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MEMORANDUM FOR: H. R. HALDEMAN  
FROM: L. HIGBY  
SUBJECT: Lasky Situation

Attached is a memorandum from Bill Safire plus his cut version of the Lasky book.

It is now ready for your approval.

In addition, Lasky has talked to Jack Drown who in turn has approached Bantam books on Lasky's behalf asking them to publish this book. They have agreed to do so, providing they receive a \$30,000 guarantee. Lasky reports that Drown will be happy to act for the front for this guarantee, providing someone will put up the money.

Colson now needs your approval to go out and get the \$30,000 from what will obviously have to be campaign sources. His office emphasizes the fact that \$30,000 is a guarantee for approximately 10,000 copies, and in all likelihood we won't have to pay anywhere that in reality.

Approve Colson raising  
the money -- after notifying  
Mitchell

\_\_\_\_\_ Yes \_\_\_\_\_ No

In addition, Colson now says he needs approval to go out and tap once again campaign sources to get Lasky back on retainer. When we went through this issue once before, Colson indicated he would take care of this, but in fact, all he has done is set up Barcoody to act as a middle-man in handling this situation and he still needs a money supply for Lasky's \$1,500 a month. We have committed to do this, so Colson is now seeking your formal approval to be a fund raiser in this particular effort. He will probably approach Mulcahy, Clem Stone or one of our other large contributors on this.

Based on your decisions on this memo, I will telephone them to Colson. None of this transaction will take place in writing.

**Attachment**

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THE WHITE HOUSE  
WASHINGTON

Date: 2/26/72

TO: LARRY HIGBY  
FROM: GORDON STRACHAN

Safire is almost finished reading and reducing the book. His position remains the same -- a useful political book can be developed.

Basically Colson wants a \$30,000 commitment which would be reimbursed as the book sells.

Colson recommends using Jack Drown. You may have some background here.