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RN Tape 2-1-72
Memo to Erlichman
Estate Plan

original to John Ehrlichman
copy to Bob Haldeman

THE WHITE HOUSE
WASHINGTON

February 1, 1972

EYES ONLY

MEMORANDUM FOR JOHN EHRLICHMAN

FROM THE PRESIDENT



For your guidance in preparing the estate plans I would like to emphasize some private conclusions I have reached which are irrevocable.

1. I know there are some who assume that I will supplement my retirement income by going back into the practice of law, serving on boards of directors, or taking honorariums. All of these courses of action are totally out of the question.
 - (1) The practice of law, even at the rarified levels in which I participated in it, was terribly difficult for me, and in some cases where I had to run errands for clients degrading, during the period after I served as Vice President. It would be impossible, after serving as President. Under no circumstances whatever will I consider any offer in this area, no matter how lucrative.
 - (2) The same goes for serving on boards of directors for many of the same reasons. Clearly apart from the companies and the individuals with whom I served I detested serving on boards of directors in the period from 1961 to 1968. Under absolutely no circumstances will I serve on any boards of directors for remuneration or for charitable purposes after I leave office.

- (3) The idea of a former President accepting honorariums for speeches or for going on television is totally abhorrent to me and cannot be considered as a possible source of additional income.
- (4) That leaves open only the possibility of writing a book which would, of course, provide a rather sizable item of income if I decided to write a book. But I do not want to be in the position to have to write a book. My present inclination is not to go through that agony again, having experienced it after serving as Vice President when I was much younger and had infinitely more energy. Fortunately I have been around the track with regard to the come on you get with the book publishers that a good writer can do all the work and all you have to do is to see him for an hour or so a day for several weeks. This may work with some. It is out of the question as far as I am concerned. Consequently, you must assume that as of this writing we cannot include possible income from a book in our estate planning.

This means that I shall have to live on my retirement. I want to get from you a final figure of what that will be, including the Presidential retirement and the Vice Presidential retirement to which I contributed over a number of years. My recollection also is that there may be some kind of insurance which provided an annuity but it may be that this was purchased for Pat after my death and probably does not apply to me on retirement age. Incidentally, be sure and have this insurance analyzed and cancel as much as possible of it if it serves no useful purpose at this point.

While the retirement income is a rather handsome amount it would be totally inadequate to maintain a household staff and to provide for the other personal expenses which I will inevitably have if I am to maintain the position a former President ought to maintain after retirement. It is for this reason that I either will sell some of the personal papers outright in order to get the funds which will provide that necessary income or I will sell them to a foundation in return for the foundation undertaking the following commitments:

1. The income must be adequate to maintain the grounds of the San Clemente home.
2. A household staff including Manolo and Fina and possibly one like Monzon or Della Cruz would have to be provided for.
3. The allowance for office staff and particularly for office expenses like telephone calls would have to be substantially increased over the amount now provided for by law. On this point, incidentally, I would like for Haldeman to work out a tentative budget, which I realize will be subject to change as the law changes in the future, as to what the supplemental amount probably would need to be. The reason it is vitally important to have this amount substantially increased is that otherwise I would be in the same position Eisenhower was in when he had to go begging to the National Committee to get them to subsidize a research assistant to help him with speeches, statements, etc., and also for other expenses that were not covered by the niggardly allowance provided by the Congress. I realize the allowance is more now than it was, but it is still totally inadequate in view of the tremendously escalated salaries that will have to be paid for secretarial help and what professional help I may decide to employ to handle mail, statements, etc.

To sum up, I am not interested in selling my papers for personal profit. On the other hand, in view of the change in the tax laws, I thoroughly intend either to get the above amounts taken care of through an arrangement with a foundation or, as far as the personal papers are concerned, I shall either find a way so that Tricia and Julie can get benefit from them, or what is more likely I will destroy them on my death. The latter, incidentally, is a very lively option anyway as far as most of these personal papers are concerned. I have no confidence whatever in the various intellectuals who might want to paw through them and misinterpret them for posterity.

Incidentally, one point I made to you this morning which I re-emphasize is that the conditions I set forth above as far as income, except for the office staff, would apply to Pat after my death. To leave her \$35,000 a year to live on as Ritzel suggested in his estate plan would not only mean that she would have to move out of the San Clemente property, which she probably would want to do anyway, but it would mean that she would not have enough for any household help considering present prices. This I would not be able to put her through at this point in her life.

