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January 4, 1969

MEMORANDUM

TO: John Ehrlichman

FROM: RN

In the PR Department, I think it would be well to ask for originals of cartoons. I note that Karl Humenthal of the Herald-Examiner had one in the January 1 paper, and there are probably a number of others that we would like to have for our collection.

I doubt if I can write a letter each time since we will often find that cartoonists will hit us over and over again. But the first letter should go from me to the cartoonist, and then from time to time I probably should follow up, and then from time to time I probably should follow up, and then another time, Ziegler or you could drop a note requesting the original for our collection.

We might go back to the early stages of the campaign, as a matter of fact, even to the pre-convention and post-convention period, to get this collection going.

Generally speaking, only those who draw favorable cartoons will be willing to send me originals. But from time to time we should request cartoons from others, even though they are unfavorable, and continue to do so unless we get a firm statement that they do not want to send them. For example, this is the case with Herblock - he does not give his originals to anybody.
January 4, 1969 - RN Tape

MEMORANDUM

TO: EHRlichman

FROM: RN

Along the lines we discussed before, I think our PR with regard to the election campaign results and in the interim has left a lot to be desired. A case in point is the margin of victory which is now over 500,000.

On January 31, the Miami Herald had an editorial in which the comment was made that although Nixon had won the presidency the margin was so small that there were strong sentiments developing for reforming the Electoral College. It is ridiculous that some of our people don't reflect a bit on the comparison of the margin in 1968 with that in 1960. The fact that in 1968 there was no question whatever about the decisiveness of the victory, both with regard to the total popular vote and the vote in the key states -- California, Illinois and Ohio -- where the margins were approximately 100,000 or more as compared with the 1960 margins of approximately 8,000 votes in Illinois, Missouri and South Carolina.

I would like a report as to what, if anything, is being done on the letter to the editor and the calls to radio and television commentators, a procedure that I suggested
be continued after the election campaign to cover items like this. You can imagine what the situation would have been had the roles been reversed. I simply think that Herb et. al don't realize the importance of hammering home the three or four simple messages with regard to the 1968 campaign and particularly on a point like this. Perhaps the fault is ours for failing to set a procedure and then riding hard on those who do not carry out our suggestions.

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January 4, 1969

MEMORANDUM

TO: EHRlichman
FROM: RN
SUBJECT: ATTACKS ON RN

I want one of the research types to be given the assignment to go back through the last twenty years and pick up all of the unfair attacks that have been made on RN, inadvertently and otherwise. This should be a rich harvest if only someone will get at it. Particularly, I think it is essential that this be done with regard to Humphrey's statement in the last campaign. The mythology is already setting in to the effect that Humphrey was nicey-nice and that if any attacks were made that I was responsible. Again, this is a reflection on our own ineptitude in failing to get a good counter-attack developed and sold. A good article or even short book could be made on "RN, The Most Maligned Political Figure of the Twentieth Century." Give me a report as to what you have been able to do on this score.

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January 4, 1961

MEMORANDUM

TO: EHRlichman
FROM: RN
SUBJECT: CHURCH SERVICES

I should like to start immediately -- on the first Sunday after the Inauguration -- with my program for White House Church Services. In the event that logistically it is not possible to work it out, forget it. If it is possible to work it out, then I want to go forward on it. Dr. Peale or Dr. Latch? might be the first men to participate.

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January 4, 1969

MEMORANDUM

TO: EHRLICHMAN
FROM: RN
SUBJECT: INVITATIONS TO WHITE HOUSE SOCIAL EVENTS

I want you to set up a procedure for the guest lists for White House dinners in which we are going to establish several new practices.

In the past, except for the governmental types that have to be included, the guest lists have too often been loaded with the International Set from New York and Washington, D.C. I do not want any of this group included in our dinners unless they were our supporters. You should immediately develop a list which covers the country and includes our major supporters from the finance, political, educational and other areas. Dinners should always have representation from labor and, while Negroes should be included, don't overlook Mexicans and other ethnic groups, particularly Italians. I have already mentioned in a memorandum that the whole Cabinet is not to be invited to each State Dinner. Usually, the Secretaries of State and Defense have to be included on each one. As far as the balance of the Cabinet are concerned, divide it up so that each Cabinet officer gets his fair share. If a Cabinet officer indicates he is particularly interested in coming to such dinners, make it clear that they
are not command performances.

