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February 29, 1972

Mr. Herbert W. Kalmbach
Associate Finance Chairman
Committee for the Reelection of the President
Suite 272
1701 Pennsylvania Avenue, N. W.
Washington, D. C. 20006

Dear Herb:

I am enclosing my personal checks totaling \$200,000 in keeping with our discussion when you visited San Diego recently. While this is not the full amount of the commitment I gave you; nevertheless, I am fulfilling it in the following manner:

Congressman Bob Wilson beat me over the head until I agreed to buy \$10,000 worth of dinner tickets to the Congressional and Senatorial Dinner to be held in Washington next week, and to take four full pages in the GOP Convention Program at \$10,000 per page, so there goes the other \$50,000!

I am also advancing sufficient funds to an advertising agency to secure prime television time and billboard space for the President's campaign in San Diego County. I am doing this since I am very concerned that Gordon Luce has done the President's campaign a great disservice in selecting a new face to handle the campaign. Why, in heaven's name, he did not discuss his plan or his choice of chairman with the local Central Committee and the other leaders of the Republican group in San Diego, I will never know. This election year will require the unified support of everyone in this area in order to roll up a substantial plurality in San Diego County, and we must give an extra push since the 18 year old voter registration is running strongly in favor of the Democratic Party.

Please remember - in 1968 San Diego County gave the President a plurality of 93,871 votes; Orange County - 166,036; for a total of: 259,907 votes to make up the President's State majority of: 223,346 votes.

Herbert W. Kalmbach

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Frank Thornton, who handled the 1968 campaign, should, again, head up a San Diego campaign. He has the wholehearted support of the precinct workers, the Central Committee leaders, the women's groups and clubs; and, more importantly, the individuals upon whom we have relied over the past 30 years to provide campaign funds for Republican candidates.

John McColl, Gordon Luce's nominee, is, no doubt, a very fine young man, but has never handled a Presidential campaign and, in this crucial year, his 'new face' is not going to command the support and respect that Thornton can. It is also very questionable how much cash McColl would be able to raise for this County's campaign requirements.

I realize this is a very touchy situation since the President has appointed the Governor to head up his campaign in California and the Governor, in turn, has given Luce authority to appoint his chairmans. Nevertheless, we must keep in mind that Gordon Luce was not a Nixon man at the Miami Convention since he acted as the Governor's floor manager for the Presidential nomination.

Under these circumstances, I will go ahead and personally underwrite the raising of adequate funds to carry on a strong and vigorous campaign for the President under Frank Thornton's direction. This development is regrettable since it would have been much better if Frank Thornton had been designated as the official campaign chairman of the San Diego County, but we will provide the plurality for the President if we have to shanghai half of the Democrats out of the County so they cannot vote, and push every Republican voter into the polling booth to mark the ballot!



C. Arnholt Smith

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March 3, 1972

PERSONAL & CONFIDENTIAL

Ms. Rose Mary Woods
Secretary to the President
The White House
Washington, D.C. 20006

Dear Rose Mary:

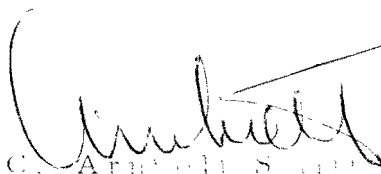
Helen once told me that I wanted to get a letter to the President - I should send it to you and you would see that it was placed on his desk.

I am, therefore, enclosing a letter I think you should read since I am terribly concerned as to what might happen in California in the near State appointments since the same caliber as the appointment of Gordon Luce made in San Diego.

I can understand the appointment of the Governor to head up the Presidential campaign in California, but we must also be certain that the organizations set up in California by the Governor are directed by professional, enthusiastic and dedicated workers so that California is carried by a wide margin.

This may not be a diplomatic note to send to the President, but the material it contains is of such importance that I think someone at the top should be alerted.

Hope to see you soon.


C. ARNOLD SMITH

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