

April 28, 1970

TO: John Ehrlichman

FROM: Bryce Harlow

Barry Goldwater's attached letter complains that nowhere is there a ready guide indicating which of the President's campaign promises are now fulfilled. I strongly believe that, for our internal use, a comprehensive record should be maintained to see that we do what the President promised we would do, or that at least we are reminded what we are not doing. Some form of this record ought to be available to Goldwater and other GOP politicians for their use especially during campaigns.

I understand someone in your shop, perhaps Tom Cole, may be working on this. I salute it as a most useful project.

I had this same thing done in 1953, to keep Eisenhower honest too! -BT

cc: Bill Timmons

bcc: Harry Dent

THE WHITE HOUSE

WASHINGTON

April 28, 1970

Administratively  
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Dear Barry:

Although we just arranged a breakfast on May 5, and, I suppose will talk over some of these things there, I would like to take brief note of your April 8 and April 21 letters.

On the preparation of materials relating to the President's campaign promises, we do have this in motion -- and I have given it a good boot to press it forward in the light of your April 8 complaint that the National Committee doesn't have it. We should have something in hand reasonably soon. I agree it should have been in hand earlier.

On Brookings, we are acutely sensitive here to the fact that this outfit is really a Democrat Administration temporarily in exile lurking over on Massachusetts Avenue in eager anticipation of a new Democratic President, and preparing materials designed to accomplish that. This is one item that we can discuss quite enjoyably at breakfast; I will save further comment until then.

I look forward to our visit; it's been too long since the last one.

With warm regard,

Sincerely,

Bryce N. Harlow  
Counsellor to the President

Honorable Barry Goldwater  
United States Senate  
Washington, D. C. 20510

MEMORANDUM

THE WHITE HOUSE

WASHINGTON

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April 21, 1970

TO: Bryce Harlow

FROM: Harry Dent *HD*

I have looked over the attached letter to you from Senator Goldwater. With regard to the paragraph you marked, Tom Cole is now working up a paper on campaign promises and our actions to fulfill these promises. I am sending him a copy of this letter to spur him on with this project.

He needs a good word put in for him from us to Ehrlichman to make sure that this project is fully authorized. It is only partially authorized at present. If we can get this done, then I think you have a good answer to at least a part of this letter.

I will keep you advised and tell Tom Cole to likewise keep you advised.

cc: Tom Cole

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1. Do you want to suggest to Ehrlichman that ~~he~~ let Tom Cole do this? JA!
  2. Shall I draft response to Goldwater?, or JA.
  3. Will you see Goldwater, or he only? JA.

# United States Senate

WASHINGTON, D.C. 20510

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April 8, 1970

Mr. Bryce Harlow  
Assistant to the President  
The White House  
Washington, D. C. 20500

Dear Bryce:

From time to time I review what our Party is doing, what it's not doing, and what it might be doing, and sitting here a few hours after the unsuccessful attempt on Carswell, I think I should let you in on a bit of my thinking. On the three major items that the President has asked for during the first two years of his term, the ABM, Judge Haynsworth, and Judge Carswell, a group of Republicans has voted against him. I think the President must make up his mind either to use the power of his office in any way that he has to to bring these Republicans into line, or make up his mind that he's going to have their continued animosity and opposition throughout his terms. I may be a little violent at this particular moment, but I don't think so--I would suggest that the President specifically not campaign for any Republican up for re-election who has crossed him on any of the issues that I have mentioned. I think money should be denied these Republicans from the coffers of the Senatorial Campaign Committee and the Congressional Campaign Committee.

To put it in another way, the President has to be the leader of his Party even if it means a little pushing here and there.

On another item, in order to answer constituents' mail about what the President has accomplished vis a vis his campaign promises, my staff called the National Committee for this information and they were told that they did not have it compiled. I ask a simple question, why the hell don't they have it? I hope you will understand the spirit in which this letter is written, and I would hope that one of these days we might get together just to hash over things that are or are not going on, because I do not

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Harry Dent  
① FYI  
② Comment?  
③ Return  
Bryce



Mr. Bryce Harlow

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feel as confident today as I did a year ago about the condition of the Republican Party and its relationship to the public.

With warm wishes,

A handwritten signature in cursive script, appearing to read "Barry", written in dark ink.

Barry Goldwater