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WASHINGTON, D.C.

From the President:

To:

Don Rumsfeld

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MEMORANDUM

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THE WHITE HOUSE

11/7/74

PERSONAL AND CONFIDENTIAL

WASHINGTON

November 7, 1974

MEMORANDUM FOR:

THE PRESIDENT

FROM:

PAUL A. MILTICH *PAM*

SUBJECT:

The Next Two Years

Mr. President, it is terribly important that you emulate the late Dwight D. Eisenhower during the next two years, particularly if you are going to be a candidate for the Presidency in 1976.

By this I mean your Administration must be cleaner than a hound's tooth and you should be as nonpartisan as possible in your relations with the Congress and the country. This, I think, would be the best possible politics for you for the next two years.

In that connection, friendship aside, I think you should withdraw the nomination of Andrew Gibson to FEA Administrator and of Peter Flanagan to be Ambassador to Spain.

Both of these nominations have become bad news from a press and public relations standpoint.

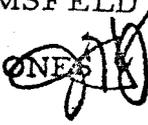
There is a direct conflict of interest between Mr. Gibson receiving \$100,000 a year for 10 years in severance pay from an oil transport firm and being FEA administrator.

The fact that Kalmbach has implicated Flanagan in the sale of an ambassadorship to Mrs. Farkas is reason enough to drop the Flanagan nomination.

You will be doing the right thing -- the smart thing -- politically if you withdraw these two nominations.

THE WHITE HOUSE
WASHINGTON

11/11/74

TO: DON RUMSFELD
FROM: JERRY JONES 

For your information.