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Chuck -

I think I have come up with what may be a viable answer to how I can be a useful and effective member of your staff during the upcoming campaign.

In order to have been outstanding in any endeavor in the past I always had to rely heavily on sheer determination. I mention this because I am not sure I could promise the required determination to achieve the results needed in the coming year were the status quo to persist. As a result I must resist your first option (basically preservation of the status quo) which would make McLane project manager for Aging matters while I retained responsibility for the political side.

I realize that your offer to have me report directly to you would be of help as far as keeping McLane under control, but two factors would tend to undermine the effectiveness of that help if he were made project manager. First, your time will be even more taxed than at present as election day nears which will leave you little time

to spend on in-house personnel problems. This problem will be aggravated by the second factor, which is that the difference between substantive and political matters is often hazy. Therefore, with McLane as project manager, there will be little choice but to give him final say when there is a disagreement about a matter falling in this hazy area.

Since you believe that your second option, that of allowing me to handle Aging matters alone, is not possible the above problem may be rectified by the adoption of a third option. I could be effective, with your help, if I were put on an equal plane with McLane. This would mean putting McLane on Ehrlichman's staff, as far as Aging matters are concerned, to handle the substantive side, while I remain on your staff to handle the political side, but both of us would be named co-project managers. If this were done your offer to have me report directly to you might give me the leverage necessary to work with him.

I realize this may not fit into your plan that only one man will be responsible for each subject area. However, it might be argued that since McLane will have total responsibility for the Youth area, he should not also be given total responsibility for the Aging area, as these two together will comprise approximately 42% of the vote. It is questionable whether it is even physically possible for one person to do a thorough job on both these areas at the same time.

I believe two other things are required to maximize my utility to you. The Secretarial situation must be worked out so I don't have to spend a large percentage of each day answering the phone and running between offices. Also, a limited amount of travel money should be made available so I can pin down some of our top ^{regional} supporters as well as coordinate their efforts.

I really appreciate your having made it possible for me to express my thoughts

to you on this matter, Chuck. I hope you know that if you requested me to stay, even in a capacity I did not desire, I would do it out of loyalty to you. I'm not sure that it would serve your purposes any more than mine to have me any less than 100% effective, but if it would I will stay.

Thanks for the guidance -

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