Now and then, sub-Cabinet people ought to be invited to these dinners in place of the Cabinet officer himself. A sprinkling of celebrities -- again those who supported us -- should be included. Publishers who were on our side can be included but only on a very discriminating basis. How many of the White House Press Corps to be included should be determined after consultation with Ziegler, Klein and the other press types. See that over a period of four years that the members of the White House staff have an opportunity to attend a dinner or a luncheon. Harlow will indicate what should be done about picking on the Congressional side where, of course, bi-partisan representation is required. Here again, I urge him not just to invite the leaders each time. Other members of Congress should be included where we can get away with it.

The general objective as far as these dinners are concerned is to have the group elite enough that the State visitor is convinced that he is meeting important people but, beyond that, let us pay some of our political debts this way and invite a broad cross-section of people from across the country. I do not mean to suggest that we should always exclude those who opposed us in the campaign -- naturally, on the Congressional side we will pick up the major Democratic leaders. And, in addition, where we think we can win somebody by including him, do so. But I don't want to go
down the tired old lists of the Washington and New York social set and invite them simply because they have been invited before. Also, I want you to have in mind that for eight years I was not invited to a White House luncheon or dinner by either Johnson or Kennedy. We do not want to be that small ourselves but at least we do not want to go overboard in the other direction. They used these dinners to serve their purposes and we are going to do likewise.
January 4, 1969 - RN tape

TO: HALDEMAN
FROM: RN

Just to remind you that I would like Ash to take over the assignment immediately of making recommendations for appointments to the major agencies outside the Cabinet. And I would like a Cabinet meeting held, including everybody except Rogers who has already completed his sub-Cabinet, with Mitchell presiding, where there is some discussion of the balance along the lines we spoke of, and also where the rules for Congressional clearance for informing Governors are firmly laid down.

Another point that should be made is that when a Cabinet officer selects a deputy from any state in which another Cabinet officer resides, he should clear with that Cabinet officer as well.

My general policy is to fill all the posts we possibly can before January 20th. Delaying past January 20th should only be countenanced in those cases where a good man simply isn't available. Failing to move by the 20th, can have very difficult repercussions later on.

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January 4, 1969 - RN Tape

TO: JOHN EHRLICHMAN  cc: Bob Haldeman
FROM: RN

I think we still need some beefing up on the "color" side of our research staff. Buchanan does a good job but he will be increasingly tied up on the news summaries as time goes on. As I have indicated before, Safire and possibly Gavin will be able to help in this respect. What is needed is a bit of humor where appropriate and then an anecdote like the Guild Hall speech showed up in that form, and at times a quotation, although I generally do not like to throw out quotations in speeches. The greatest need is for some good, brief anecdotes along the lines that Jimmy Humes prepared prior to the campaign. I am sure that if a man with talent in this area puts his mind to it he will come up with some pretty good ideas that I will be able to use.

In this same connection, it is necessary for whoever is in charge of the schedule to keep the research people completely briefed well in advance of every possible occasion where I shall be asked to say a few words. People hang on every word a President utters and if at times instead of just beating the obvious to death in making an award or accepting one, etc. I can find an appropriate eloquent phrase which might stick in the public conscience, we can make some points.
I have emphasized this point in several other conversations and memoranda but I don't think anybody really realizes how important I think it is and how necessary and helpful it will be to my operation. Again, I suggest you talk to the research people and go out on a talent hunt for a man who might fit the bill. We haven't found him yet although each of our own staff from time to time does make a contribution which is helpful. Dick Moore, as a matter of fact, made the most contributions of this type during the campaign which I was able to use. He should be included in the group which discusses this problem. My guess is that a young, bright, intellectual type who would really love such an assignment and could learn to do it extremely well would be the type of individual to get.

With further regard to my schedule, somebody slipped in not having any suggested comments prepared for the Anaheim homecoming. In the future in every instance where I am expected to speak even for five minutes a few thoughts should be put in front of me even though I may not use them so that it will at least stir my own thinking.

