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Bob Haldeman

University of California Pamphlet - Agriculture

The attached pamphlet "Projections Relating to California Agriculture in 1975" has been sent along by Ralph Bunjo, our "Farmers for Nixon" Chairman. You will note it deals with several commodities and also projected land and water resources and requirements in 1975. It would appear to be good source material for agricultural audiences.

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SEE: "Farmers for Nixon" for Mr.

x - B (Bunjo)
February 19, 1962

Mr. Ray Griset
Box 555
Santa Fe, California

Dear Ray:

Thanks for your letter of February 15th. We will certainly keep your area in mind in connection with scheduling.

I am passing our correspondence along to Hugh Flournoy who is chairmanning the various Task Force groups for study of issue material. I know he will appreciate having your thoughts and suggestions in connection with agricultural problems. By copy of this letter, I am asking him to contact you direct and am sure you will be hearing from him soon.

Thanks so much for your fine interest and help. Hope our paths will be crossing soon.

Best regards.

Sincerely,

H. R. Haldeman

cc: Hon. Hugh Flournoy
February 13, 1962

Mr. Ray Griset
Box 555
Rancho Santa Fe, California

Dear Ray:

It was good to hear from you, and thanks for your invitation. Frankly, Ray, as things are developing, it appears doubtful Dick Nixon will be down that way in the immediate future. Much as I would like to join you at a Rotary Luncheon, this too would have to be kept in somewhat of a pending state. I am sure you recognize the problems involved with the scheduling for the next few months, but at the same time, want you to know your thoughtfulness in writing is appreciated by one and all.

I am wondering if you would be interested in letting us have your thoughts in connection with farm problems and issues. The Task Force working on issue material is chairmanned by Hugh Flournoy, and I feel sure he would appreciate contact with you if you feel this would be appropriate from your angle. Let me have any ideas you have and whether or not you might be free to assist us in this connection.

Thanks again for writing, and very best wishes.

Sincerely,

H. R. Haldeman

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February 15, 1962

Mr. W. E. Talley
2008 Wilshire Blvd.
Los Angeles 3, Calif.

Dear Bob:

Nice to hear from you, and the invitation holds good until election, and of course after. After March 1st we change our meeting day to Wednesday.

As a follower who is interested in the success of Dick Nixon's present effort, I would be glad to assist in any way that I am able. Please call on me and I will be glad to do what I can, within my limited ability.

Perhaps this letter is not the place for me to sound off since my ideas might be only a rehash of what you are already thinking, therefore I will wait for your suggestions as to where I can best fit into your plans.

Sincerely,

Ray Griset
Jan. 31 1966

Robert Waldron
1900 Wilshire Blvd.
Los Angeles 25, Calif.

Dear Bob,

We have been watching from a distance your present interesting and very important employment. And wishing you all the best.

It cannot come as news to you that we live in a very strong Republican precinct here in Rancho Santa Fe. What I would like to suggest is a visit to our Rotary Club some day when you and/or your candidate have time for a quiet lunch and a game of golf either before or after. We can provide you a small but enthusiastic audience, and one of the nicest golf courses this side of the Old Course at St. Andrews.

Our meeting day is Friday, 11:30, at the Inn, and we are open to almost any date you can arrange this spring.

In this or any other way, I should be glad to be of some help to you in the coming months.

Yours very sincerely,

Ray Griset
Dear Bill -

Warren Brock should be contacted. He wants to discuss some farm and labor problems. You know more about this than I do, and I wish you would get in touch with him. Perhaps he should also be included in some of the meetings.

Address: 8th and Ross Sts. (Brock Ranches)  
El Centro, California.  
Phone: EL 2-5823 and EL 2-0966

S+D- Agri.
To: Bob Haledman
From: Yvonne Smith
Subject: Warren Brock

Jeanne transferred a call from Warren Brock to me this a.m. We had a nice chat and he said that he wanted to talk to you about the possibility of going over some farming problems and labor problems in the future. I think he has tried to reach you a couple of times. I told him you had been out of the office and would return his call when you returned... Elgin 2-5823

Res. Elgin 2-0966

I gave him information on Nixon Imperial County Jan. 29th & 30th subject to changes... I might add that I have been working with Bill Stover on first farm meeting - Limited to 6 men with R.N. then to be broadened, Warren not on that list.
February 8, 1962

Mr. T. R. Knudsen
Post Office Box 2335
Terminal Annex
Los Angeles 54, California

Dear Tom:

The Agriculture release on the delegation of California farmers' Goodwill-People-To-People Inspection journey has been passed along to those immediately concerned with this subject. Your comments and observations about the matter have also been transmitted.

Many thanks.

Sincerely,

H. R. Haldeman
Bill:

Tom Knudsen sent this along to me. He feels Ike should be told they're sending left-wingers in this delegation, and Steinberg himself leaves much to be desired.

