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OF

July 25, 1972

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MEMORANDUM FOR: MR. H. R. HALDEMAN  
FROM: ALEXANDER P. BUTTERFIELD  
SUBJECT: Ross Perot

Bob:

In accordance with one of Larry's weekend requests, made on your behalf, I called Ross Perot and asked if I could be of assistance in whatever matter he wanted to talk to you about. After some light chit-chat and a brief discussion of the health of each other's family members, he said that he needed to get some things squared away with you personally on the subject of his position or status vis-a-vis "the Nixon team". He said that Maury Stans and others were on his back constantly and that he felt it necessary to talk to you about his relationship with us before he gave any answers or took any actions. He went on to articulate his continued high regard for the President and the job he is doing. But he admitted to a feeling of being "pretty much out in left field".

In short, Ross wants to be wooed by a phone call (preferably from the President, but at least from you) and various other gestures back into the fold. His final comment was: "It's been so long since I've heard from anyone there that I suppose if I were half-smart I'd understand the message and know it was meant to be permanent."

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July 31, 1972

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MEMORANDUM FOR: DR. HERBERT STEIN  
FROM: ALEXANDER P. BUTTERFIELD  
SUBJECT: Hobart Rowen

The President read your July 26th note to Ken Clawson and me and commented precisely as follows: "Our friend is just too smart to get caught in the middle ... except by someone just as smart on our side, namely, Stein."

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