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MEMORANDUM

THE WHITE HOUSE
WASHINGTON

August 17, 1972

MEMORANDUM FOR: CHARLES W. COLSON

FROM: JOANNE L. GORDON **JLG**

SUBJECT: Presidential Calls to Co-chairmen
Democrats for Nixon Committee

As you requested, attached are the telephone call recommendations I have written up for the several co-chairmen of Democrats for Nixon Committee you checked off.

Mickey Gardner advises me that Sidney S. Kellam of Virginia shouldn't get a Presidential call unless Goodwin does since Goodwin is the real force in Virginia.

He also advised that Al Ortega of Los Angeles shouldn't get a Presidential call since he has never sent in his letter confirming that he has agreed to serve--he claims he is Hatched....

Attachments

August 4, 1972

MEMORANDUM FOR:

MICKEY GARDNER

FROM:

CHARLES COLSON

Mario Procaccino just called and accepted. He is a Vice Chairman of Democrats for Nixon nationally. You should call him on Monday, or for that matter today, and have him fill out the form you want. He does want to be Chairman for New York statewide. I told him that some objections have been raised to that on the grounds that it might turn off some of the Jewish vote and that perhaps we would need co-chairmen. Procaccino is very sensitive on this. Titles are important to him. He said he would be interested in being chairman and then he could have several co-chairmen. I came back to the point that, no, we would have to have co-chairmen but he could call himself chairman. That to me is a difference without a distinction. In any event, I think it is imperative that this get cleared with Connally and that you get Bixby and/or Malek's input to this. We're in a bit of a dilemma. We don't want to lose Procaccino, he's great and I think will really perform for us. On the other hand, we don't want to do something that upsets Rockefeller and/or turns off Democrat voters in New York who would tend to be more liberal than Procaccino.

My analysis is that the Procaccino following is the one that we need to get. Therefore, if I came down to a hard crunch I would settle on Procaccino.

July 26, 1972

MEMORANDUM FOR:

MICKEY GARDNER

FROM:

CHARLES COLSON

Ed Brooke just called me to say that John Collins appears to be very, very receptive to becoming a vice chairman for Democrats for Nixon. Collins needs to be stroked and wants to meet with Connally, but Ed is convinced the answer will be yes. This is well worth Connally's time and I think I should also be present.

Collins was a very popular and effective mayor in the City of Boston for many years, but fell into some disfavor during the end of his second term. He was extremely able and articulate. If he accepts the vice chairmanship, he is willing to actively organize Democrats for Nixon in Massachusetts and is willing to speak around the country. He has always been known as a rabid partisan Democrat -- in fact an original John Kennedy supporter nationally.

Collins will be here at a HUD conference on August 2 and would like to meet with Connally then if possible. If Connally is in town we should do it and you should let Jacobsen know I recommend it very, very strongly. If he is not in town, then I should do it. Please try to schedule this and let me know so I can get back to Senator Brooke.

For your information and for the files, it is important to know that Collins would be interested in serving in the next Administration. He is very able and I could highly recommend him. If this is his price, I would be disposed to pay it inasmuch as I would recommend him anywhere whether he was active or not. He is that good in my book.

Another side point: he can be used to organize a former mayors committee and he said he knows many of them across the country and he thought he could get a great number to support the President.

EYES ONLY

July 24, 1972

MEMORANDUM FOR: H. R. HALDEMAN
FROM: CHARLES COLSON
SUBJECT: Attached Memo

I hate like hell to send a memo like this into the President, but lunch was a very bad scene. Connally was very annoyed, MacGregor couldn't have been more conciliatory and frankly, I had a little bit of an impression that Connally was looking for a reason to get angry. Obviously I don't know why. I think if you call Connally, he will say nothing is wrong. In fact, he will probably say the same thing to the President, but I can assure you he was very hot under the collar or at least gave that impression.

Among other unfortunate aspects of this is the fact that we, in all likelihood, will not be announcing Democrats for Nixon on August 1 as planned.

EYES ONLY

July 24, 1972

MEMORANDUM FOR: THE PRESIDENT
FROM: CHARLES COLSON
SUBJECT: Connally/Stans

I am sorry to report to you on an unfortunate incident involving Connally as to which you should be advised and perhaps call Connally if you feel it is warranted.

