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**MEMORANDUM FOR DWIGHT CHAPIN**

**FROM: Bryce Harlow**

**On March 26 Jerry Ford requested a meeting on Monday next (March 31) if possible, but on Tuesday or Wednesday if Monday is out, in which he and Congressman McCulloch can discuss with the President the latest developments on electoral college reform.**

**It seems that 16 of the 20 Democrats on the House Judiciary Committee will support the direct election approach, and that over half of the 15 Republicans will do the same. Thus, direct election will be reported to the House of Representatives. The Committee will vote the first Tuesday after Easter.**

**In view of this situation McCulloch and Ford want to urge the President to take certain initiatives in favor of the direct election approach. Congressman Clark McGregor agrees. Ford also urges that The Attorney General attend the meeting.**

**Jerry believes that, in view of the feelings of McCulloch on this matter and its importance to the Party, the need for this meeting is urgent. He is most hopeful that it can be arranged. In view of his interest I must urge that it be done.**

BH/na