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REMINDERS!

March 28, 1975

President to call Carmichael
3/29

THE PRESIDENT HAS SEEN. *J...*

THE WHITE HOUSE
WASHINGTON

MEMORANDUM FOR THE PRESIDENT

THROUGH: DONALD RUMSFELD
FROM: WILLIAM N. WALKER *Walker*
SUBJECT: Talking Points for Conversation
With O. C. Carmichael

1. HEW is just about the biggest management job in government - 131,000 employees and a \$118 billion budget next year.
2. I want someone as Secretary who has some background in the area, but will approach the job in a hardheaded way. We will be considering important initiatives in the area of welfare reform and national health insurance, but we have to avoid massive new spending.
3. I want someone who reflects the conservative approach to social welfare programs that I have, someone who is not going to get captured by the HEW constituencies in the Congress and in the Department and someone who Republicans can have confidence in.
4. Cap Weinberger has done a good job and will leave the Department in pretty good shape. I need someone who I am confident can carry on and do a job for the American people which will reflect favorably on the Administration.
5. Your own background, combining both education and business experience represents an ideal blend. You are also the sort of individual who will inspire confidence in Republicans.