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January 22, 1975  
(DRAFT)

MEMORANDUM FOR:

THE PRESIDENT

FROM:

RON NESSEN

On several occasions recently Paul Miltich has asked Bill Walker's personnel office for a list of other jobs within the Government to which he could be appointed. Paul has indicated that he is primarily interested in a Presidential appointment to a commission with a long term. He has expressed somewhat lesser interest in a public affairs job elsewhere in the government.

Paul's interest in switching jobs at this time and his apparent unhappiness at continuing in the White House coincides with my desire to complete the reorganization of the press office. Paul's interest in changing jobs now would certainly simplify my final reorganization step. This step involves placing the duties now overseen by Paul in Jerry Warren's operation, where they more logically fit and where I think they could be more efficiently performed.

I am attaching a list of possible new jobs for Paul about which he has been informed by Bill Walker's personnel office.

With your approval I propose taking the following two actions:

1. Tell Paul he should get together with Bill Walker and settle on a new job in which he would be happier.

APPROVE: \_\_\_\_\_

DISAPPROVE: \_\_\_\_\_

2. Tell Paul I have your permission to do this.

APPROVE: \_\_\_\_\_

DISAPPROVE: \_\_\_\_\_



January 22, 1975

1. Commissioner, Federal Communications Commission  
7-year appointment by the President, Senate Confirmation required. Level IV (\$38,000)  
-- No candidates, vacant 6/30/75
2. Assistant Administrator of the GSA (Congressional & Public Affairs)  
Schedule C appointment, Level V (\$36,000)  
-- Available now.
3. Commissioner, Federal Power Commission  
5-year appointment by the President, Senate Confirmation required, Level III (\$40,000)  
-- No current candidates, vacant 6/22/75
4. Director of Public Affairs, Department of Labor  
GS-18 (\$36,000)  
-- Available now.
5. Director of the Office of Telecommunications Policy  
Presidential appointment with Senate Confirmation required.  
Level III (\$40,000)  
-- Recommendation in process but not sent to the President yet.
6. Director of Public Affairs for ERDA  
-- Available now.
7. Member of the National Transportation Safety Board  
-- Current nominee having clearance problems.
8. Commissioner, Postal Rate Commission  
6-year Presidential appointment with no Senate confirmation  
Level IV (\$36,000)  
-- One candidate in clearance and looking for one more.

MEMO TO:

RON NESSEN

FROM:

LOU THOMPSON *LT*

Paul has been talking with Bill Walker's office on several occasions.

He is primarily interested in a Presidential appointment to a commission with a long term. He expressed interest in commissions such as the Civil Service Commission, the TVA and the like. He told Alan Woods (Walker's assistant) that he didn't care if the appointment didn't come up until late 1976 if necessary.

He was not particularly interested in public affairs jobs and wanted only a Presidential appointment.

Attached are some possible positions for Paul.



Commissioner, Federal Communications Commission

7-year appointment by the President, Senate Confirmation  
required, Level IV (\$38,000)

---no<sup>current</sup> candidates, vacant 6/30/75

Assistant Administrator of the GSA (Congressional and Public Affairs)

Schedule C appointment, Level V (\$36,000) Available now.

Commissioner, Federal Power Commission

5-year appointment by the President, Senate Confirmation  
required, Level III (\$40,000)

---no<sup>current</sup> candidates, vacant 6/22/75

Director of Public Affairs, Dept of Labor GS-18 (\$36,000) Available now.

Director of the Office of Telecommunications Policy

Presidential appointment ~~with~~ Senate Confirmation *received,*  
Level III (\$40,000)

---recommendation in process but not sent ~~to~~ to the President yet

~~Deputy Director of the Office of Telecommunications Policy~~

~~Presidential appointment w/ senate confirmation~~

~~---may become vacant~~

Director of Public Affairs for ERDA, available now.

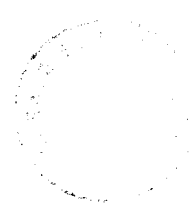
Member of the National Transportation Safety Board

---current nominee having clearance problems

Commissioner, Postal Rate Commission *with no*

6-year Presidential appointment ~~with~~ Senate confirmation  
Level IV (\$36,000)

---one candidate in clearance and looking for one more



THE WHITE HOUSE

WASHINGTON

January 16, 1975

MEMORANDUM FOR: DICK CHENEY

FROM: RON NESSEN *RAN*

Yes, a decision was made on Paul Miltich's title. As I understand it from Don, the decision was made by the President himself that Paul's title would be Assistant Press Secretary to the President -- one of four commissions in the Press Office.

Paul took great offense at this title change. He previously was Special Assistant to the President for Public Affairs. He said some extremely harsh things about the President -- "he's deliberately humiliating me" etc. Paul's title appears as Assistant Press Secretary to the President on the organizational charts.

This really raises the more fundamental issue of what to do about Paul Miltich. Frankly, my organization would be tighter and more efficient without Paul. After his title change Paul did ask Bill Walker's office what other jobs were available in government -- long-term appointments to regulatory commissions. However, he has indicated to others in private conversations that he is looking toward this kind of appointment a year or so from now.

With the State of the Union and the basic White House organization out of the way, I would like SOMEBODY to concentrate on the Paul Miltich problem. In the end somebody is going to have to ask the President to ask Paul to take another job in the Administration. The sooner that happens the better as far as improving the Press Office and completing the last piece of my reorganization.

