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MEMORANDUM FOR: H. R. HALDEMAN  
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SUBJECT: Jeff Moore

One of the most critical political needs at the moment is to get Jeff Moore out of the Bureau of Labor Statistics. It looks to me like Connally is too smart to take him on, although in my conversation with Connally last week he agreed that this should be a number one political priority.

Suggestion: We have a spot on the Council of Economic Advisers now. Moore couldn't do us any harm and only the Chairman is important to us as a spokesman. This would be a clear promotion and avoid most of the political flak that will be attendant on Moore's removal. The greatest virtue is that we can move quickly.

I have gone into this BLS thing very thoroughly. The basic seasonal adjustment decisions, which are made the end of December, will determine what the figures are going to look like on unemployment next Fall. If we don't move fast, it will very likely be too late to really get a hold of the situation. Hence, if we don't have anyone lined up for the CEA, could we focus on this very quickly?