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MEMORANDUM

THE WHITE HOUSE  
WASHINGTON

SEPTEMBER 4, 1969

TO: HARRY S. DENT

FROM: GORDON S. BROWNELL *GGB*

*Francis*  
Florence Knight asked me to relay this to you. She has heard :

John Rooney has too much control in the State Dept. and his hand-picked friends have too much power. One of them, Idar Remstead, is going to be Ambassador to Geneva. Jules Bassin, another Rooney Democrat, is going along with Remstead. A new position is being created--Ass't Secretary of State for Budget--which is also slated to go to a Rooney man, Frank Meyer. Florence says we should head off Rooney by not creating this position.

She also said that the transfer of the work of the Passport Office to the banks is upsetting many people.

*Orig to: Peter Flavin  
9/8/69*

MEMORANDUM

THE WHITE HOUSE

WASHINGTON

SEPTEMBER 2, 1969

TO: HARRY S. DENT

FROM: GORDON S. BROWNELL

GSB

Attached are two copies of the magazine article you asked me to get for you and the memoranda which were submitted to you for your consideration.

I have marked the main points of the memoranda and the article and also am attaching an unmarked copy of the article if you want it for anything.

The memoranda submitted from D.O.T. I felt were too ideologically bound to a liberal affinity for the civil rights movement to represent a sound political approach to the problems posed in the article. I feel instead that an approach governed by the passages I have underlined in the article can best solidify the President's constituency and increase his chances for re-election in 1972 and future success for the Party in later years. The memoranda submitted by D.O.T. would basically represent a policy that would be inconsistent to a successful "Southern--Sun Belt" strategy for a broad national victory in '72. I think you would agree.

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