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THE WHITE HOUSE

WASHINGTON

April 9, 1974

MEMORANDUM FOR: ALEXANDER M. HAIG, JR.
FROM: BRUCE HERSCHENSOHN B.H.
SUBJECT: President's Taxes: Support

The following information was current at 5:00 p.m. re the support expressed for the President on the subject of his taxes:

- Letters and telegrams received since April 5 include 2,058 "pro" and 68 "con", or a ratio of 97% pro and 3% con
- Cash contributions received represent \$23,419.36, \$808.19 of which was sent anonymously and cannot be returned
- Approximately 3,000 letters have yet to be opened and categorized
- IRS has also received money, but the amount is uncertain
- Some very large efforts are underway from individual citizens for collections
- There are proposed loans to the President amounting to \$245,000 (this includes the Otto Passman suggestion sent to you earlier)
- An offer by Otto Passman to purchase his Vice Presidential papers for \$1 million (memo from Timmons attached)

The following consensus was reached at a meeting attended by Len Garment, Dick Moore, David Hoopes, Roland Elliott, Anne Higgins and Bruce Herschensohn:

1. Wait until the end of the week, see how much we have, and see if the effort is increasing or diminishing. Then someone from the White House should officially announce that though the President is extremely appreciative, he wishes to make the payment himself, and he must request that no one make further contribution.

2. In effect, we cannot have it both ways: we cannot tell people to stop, and ask them to continue. But, within the announcement we can have a very large plus by telling of the thousands of contributions that have come in, and that it has become necessary to make a more formal announcement than before because the contributions are continuing on a massive scale and we do not want it to get out of control, stressing the President's appreciation.
3. We can release some of the best and most human-interest oriented letters that accompanied contributions.
4. To those who have sent contributions to the President, the letter at Tab A will be sent by Roland Elliott with a return of their money. Roland is keeping extremely accurate records of the funds that are being sent in, when received, and when returned. This is normal procedure.

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5. Those that were sent in anonymously, representing \$808.19 to date, could be sent to one or more of the following:
 - a. Red Cross (for tornado victims) Approve _____
 - b. Other Approve _____
6. RNC is also receiving contributions and is awaiting our guidance for letters.
7. Rabbi Korff has been sent approximately \$25,000 for the President's taxes which his contributors want given to the President.
8. Leonard Garment has noted that he feels we should move faster on this (instead of waiting until the end of the week as proposed in item #1). He feels we could run into some major accounting problems if we hold off too long. He also feels that Anne Armstrong or Dean Burch should contact the political people to insure that there is no "encouragement" of contributions being done, and if there is to request that it be stopped since that could be a major problem.

Approve _____ Disapprove _____