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December 26, 1974

MEMORANDUM FOR DONALD RUMSFELD

FROM: WILLIAM N. WALKER *Walker*

SUBJECT: Various Appointments

1. Concerning the United States Department of Agriculture, I have attached at Tab A, two sets of materials containing names of candidates. I have also attached biographical sketches. For your information, Robert Spitzer came to our attention through Mel Laird.

2. I have attached at Tab B a number of names which have been suggested for the Special Trade Representative. I am told that all are Republican, but we have not been able to verify this. I have concerns at both Binger of Honeywell and Franklin of Caterpillar because both of those companies are so heavily involved in export trade. There may be at least the appearance of a conflict of interest and possibly an actual conflict. Similar concerns are relevant as to several of the other names attached in the list.

3. At Tab C I have attached the resume of Robert H. Stewart, III, a Dallas Banker, who was suggested to me by Peter Flanigan. Anne Armstrong does not know him well but says that he enjoys an excellent reputation in Texas. He is a conservative Republican and a contributor, but has not been active in Party affairs. I have cabled George Bush for his observations. He might be a candidate for HUD.

4. Flanigan also suggested Donald Regan, President of Merrill, Lynch in New York. (Biography attached at Tab D)

5. You sent me a note over on Helen Delich Bentley marked "See me". You will recall that Andy Gibson believed she was responsible for some of the adverse stories about him. She may have enemies around town that would attack her nomination to a new post.

6. I met with Claude Brinegar last Friday who offered the following suggestions for his successor.

Governor Dan Evans. He is the Chairman of the Governors' Conference Transportation Committee.

William Scranton

Arjay Miller, Dean of the Stanford Business School and formerly with Ford Motor Company. A biography is attached at Tab E. He was previously offered but turned down the position as Head of the U.S. Railway Association.

Edward Carlson, President of United Airlines.

Graham Claytor, President of the Southern Railroad which is the most profitable of all the railroads. He is a lawyer, formerly with Covington and Burling. Phil Areeda knows him because he is a member of the Harvard Board of Overseers and considers him a tough and talented individual. A biography is also attached on him at Tab E. He is a Democrat.

John Robson - Brinegar said he cannot recommend him as his successor. He feels Robson is not of Cabinet quality and stated he would say so publicly, if asked.

Norbert Tiemann - Brinegar cannot recommend him either. He thinks Tiemann is too shallow. Biography at Tab E.

7. If John Dunlop should be suggested for Labor, it is my impression that Rod Hills would like to be Undersecretary. His biography is attached at Tab F. You will remember that he has been recommended by Areeda, Buchen, Dunlop, Hodgson, Ingersoll, and Seidman, for a position in the Administration. His wife is Carla Hills, Assistant Attorney General in charge of the Civil Division at the Department of Justice. I have met him several times and find him very impressive. He is a California Republican, identified with the Finch-Flournoy-Kuchel wing of the Party, though in my conversations does not come across as a liberal.

8. The date of Bill Scranton's last full field is March 1974. It could be updated in two weeks, but his permission must be asked first.

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February 12, 1975

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MEMORANDUM FOR: WILLIAM N. WALKER

FROM: JERRY H. TONES 

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