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Dear Walter:

As you may know, I had to spend some time in the hospital this fall and as a result both the official and personal mail that comes through my office got backed up. However, I thought we had seen all of it and handled it until today when we were rushing to try to get ready to leave tomorrow morning for the trip to China someone handed me a stack of mail that had been mistakenly placed in a drawer and not called to my attention when I returned.

Consequently, you can imagine my embarrassment when I see the date of your letter - September thirtieth and realize that it has not even been acknowledged. My staff is apologetic - and so am I.

You may be sure I will call your letter to the President's attention - it may be that I will not have an opportunity until the return trip but I have taken the liberty of having a copy put in his reading file. I have also asked that a copy be sent to John Mitchell and others who will be working with him in the re-election effort.

I do hope you will forgive all of us for this oversight - and that our paths will cross again soon.

With warm personal regards,

Sincerely,

Rose Mary Woods
Secretary to the President

The Honorable W. Walter Williams
Continental Incorporated
Eighth Floor, Pacific Building
Seattle, Washington 98104

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W. WALTER WILLIAMS
CHAIRMAN OF THE BOARD

September 30, 1971

Miss Rose Mary Woods,
Personal Secretary to The President
The White House
Washington, D. C.

Dear Rose:

Would you mind handing the enclosed letter to
The President, Rose? Thank you very much.

Hope all goes well with you. I know you are
all living very busy lives back there. Cheer
up. You only have about five and one-half years
yet to go.

Warm personal regard.

Sincerely yours,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Walter".

W. Walter Williams

WWW:am



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September 30, 1971

The President
The White House
Washington, D. C.

Dear Mr. President:

Abbott Washburn phoned me recently concerning a possible upcoming Citizens for Nixon organization for 1972.

In my answer to Abbott I am telling him that by all means there should be a Citizens for Nixon organization to reach into every nook and cranny of the Country.

Enclosed herewith please find a xerox copy telling a sweet story concerning finances of the Citizens for Eisenhower - Nixon campaign of 1952. Money is vital! Tremendously important to line up strong financial organization early!

Someone should consult the Vice Presidential Candidate of 1952. Name: Nixon. He did more for Mary Lord and Walter Williams than anyone else to get a strong, independent cooperative (with Art Summerfield's GOP) organization. May I suggest you consult the same gentleman, namely, Richard M. Nixon, for ideas concerning the effectiveness of a well put-together citizens' instrument.

September 30, 1971

The President
The White House
Washington, D. C.

I shall pass on to Abbott Washburn specific ideas
that I think will be helpful.

Warm regard to you and Pat.

Sincerely yours,



W. Walter Williams

WWW:am

P. S. Nobody, but nobody apparently undertook
to get a statewide outpouring for you and Pat as
you moved through Washington State. I understand
there were about 9,000 at Richland. Kennedy,
speaking in the same place in 1963, (I think)
had 37,000! There is a Big job of organization
to do.

9/30/71

Rose -

This was inadvertently left out of envelope to you & the President.

Thanks again.

Walter

CITIZENS FOR EISENHOWER-NIXON

Financial Position

November 21, 1952

Assets:

| | | |
|----------------------------|-----------------|------------------|
| Cash in bank | | \$348,364.56 |
| Petty cash funds | | 2,000.00 |
| Utility and other deposits | | 10,950.00 |
| Travel and other advances: | | |
| Special Events Division | \$10,626.35 | |
| Other individuals | <u>3,980.10</u> | <u>14,606.45</u> |
| Total Assets | | \$375,921.01 |

Deduct:

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| Liability for employer's and employees' income taxes withheld | | <u>10,031.59</u> |
| Net Assets (Exhibit 11) | | \$365,889.43 |

Deduct - Estimated Obligations:

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| For printing reports, professional services, administrative functions and pre-election projects and activities. | \$44,500.00 | |
| Reserved for special purposes | 10,000.00 | |
| Reserved for termination expenses | <u>25,000.00</u> | |
| Total (Exhibit 111) | | <u>79,500.00</u> |

Balance representing Reserve for General Purposes \$286,389.43

9/29/52

Mr. President:

This was the wind-up set of figures for Citizens' 1952 operations. We returned most of this money to donors. Probably first time in history of American politics. - Walter Winchell