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RN tape - 1/4/69

TO: Bob Haldeman
FROM: RN
SUBJECT: RN Schedule

One type of activity which should be dispensed with is doing film clips for payroll savings, bond drives which are to be used for small corporate meetings as distinguished from clips which will be used on national TV.

My general policy is that we should limit statements of this kind in any event even when they are on national TV. But under no circumstances should my time be used to film something like this for a small, select group, even if the cause is important. I don't care what the past procedure has been. In the future use Agnew or the Secretary of the Treasury or some other appropriate Cabinet officer.

I want a complete re-evaluation of all activities of this type and I do not want them in the future to be committed for me without my express approval. For years I have felt that the President has been over-burdened with this kind of activity and the time to make significant changes is right now. I want you and Ehrlichman to watch these things very carefully and wherever possible address them to Agnew or somebody else.
RN tape - 1/4/69

TO: John Ehrlichman

FROM: RN

SUBJECT: "Six Crises"

I would imagine that both the hard cover and paper back versions of "Six Crises" would probably have a renewed sale as a result of the election. Would you give me a report as to what my rights are with regard to both the hard cover and the paper back at this time. My recollection is that I own the full rights to both. Also, I would like a report as to what sales were made of the new version of the paper back since its issuance shortly before the Convention. Some good promotion, incidentally, here could be helpful. I imagine that the paper back distributors in the country immediately before the Inauguration in newsstands across the country could get a pretty good sale.
RN tape - 1/4/69

TO: Bob Haldeman
FROM: RN

I did not get an opportunity to mention Jeff Donfeld to Bud Wilkinson, but I am inclined to believe that he would fit in very well as an aide to Wilkinson in view of the kind of activities he will be engaged in.
January 4, 1969

MEMORANDUM

TO: John Ehrlichman
FROM: RN

I have already suggested that you check with Don's wife with regard to my personal papers and memos and be sure they eventually reach either the Yorba Linda or Whittier repository. There is no hurry on this but I would like for you to give me a report of those things that are available so that I can determine whether or not they should go there or they should be kept within the family.
RN tape - 1/4/69

TO: Bob Haldeman
FROM: RN
SUBJECT: Campaign Finance Report

In reading the wire service stories on the finance reports filed by Stans and the Democrats I find the usual problem which always plagues us. That the Democrats appear to be spending far less because $ the huge amounts the unions spend do not show up in their reports. I want you to get Klein and the others who should make a contribution in this area to set the record straight. Perhaps a memorandum should be written for those who may be going on television programs, and the word passed to key Congressmen, Senators, Governors or any others who might be called upon to answer questions on this subject.

Another problem which concerns me is the failure of our Finance Committee to make its report on time. This shows the necessity for a hard-nosed, sophisticated person who serves as Counsel to the National Committee who will handle such matters on a proper basis in the future. I think this Counsel job is more important than some realize. As soon as we can get Scribner out of there let's get a really good man in his place -- one who is really bright enough and young enough but done well enough to do an effective job. This position cannot go to one of the hacks.
January 4, 1969

MEMORANDUM

TO: Bob Haldeman
FROM: RN

The enclosed article from the January 2 Los Angeles Times is a pretty good analysis of Hickel's strengths and weaknesses.

Would you give a copy of this to Harlow and also to Mitchell. I again suggest that some effort should be made to put a good strong PR type who knows Washington with him at the earliest possible time. He can be an asset if he gets some good advice.
Section of the Times

SCANTILY A storm front from Alaska caused Walter Joseph Hickel while flew into Washington, D.C., this month to be the new secretary of Interior. He could well turn out to be the most controversial appointment in President-elect Nixon's Cabinet.

One thing for sure: the status quo in many parts of the large Interior Department is going to take a beating. Hickel, as governor of Alaska, has pampered interior agencies ranging from the Bureau of Indian Affairs to the Bureau of Commercial Fisheries.

But already, trouble some opposition is developing against Senate confirmation of Hickel. This includes forces in conservation, Indian organizations, and the fishing industry. It will come into the open when the Senate Interior Committee holds hearings on Hickel's appointment.

Experts to Vote

But Hickel (who never entertains a negative thought) expects to win confirmation. He told a news conference in Anchorage the other day that he "anticipates no great difficulty."

