honolulu during the period April 4-14; the other will take him to Punta del Este and Rio de Janeiro during the period April 17-26.

It is my understanding now that Budget Director Robert Mayo intends to accompany Secretary Kennedy while he is at Punta del Este -- then transfer to Secretary Stans' group for the remainder of its visits to Latin American countries.

cc: Mr. William Watts

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March 25, 1970

MEMORANDUM FOR: MR. REX SCOUTEN
FROM: ALEXANDER P. BUTTERFIELD
RE: Bordeaux Wines for the President

Please try to obtain some good Bordeaux wine -- preferably '59, '61, or '62, in that order. The President would like to use these wines at future State dinners and other social occasions rather than the '66 claret. (Incidentally, if we keep at the White House any significant quantity of '66 Bordeaux, I would suggest that we trade it in for one of the aforementioned vintages ... if that is possible.)

Additionally, do what you can to obtain a few bottles each of some of the earlier vintages -- the really great years -- '45, '49 and '55. This latter, and smaller supply would be set aside for special First Family occasions.

cc: Mrs. Stuart
Mrs. Winchester

March 25, 1970

MEMORANDUM FOR: MR. BULL
FROM: ALEXANDER P. BUTTERFIELD
RE: Briefing Papers for the President

It's a relatively small point but I believe that your briefing paper on Hollis Dole's short meeting with the President should have given Dole's complete title -- Assistant Secretary of Interior for Mineral Resources -- just to cover the possibility (probability, really) that the President would want to take a few minutes to talk business and/or comment on "the fine job" Dole is doing. I say this even though the purpose of the appointment was to view old World War II photographs.

As a matter of fact, because it would not have lengthened the briefing paper appreciably it would have been even better procedure to have added one or two sentences on Dole's current concerns or projects in the mineral resources area. Perhaps something like this:

Mr. Dole is Assistant Secretary of Interior for Mineral Resources and is currently working in close coordination with John Whitaker on:

- The Administration's proposed oil shale program;
- Interior's position on the width of the continental shelf;
- The issue involving government contracts for helium.

(I say this because, after all, we don't want to preoccupy ourselves with brevity to the extent that we keep from the President information which would be helpful. The name of the game is "good preparation".)

I have belabored this, but only to suggest again that all of us give as close attention to "short" meetings and alternative plans as we do to prime events.

cc: Mr. Chapin
Mr. John Brown

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March 25, 1970

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MEMORANDUM FOR: MR. ROBERT TAYLOR
FROM: ALEXANDER P. BUTTERFIELD
RE: Protection of the President

Assuming you are as concerned with protecting the President from accidental injury as well as from would-be assassins, I want to call your attention to a seemingly insignificant hazard -- yet one which worries me.

The President uses his EOB office more and more each month. This means that he could be up and down those 25 steps 4, 6 ... even 10 times in a single week. However, it is not the number of steps, their hard surface, or the fact that they are often wet that bothers me; rather, it is the spiked iron fence at the bottom -- a perfect setup for a very serious accident. Moreover, the President is not physically agile. It is conceivable that over an eight year period he might slip or stumble just once.

Purely as a preventive measure, I would like for you to:

- (1) Look into the possibility of removing the fence. (Is it really necessary as long as an agent and a White House guard are posted at the top of the steps while the President occupies his EOB office? In my opinion, that part of the building would look better without it.)
- (2) Instruct your agents to be alert to the possibility of the President's slipping and falling on those steps, especially near the bottom if the fence is to be left in place; and instruct them also to be extremely subtle in carrying out whatever precautionary plan you approve. (In fact, I would like to discuss with you the precise mechanics of your plan before you pass the word to your men.)

I have belabored a small thing here, but when I was only 8 or 9 years of age I experienced a bad fall under conditions similar to those which exist outside of the President's EOB office ... and ended up hanging more than my hat on the spiked fence below.

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March 25, 1970

MEMORANDUM FOR THE RECORD

FROM: ALEXANDER P. BUTTERFIELD
RE: Legal Advice for Mrs. Winton Blount

Miss Pat Requa in the Postmaster General's office called this morning for legal advice on the following question:

Would there be any objection, in our view, to Mrs. Blount's writing a letter to large firms, companies, and institutions soliciting opportunities for them to purchase one full page of advertising -- at the rate of \$1,000 a page -- in a Washington Opera publication. She said that she knew such things had been done by Cabinet wives in previous Administrations but that she thought it best to check with us beforehand. She said also that Mrs. Nixon served as the honorary sponsor of the Washington Opera.

I asked several questions and learned additionally that:

Mrs. Blount would be using her own (personal) stationery.

The letters would bear no reference whatever to Mrs. Nixon.

The Postmaster General himself would not be mentioned or referred to.

The proceeds of these solicitations would go to the Washington Opera.

I then relayed this information and the basic question posed to Chuck Colson. Fifteen minutes later he called back to say that he thought

the Washington Opera, like the Washington Symphony, was considered a charitable organization, and that under such circumstances, and the circumstances outlined above, he would see no objection to Mrs. Blount's signing the letters. However, he did make one stipulation -- that careful thought be given to the planned recipients of the letters so that none is sent to an advertising company or to any business which is a substantial user of direct mail service.

This advice was relayed to Miss Requa at noon today... with emphasis on the fact that Mrs. Blount should not write the letters if the Washington Opera is not considered to be a charitable organization.

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March 25, 1970

MEMORANDUM FOR: DR. KISSINGER

FROM: ALEXANDER P. BUTTERFIELD

RE: Possible Visit to the Soviet Union by
an Administration Official

Whereas I normally pass on to you the proposed foreign travel plans of Cabinet members only, I have just learned that the Soviet government has invited Mr. Robert White and his wife to visit the USSR sometime soon -- I believe during the month of April or May.

As you may know, Mr. White is the Commerce Department's Administrator of Environmental Science Services. He is the Administration's weather expert and recently returned from a world weather conference at Geneva.

