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*H - Haig & Ziegler have both read & agree with contents of this memo. /c*

THE WHITE HOUSE  
WASHINGTON

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MEMORANDUM FOR: H. R. HALDEMAN  
FROM: DWIGHT L. CHAPIN *[Signature]*  
SUBJECT: China -- January Advance

The next China advance will take place in January. We are not sure of the dates since approval is pending from the Chinese. The party may depart as early as December 29. ✓

Attached you will find a list of the recommended advance team. Henry Kissinger has told the Chinese the party (not including airline crew) will be around 20. According to Henry we can add three or four if we have to.

Problem: The full list now totals 26. Henry wants it around 23 or 24.

Solution: Hard nose it with Henry and take the 26. (In my mind we can justify 26 to the Chinese and they will accept it.)

Decisions:

1. We will eliminate two people -- Ziegler and Scali -- if the advance takes place during the Sato visit and Ziegler feels he must stay for that visit. Ron will not allow Scali to go unless he goes. Personally I feel Ron should go. It will position him properly for the President's trip and Warren can handle Sato. Ziegler, I am sure, wants to talk to you about your feeling on his going. ✓

Scali is a separate problem. Kissinger will oppose to the mat John's going - even if it means keeping Ziegler from making the trip. Haig agrees with Henry. Ziegler has stated he doesn't want Scali to go unless he goes and then he feels it is not absolutely essential for John to make the advance trip. Ron comes out to taking Scali with us - but with your laying the law down to John. John is going to have to be a consultant to the American party and otherwise keep his mouth shut.

*Scali is to go - TV must visit.*

Chapin agrees with Ziegler on the point that if Scali goes he's got to understand the ground rules. Actually, I feel it is a mistake to take him and there is nothing he can add to this trip.

The last argument for John's going is his ego. In addition, there's the fact he is telling everyone he's on the manifest. If John doesn't go, you will have some problems - unless Ron doesn't go either.

Ziegler should go \_\_\_\_\_

Scali should go \_\_\_\_\_

Tell Scali to work it out with Kissinger \_\_\_\_\_

Other \_\_\_\_\_

2. If Scali and Ziegler don't go, then we're down to 24 and not in bad shape as far as numbers go. Should it be necessary to eliminate additional people, I will do so in the following order.

- a. Collins - steno. Last trip we were very short on steno help. Removing Collins will leave us with only two stenos for the whole party. Collins should be the first to go.

Approve \_\_\_\_\_ Disapprove \_\_\_\_\_

- b. An Advanceman or Scowcroft. Walker will work Peking and we had added another advanceman with your approval for the southern part of the country (2 stops). Needless to state, the advanceman has good reason to be there.

Regarding Scowcroft, other than the strong reason the President told him he should go, he isn't going to be worth much to us.

Eliminate Advanceman \_\_\_\_\_

Eliminate Scowcroft \_\_\_\_\_

If necessary, eliminate both \_\_\_\_\_