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October 10, 1974

FLANIGAN

As you know, if Congress goes into recess for more than 30 days, nominations expire and need to be re-submitted. But whether Congress is out for 30 days or not, the President plans to bring back to the White House all his pending nominations except for Nelson Rockefeller and such routine nominations as postmasters, military officers and so forth. This is just a formality and I assume he will re-submit all of them

Q. Well, can you say specifically he will re-submit Flanigan?

A. The President submitted the nomination of Mr. Flanigan to be Ambassador because he believed he would be a fine ambassador. And the President still believes he will be a fine ambassador.



THE WHITE HOUSE

WASHINGTON

September 26, 1974

MEMORANDUM FOR: Ron Nessen

FROM: Philip Buchen

On September 17, Mr. Peter M. Flanigan was nominated by the President for the post of Ambassador to Spain. The President believed that he met the high standards necessary for appointment to this important post.

In recent days, certain allegations have questioned the character and integrity of Mr. Flanigan. Even criminal violations have been suggested. These charges, which have been made before, prompted checking with the Special Prosecutor, Leon Jaworski, before the nomination was made. The Special Prosecutor, Leon Jaworski, then informed the White House that "no action was contemplated against Mr. Flanigan, and such is the usual form of clearance given to prospective nominees." He added, "The fact he was at one time under investigation is not regarded by the Special Prosecutor's office as any indication of wrongdoing." This information was confirmed again today by Mr. Jaworski.

