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**MEETING WITH THE VICE
PRESIDENT**

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FROM DON RUMSFELD

THE PRESIDENT HAS SEEN!...

VICE PRESIDENT'S ROLE

Member of the National Security Council

Vice Chairman of the Domestic Council

The Vice President automatically serves as a member of the Council. You can suggest he sit down with Ken Cole and Don Rumsfeld to decide which sub-committees of the Domestic Council he wants to sit on.

President's Foreign Intelligence Advisory Board (PFIAB)

He currently is a member; you can ask him to continue his interest in that area although he cannot be a member now that he is Vice President.

Recruit People For Government

Ask the Vice President to begin to generate suggestions of names of individuals to occupy specific posts. His staff would be instructed to work with Bill Walker. They'd be given a list of specific jobs that need filling and asked to go to work helping Walker recruit people for government positions.

Part of this role also could involve figuring out ways to campaign on behalf of our nominees. For example, we're having problems with the Levi designation because of building opposition from certain people on the Hill. Perhaps the Vice President could spend some time figuring out ways to build support for Levi around the country in the media, various business groups, etc.

The Role of the Republican National Committee

The Vice President could be asked to undertake a major effort in conjunction with the Chairman of the RNC to look at her proposals, to increase the number of Republicans in the country. This would involve focusing on their long-range advertising campaign, fund raising, etc.

The Bicentennial

This is going to become increasingly important over the next two years. It's a subject which Governor Rockefeller may be interested in and where he might be extremely helpful.

Murphy Commission

The Murphy Commission is set up to report and make recommendations on the structure of government with respect to the conduct of U.S. foreign policy. The Vice President is amply qualified to be your representative on this Commission. It's important that it be well handled. They are scheduled to report sometime next summer, and his stature would add greatly to our ability to make certain those reports and recommendations are supportive of Administration policies.

Council of Social Advisers

This has been suggested by Irving Kristol as a new unit that's needed within the Executive Office of the President. You might ask the Vice President to look into the proposals and come back to you with a recommendation as to how we might approach establishing such a Council. He could work with Irving Kristol and other people in the academic community to develop options for your consideration.

Science Adviser

At the present time, OMB is working to come up with some method of building back into the White House the capability to deal with scientific issues and questions. This is a controversial and important subject, but one which the Vice President could be very helpful in pulling together something that makes sense.

Generating Support for Administration Policy

This may be more important than anything else in 1975. It's going

to be very difficult to get Congress to enact any programs we put forth. However, three areas are especially important:

1. SALT -- We expect to sign the final agreement in June and then it will have to be ratified by the Senate. We need to start now to build a base of support in the country to guarantee ratification. The only way to do that is to take our arguments to the public -- in effect we have to design and carry out a campaign so that the Senate has no option but to ratify the SALT agreement.

At the same time, we have to fend off efforts to cut back our defense capability. The Vice President can get together with Secretary Kissinger and Secretary Schlesinger and develop an approach to building domestic political support for SALT, and an understanding of the need to maintain a consistent level of Defense Expenditures.

2. Economic and Energy Policy -- It won't be enough to simply put forth a set of proposals next month and then wait for the Congress to act. We'll have to go over their heads to their constituents to force them to act.

The Vice President can be instrumental in helping find ways to communicate the proposals to the media and the public -- in developing a campaign to generate public demands for Congressional action.

If you ask the Vice President to participate in developing and selling economic and energy policy, you may also want to name him or designate him as a member of the Economic Policy Board and the Energy Resources Council. I would not include him as a member of the Executive Committee of either group, but rather as member of the full board.

Staff Relationships (You may want to wait and discuss this after the members of the Vice President's staff and your staff are in the room with you and the Vice President.)

1. At least one representative of the Vice President's office and possibly more should attend the 7:30 AM staff meeting daily in the Roosevelt Room together with Congressional Relations, OMB, Domestic Council, etc.
2. The Vice President's senior staff member or chief of staff will be included in the 8:00 AM senior staff meeting presided over by Don Rumsfeld in the Roosevelt Room.
3. You want the Vice President's Press Secretary to work very closely with Ron Nessen to make certain that we have complete coordination between both Press Offices.
4. The man in charge of the Vice President's Congressional Relations should sit in daily on the internal staff meeting held by the Congressional Relations office.
5. You want to make certain that the Vice President's office has the opportunity to comment on such things as personnel appointments, invitations to White House social events, major speeches to be delivered by the President, decision memos going to the President on legislation, etc.
6. You want to encourage the Vice President's staff to circulate Vice Presidential speeches. For example, to members of the White House staff so that there is a complete flow and exchange of information both ways.
7. On all administrative matters such as personnel questions, space problems and the general working relationship between the two offices, Don Rumsfeld will be the point of contact.