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MEMORANDUM

THE WHITE HOUSE

WASHINGTON

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MEMORANDUM FOR H. R. HALDEMAN

In a January 13 article Jack Anderson reported that GOP governors are beginning to show discontent over the President's failure to maintain a close liaison with the GOP governors. They were clearly annoyed that RN sent the Vice President to the governors conference instead of going himself.

Upon reading this the President suggested that perhaps we had better strengthen Dent with Chotiner on the governors hand holding. He suggested that it be done on a man for man basis. Governor Boe is obviously too weak and Vice President Agnew is too busy with national issues.

He also noted that it is, of course, ridiculous to suggest that RN go to every GOP governors conference. We should have made this clear from the beginning -- at least let's make it clear now. But most important -- fill the void with others who call them on a regular hand holding basis.

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