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THE WHITE HOUSE
WASHINGTON

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MEMORANDUM FOR:

H. R. HALDEMAN

FROM:

FRED MALEK *FM*

SUBJECT:

Chuck Ross as Bush's Deputy

Chuck would be acceptable as Bush's deputy at the RNC. He is smart, tough, and understands the party building as practiced in Ohio, one of the strongest GOP State Organizations. While I have not talked to him about this position, I am sure we could program him to work closely with the White House in our joint efforts to strengthen the Party. Also, his selection would not cause political problems in Ohio since he is acceptable to all factions in the state.

On the negative side, he is a lawyer and has never managed a large organization; he is not well known outside Ohio; he did not take management direction eagerly in the campaign; and he never obtained clear management control of the Ohio re-election effort (this is not strong negative since few people could have done it).

On balance, he is probably as good a candidate as we have for the post; and I have no candidates whom I feel would be clearly superior. Ed DeBolt, Tom Crouch, Marvin Collins, and perhaps Bill Campbell (Idaho CRP Chairman) would be other possibilities in a league with Ross. Each has drawbacks; but all should be considered as possibilities for in the end their personal chemistry with Bush will be a key determinate of their success.