As I learn more about the Soviet Union's invitation to the Whites I will relay the information on to you or to General Haig.

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March 25, 1970

MEMORANDUM FOR: DR. KISSINGER
FROM: ALEXANDER P. BUTTERFIELD
RE: Proposed Foreign Travel by
Secretary of Commerce

As indicated in the attached memorandum, I recently agreed to serve as the prime point of contact for Cabinet members proposing overseas travel. The purpose of this note is to inform you and your staff that the Honorable Maurice Stans, Secretary of Commerce, is planning official visits to 8 or 9 Latin American countries during the period April 17 through May 5. Although I do not yet know the names of all of the countries to be visited, I do know that Brazil and Argentina are among them.

I will provide additional information as it is forwarded to me by the Commerce Department.

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March 25, 1970

MEMORANDUM FOR: MR. HOPKINS
FROM: ALEXANDER P. BUTTERFIELD
RE: Delivery of Cabinet Chair

I would appreciate your making the necessary arrangements to have Secretary Shultz's old Cabinet chair delivered to his office any day during the period March 25-27. The address is: Room 3136, Department of Labor.

Secretary Shultz's check made out to the Treasurer of the United States in the amount of \$154.50 is attached hereto.

Thank you.

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March 25, 1970

MEMORANDUM FOR: MR. HOPKINS
FROM: ALEXANDER P. BUTTERFIELD
RE: Delivery of Cabinet Chair

I would appreciate your making the necessary arrangements to have Secretary Rogers' old Cabinet chair delivered to his office any day during the period March 25-27. The address is: Room 7226, Department of State.

Secretary Rogers' check made out to the Treasurer of the United States in the amount of \$154.50 is attached hereto.

Thank you.

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March 25, 1970

MEMORANDUM FOR: MR. HOPKINS
FROM: ALEXANDER P. BUTTERFIELD
RE: Delivery of Cabinet Chair

I would appreciate your making the necessary arrangements to have Secretary Hardin's old Cabinet chair delivered to his residence any day during the period March 25-27. The address is: 4907 Sangamore Road, Washington, D. C. You may want to suggest to Mr. Rotchford that he call Mrs. Hardin prior to delivery to be certain that someone will be at home to receive the chair.

Secretary Hardin's check made out to the Treasurer of the United States in the amount of \$154.50 is attached hereto.

Thank you.

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March 25, 1970

MEMORANDUM FOR: MR. JOHN BROWN
FROM: ALEXANDER P. BUTTERFIELD
RE: Briefing Papers for the President

Please review my comments on the attached briefing paper -- one which obviously was prepared in great haste. The way I read Section IV, the Staff member suggests that the President discuss a photo opportunity with Secretary Volpe and Governor Sargent. (Ridiculous!)

Hereafter, let's make a point of checking all briefing papers for at least some comment on the photo and/or press plans ... and on whether Ollie (alone) or all White House press corps photographers will be allowed into the meeting room.

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bcc: Mr. Chapin
Mr. Bull

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March 24, 1970

MEMORANDUM FOR: THE PRESIDENT'S FILE

FROM: ALEXANDER P. BUTTERFIELD

RE: Mid-day Meeting in the President's
Office with Hollis M. Dole, Assistant
Secretary of Interior for Mineral
Resources (12:25-12:35 p.m.)

(Mr. Hollis Dole had talked to the President after the December 19th Cabinet/Sub-Cabinet Meeting and mentioned his collection of enlargements of photographs taken of the two, and other friends, on Bougainville in early 1944. The President had expressed an interest in the pictures and had asked Dole to "drop by the office" sometime.)

Mr. Dole entered the Oval Office via the center door, greeted the President at his desk, then stood with the President in front of the Service flags while Ollie Atkins took 5-6 quick photographs. Mr. Dole put the Bougainville pictures on the President's desk and the two reminisced for some 5 minutes, recalled the names of some of the members of their group (A.A. "Pete" Jones, a Navy lieutenant from "around the San Francisco Bay area someplace"; "Duke" DuFree, a first lieutenant in the Marine Corps; Dr. Kissell, an Army first lieutenant from Ohio; etc.), and remarked about the clarity of the enlargements. The President thought it would be interesting to get a rundown on where the members of the group were living now ... and what they were doing. He asked me to check with the Defense Department to see if they might be of some assistance.

Hollis Dole then asked the President if he would sign the pictures. The President willingly did so and returned the pictures to Dole. One set was left with me for the President's file.

As we stood to leave the President reached into the drawer of his back table and brought out a gift pen and a golf ball for his visitor.

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Straight Telegram X

March 24, 1970

Honorable Edward Clark
P.O. Box 7278
University Station
Austin, Texas 78712

My sincere apologies for not getting at least some word back to you while Friday's conference was in session. Particularly long and busy hours here Friday thru Monday diverted my attention from normal incoming items, and thus delayed until today my awareness of your wire and my efforts to resolve issue of concern. Mr. Chapin and I have carefully reviewed all possibilities and find, unfortunately, that there is no way of putting travelling event on mid-May calendar, and confirming it, without upsetting commitments previously made. This is not to say that case is closed. I will keep alert to significant changes which might permit reconsideration. Best wishes.

bcc Mr. Chapin
Mr. Sloan

Alexander P. Butterfield
Alexander P. Butterfield
Deputy Assistant to the President

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March 24, 1970

MEMORANDUM FOR: MR. DENT
FROM: ALEXANDER P. BUTTERFIELD
RE: Briefing Papers for the President

Your briefing paper for the President's meeting today with Rog Morton was a good one -- short and to the point. Keep them coming in this way, and whenever you have extra or more detailed information which you feel must receive the President's attention attach it as backup material to the basic paper.

March 23, 1970

MEMORANDUM FOR: MR. COLSON
FROM: ALEXANDER P. BUTTERFIELD
RE: Memorandum for The President's
File

I would appreciate your writing a brief "Memorandum for The President's File" on the meeting which the President had late this afternoon with General Presidents of the Building Trades Unions, AFL-CIO.

