

TALKING PAPER FOR JOHN MITCHELL

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RE: Political Matters

1) Scheduling - If Mitchell gets into the subject of surrogate candidates, you might want to say that the current system is less than satisfactory with the President, and that as a result you have asked Dwight Chapin, Gordon Strachan, Ron Walker and others here to work with Magruder and Porter to develop a new, more effective system.

2) Intelligence - Gordon Liddy's intelligence operation proposal (\$300) has been approved. Now you may want to cover with Mitchell who will be privy to the information. The current system is Magruder and Reisner. (Magruder's Administrative Assistant). Now that Liddy will begin receiving this political intelligence information, you may want to cover with Mitchell, who should be charged with the responsibility of translating the intelligence into an appropriate political response. If it is to be Colson, you may want to lay the groundwork with Mitchell now. Mitchell may suggest Buchana, who enjoys that role.

3) Polling - When will Bob Teeter's campaign strategy memoranda begin arriving? As I understand it, he spent his vacation last week reviewing a list of priority memoranda that you had discussed with him. Generally, are we getting enough analysis from Teeter's part time efforts for the campaign.

4) Teddy White - Who will be interviewing Teddy White (Making of the President) at 1701? In light of his connections with Humphrey, should it be just Van Shurway? Or Magruder?

5) ENC Convention - Are there any reasons for leaving San Diego?

As you know the President will not stay at the Sheraton or have a room there.

Should the Sheraton be the campaign headquarters?

6) People's Party - Has a contact been established?

7) California - Chotiner, Finch and Miller are increasingly critical of Wofziger and organization in California. Wofziger is unhappy with Magruder and the "lack of direction from National." Are you going to meet personally with Wofziger next Monday?

8) Harry Flemming - You currently gave a talking paper for Mitchell to remove Flemming per the President's request. In light of this you may want to cover with Mitchell Flemming's new

assignment to run seven meetings with the regional political leaders at the end of April.

When will Bob Mardian begin assuming a political role?

9) Herb Kalmbach - On April 7, he will no longer be associate chairman under Stans, but will return to his "special assignment" status. Will you be able to make much use of him?

10) New York - Magruder mentioned that 1971 will begin working directly with Rockefeller's group. Is there anything we should be doing to assist this new relationship?

Kalmbach called to say that David Rockefeller, who had been quite concerned about not seeing the President to discuss the international economic situation, delivered his 50 today. Again, is there any follow-up necessary in our part?

11) Fred Malek - He seems to have moved into the campaign role we discussed for him. Have there been any problems that I could help resolve?

12) PNC - Apparently, Tom Evans is continuing to block Jack Buttram as Mofziger's replacement in the communications area.

Evans says he needs to see you. Colson, Malek and Magruder agree Buttram is the man. Should Magruder or Malek direct Evans on your behalf to hire Buttram?

Evans sent Ed DeBolt's March report on the RNC Target '72 registration drive, and frankly, it is quite depressing. Is this a priority project or should we just let the RNC go its way?

- 13) Pennsylvania - Magruder has been advised that the President is interested in getting our Surrogates into Pennsylvania to counter the Democrat's attacks. Would you give some direction to Jeb regarding which Surrogates we want in which areas?
- 14) Campaign Strategy - Should you, Connally, Finch, Ehrlichman, Dent, Colson and I sit down to review our current position and develop some recommendations for the President?
- 15) 350 Account - As you know, Stans and Kalmbach have put aside 350 per my request. There should be two names on the box and Stans does not want anyone within 1701 on it. Do you have any suggestions?

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