

MEMORANDUM

December 17, 1968

TO: Robert Finch

THRU: Bryce Harlow

COPIES: John Mitchell  
Maurice Stans

FROM: Bill Timmons

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SUBJECT: Tobacco Institute Contact

Mr. Jack Mills, executive director of the Tobacco Institute, called me today to express his industry's concern that he has not been consulted on Cabinet appointments and sub-Cabinet positions. Jack said that both Mitchell and Stans had promised that the tobacco people would be consulted on HEW Secretary and lesser posts. (I assume Jack's group raised money for the campaign.)

He has tried to reach you without success and asked that I contact you in his behalf in the hope you can meet with him to discuss his industry's legitimate interests. If possible, I recommend a meeting at your convenience since Jack has been a friend to many Republican causes over the years. You may want to talk with John and Maury about any understandings they may have with Mill's organization. If a meeting is impossible with you or one of your top assistants, please let me know so I can try to smooth it over.

Thanks, Bob.