As an assist to you, I am attaching John Ehrlichman's briefing paper.

Many thanks.

Attachment

THE WHITE HOUSE
WASHINGTON

March 23, 1970

MEMORANDUM FOR: THE PRESIDENT
FROM: ALEXANDER P. BUTTERFIELD A/
SUBJECT: Bipartisan Leadership Breakfast
8:30 a.m. Tuesday, March 24, 1970
(State Dining Room)

I. PURPOSE

To brief a bipartisan leadership group on your school statement.

II. BACKGROUND

Unnecessary in this case. A list of participants is at Tab A.

III. ACTIONS REQUIRED

- A. Bryce Harlow and John Ehrlichman discussed this with you this afternoon.
- B. The school statement extract you wanted enclosed is at Tab B.

POLICIES OF THIS ADMINISTRATION

It will be the purpose of this Administration to carry out the law fully and fairly. And where problems exist that are beyond the mandate of legal requirements, it will be our purpose to seek solutions that are both realistic and appropriate.

I have instructed the Attorney General, the Secretary of Health, Education and Welfare, and other appropriate officials of the Government to be guided by these basic principles and policies

Principles of Enforcement

- Deliberate racial segregation of pupils by official action is unlawful, wherever it exists. In the words of the Supreme Court, it must be eliminated "root and branch" -- and it must be eliminated at once.
- Segregation of teachers must be eliminated. To this end, each school system in this nation, North and South, East and West, must move immediately, as the Supreme Court has ruled, toward a goal under which "in each school the ratio of White to Negro faculty members is substantially the same as it is throughout the system."
- With respect to school facilities, school administrators throughout the nation, North and South, East and West,

must move immediately, also in conformance with the Court's ruling, to assure that schools within individual school districts do not discriminate with respect to the quality of facilities or the quality of education delivered to the children within the district.

- In devising local compliance plans, primary weight should be given to the considered judgment of local school boards -- provided they act in good faith, and within Constitutional limits.
- The neighborhood school will be deemed the most appropriate base for such a system.
- Transportation of pupils beyond normal geographic school zones for the purpose of achieving racial balance will not be required.
- Federal advice and assistance will be made available on request, but Federal officials should not go beyond the requirements of law in attempting to impose their own judgments on the local school districts.
- School boards will be encouraged to be flexible and creative in formulating plans that are educationally sound and that result in effective desegregation.

- Racial imbalance in a school system may be partly de jure in origin, and partly de facto. In such a case, it is appropriate to insist on remedy for the de jure portion, which is unlawful, without insisting on a remedy for the lawful de facto portion.
- De facto racial separation, resulting genuinely from housing patterns, exists in the South as well as the North, in neither area should this condition by itself be cause for Federal enforcement actions. De jure segregation brought about by deliberate schoolboard gerrymandering exists in the North as well as the South, in both areas this must be remedied. In all respects, the law should be applied equally, North and South, East and West.

This is one nation. We are one people. I feel strongly that as Americans we must be done, now and for all future time, with the divisive notion that these problems are sectional.

Policies for Progress

- In those communities facing desegregation orders, the leaders of the communities will be encouraged to lead -- not in defiance, but in smoothing the way of compliance. One clear lesson of experience is that local leadership

is a fundamental factor in determining success or failure.

Where leadership has been present, where it has been mobilized, where it has been effective, many districts have found that they could, after all, desegregate their schools successfully. Where local leadership has failed, the community has failed -- and the schools and the children have borne the brunt of that failure.

-- We shall launch a concerted, sustained and honest effort to assemble and evaluate the lessons of experience to determine what methods of school desegregation have worked, in what situations, and why -- and also what has not worked. The Cabinet-level working group I recently appointed will have as one of its principal functions amassing just this sort of information and helping make it available to the communities in need of assistance.

-- We shall attempt to develop a far greater body of reliable data than now exists on the effects of various integration patterns on the learning process. Our effort must always be to preserve the educational benefit for the children.

-- We shall explore ways of sharing more broadly the burdens of social transition that have been laid disproportionately on the schools -- ways, that is, of shifting to other public

institutions a greater share of the task of undoing the effects of racial isolation.

- We shall seek to develop and test a varied set of approaches to the problems associated with "de facto" segregation, North as well as South.
- We shall intensify our efforts to ensure that the gifted child -- the potential leader -- is not stifled intellectually merely because he is black or brown or lives in a slum.
- While raising the quality of education in all schools, we shall concentrate especially on racially-impacted schools, and particularly on equalizing those schools that are furthest behind.

Words often ring empty without deeds. In government, words can ring even emptier without dollars.

In order to give substance to these commitments, I shall ask Congress to divert \$500 million from my previous budget requests for other domestic programs for Fiscal 1971, to be put instead into programs for improving education in racially-impacted areas, North and South, and for assisting school districts in meeting special problems incident to court-ordered desegregation. For Fiscal 1972, I have ordered that \$1 billion be budgeted for the same purposes.

I am not content simply to see this money spent, and then to count the spending as the measure of accomplishment. For much too long, national "commitments" have been measured by the number of Federal dollars spent rather than by more valid measures such as the quality of imagination displayed, the amount of private energy enlisted or, even more to the point, the results achieved.

If this \$1.5 billion accomplishes nothing, then the commitment will mean nothing.

If it enables us to break significant new ground, then the commitment will mean everything.

This I deeply believe

Communities desegregating their schools face special needs -- for classrooms, facilities, teachers, teacher training -- and the nation should help meet those needs.

The nation also has a vital and special stake in upgrading education where de facto segregation persists -- and where extra efforts are needed if the schools are to do their job. These schools, too, need extra money for teachers and facilities.

Beyond this, we need to press forward with innovative new ways of overcoming the effects of racial isolation and of making up for environmental deficiencies among the poor.

