

MEMORANDUM

TO: Peter Flanigan

DATE: Nov. 22, 1968

FROM: Bryce Harlow

On November 21 I had a very strong endorsement by Minority Leader Gerald Ford of John Connally for consideration for Secretary of Defense.

Ford says that he is one of the ablest men he has known in public life -- that he has strong support on both sides of the political aisle in Congress -- that he was an excellent Secretary of the Navy and, apparently a good Governor of Texas. He believes that the Connally appointment would be good politically in Texas and would help to bring that state into a Republican column later and that this appointment would be acceptable to everyone.