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May 18, 1972

MEMORANDUM FOR: JOHN MITCHELL
FROM: WILLIAM E. TIMMONS *WET*
SUBJECT: '72 Convention
Host Committee

Tommy Thomas, Florida GOP and Re-Elect State Chairman, has appointed Mr. and Mrs. J. Deering Danielson as co-chairman for the President's Campaign Committee in Dade County. He urges us to use them also as the Committee's Convention Host Chairman believing the two jobs are complimentary.

I have met with the Danielsons and am impressed with their loyalty to the President and dedication to a successful convention. However, their political and campaign backgrounds appear limited, and they have little appreciation of the tasks necessary to guarantee proper convention operations. They are wealthy blue-bloods, a house in Spain, Chairman of Trustees Art Center, etc. However, they do know all the influential people in South Florida and seem eager to undertake the additional responsibility.

It is my recommendation that Mr. Danielson be named Convention Host Chairman for the Re-Election Committee and build a small staff under him to perform the necessary functions. Specifically, I would like to see Steve Nostrand be employed as Executive Director, Joyce Hooker (no pun!) as secretary with a number of volunteer subcommittee chairmen for housing, transportation, receptions, etc.

Steve is the #2 man in the Chamber of Commerce and can take leave of absence. He will have to be compensated. Nostrand is also currently involved as a volunteer with the Youth Division of the Re-Elect Committee.

Joyce is a superb secretary with excellent skills, and is a tireless worker. I have known her for ten years from the time she worked on Capitol Hill and in the National Young Republicans. She has attended many GOP Conventions and lives with her husband in the Miami area.

Also, we can rent a three-bedroom apartment in the Octagon Building immediately in front of the Convention hall and use it as the office for the Host Committee. You may recall Nelson Rockefeller used rooms in this building as his command post in 1968. During the convention period, this facility can serve as Youth Headquarters.

The Danielsons should solicit other prominent Floridians to serve on the committee. Individuals like the Frank Bormans, Jim Geraghtys, Loren Berrys, Alvah Chapmans, Sam Higginbottoms, Dr. Butari, etc.

I would hope the Host Committee could underwrite the expenses of the office and staff which I estimate to be:

1. Office rent, \$1,000 for 3 months	\$3,000
2. Executive Director, \$1,500 for 3 months	4,500
3. Secretary, \$900 for 3 months	2,700
4. Furniture & Equipment, \$500 for 3 months	1,500
5. Telephones, \$75.00 for 3 months	225
6. Miscellaneous supplies, \$100 for 3 months	300
	TOTAL \$12,225

RECOMMEND APPROVAL

YES _____ NO _____

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