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THE WHITE HOUSE  
WASHINGTON

November 7, 1975

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MEMORANDUM FOR: ROBERT T. HARTMANN  
FROM: JAMES E. CONNOR   
SUBJECT: Republican National Committee  
Task Force

The President has reviewed your memorandum of November 5th on the above subject and made the following notation:

"Bob H 11/6

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Please do."

Please follow-up with appropriate action.

cc: Dick Cheney

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November 5, 1975

MEMORANDUM FOR THE PRESIDENT

FROM: ROBERT T. HARTMANN

RTH

SUBJECT: Republican National Committee  
Task Force

Pursuant to our discussion, this is a reminder to call Ray Bliss in order to personally tell him your desires as to the scope and depth of the study of the Republican National Committee organization by a task force called together by Mary Louise Smith as Chairman, which is holding its second meeting on the evening of November 10.

You decided to set a deadline of December 15 for the submission to you of the task force's report. I recommend that you stress that this is not to be a document prepared by Mrs. Smith and the RNC staff but an independent, and hopefully unanimous, appraisal by the task force, containing specific recommendations for such reforms and reorganization as may be required by the new Federal Election Law and the necessity of merging the President Ford Committee with the Party organization immediately after the convention.

Attached is a copy of the original memorandum from Bo Callaway on this subject. You met with Mrs. Smith and directed her to set up this task force in my presence on September 10.

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August 29, 1975

MEMORANDUM FOR: DONALD RUMSFELD  
FROM: BO CALLAWAY  
RE: Republican National  
Committee

This will confirm our conversation with the President today. The President has agreed that he will ask Mary Louise Smith to set up a task force as follows:

Mary Louise Smith, Chairman  
Bryce Harlow  
Ray Bliss  
Bill Timmons  
Dick Rosenbl~~a~~um

Consultants:

Cliff White  
Ed deBoldt

The purpose of the task force is to provide a report to the President on how the RNC should be organized under the new election laws for the campaign for President. It is important that Mary Louise understands that this is an overall study, starting from ground zero with no sacred cows. It is not just a study to look at what is being done and recommend minor changes. The report should be in to the President by November 15. The purpose is to look at the RNC staff organization to determine it's productivity, it's effectiveness, it's imagination, and it's professionalism. It should be the basis of the RNC organization that either melds with or works closely with the President Ford Committee from the nomination through the election in November.

*Nov 10  
dinner*