I have asked the Vice President's Cabinet Committee on School Desegregation, together with the Secretary of Health, Education and

Welfare, to consult with experts in and out of government and prepare a set of recommended criteria for the allocation of these funds.

I have specified that these criteria should give special weight to four categories of need

- The special needs of desegregating (or recently desegregated) districts for additional facilities, personnel and training required to get the new, unitary system successfully started.
- The special needs of racially-impacted schools where de facto segregation persists -- and where immediate infusions of money can make a real difference in terms of educational effectiveness.
- The special needs of those districts that have the furthest to go to catch up educationally with the rest of the nation.
- The financing of innovative techniques for providing educationally sound inter-racial experiences for children in racially isolated schools.

This money -- the \$500 million next year, and \$1 billion in Fiscal 1972 -- must come from other programs. Inevitably, it represents a further reordering of priorities on the domestic scene. It represents a heightened priority for making school desegregation work, and for helping the victims of racial isolation learn.

Nothing is more vital to the future of our nation than the education of its children, and at the heart of equal opportunity is equal educational opportunity. These funds will be an investment in both the quality and the equality of that opportunity.

This money is meant to provide help now, where help is needed now.

As we look to the longer-term future, it is vital that we concentrate more effort on understanding the process of learning -- and improving the process of teaching. The educational needs we face cannot be met simply with more books, more classrooms and more teachers -- however urgently these are needed now in schools that face shortages. We need more effective methods of teaching, and especially of teaching those children who are hardest to reach and most lacking in a home environment that encourages learning.

In my message on education reform earlier this month, I proposed creation of a National Institute of Education to conduct and to sponsor basic and applied educational research -- with special emphasis on compensatory education for the disadvantaged, on the Right to Read, on experimental schools and on the use of television for educational purposes.

I repeat that proposal -- and I ask that the Congress consider it a matter of high priority.

TALKING POINTS

Breakfast, March 23, 1970 -- Congressional Leaders

1. You have called together the leaders of both parties to consider a subject unusual for bi-partisan consideration -- school desegregation in elementary and secondary schools. Reason: The issue is not partisan, not sectional, but American.
2. Very deliberately decided against a brief statement simply outlining Administration policies and programs. Reason: Issue is immensely complicated and very poorly understood, and as many Americans as possible need a chance to get a full comprehension of the problem. There is no brief, concise way to do this.
3. So, you have an 8,000 word statement. It represents endless hours of detailed analysis within and outside the government by experts in education and constitutional law. From their submissions, over a period of many weeks, you have synthesized this statement which attempts to present fairly and accurately, without sectional or political bias, exactly what the current situation is and what the nation and this administration can and must do about it.
4. The statement begins with an explanation of the current state of the law:
 - What the Supreme Court has said;
 - what the lower courts have said;
 - and, most important, what most of the courts appear to agree on.

This section sums up by explaining that officially imposed (de jure) segregation, must be eliminated -- but that an area of flexibility exists for those school boards which act in good faith to formulate desegregation plans suited to local needs and getting results. De fact segregation is still lawful.

5. The next major section deals with the problems, the complexities, the general context of school desegregation today, frankly discussing the most difficult attitudes and fears. In some respects we have been over-burdening our schools by expecting too much of them as cutting edges for social transformation. The problem is far more than race; it is economic and environmental as well. This leads you into a discussion of "innovative approaches" -- ways to achieve racial harmony without disrupting entire school systems. Good faith effort is critical in securing reasonable court attitudes.

6. Next, an explicit expression of Administration policies -- "principles of enforcement" and "policies for progress" (these are the papers sent separately to you). Included is your commitment of \$500 million in your FY 1971 budget and \$1 billion in FY 1972 budget to improve education in racially impacted areas and to help school districts struggling to comply with court-ordered desegregation. You may wish to stress that these funds are to be diverted from other programs, and that you are having the Vice President's Committee prepare criteria for the allocation of these funds.

It would be good also to emphasize that you mean business -- you will have Justice and HEW hew tightly to the policies you have stated.

7. Your statement concludes with "a free and open society," emphasizing the individual's right and ability to make his own choice. The emphasis is, keeping our society "mobile." You say that our society must remain riveted on this goal: "To achieve a set of conditions in which neither the law nor the institutions supported by law any longer draw an invidious distinction based on race" -- plus also doing our best to "repair the human damage wrought by past segregation."

8. In broad summary, you have sought

- to remove confusion;
- to reaffirm support of Brown;
- to state the law;
- to frankly describe the real problems;
- to clarify Administration policies, including stress on localism, on local boards, local leadership;
- to launch an attack, with major funds, on the problem North and South;
- to encourage new techniques to overcome the problems associated with de facto segregation.

9. You may wish to close with a frank expression that you do not anticipate universal praise for this document -- possibly, indeed, there will be widespread disappointment and criticism. But you do wish to assure the Leaders that this is a frank, fair, non-political assessment,

and it says where we now are and how and what your Administration intends to do about it.

10. The only legislation/appropriations involved is your \$1-1/2 billion diversion; you will move it to Congress just as soon as possible, once the Vice President's Committee reports.

11. The Stennis amendment is due for Senate floor action on March 24, shortly after your breakfast. In effect, your statement supports equal application of the law -- but I am sure you will wish to avoid direct involvement in this controversy.

Chen

March 23, 1970

MEMORANDUM FOR:

MR. JOHN BROWN

FROM:

ALEXANDER P. BUTTERFIELD

The attached memorandum suggests a modified cover sheet for your weekly report to the President -- something a bit more brief and simply worded.

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March 23, 1970

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MEMORANDUM FOR: THE PRESIDENT

RE: Weekly Status Report on
Outstanding Presidential
Action Requests

Listed at Tab A are Presidential action requests
once overdue, with revised completion dates.

Listed at Tab B are Presidential requests on which
action is pending, with originally-assigned comple-
tion dates.