Hickel, 40, is completing the first half of a four-year term as Alaska's second governor since statehood. He won the 1960 election by a margin of only 1,280 votes over the then-incumbent governor, Democrat William A. Egan.

But over alive talking office, the impresario, often bruising governor has been performing as if it were a mambo.

He believes in making waves—and that the wave of the future for Alaska is Alaska, with its treasure box of resources.

Hickel has fought with national and foreign leaders alike and yet has won increased federal attention for Alaska and has helped to weld an important economic interrelationship between Japan and the 48 states.

Some Alaskans are con flicted with Hickel. Others despise him. Walter J. Hickel is enterprising, imaginative and enthusiastic.

He also can be arrogant, narrow and cold.

"Things don't just happen," he says. "One makes them happen."

Hickel, a Golden Gloves welterweight boxing champion back in his native Kansas, is a halfbacking fighter in public life.

Once, during a private conversation in the governor's office in Juneau, he said this about a powerful figure who had opposed one of his programs:

"That guy has a tough little side, on his back now I wouldn't want one mine—".

Perhaps his hardness and single-mindedness can be traced in part to his background. Hickel was the son of a tenant farmer near Clitha, Kan., one of 10 children. Times were rugged. Hickel, still a teenager, struck out for California with the intention of going on to Australia.

However, he encountered passport and visa problems and decided instead to return to Alaska. He had only enough money for a slough-ridge-class ticket on an Alaska-bound steamship.

Borrowed Care

So, in October, 1949, Hickel stepped onto the pier at Seward, Alaska, with 57 cents in his pocket. He borrowed 60 from a fellow traveler and took the train to Anchorage.

"I knew exactly what I was going to do, and I knew I was going to do it," he recalled later.

Hickel washed dishes in Anchorage's Richmond Cafe, put in a stint as a bartender, worked as a better-room helper for the Alaska Railroad, became a civilian inspector for the Air Force, and then turned to carpentry.

Soon he was building and selling homes in Anchorage, first one and then several at a time. This was the start of the construc tion enterprise that now includes motels, housing developments, apartment houses, shopping centers and the plush 160-room Captain Cook Hotel in Anchorage.

Became Millionaire

Hickel, they say, was a millionaire by the time he decided to challenge Egan for the governor's job.

"There is a better way," was his campaign theme. He would end mixed feelings about the "better way" today in Alaska. Hickel, an exciting guy, does have many things to offer.

Hickel's first wife, Janet Cappelli, died in Alaska, in 1943, after a brief illness. They had one son.

In November, 1949, Hickel married again, to Ermalee Strauss, daughter of a pioneer Anchorage family. She gave him five more sons.

Once Hickel is committ ed to a course, there is no turning back. He doesn't want to hear the reasons why he might be wise to reconsider or to proceed with caution.

Hickel's critics say he "shoots from the lip" too often.

Such as when he reached last year to buy a 37 million Scandinavian ferry and declared war on the restrictive Jones Act which prevents foreign-built ships from operating in the United States.
between U.S. ports. The
shark operates primarily
to the west of Cape Dis-
covery, Columbia. In hav-
ing the shark, he also
stopped没有任何承继人
in the case of Premier W. A. C. Dus-
real of neighboring Al-
aska.

On Dec. 12, Nixon named
Hickel to fill the vacancy
that the occasion is right.

laid to rest the idea of
an impartial secretary. The
election of the Public
Education Committee, Hickel, if
continued at Interior secret-
yary, will have to appear
before Mr. Hansen's sub-
committee to defend his
department's budget re-

tested and modified from
his public views. He said
he was not a person who
had held Alaska's economic
development potential.

One Alaska newspaper
saw the time that

Daly's longer views put
Nixon in a tight corner after

1. The governor, who has
carried on a running feud
with the man he is asked
to succeed, Stewart Udall,
was asked what he
would do about a Udall
order temporarily
preventing Alaskan
states from securing
the balance of more than 100
million acres of federal land
allocated to it under the
Statehood Act.

2. The order involves con-
troversial land claims that
have been filed by native
groups—Salishans, Indians
and Aleuts. The claims

cover vast areas of Alaska,
primarily Philip-Hill terri-
ory, and that the issue is
the most sensitive political

issue. What Udall can do by
executive order, I can
unlawfully, Hickel replied.

