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Statement by Rogers C. B. Morton

I have asked the President to relieve me of the responsibility and accountability of the chairmanship of the PFC. I am anxious to participate in the campaign across the country as an advocate. Under the strict requirements of the new Federal election law, it is necessary for the campaign chairman to be involved in all planning and actions taken by the Committee. The chairman therefore must be at the headquarters nearly all of the time.

The President asked me to organize a President's Steering Committee and serve as its chairman. The committee will be composed of Republican leaders. Its mission will be threefold - 1) to provide for the President an objective overview of the progress of the campaign; 2) to serve as a forum for discussion of strategy and ideas and; 3) to promote party unity.

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