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THE PRESIDENT HAS SEEN

THE WHITE HOUSE

WASHINGTON

February 6, 1976

MEMORANDUM FOR THE PRESIDENT

FROM: MAX FRIEDERSDORF *M. F.*

SUBJECT: Federal Elections Commission/John Rhodes

Congressman Rhodes requested that the President be advised as soon as possible of his reactions and intentions following the Bipartisan Leadership Meeting last night on the Federal Elections Commission.

Rhodes said that he wanted the President to know that he intends to issue a press release on Monday indicating he will support a reconstitution of the commission with a self-destruct date approximately three months after the election.

Rhodes also said that he is "not sold" on the self-destruct provision for the law itself, but instead will probably recommend that the law be extended until after the election with as few changes as possible and then under go a major overhaul after the election through the amending process.