Last week MacGregor asked to meet with Connally and myself to be sure we were thoroughly coordinated -- a necessary thing to do obviously. We decided to include Stans because under the new statute, Connally cannot spend funds without Stans' permission. Obviously fund raising and expenditures have to be closely coordinated because of the inevitable competition for the same sources, the need for initial funding by Stans as well as the strict statutory ceilings.

In the meeting we had this afternoon (after your visit with Connally), Stans became very difficult; he seemed very unhappy over the whole Democrats for Nixon effort. He said that he was already getting money from Democrats and obviously any funds Connally raised would be "in competition" with his efforts. He further said that he had an obligation to raise \$40 million and that anything Connally needed would be in excess of that and he didn't think he could raise it. MacGregor said that he would gladly reduce his budget to make room for Connally's needs. I made the point that Connally would have to be assured of a budget of at least \$3 million (since Connally had told me over the weekend he didn't want to launch an effort unless he was assured of funding of at least that amount).

Connally became visibly angry during the lunch especially when Stans said that if Connally raised more money than his "budgeted" figure, he would have to turn it over to Stans. During the lunch Connally said

he wasn't sure he wanted to embark on the Democrats for Nixon effort at all and Stans allowed as to how he wished the President could find another fund raiser. Despite frequent attempts by MacGregor and me to keep it under control, the atmosphere was distinctly hostile.

After the lunch, I assured Connally that the candidate's views on this would prevail and that I knew exactly how you felt about it and that he shouldn't worry about Stans. I urged him to leave it in my hands. He said that he didn't ask for this job and that while he had no trouble at all dealing with MacGregor or myself, that it was best to find out right from the beginning where he stood. He said attitudes were very important to him, that he thought Stans had a very negative attitude and really acted as if Connally was an "intruder and competitor". I said again that I knew where the President stood and Connally said that isn't good enough. He said, "The President has to let his people know where he stands. Obviously Stans doesn't have the word."

I assured Connally that I would see that Stans did understand the President's views and Connally said, "Well, I will have to see for myself". He said he was unable now to agree to announce Democrats for Nixon on August 1. (Yesterday he had decided that would be the date.)

I think Connally was putting on a little show for everyone involved. He is a very sensitive fellow and Stans can indeed be rather dour when it comes to discussing campaign funds. Also, Maury is very tired and under a lot of pressure.

Connally, unfortunately, will have to work with Stans; under the new statute, complete autonomy is impossible. I assured Connally that he would be spared anything like this in the future and that Jacobson, Connally's counsel, could handle it. He said he didn't want Jacobson "subjected" to this either.

Under the circumstances, MacGregor and I think it may be important for you to tell Connally that we have reported to you on the lunch and that he can be assured that there will be no problem, that the budget matters have been determined by you, that autonomy is to be maintained and that if he can't deal with Stans, he can work through MacGregor and me exclusively. Clark and I will simply have to handle Maury.

August 17, 1972

MEMORANDUM FOR: MICKEY GARDNER
FROM: CHARLES COLSON

Two items I would like a report on from you:

Hank Buchanan whose brother, as you know, is Pat, was dispatched by the Committee for the Re-election of the President to go over some of the accounting aspects of the Democrats for Nixon operation. Apparently then he was told he wouldn't be needed any further. I think he feels that his professional talents have been impugned -- I gather that at least from what Pat tells me. Obviously the reason is, I assume, that you would want your own accountant so that you don't have any overlap with 1701. On the other hand, I would suppose that where Hank is already trained in all these complex requirements under the new statutes, that it might make sense to use him and for some reason he's a little sensitive about this. Maybe you could just let me know what's happened or if he could be kept in the picture. Just handle it that way.

Secondly, some time ago, I think I mentioned to you that Ben Lambert, President of East-Dill, which is the real estate subsidiary of Eastman-Dillon in New York, very much wanted to be involved in Democrats for Nixon. He called this morning to say that he was hurt that he hadn't been asked to join, that he not only would like to sign the ad, but buy a few and very much wants to get involved. He is a good Jewish name in New York, he's been very active in the business community, he's one of the youngest up and coming bright stars in Wall Street and I would think you would want to make very active use of him. Would you please pursue this for me?