John R. Brown III

Attachments

CONFIDENTIAL

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March 23, 1970

Memo for:

From: Alexander P. Butterfield

I am attaching for your interest and convenience a personal copy of the guest list for tonight's White House dinner honoring African diplomats.

Attachment

Identical (original) memos
sent to:

Messrs. Rogers
Kennedy
Hardin
Hannah (AID)
Shakespeare (USIA)
Blatchford (Peace Corps)
Kissinger

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March 23, 1970

ADMINISTRATIVELY CONFIDENTIAL

MEMORANDUM FOR: MISS TRUDY BROWN
FROM: ALEXANDER P. BUTTERFIELD
RE: Harold Benjamin Alderson

According to information in the files, Mr. Alderson is "okay" insofar as security is concerned ... but I would like to know why he, himself, needs a White House pass. Please find out for me how often he is required to come to the White House in the normal course of his business and whether he must come to the White House or to the EOB on those occasions.

As you know, I want to reduce drastically the number of White House and EOB pass holders, especially White House pass holders.

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March 23, 1970

MEMORANDUM FOR: MISS TRUDY BROWN
FROM: ALEXANDER P. BUTTERFIELD
RE: Jerome B. Wolff

Please take action to substitute an EOB pass for the White House pass now carried by Mr. Jerome B. Wolff.

Thank you.

March 23, 1970

MEMORANDUM FOR: Mr. John Brown
Staff Secretary

FROM: Alexander P. Butterfield

RE: Your Action Memorandum of March 13th
(Without Log Number)... Attached

Although not turned in to your office in accordance with standard procedure, the briefing paper required by your March 13th action memorandum (cited above) was completed on time and placed on the President's desk along with the Cabinet Meeting agenda and other materials.

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March 23, 1970

MEMORANDUM FOR: MR. HOPKINS
FROM: ALEXANDER P. BUTTERFIELD
RE: Delivery of Cabinet Chair

I would appreciate your making the necessary arrangements to have Postmaster General Blount's old Cabinet chair delivered to his residence any day during the period March 23-27. The address is: 1314 28th Street, N. W., Washington, D. C. You may want to suggest to Mr. Rotchford that he call the Blount residence prior to delivery to be certain that someone will be at home to receive the chair.

Postmaster General Blount's check made out to the Treasurer of the United States in the amount of \$154.50 is attached hereto.

Thank you.

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March 23, 1970

MEMORANDUM FOR: MR. HOPKINS
FROM: ALEXANDER P. BUTTERFIELD
RE: Delivery of Cabinet Chair

I would appreciate your making the necessary arrangements to have Director Mayo's old Cabinet chair delivered to his residence any day during the period March 23-27. The address is: 6909 Granby Street, Kenwood Park, Bethesda, Maryland. Mr. Mayo has asked that someone call his wife prior to delivery to be certain that she will be there to receive the chair.

Director Mayo's check made out to the Treasurer of the United States in the amount of \$154.50 is attached hereto.

Thank you.

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March 21, 1970

Miss Joanna Gorton
c/o Mr. John E. Ryan
Minister
Embassy of Australia
1601 Massachusetts Avenue, N. W.
Washington, D. C.

Dear Joanna:

The President said again this morning how delighted he and Mrs. Nixon were that you could attend the Nicol Williamson entertainment at the White House. I do hope you enjoyed yourself and that Charlotte and I didn't keep you too much to ourselves. Charlotte is still counting on getting together with you at least once -- perhaps for lunch and some good Australian wine -- before you leave our capital.

Meanwhile, if I am not able to see you during your remaining days here please convey my best wishes to Mrs. Gorton and the Prime Minister ... and to Jean Lester, who was my dinner partner at the White House during your father's State visit last May.

Yours sincerely,

Alexander P. Butterfield
Deputy Assistant to the President

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March 23, 1970

Mr. L. Charles Johnson
Law Offices - Johnson and Olson
Spaulding Building
Pocatello, Idaho 83201

Dear Mr. Johnson:

I am writing this note in response to your March 17th query as to the whereabouts of former Cabinet Secretary Robert K. Gray. Mr. Gray is now the Senior Vice President of Hill and Knowlton, Inc., a public relations firm at 1735 K Street, NW (Suite 700), Washington, D. C. 20006.

Incidentally, we have no Cabinet Secretary -- at least by title -- in this Administration although Mr. John Whitaker did serve in that capacity until November 4, 1969. On that date Mr. Whitaker was made a Deputy Assistant to the President for Domestic Affairs (on John Ehrlichman's staff), the title "Secretary to the Cabinet" was abolished, and responsibility for attending to Cabinet affairs was assigned to me as an additional duty.

I hope that you have no trouble contacting Mr. Gray.

Sincerely,

Alexander P. Butterfield
Deputy Assistant to the President

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March 23, 1970

MEMORANDUM FOR: MR. HOPKINS
FROM: ALEXANDER P. BUTTERFIELD
RE: Delivery of Cabinet Chair

I would appreciate your making the necessary arrangements to have Secretary Romney's old Cabinet chair delivered to his office any way during the period March 23-27. The address is: Suite 10,000, Department of Housing and Urban Development, 451 Seventh St, SW, Washington, D. C.

Secretary Romney's check made out to the Treasurer of the United States in the amount of \$154.50 is attached hereto.

Thank you.

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March 23, 1970

MEMORANDUM FOR: MR. HOPKINS
FROM: ALEXANDER P. BUTTERFIELD
RE: Delivery of Cabinet Chair

I would appreciate your making the necessary arrangements to have Secretary Kennedy's old Cabinet chair delivered to his office any day during the period March 24-27. The address is: Room 3330 in the Treasury Department.

Secretary Kennedy's check made out to the Treasurer of the United States in the amount of \$154.50 is attached hereto.

Thank you.

