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THE WHITE HOUSE
WASHINGTON

March 9, 1973

MEMORANDUM FOR:

H. R. HALDEMAN

FROM:

BRUCE KEHRLI Box

SUBJECT:

Vice President's Space Request

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This came as a total surprise to me as I had already received concurrence from Art Sohmer on the Vice President's Staff Space Plan about a month ago. At my request, Art Sohmer talked to the Vice President and calmed him down a little bit, however, he was still adamant about getting some more space.

We gave him Room 280 (360 sq. ft.) with the indication that as soon as OMB started to move out of the upper floors that we could work something out with the vacant space. This information was passed to Art Sohmer and I received the message last evening that the Vice President wanted more space and he wanted an answer on it today.

The Vice President's request is totally unreasonable. The attached memorandum which I will be sending him lays out exactly what he gave up and what he received along with the fact that his staff went from 39 to 30 during the transition. A number of staff members that he included in the cut of 9 were actually transferred to his Senate staff payroll and not really terminated. (I THINK)

I'll try to turn off any additional requests, however, just in case he calls you should have this background.

One additional point--the specific offices that he wants are now occupied by Peter Flanigan's staff and Roy Ash's staff. I don't think we want to cut either of these people's office allocation.

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