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June 28, 1971

MEMORANDUM FOR:

H. R. HALDEMAN

FROM:

FRED MALEK 

SUBJECT:

Dick Richards Assignment

As you know, Harry Dent wishes to use Dick Richards for liaison activities with the Republican Party in the Western States. Harry envisions this work extending 4 - 6 months at which time Richards would most likely join the campaign staff. The question before us is how Richards can be compensated for his efforts.

We can probably arrange for the RNC to continue to pay Richards for this period. It would, of course, be a burden, but they could manage. Another alternative would be for the Citizens Committee to pay him, but his salary (\$35,000) plus travel would be a strain on their budget.

The third alternative is to have the Department of the Interior give him a consulting contract to conduct a study of some sort in the Western States. We could do this in such a way that it would be a plausible and worthwhile study. Under these arrangements John Dean advises that Richards would be under the Hatch Act only on those days he actually works on the contract. This would give us great flexibility since it would be difficult for an outsider to determine what days he is working on the contract. Then, too, only the head of the Department can bring charges on violations of the Hatch Act. Thus, John really isn't concerned about the legal ramifications of moving in this direction.

The real problem here is possible adverse press reports. It is likely that someone from the press will discern what is happening and write a negative column on it. Of course, we will have a plausible justification for our position, but nevertheless we could be made to look bad to a segment of the public.

The real issue then is whether it is worth taking the risk of adverse publicity from an Interior contract to save the \$20,000 in contribution funds that it would take to finance Richards for 6 months. My own feeling

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Keep on RNC roles	_____
Place on Citizens Committee	_____
Do not proceed at all	_____
Other	_____

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