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MEMORANDUM

THE WHITE HOUSE
WASHINGTON

March 23, 1970

MEMORANDUM FOR

Mr. Haldeman
Mr. Ehrlichman
Dr. Kissinger
Mr. Timmons
Mr. Flanigan
Mr. Keogh
Mr. Klein
Mr. Ziegler
Mr. Cole

FROM

Alexander P. Butterfield

RE

Cabinet Meeting Schedule

I am writing this memorandum to tell you that there will not be a Cabinet Meeting on March 25th. The next meeting of members of the Cabinet is tentatively scheduled for 9 30 a.m. on Wednesday, April 8th.

cc. Mr. Chapin
Mr. Bull

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THE WHITE HOUSE
WASHINGTON

March 23, 1970

MEMORANDUM FOR

MEMBERS OF THE CABINET

SUBJECT

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Alexander P. Butterfield
Alexander P. Butterfield
Deputy Assistant to the President

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March 20, 1970

MEMORANDUM FOR: MR. HOPKINS
FROM: ALEXANDER P. BUTTERFIELD
RE: Delivery of Cabinet Chair

I would appreciate your making the necessary arrangements to have Secretary Hickel's old Cabinet chair delivered to his home in the Kenwood section of Chevy Chase, Maryland, any day next week. The address is 6404 Highland Drive. You may want to suggest to Mr. Rotchford that he call the Hickel residence prior to delivery to be certain that someone will be there to receive the chair.

Secretary Hickel's check made out to the Treasurer of the United States in the amount of \$154.50 is attached hereto.

Thank you.

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March 20, 1970

MEMORANDUM FOR: MR. HOPKINS
FROM: ALEXANDER P. BUTTERFIELD
RE: Delivery of Cabinet Chair

I would appreciate your making the necessary arrangements to have Secretary Stans' old Cabinet chair delivered to his Watergate apartment after 11:00 a.m. any day during the period March 24-27. The address is: Watergate East, Apt 1203-S, 2500 Virginia Avenue, N. W., Washington, D.C. You may want to suggest to Mr. Rotchford that he call the apartment prior to delivery to be certain that someone will be at home to receive the chair.

Secretary Stans' check made out to the Treasurer of the United States in the amount of \$154.50 is attached hereto.

Thank you.

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March 19, 1970

MEMORANDUM FOR: THE PRESIDENT
FROM: ALEXANDER P. BUTTERFIELD
RE: Miss Joanna Gorton

Miss Joanna Gorton, daughter of Australia's Prime Minister John Gorton, is here in Washington -- about halfway through a 2-month visit. I saw her the other night at the Australian Embassy's farewell party for Ambassador and Mrs. Waller and she expressed a great interest in viewing the Andrew Wyeth paintings on display at the White House; so, I invited her here today for that purpose.

She arrived at 1:00 p.m. in the company of Mrs. John Ryan (wife of the temporary head of the Australian mission) and 3 other ladies. Lucy Winchester and I met the group at the Diplomatic Reception Room, and from there Mr. Farrell, of John Davies' office, escorted them by your Oval Office, into the Cabinet Room, through much of the Residence ... and on to the paintings. Mrs. Nixon very graciously autographed a bound copy of The White House which Lucy presented to Miss Gorton along with a sterling letter opener bearing the Presidential seal. Lucy also extended, on behalf of you and Mrs. Nixon, an invitation for Miss Gorton to attend tonight's White House entertainment. Miss Gorton accepted, and it appears now that my wife and I will escort her.

(Perhaps I should interject here that I am not at all purposely involved. I am sure you know that. However, I am well acquainted with many of the Australians, having served at Canberra for 2 years as the CINCPAC Representative. That is the senior U.S. military billet in Australia; so, of course, I travelled and worked closely with Harold Holt, Defense Minister Fairhall and others ... and with John Gorton too, but to a lesser degree.)

Miss Gorton is about 28 or 29 years of age, shy and quiet, and looks much like her father. She is a computer supervisor with IBM International and is here in America for some computer courses. After leaving Washington she will spend some time in Detroit, Chicago and Los Angeles before returning to her own country.

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March 19, 1970

MEMORANDUM FOR: MRS. STUART

FROM: ALEXANDER P. BUTTERFIELD

This is just a quick note to tell you that Miss Joanna Gorton, daughter of Australia's Prime Minister, is here in Washington for only a few weeks -- and that yesterday, after hearing from Mr. John Ryan (temporary head of the Australian mission) that she was interested in viewing the Andrew Wyeth paintings on display at the White House, I invited her here for that purpose.

Of the times suggested by John Davies' office, 1:00 p. m. today was most suitable to Miss Gorton. She will arrive at the South Portico at 12:55 p. m. in the company of:

Mrs. John E. Ryan, wife of the temporary head of the Australian mission. (Amb. Waller just completed his tour of duty in the U.S. and has returned to Australia. The Ambassador-designate, Sir James Plimsoll, is due to arrive in Washington soon.)

Royal Australian Naval Attache, Commodore and Mrs. Bruce Loxton

Miss L. Robinson, Australian Embassy

Miss G. Hallett, Australian Embassy

I would guess that Miss Gorton is approximately 24-26 years of age. She is an extremely shy and quiet person ... but very nice -- and, I believe, here in the U.S. for the prime purpose of taking a course in computer technology. (I am not at all sure about this piece of information.)

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I know that I am late in informing you of this visit but, as you can see, we started putting the plans together as recently as late yesterday afternoon. Thanks to John Davies and his staff, adequate time has been allotted and escort personnel will be on hand.

I know that Miss Gorton does not expect any special attention, but I would very much appreciate your giving serious consideration to arranging something a little bit "extra" ... perhaps giving her a book about the White House as a memento, or something along that line.