3. The Senate Chaplain
of the Alaska Native Tribal
and the Arctic
Native Area, in Alaska
swelled considerably
Hickel for that position.

Other native groups,
which believe that Hickel
wants a fair settlement of
the claims, have adopted a
willing-to-state stance.
Hickel favors a fair settlement
for the natives and main-
ains that the Udall land
claims has held back Alas-
ka's economic develop-
ment.

Conservation Fees

Hickel also quickly an-
tagonized powerful conserva-
tion groups by announc-
ing that he favored opening
more federal land to
valuable for recreation.

The conservationists now
are wondering if a man
dedicated to economic de-
velopment and extraction of
resources will be able to
work for conservation,
too.

Then early one morning
recently at Seattle-Tacoma
International Airport,
while he was returning to
Alaska from Washington,
Alaska-and the rest of
the states he will be
colleged to serve.

In a speech outside
Alaska as governor, he has
used the phrase "29 states
and a country" to illus-
trate Alaska's unique
territorial needs.

Now he will have to be
an impartial secretary of
the Interior for all 50
states. This will not be
easy.

Whatever happens, it
will be difficult.
January 4, 1969

TO: John Ehrlichman  
FROM: RN  

I think it would be very much appreciated if the members of the family and those who will be invited to the campaign staff gathering at the White House receive the usual White House engraved invitations. Will you see if these can be prepared and sent out? I know that all of them will have received invitations to the Inaugural, but this is something else again, and I know that everyone would like to have an invitation to the White House from the President.

As far as timing is concerned, I would like the family group to come in approximately one hour after the conclusion of the Parade, and for them to be present in the White House for approximately one hour. This I think will give us some time to get dressed for the Inaugural Balls. This will not be a cocktail party. We will serve tea and coffee and give them the White House tour. Those to be included will be my family, Pat's family and the Eisenhower family.

I have had some second thoughts with regard to the timing of the campaign staff gathering. I think it should be late in the afternoon -- probably around 6:30 -- and in this instance, I would give them a cocktail and let them wander around on the tour of both the upstairs and downstairs rooms. The event should be approximately one hour.
January 4, 1969

MEMORANDUM

TO: John Ehrlichman
FROM: RN

I had a talk with Haldeman with regard to my own schedule after January 20. Presently, I am planning to get to the office fairly early and stay without a break until five o'clock. I am going to avoid lunches which take my time wherever possible. At 5 o'clock I will take off for a quick swim and possibly a rub down and will be available for receptions around 6:30.

For guidance in my schedule planning, if it is determined that a meal is necessary I think the best one to plan is breakfast. If, for example, we have a group of Congressmen who have to come in have them for breakfast at 8 o'clock and try to get them out of there by 9:30 at the very latest. Lunch takes two times as much time as breakfast and dinner takes three times as much time. Consequently, we will save time if we can schedule breakfasts.

I am not keen on having Congressmen and Senators and others in for cocktails. I know many of them like this, but I am not sure this is the best way to do business with them. Where at all possible the cocktail drill should be avoided. If one is scheduled, it should never be scheduled before 6:30. This will give me an hour for the meeting and will leave an hour before a formal dinner if we have one. As far as formal dinners are concerned, I want them to start around 8:30 rather than 8:00. This will reduce the amount of time I will have to be there.
January 4, 1969

MEMORANDUM

TO: John Ehrlichman

FROM: RN

Buff Chandler wanted to be sure that Armond Hammer received an invitation to the Inauguration.

He is in London and the invitation should be sent to the Occidental Petroleum Company.

She says he was a major contributor.
RN tape - 1/4/69

TO Bob Haldeman

FROM: RN

SUBJECT: Reports to RN on His Action Requests

It will be my policy generally to send you copies of memoranda I send to Ehrlichman, Klein, Ziegler and others requesting some kind of action to be taken. I want you to assume the responsibility with regard to all such requests for action as well as with regard to such requests as come directly to you, to keep a file on them and to give me a regular running report as to what has happened on such requests.

