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TO: DWIGHT CHAPIN
FROM: HARRY DENT

When Rogers Morton had his meeting with the President on whether to run for the U. S. Senate or stay as National Chairman, this matter was never cleared through me and I learned about it when I saw the Chairman at the Republican Governors Conference at Hot Springs, Arkansas. The reason I bring this up is because I believe I would have cautioned against such a meeting had I known it was being requested. In fact, with hindsight now clearly in view, I know I would have. Unfortunately, I think the President got taken for a ride on this by our Chairman.

I knew the Chairman had no real intention of running for the U. S. Senate. Therefore, I was rather amazed when he told a news conference at Hot Springs that he had a meeting set up with the President and would have a news conference immediately following the meeting with the President. This could only make the President look like he had been turned down again---like the Laxalt matter. Therefore, the President had only one recourse at that point and that was to come out and say that he had made the decision to keep Morton on as National Chairman because he was so valuable. As you can see, only Morton benefited from this. The Republican Party in Maryland suffered and I do not think it was of any particular benefit to the President.

Also, I have let the RNC people know that the attached picture on the front of MONDAY does not do our President any justice.