Many thanks.

cc: Mrs. Winchester
Mr. Davies

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THE WHITE HOUSE
WASHINGTON

March 19, 1970

MEMORANDUM FOR:

MEMBERS OF THE CABINET

SUBJECT: Coordination of Foreign Travel Plans

On several occasions in the past there have been slight confusions concerning plans for visits to foreign countries by members of the Cabinet. Therefore, I would like to suggest that each of you inform me of such plans as soon as they are proposed so that in a central coordinator capacity I can:

- Check the travel plans of others to preclude the possibility of two or more senior Administration officials making independent visits to the same foreign country during the same time period.
- Insure notification of the National Security Council staff.
- Make the necessary arrangements for whatever briefings you might want or need prior to your departure from Washington.

Thank you.

Alexander P. Butterfield
Alexander P. Butterfield
Deputy Assistant to the President

March 19, 1970

MEMORANDUM FOR: THE PRESIDENT

FROM: ALEXANDER P. BUTTERFIELD
RE: French Bordeaux Wines

Recently you asked about the best years for Bordeaux wine. Two bona fide wine experts were approached separately and discreetly:

Lester Gruber, owner of the London Chop House and the Caucus Club in Detroit, one who spends several months each year travelling throughout the Bordeaux and Burgundy regions of France, and the proud owner of what many people consider to be the finest wine cellar in all of North America;

Robert Benson, currently Deputy Assistant Secretary of the Air Force, subject of numerous magazine and newspaper articles, and probably Washington, D.C.'s foremost authority on claret (of which his wine cellar is three-quarters stocked).

Each was kind enough to consider very carefully the two questions about Bordeaux wine which appear on the attached sheet ... and to render independent judgments as indicated thereon. Additionally, a check was made of the Bordeaux quality scale published in 1969 by the International Wine and Food Society of London, England (IWFS).

Finally, for the sake of further comparison I consulted Nick Ruwe at the State Department and the Swiss chef here at the White House -- both of whom claim to be preeminent, though not renowned, claret connoisseurs.

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BEST YEARS FOR BORDEAUX WINE

<u>Question:</u>	<u>Gruber</u>	<u>Benson</u>	<u>IWFS</u>	<u>Ruwe</u>	<u>WH Chef</u>
What do you now consider to be the three best years for Bordeaux (claret) wine since 1959?	1. '59	'59	'59	'59	'61
	2. '61	'61	'61	'61	'62
	3. '62	'62	'62	'62	'59

<u>Question:</u>	<u>Gruber</u>	<u>Benson</u>	<u>IWFS</u>	<u>Ruwe</u>	<u>WH Chef</u>
What do you now consider to be the five best years for Bordeaux (claret) wine since 1945?	1. '48	'45	'45	'47	'45
	2. '49	'47	'49	'52	'61
	3. '55	'59	'55	'55	'62
	4. '59	'61	'61	'59	'59
	5. '61	'62	'62	'61	'64

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March 19, 1970

MEMORANDUM FOR: WHITE HOUSE POLICE
FROM: ALEXANDER P. BUTTERFIELD
RE: Attendees at Bill Signing Ceremony

The persons named on the attached list will be coming to the White House this morning to witness a 11:30 Bill signing in the Cabinet Room.

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March 19, 1970

Memo for:

From: Alexander P. Butterfield

I am attaching for your interest and convenience a personal copy of the guest list for tonight's "Evening at The White House".

Attachment

Identical (original) memos
sent to:

Secretary Rogers
Postmaster General Blount
Secretary Stans
Secretary Romney
Deputy Secretary Packard
Deputy Attorney General Kleindienst
Under Secretary Veneman
Director Shakespeare
Dr. Burns
Dr. Kissinger
Mr. Harlow
Mr. Keogh
Mr. Whitaker
Mr. Garment

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March 18, 1970

MEMORANDUM FOR: MR. CHAPIN
FROM: ALEXANDER P. BUTTERFIELD
RE: Rumors Concerning Foreign Travel

I have talked to Bob Taylor about the substance of your "foreign travel" memorandum of March 13th. He assured me that he would emphasize to all of his Agents the importance of their maintaining strict silence with regard to their conjecture about Presidential travel plans ... foreign and domestic. He went on to say, however, that he felt confident that no Agent would ever mention Presidential travel -- under any circumstances -- within earshot of anyone other than those on the President's immediate personal staff. Bob said that he could well understand how you might think that rumors were circulating, for many of the young Agents enjoy talking to ~~him~~^{you} and suggesting certain trips for future months.

Be that as it may, he (Bob Taylor) will put a stop to all such business without delay.

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THE WHITE HOUSE
WASHINGTON

March 18, 1970

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MEMORANDUM FOR.

MEMBERS OF THE CABINET

SUBJECT: Disposition of Old Cabinet Table
and Chairs

The President asked me to convey the following information concerning the old Cabinet table and chairs:

- The old Cabinet table will be refinished and used as a conference table ... probably in the Executive Office Building.
- The old Cabinet chairs can be purchased by those who occupied them last. The unit cost (including metal plate) is \$154.50. Those who want to take advantage of this offer should make out their checks to the Treasurer of the United States and forward them to me along with a brief note stating where, in the local area, they want their chairs delivered. I will make the necessary arrangements and insure safe delivery within 10 days.

Alexander P. Butterfield
Alexander P. Butterfield
Deputy Assistant to the President

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March 18, 1970

MEMORANDUM FOR: THE PRESIDENT

FROM: ALEXANDER P. BUTTERFIELD

You will recall that you were particularly pleased with the drafting of your March 14th letter to President Pompidou, and asked me to see to it that the responsible member on Henry Kissinger's staff was so informed.

Mr. Arthur Downey was the drafter, and I thought you would be interested in his reply to me ... just received this evening.

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Mr. Arthur Downey
Staff Member, National Security Council
Room 368 - Executive Office Building
Washington, D. C. 20500

Dear Mr. Downey:

The President was particularly pleased
with your expert drafting of the letter to
President Pompidou which he signed on
March 14th. He asked me to convey his
thanks and personal compliments.