There may be times when you or others may determine that the action I have requested should not be taken. I will accept such decisions but I must know about them. By the same token when I expect something to be done I want to know when it has been done and if it has not been done I want to know the reasons why and what the prospects are for filling the request in the future.

There is nothing more important to my peace of mind than to know precisely on an up to the minute basis whether my decisions are being implemented and if not, why not.
January 4, 1969

MEMORANDUM

TO: Bob Haldeman
FROM: RN

In order to avoid or mitigate the development of cliques on the White House staff I think you should not only have a regular brief meeting of the staff each morning, or perhaps twice a week, but in addition, that you should try to meet each of the assistants on a regular basis once a week; and that you also should meet with the whole research group once a week. I have already suggested to Ehrlichman a meeting with the PR group on a weekly or bi-weekly basis. That group would include Buchanan, Price and Safire, together with Ehrlichman and Garment. It might be wise too to include Ellsworth in this group and, of course, Klein on a regular basis. Ziegler should sit in for information purposes.

But apart from that, top White House staffers need to have a regular contact with you so that you may anticipate their needs and keep them from reaching me, if possible. This means that McCracken, Kissinger, Wilkinson, perhaps Moynihan, should have regular meetings with you.
I think that you ought to make it a practice to call the Cabinet officers, except for the top four (Rogers, Laird, Kennedy and Mitchell), on a somewhat regular basis just to see if they have any problems that you can take care of without them coming up to me.
January 4, 1969

MEMORANDUM

TO: John Ehrlichman
FROM: RN
RE: Expected Attacks by Liberal Democrats

Everybody agrees that the liberal Democrats, along with the more leftish elements of the press and the intellectual community, will be hammering us from the beginning, with very little, if any, honeymoon.

We can turn this on them if we have the intelligence to do so. One point that should be made is to hit hard on RN's high responsibility during the campaign and particularly since the period of the bombing halt, and on foreign policy generally during the years he was out of office. Someone immediately should be prepared with this line of defense and also be prepared to attack our critics in the House and Senate when they begin to take off. Particularly whenever their criticism is in the foreign policy area. The Republican National Chairman, backed up by some statements by Herb Klein, should be the method of both defending and attacking.

In that connection, while I want Ziegler to stay out of any of these partisan battles, Klein can get into them, since he is one step removed from the White House.
I have decided against having the Marine Corps build a summer residence for the President at Camp Pendleton. There are two options which I would like explored. The first is to find some separately isolated house that I could buy personally somewhere below Laguna and above Oceanside. In that way we could use the Marine Corps Air Base for a landing field and have rather quick access to the property.

On reflection, while I would like to have this house on the beach I realize that privacy in such a crowded area might be very difficult. If one could be found within 5 or 10 minutes driving time from a good beach this might serve the purpose. What I would suggest is that the Marine Corps make available a good swimming beach on their property and then I purchase a house which is not too far away from it.

A second possibility -- which probably would present insurmountable legal problems -- would be for me to build a modest residence upon Marine Corps property and on their beach and then give the house to the government.
My major concern is the unfavorable publicity that might accrue if we allow a very expensive residence to be constructed by the Marine Corps. The armed services are wasting money, on a very extravagant basis around the world, and I am going to urge Laird to cut into this waste on a massive basis. I can't do that on the one hand and then have the Marine Corps build a residence for me at the same time.

The handling of Key Biscayne I think has been proper up to this point. I am putting out all of the money to buy the property and, of course, will pay for the redecoration, etc. All that the government will provide is the helicopter pad and a place to land a boat. Both of these actions in the long run save money because of the need for additional security in the event that I used a public boat landing or a helicopter pad which was not adjacent to the residence.

For purposes of PR you ought to get the exact figures on how much money the government has invested in the facilities at the LBJ ranch. I think landing strip, roads and other buildings they have constructed should amount to something near three million dollars. There is also the immense amount of office space he has in Austin. I want you to get me a complete run-down on what has been spent for Johnson and have this available for Klein and others in the event that any columnists are raising questions about the very modest amounts that are being spent for me.
In this connection, as you probably are aware, Eisenhower's El Dorado house was given to him by friends and the same is true of the place that was made available to him at Augusta.

Let's just be sure that since I am being extremely careful to avoid milking the public treasury that we get the proper credit or at least avoid discredit.

