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THE WHITE HOUSE

WASHINGTON

June 1, 1971

MEMORANDUM FOR THE PRESIDENT

FROM: BOB FINCH

RE: California Strategy (Action Memo P1214)

Factual Summary

1. The recent public and private polls taken in California which I have forwarded to you show that the Presidential race would be very close or that we would lose the State against any major Democratic contender at the present time. On the other hand, McCloskey has not exceeded 9% against the President among Republicans in any poll.
2. The California State Republican Central Committee and County Committees are in bad disrepair with generally a very poor quality of membership and leadership. Good talent has been absorbed into national and state government. Volunteer organizations are equally impotent and increasingly dominated by the far right.
3. Intense maneuvering vis-a-vis 1974 races (Governor and Senator) is going on by Reinecke, Younger, Flournoy in particular with a prejudicial effect in terms of fund raising, organizing and carrying the state for the President in 1972.
4. Against this background and the present vacuum of activities on behalf of the President, key members of the Governor's staff have been making contacts among corporate heads, party officials and prominent personalities in the following areas:
  - a. Seeking staff and speakers to support the Governor's welfare reform proposals as against the Administration.
  - b. Holmes Tuttle (after two meetings with the Governor) contacting prominent personalities with regard to serving on the Delegation.

- c. Calls from Bob Walker with prominent leaders saying "the Governor's office will run the campaign--Finch to have nothing to do with it" and discussions on his part as to who might be city and county chairmen in the Presidential campaign.

(Specific examples of the above with names, places and dates can be provided to support these contentions)

Recommendations

1. A decision should be made as soon as possible for a Nixon Advisory Committee headed by Firestone or someone else (clearly loyal to the President and acceptable to Reagan) to send out the broadest possible mailing for "Friends of Nixon" in California--getting people signed up with their indicated areas of interest and a chance to offer suggestions and comments. These lists are organized and ready to go and I believe the mailing should go forward immediately after the wedding. The Governor should be notified of the action just prior to the mailing but without any option to veto. This organizing committee should include the Governor and all appropriate elected Republican officials in California as well as the key "fat cats" and "movers and shakers." It should not include members of the White House staff or Cabinet from California. Wives of such key persons on the Federal payroll might be listed on the organizing committee.
2. The Governor in his key position as Chairman of the Delegation should be asked to submit some names he would like to have considered for the Delegation. At the same time, all other statewide officials should likewise be asked to submit names, i.e., Younger, Reinecke, Flournoy and Priest, as well as Congressmen, Monagan, Seantor Marler, State Chairman Livermore, Vice Chairman Luce and Ralph Rosedale, head of the County Chairmen's organization. These names could be considered for both Delegation and organizational purposes.

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- Mitchell*
3. It should be made clear to Reagan and other key elected officials that he is not to head the Presidential campaign in California, even in a so-called honorary capacity. The President, in other words, will run his own campaign in his native state. If he is allowed to be "Honorary Chairman," his staff will take this as having the franchise for the whole campaign itself.
  4. Movement should begin immediately following the mailing to put in place new blood as acting county and city Nixon chairmen, i.e. Russell Green, Forrest Shumway, etc.

#### Finch Role

In connection with his general campaign assignments, it should be made clear that Finch will have input in political decisions and campaign personnel affecting California. After discussion with the President, it has been concluded that since RHF is a possible 1974 candidate, he should not again serve as state chairman as the '74 implications would be counterproductive to the '72 effort. There have been discussions about Finch working with or chairing a small advisory strategy committee which I think from the standpoint of "overview" ought to be implemented as soon as possible. It would be anticipated that Finch would have a very important responsibility in helping select city and county chairmen which are the critical spots to be filled in carrying California.

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#### Present Status in California

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Immediate Recommendation

There should be a meeting as soon as possible with the President, Attorney General, H. R. Haldeman and Robert H. Finch to discuss.

If agreement along these lines is reached, another meeting with HRH, Kalmbach and RHF should be set for June 11 to implement.

Firestone will be here for Patricia's wedding and, if agreed. Mitchell could provide marching orders to Firestone and Kalmbach at that time.

cc• Attorney General  
H. R. Haldeman

Pomona, Calif.  
Progress-Bulletin  
(Cir. D 40,063 - S 40,742).

APR 28 1971

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Among Democrats, he mentioned Rep. Jerome R. Waldie who has announced he will run.

"And Sam is always there," Reinecke said, referring to Mayor Sam Yorty of Los Angeles.

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