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SUBJECT: CIVIL SERVICE COMMISSION
PERSONNEL REPORT

For Your Information

Within the next week, the Civil Service Commission will be releasing their monthly Federal-Civilian Manpower Statistics. The first table of the report shows employment for all agencies including the White House Office. This table will show that the White House Office has 617 employees. This would appear to contradict what others have been saying as to the size of the White House Staff.

Of that 617, 528 are fulltime permanent employees, while the remainder are parttimers and intermittents. This report is the July report.

JGC

Q. Does the White House have any comment on the Washington Post story that Robert Hampton, head of the Civil Service Commission, recommended that a person be hired for political reasons rather than for merit reasons?

A. From what little I know of the story, it appears to touch on matters that are in litigation and therefore I will not have any comment to make on the article. I would refer any queries you may have to the General Counsel of the Commission, Anthony Mondello.

(FYI: I told Mondello that we would refer questions to him because there was no reason for the White House to be injected in this controversy. Mondello said the Kessler article had several errors in it, including the lead. The main fact, he said, is that Hampton did not recommend that an individual be hired for political reasons, and he was unaware of what was going on at GSA at the time re. its "political unit.")