I have acknowledged Tom.
Enclosed is the January 6th issue of "California Farmer" which Tom Knudsen sent to me. It carries an article on page 5 which you may find of interest.
FIRST AGRICULTURE MEETING WITH RN, JANUARY 3, 1962

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General Manager
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January 22, 1962

MEMORANDUM TO: Mr. John Newman
Mr. Richard Johnsen, Jr.
Mr. Ralph B. Bunje
Mr. Keith Metz
Mr. Danny Danenberg
Mr. Jack J. Miller

This will confirm arrangements for your meeting with Dick Nixon to be held at his office, Room 1035, Pacific Mutual Building, 523 West 6th Street, Los Angeles, at 10:00 AM on Wednesday, January 31.

I am listing below some of the matters which it occurs to me might be covered at this meeting. It will be most helpful if you will speak frankly on these and any other matters which you consider important to the California Agricultural community, with particular reference to the following:

(1) Present status.
(2) Possible developments within the next year.
(3) Suggested position.
(4) How and where to express this position for maximum effect.

Here are the issues which occur to me:

Farm Labor:
  a. Public Law 78
  b. Federal Labor Department Regulations
  c. State Regulations
  d. Unionisation
MEMORANDUM

II State Government Organization:
   a. Position of Director of Agriculture in Cabinet
   b. State Board of Agriculture -- Membership and Responsibilities

III Assessment of Agricultural Land -- Constitutional Amendment 4

IV California Water Development

V Cotton Acreage Allotment

VI Imports from Mexico

VII Cattle and Sheep Imports from Australia

VIII Government Involvement in Marketing Orders

Your interest and willingness to attend this meeting are certainly very much appreciated.

William W. Stover

cc: Bob Haldeman
January 6, 1961

MEMORANDUM

To: RN
From: Bill Stover
Re: Campaign Approach to Agriculture

In a separate memo for the black book I have outlined superficially what I think will be the principal issues of concern to farmers in the campaign.

Here I want to make a suggestion concerning your approach which I think is of far greater importance to success among the farmers than is your stand on any issue - namely your display of a lively interest (a la Page Belcher).

The first and prime step is for you to meet soon with an Agricultural Advisory Group representative of various crops and area and knowledgeable on the various issues. There are two good reasons for this meeting:

1. These people can help you develop positions on the issues. The meeting should be held before you have set out your positions, as these people would of course resent being just window-dressing.

   The black book material outlines the issues I believe should be discussed.

2. Your show of interest and understanding would stimulate enthusiasm for the cause among a group which is now, frankly, not enthusiastic. They are for you, but just not very excited - probably largely because of:

   1. Mitchell; and
   2. A general cynicism re politics and agriculture.
The attitude of John Newman is typical. (He is a member of the State Board of Agriculture, of the Sunkist & Edison Company Boards, and was prime organizer and first President of the Council of California Growers, which has done a superb public relations job for California agriculture the last two years). He really gets around the state and would be first on my list for any advisory group.

I had a friend sound John out about helping give some ideas re agriculture. The report back was that he just didn't have time. I went and cornered him after a Sunkist meeting last week and told him I wanted to volunteer to you a list of farm types to call on for advice. He said he would send some names but that he would have no time to help and that while he guessed he was for you he might be for any Republican candidate who showed the most spark and interest.

Two days later, John called me with a suggested group (list attached) and said he knew he could get this group together with you and would join them - if they knew it was called not just for publicity but for the real purpose of getting their thoughts. He actually sounded enthusiastic about the prospect - which is indicative of the gains to be made by this approach. I think it is urgent that this be followed up soon.
SUGGESTED FARM ADVISORY GROUP

A. Per John Newman:

1. John Newman - Oxnard-Ventura; Citrus Manager, Utt Development Company. Member of Board of the State Board of Agriculture, Sunkist and Edison Companies. Organizer and immediate past president of Council of California Growers.

2. Richard Rathbone - Fresno; cotton grower

3. Karl Blaser - Live Oak, Sutter County; Fruit Growers President, California Canners and Growers.

4. Gordon Van Vleck - Sloughhouse, Sacramento County, cattleman; President, California Cattlemen's Association.

5. Keith Mets - Holtville, Imperial Valley; Cattleman and truck crops; President, Council of California Growers.

6. Richard Johnson, Jr. - Sacramento; Executive Secretary, Agricultural Council of California.

7. Ralph Bunje - San Francisco; Manager, California Canning Peach Association.

8. Northern California tomato grower to be suggested by Newman.

The above would make about the smallest representative group.

B. Others whom RN might consider are:

1. Jack Miller - Director of the Agricultural Producers Labor Committee.

2. William Camp - Fresno; cotton; good Democrat.

3. S. V. Christerson - Salinas; lettuce; on State Board of Agriculture.

4. Ray Arbuthnot
December 22, 1961

Mr. T. R. Knudsen
Post Office Box 2335
Terminal Annex
Los Angeles 54, California

Dear Tom:

Thanks very much for the December 2nd issue of California Farmer which contained the editorial on the State Department of Agriculture.

I have turned this over to the group working on farm program development and know they will find it helpful.

Please be sure to send us any additional similar material you may come across.

Best regards.

Sincerely,

H. R. Haldeman
Bob:

There is an editorial on page 4 which you may be able to use!

Tom

California Farm 12/12

Re: State Dept. of Agric.