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URGENT INTER-OFFICE MEMORANDUM

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Nixon for Governor

To:

BOB HALDEMAN

Date: September 24, 1962

From:

BILL MADDEN

Subject:

Distribution: Rose Mary Woods, Bob Hamilton

ADMINISTRATIVE MARKING E.O. 12358. Section 1.1 By NARS, Date

At the suggestion of Bob Hamilton the following is being directed to your attention. He advised me to label it important and urgent.

The firm that has loaned me to the Nixon campaign full time from April 15 through November 6 (Pioneer Investors Savings - First Charter Financial Corp.) is headed by Mr. S. Mark Taper. Mr. Taper owns in excess of 50% of the total outstanding stock (6,000,000 shares) of FCF which is traded on the New York Stock Exchange. FCF is now one of the largest savings and loan holding companies in America with assets in excess of \$1 billion. Mr. Taper's personal assets are estimated to be in excess of \$400 million. He is the builder who built the city of Lakewood in Los Angeles and was a builder in England prior to coming to the U. S. during World War II.

On Thursday, the 20th of September, I was telling Bob Hamilton that on Tuesday, the 18th of September, I had a discus sion with Mr. Taper at which time he urged me to be certain that RN knows you are working for him with my compliments." Mr. Taper is very conscious of the fact that RN, when sitting in Sacramento as Governor, will have legislation crossing his desk for signature which will have a profound effect on the savings and loan industry in general and occasionally the holding companyowned savings and loans in particular. Mr. Taper, I understand, is a Democrat but in my opinion his convictions are such that he recognizes the necessity of friends on "both sides of the aisle."

As evidence: my request for a compensated leave of absence to work on the Nixon Campaign was granted by Mr. Taper (Mr. Charles Wellman, the President of FCF was chairman of Brown's Senate Reapportionment Committee and he also approved my leave request).

The larger savings and loans in California have had a difficult time getting branch offices approved. In particular, FCF branch applications have been denied at a ratio of about 10 denied to every 1 approved. The current administration has followed a policy of favoring the smaller associations over the larger ones even in some instances when the smaller associations could not perform the magnitude of financing required by some communities (personal opinion). I'm sure that Mr. Taper feels that FCF-owned savings and loan associations have not been treated fairly and, in my opinion, he is very likely annoyed by the treatment from Sacramento.

The whole point is this: If handled properly, a request to Mr. Taper for a very large campaign contribution would probably be granted. I have many reasons for believing this in addition to that explained above. For example, Mr. Taper on the 18th of this month insisted that I remind RN that his son-in-law, Mr. Joe Bolker, had been a guest at RN's new home in Beverly Hills.

Bob, my position is this: There is obvious evidence that Mr. Taper wants to be of assistance to the Nixon campaign. My desire is to be certain that I do everything possible to help secure victory in November. If desired by you, I will work with you to approach Mr. Taper for a sizeable contribution. Please call me if I can be of assistance.

P. S. Have found the advancing work extremely enjoyable and again thank you for the opportunity to participate in this phase of the campaign.