Sincerely,

Alexander P. Butterfield
Deputy Assistant to the President

Copy to: Dr. Henry Kissinger,
Assistant to the President
for National Security Affairs

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March 18, 1970

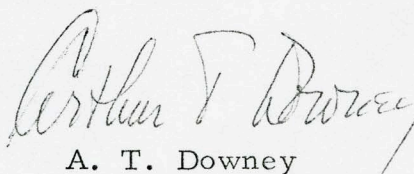
Dear Mr. Butterfield:

Quite naturally, I was thrilled to receive your letter of March 17 conveying the President's comment on the letter to President Pompidou. In honesty, however, I am compelled to note that my effort in the drafting process was but a part of the joint efforts of many others on this staff, in the State Department, and Mr. Keogh's office. I shall express to those who shared the work the fact that the President was pleased.

In offering my genuine appreciation for the President's comment-- and to you for conveying it--I should like to take the opportunity this affords to express an equally genuine appreciation, but on a broader base. I find the President's comment typical of his general approach in relations with his staff. Of course, I do not refer to personal compliments which, at my level, are necessarily rare, but to the President's generosity in treating his entire staff with a special dignity and respect. The fall picnic, the Christmas party and the Wyeth exhibit are tangible examples, the generation of a spirit of challenge, search and appreciation are intangible examples.

In short, I would be grateful if on some suitable occasion you would express to the President the deep thanks of the anonymous members of the lower levels of his staff for the uncommon generosity he offers. One must be proud and honored to serve the President, but his special kindness adds a dimension of profound pleasure.

Sincerely,


A. T. Downey

Mr. Alexander P. Butterfield
Deputy Assistant to the President
The White House

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March 18, 1970

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MEMORANDUM FOR: WHITE HOUSE POLICE

FROM: ALEXANDER P. BUTTERFIELD

RE: Cabinet Meeting Attendees (Wednesday,
March 18th)

The following persons will be coming to the Cabinet Room this morning to attend a Cabinet Meeting which is scheduled to begin at 9:30.

The Vice President
Secretary Rogers
Secretary Kennedy
Secretary Laird
Attorney General Mitchell
Postmaster General Blount
Secretary Hickel
Secretary Hardin
Secretary Stans
Secretary Shultz
Secretary Romney
Secretary Volpe
Director Mayo (Budget)
Director Rumsfeld (OEO)
Dr. Moynihan
Mr. Harlow

Under Secretary Veneman (HE W)
Chairman Rogers Morton (RNC)
Chairman McCracken (CEA)
Dr. DuBridge (OST)
Mr. Theodore Cross (OEO) - for
portion of meeting only. He will
be leaving prior to meeting's
adjournment.
Mr. John Chapin (HUD) - for

portion of meeting only. He will
be leaving prior to meeting's
adjournment.

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March 17, 1970

MEMORANDUM FOR: THE PRESIDENT
FROM: ALEXANDER P. BUTTERFIELD
RE: Cabinet Meeting, Wednesday, March 18th

Steve Bull's memorandum concerning press activities and suggested comments during the first few minutes of the meeting is at Tab A.

The agenda is at Tab B.

I have three additional comments:

- (1) Mr. Roy Hoopes, working through Herb Klein's office, is putting together materials for a book about the Cabinet and "what Cabinet members do." He is the author of several other books about various aspects and organizations of the Federal government. Hoopes has relayed his photo requirements to Ollie Atkins, and we plan to let Ollie remain in the Cabinet Room for most of the meeting period so that he can get all of the required photographic material. Ollie has been well briefed and is being trusted to use good judgment.
- (2) I have asked Don Rumsfeld and Russ Train to make a special effort to hold to their allotted times so that we don't have to adjourn before Secretary Romney's 5-minute talk and 13-minute film. He (Romney) has been slipped from the schedule several times through no fault of his own and really should be allowed to get his Listening Post critique out of the way. He is last on the agenda (and not first) only to keep his film projector and screen out of sight during most of Ollie's photographing of the Cabinet Room and meeting participants.
- (3) Amb. Yost will not be present, and Jack Veneman will be sitting in for Bob Finch (who is ill).

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AGENDA

CABINET MEETING

Wednesday, March 18, 1970
9:30 A.M. to 11:00 A.M.

9:30-10:05

1. NEW OEO EFFORTS

Honorable Donald Rumsfeld, Director
Office of Economic Opportunity
Mr. Theodore Cross, Consultant to the
Office of Economic Opportunity

a) Sub-topics

-- Results of insufficient capital and
credit in low-income communities

(25 min)

-- Creation of the Opportunity Funding
Corporation (non-profit)

-- Selected projects to be tested

(10 min)

b) Discussion

10:05-10:25

2. INTERIM REPORT FROM THE COUNCIL ON ENVIRONMENTAL QUALITY

Honorable Russell Train, Chairman,
Council on Environmental Quality

a) Sub-topics

-- The Jackson Act and what it means
to the Executive departments

(15 min)

-- The oil spill situation

(5 min)

b) Discussion

10:25-10:55

3. THE LISTENING POST PROJECT -- A report on the first, and thus far only, Listening Post visit (to Philadelphia, October 1969) ... to brief members of the Cabinet who will be making similar visits in future months.

Honorable George W. Romney,
Secretary, Department of Housing
and Urban Development
Honorable Leonard Garment, Special
Consultant to the President

a) Sub-topics

(20 min)

- Review of project objectives
- Highlights of the Philadelphia visit (13-minute film)
- Benefits derived
- Recommendations

(10 min)

b) Discussion

10:55--

4. BRIEF REMARKS BY THE PRESIDENT

You may want to mention:

- The statement that you will be issuing shortly on the school desegregation issue (although to date preparations for this statement have been held very closely).
- The Carswell nomination
- The Laotian situation

You may then wish to dismiss Staff observers and talk only to the Cabinet Members about the rebel activities of some Administration personnel, and the importance of maintaining strict discipline and running their Departments with a firm hand.