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MEMORANDUM FOR:

MR. HIGBY

FROM:

GORDON STRACHAN

After our meeting with Jeb Magruder this morning, I talked with Bob Marik. He reported the following about the Flanigan-Derge meeting of yesterday afternoon:

- 1) Derge spent most of the time filling in Marik on the polling plan of 1968 because Mr. Flanigan was in and out of his office for the entire two hours.
- 2) Flanigan is taking charge of what he views to be his responsibility as Chairman of the Polling Planning Group. However, he realizes that no commitments are to be made and that all suggestions to The Attorney General should be funneled through Magruder.
- 3) Flanigan would not hire Derge as the polling consultant for the campaign, for example.
- 4) Marik is keeping close track of the polling task force and will continue to keep us advised.

On the question of simulation, Dr. Derge suggested to Flanigan that he bring the man from IBM in California who did the original Derge simulation memo back to the White House for discussion. Flanigan is not eager about simulation, but realizes that the question should be considered and decided.

To implement your suggestion about having a top level group review the question of simulation and submitting a recommendation to Mr. Haldeman and The Attorney General, Marik will suggest to Flanigan on Friday the following:

- 1) Dr. Derge and the California IBM man come to Washington the following week;
- 2) Flanigan, Magruder, Marik, Higby or Strachan, Anderson, Derge, Torrance and DeBolt should listen to the presentation;
- 3) Flanigan should submit a recommendation over his signature as to whether to commit the 35,000 necessary for the segment one trial run of the simulation project.

If this is a wholly incorrect method of approaching the simulation problem, please advise me and I will have Marik programmed to guide Planigan or whoever else you suggest to guide the simulation question to decision.

GS:elr