As far as the residence in California is concerned, I would be willing to put up $150,000 to $200,000. It would be my plan to sell the property which I own on Whittier Boulevard in which my mother lived and to reinvest that into this property. What is probably needed here is a very discreet personal friend who will roam around that area and find a good place which we can purchase near the Marine beach property. What we might find is that we should take a house that may have the basic requirements as far as plumbing, etc. are concerned which might require remodeling. From a political standpoint I am very anxious to work out a deal on this as soon as we can find the right property. I don't like the idea of being a Florida resident and while we will allow this situation to go on for about a year because of various considerations, at an appropriate time I think the California residence will become my domicile for all purposes, tax and otherwise.

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January 4, 1969

MEMORANDUM

TO: John Ehrlichman

FROM: RN

SUBJECT: Television Man

I believe we still need a full-time television man who will not only handle special events for which we already have a pretty good system, but even more important, who will be along on all trips and at the White House to handle the many instances when news shots may be taken.

For example, at the Rose Bowl we had an audience of approximately 60 million. The camera shot may have been only one or two minutes, but while our advance men and the Rose Bowl people had done an excellent job in setting up the arrangements for my physical movements, I had no one who had the slightest idea as to when the television shot might be taken and how we could make the most out of it.

What is really needed here is an imaginative, not an abrasive type, who can keep me informed as to when television shots are likely to be taken. And then who can make some suggestions as to how we can get the greatest advantage out of them. I think we were deficient in this respect somewhat even during the campaign where we had superb people for all the special events, but no one who handled the getting on and off airplanes and the many other casual shots which probably make the news shows more than the formal things we did.

Would you give some thought to this problem and give me a recommendation.

My guess is that a television news producer might be what we are looking for here.
January 4, 1969

MEMORANDUM

TO: Bob Haldeman
FROM: RN

I am not going to assume any responsibility for preparing the bread and butter letters to the head of the Rose Bowl and whoever was responsible for the Anaheim rally -- or for any of the other events where such letters will be expected from me. This is a good test of our general staff. I want letters prepared for my signature and put on my desk sometime this next week.

The number of letters of this type that we can now write will have to be sharply curtailed. If, for example, letters are to go to the security types just let me see a form and I will have them signed by auto pen. On the other hand, Asa Call, who put on the luncheon for Finch, should have a personal letter prepared for my signature.

Will you assign somebody to this job and test them out until we find the right person to assume this responsibility in the future?
January 4, 1969

MEMORANDUM

TO: John Ehrlichman
FROM: RN

I spoke to Bud Wilkinson with regard to his doing the Game of the Week. He is willing to give it up if we think that is best.

My own view -- one that Finch shares -- is that keeping Bud before the people as a television sports personality would be in our interest. I think that if you could put him on as a consultant on a five-day-a-week basis, this would answer any problem of others who might want to continue activities other than their governmental job.

He will be talking with you about it, and as far as I am concerned, whatever the two of you work out will be alright with me.
January 4, 1969

MEMORANDUM

TO: Bob Haldeman
FROM: RN

See if someone on the staff can prepare a note of condolence to the Garland children. I think there may be only two. If there are only two, write a note to each. Possibly the best thing to do is to write to the oldest. But I would like to have someone prepare this note, since this is a good way to test the staff and see if we have somebody who can do this.
January 4, 1969

MEMORANDUM

TO: RMW
FROM: RN

Please send in a picture of Pat and me for autographing to the Asa Calls. Or, if you have one of the good family pictures in color send one in to me for that purpose. I will autograph it myself.
January 4, 1969

MEMORANDUM

TO: RMW
FROM: RN
cc: Bob Haldeman

In the future on my letters where I indicate they should be signed "Richard Nixon" or "Dick Nixon" or "Dick" I think it would be helpful to have an auto-pen signature for each one of these three forms. This will save me an enormous amount of time.

The procedure will be that no letter will be signed by the auto pen unless I have seen it or approved the form. After January 20 I will either sign all mail personally or approve it for auto pen signature.

The major problem, of course, will involve autographed pictures. I think we have to keep these to a minimum and I will welcome any suggestions as to how you feel that in this case an auto pen might be used.