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THE PRESIDENT HAS SEEN *A. J.*

October 1, 1974

MEMORANDUM

TO: Senator Scott
FROM: Ken Davis *Ken*
RE: GOP Leadership Meeting

D *see Bush*
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In terms of issues, the economy is number one. The Administration must send an economic-tax reform package to Congress before the recess -- but late enough to prevent the Democrats from criticizing it and emasculating it in committee and on the floor. Our Republican candidates must campaign on the basis of a positive economic program -- not on promises of one to come.

In terms of general problems, our candidates have been continually on the spot in regard to issues that never should have been -- e.g., the pardon, the disposition of Presidential papers and the Flanigan nomination. The White House should back off until after the election with this kind of thing.

I have discussed both of these items with Bill and he agrees.

In regard to campaign reform, it would be helpful if the White House indicated that it favored the bill moving through conference. The bill will not affect this election and Republicans should take a pro-reform attitude. (After all, the Scott Federal Election Commission will soon be a reality. Let's play it out.)

I know that this may be at variance with the prevailing Republican orthodoxy, but we have to get out in front on something -- and campaign reform is a good issue. Public financing for Congressional elections is dead, so we should plug for what's left.



THE WHITE HOUSE

WASHINGTON

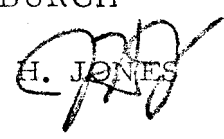
October 5, 1974

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MEMORANDUM FOR:

DEAN BURCH

FROM:

JERRY H. JONES 

The attached was returned in the President's outbox and is forwarded for your information.



cc: Don Rumsfeld