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MEMORANDUM FOR THE PRESIDENT

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SUBJECT: Pardon Reactions from Senators Packwood, Thurmond and Cook

The following three Senators have called me this afternoon to ask me to convey to you their feelings on the pardon of other Watergate people:

Senator Bob Packwood (R-Oreg):

"I sure hope the President doesn't pardon everybody. My mail is 10-1 against the Nixon pardon. To pardon the rest would compound the sin of the first pardon and make a worse burden for us to carry than if Nixon were President."

Senator Strom Thurmond (R-SC):

"I think that the President should consider each pardon case on its own individual merits--sort of like he is suggesting we handle the Vietnam amnesty/deserter issue. A guy like Liddy who planned the whole thing shouldn't receive the same considerations as someone on the fringes who got caught up in Watergate. Perhaps the safest course for the President would be for him to appoint a blue-ribbon commission of distinguished citizens to make recommendations on the matter to him. That way, others could share the burden of the decision."

Senator Marlow Cook (R-Ky):

"My gawd what are you going to do to me next? Here I've got Wendell Ford on the run in Kentucky and Jerry Ford has me on the run up in Washington. Every time I come back from a speech I shudder at what the newsmen are going to hit me with next. The Nixon pardon won't hurt, really; but why should the President fool around with the pardon

of everybody else...just now? Doesn't he have any sense of timing?  
There are a bunch of us in the middle of election campaigns and a  
blanket pardon for everybody just kills us."