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MEMORANDUM

THE WHITE HOUSE
WASHINGTON

FOR THE PRESIDENT AND VICE PRESIDENT *by*

January 21, 1975

As an old friend, he called merely to offer the advice that "the White House should not be stampeded into stampeding the FBI into any over-reaction as a result of the recent Washington Post story on the actions of the FBI. What the Post said was not new, and, indeed, has already run out of gas. They would like nothing better than to paint the White House into a corner on this matter. The Post didn't say anything that hasn't been reported before. If they come up with a charge, like blackmail or some similar scandal, then an appropriate response would be in order, viz., under whose FBI Administration did it occur (e.g. Hoover), etc."

"The most advisable tactic for the President to take is to acknowledge the story, to state that the House Judiciary Committee has announced hearings on the matter, that both Kelley and Silberman will appear, and that the appropriate Constitutional process is well under way, period."

