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WASHINGTON

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MEMORANDUM FOR: LARRY HIGBY
FROM: JERRY JONES
SUBJECT: Arthur Fletcher

We have run Fletcher's name by John Ehrlichman, Bob Brown, and Stan Scott. Ehrlichman likes Fletcher, and has already conveyed his approval to George Bush. As John understands the position, Fletcher would be a part-time Director of Black RNC interests. His role would be more of a spokesman/policy maker with a full-time assistant to handle the day-to-day administrative work.

Bob Brown and Stan Scott have reservations about Fletcher. Both like him personally and neither questions his competence or his status in the black community, but they feel that Fletcher is somewhat of a maverick. For example, last September Fletcher denounced the Administration for scrapping the Philadelphia plan (see NY Times Clippings attached). Fletcher is undoubtedly an effective spokesman, and is a team player most of the time.

In sum, Fletcher is undoubtedly an excellent choice, if he can be controlled by Bush. I question whether George can do this, but I would be inclined to go along with Ehrlichman's judgment. John dealt with Fletcher when he was at DOL, and knows better than I whether or not he can be an asset to the '74 campaign.