

THE WHITE HOUSE

WASHINGTON

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MEMORANDUM FOR: H. R. HALDEMAN

FROM: KEN COLE

RE: Implementation Plan

Tomorrow I meet with John Ehrlichman, Peter Flanigan and members of the Ash Commission staff to discuss plans for implementing the Domestic Planning Council and the Office of Executive Management. The purpose of the meeting is to:

1. Determine if there are any further modifications to the plans and if so what.
2. Make specific assignments for determining and the drafting of the right combination of executive orders and reorganization plans legislation.
3. Make specific assignments for developing details for the disclosure of the plan to key members of the White House staff, Executive Office of the President, Members of Congress and agency heads, as well as appropriate outside parties. This includes preparation of material to further public understanding of the proposed changes, material to be used in the preparation of the State of the Union and Budget messages, press information, and a resource book to provide answers to anticipated questions.

I met with Comarow yesterday and he needs answers to the following on which I need your guidance:

1. Are there any further modifications to the plan which you feel should be made prior to the drafting of the executive orders and legislation, and if so, what?

Yes, let's discuss _____ No _____

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2. Comarow recommends that the plan be disclosed to the following people at this time:

- A. Herb Klein - Because Herb will be intimately involved in the communications of the plan and can be of help in developing a press kit for it.

Approve _____ Disapprove _____

- B. Pat Moynihan - Because the DPC involves, at least in its organizational relationship to the President, the UAC and because the establishment of this may appear to be a personal attack on Moynihan.

Approve _____ Disapprove _____

- C. Henry Kissinger - Because he has the President's confidence and because the OEM reorganization concerns the National Security Council, at least as far as budgeting is concerned, and Kissinger should make his views known.

Approve _____ Disapprove _____

- D. Bryce Harlow - Comarow said that the President himself had specifically requested that Harlow now be brought into the fold on this.

Approve _____ Disapprove _____

3. Comarow's current plan is to announce the OEM and DPC at the same time. You mentioned last night that this couldn't be done because of personnel reasons. Should this be my position at the meeting tomorrow.

Yes _____ No _____

You may be interested in knowing that Comarow mentioned to me his concern that no one on the White House staff was aware that although the plans for the DPC and the Ehrlichman operation are not inconsistent with one another, they are not the same with the largest difference being that the Ehrlichman operation is comprised of all political appointees while the DPC, when finally legislated, will set up primarily an institutional organization staffed with career civil servants as opposed to political appointments - this is similar to the NSC. Comarow doesn't think anybody's focused on this difference yet.

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In addition to the items mentioned above, I'd appreciate any other guidance you may have in order that I can represent you adequately at tomorrow's meeting.