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THE WHITE HOUSE
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April 12, 1972

MEMORANDUM FOR:

H. R. HALDEMAN

FROM:

GORDON STRACHAN **G**

SUBJECT:

President's Papers and
Estate Plan

The President's Papers and Estate Plan is drifting off track again. Just before the China Trip you directed Dean to "get it done before it becomes moot." Nothing happened, so I drafted a memorandum for John Ehrlichman's signature to Dean on March 21st. Dean responded with an interim report indicating that the Acting General Counsel of IRS would begin working on some of the basic tax questions.

All this results in indecision and delay. You told me in August that the President considered Dick Ritzel of Mudge Rose the best estate lawyer around. Ritzel's plan, after due deliberation with DeMarco, was submitted on December 23, 1971. It is John Dean's view that DeMarco and Ritzel are in a contest. The only loser is the President.

It is my view that DeMarco's interim stop-gap Will proposal is the worst result possible because it will delay a decision until after November 7, 1972. If the President loses the election, the goals of the President's Papers and Estate Plan will be thwarted.

The solution seems to be for you and Ehrlichman to make the decision whether the entire project is to be delayed until after the election. If that is the case, you should approve Dean's attached memorandum urging the President to execute a stop-gap Will tomorrow when he meets with DeMarco. If you and Ehrlichman decide to resolve the conflict between DeMarco and Ritzel, you should disapprove Dean's memorandum and direct him to have the final plan to you and Ehrlichman for review by May 1st.