

MEMORANDUM

THE WHITE HOUSE

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MEMORANDUM FOR: GORDON STRACHAN

FROM: H. R. HALDEMAN *H*

For the record, here are my notes on the Mitchell meeting with the President yesterday afternoon together with the follow-up that's required.

The AG reported on his general plans for organization and emphasized that he's still putting the players together and that he should move slowly and carefully in making any final assignments.

Done. Magruder and I are waiting for a meeting with you, the AG, + John Dean. It was obvious in some of the points he was reporting that we need to do a better job of coordinating infiltration activities, polling, intelligence, etc. You and Magruder should get to work on this and perhaps there should be a meeting with Mitchell and me and the two of you and some others.

Done. Malek will clear suggestions with the AG. In order to bring Ray Bliss more strongly into camp, he should be given a part-time commission post of some kind that will give him some prestige. This came up before, but apparently nothing has been done on it. Please follow-up and let me know on this.

Magruder's task force is preparing a key state/ Wallace plan. We need to start polling the key states, particularly to determine the effect of Wallace on the election. How is our strength effected with Wallace in or with Wallace out. Let's develop a polling plan on this -- we've talked about it before.

Jordon is up for re-election. Dent is preparing a plan. We need to know whether Jordon is up for re-election in North Carolina. If he is, we can win that seat and should be developing a plan for doing so.

*Confirmed,
telephone
recommendation
to the President
on April 24.* Mitchell reported that Chuck Percy has been defending us strongly talking with the Veterans who are here demonstrating. If this is the case, he should be called and thanked for his strong defense.

*Not
True* Mitchell reported that Arthur Flemming has denounced John Gardner and Common Cause and has resigned from Common Cause. If this is true, it should be publicized. Colson should follow-up on it.

*Malek is
working
on a
post.* Former Governor Jim Rhodes of Ohio should be given a post that is meaningful in the area of vocational jobs. Something at HEW would be most likely. Malek should follow-up on this.

*Colson
advised* The President called Saxbe while we were in the meeting to thank him for his support on television today to solidify him.

*His wife
gave \$7500
last
summer* The question arose as to whether Jack Irwin, Under Secretary of State, has been a major contributor to Common Cause. Check the filing report and let me know what he has given.

The President wants a report on how A. G. Becker of Chicago was given the award of a big Treasury deal on Agriculture financing. Becker is a Democrat who is strongly opposed to us and there were many of our supporters who were seeking this award that didn't get it. Figure out a way to get a reading on this out of Treasury.

Flanigan submitted a report yesterday in which he says he discussed the matter with Connally and is convinced there will not be a repeat.

Flanigan strongly recommends against any further involvement in the Becker matter.