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December 20, 1971

MEMORANDUM FOR: H. R. HALDEMAN
FROM: CHARLES COLSON
SUBJECT: Monday

I am sorry to have to bring my troubles to you, but we need your help in gigging the RNC over Monday. We are unhappily going through another one of those cycles of rather poor cooperation, I suspect because Nofziger has his attentions elsewhere. Lofton is fiercely independent with a great deal of personal pride in his own editorship of the publication.

The attached may help.

Personal and Confidential

December 15, 1971

MEMORANDUM FOR: The Honorable Bob Dole
Chairman
Republican National Committee

FROM: Charles W. Colson
Special Counsel to the President

I have your letter of December 13 regarding the so-called "memorandum of understanding". I couldn't possibly agree with you more. Noel Koch prepared this. He is a good man at keeping fastidious records. God knows why he sent it to you. I certainly didn't view our meeting as any kind of "summit"; nor did I believe that any formal protocols were required.

I, too, believe we are making progress and, if we stay with it, can make a hell of a lot more. Thank you for returning what I would characterize as an "idiotic paper", with no reflection upon the author who is far from an idiot.

December 3, 1971

MEMORANDUM FOR: H. R. HALDEMAN
FROM: CHARLES COLSON
SUBJECT: Meeting with Bob Dole

I just finished a meeting -- to my delight -- with the old Bob Dole. He really seemed to have his fight and enthusiasm back and a lot of self assurance. I hope it is not a one day phenomenon.

Bob indicated that he genuinely wants to become a more effective spokesman particularly in attacking the Democrats. To my surprise he said that he felt that he hadn't done a good job at this at all and that he simply wants our help in doing better. Noel Koch was with me and Noel got Bob's agreement to approve rebuttal statements without clearing it with Bob. This means we can really begin to bang back at the Democrats fast, rather than taking the time to go through the Nofziger operation.

Bob believes that one of his principal deficiencies has been his inability to get Nofziger to do the things he wants done. Nofziger, of course, argues that Dole won't cooperate. I don't know who's right but it is irrelevant because the two have to work together. He says he has no control over Nofziger because Nofziger believes that he reports to Evans and/or the White House direct. Bob said that he was going to see the Attorney General to try and get the point clarified and to be sure that everyone understands that Nofziger works for Dole.

Noel and I told Bob some of the things that need to be done to beef up the publicity operation. He is ready, willing and able to do so once he gets control of Nofziger, or so he says.

The one purpose of this memo is that if the issue comes up, I certainly hope we can support this. As long as Bob remains in the frame of mind he is in today, we can certainly get some things done with him. I don't know how long it will last but it is worth a try.