

Memorandum

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TO : Leon Jaworski

DATE: August 19, 1974

FROM : Thomas F. McBride

SUBJECT: Your Inquiry of Today

Attached is a memo from Chuck Ruff containing the information developed in the "Town House" investigation.

The only other information of any possible consequence relates to Reagan. In 1970 Ross Perot, head of a large Dallas-based computer firm, was solicited by Kalmbach for a contribution to the 1970 mid-term congressional campaigns. He was also solicited for contributions to Reagan's 1970 gubernatorial campaign. According to Kalmbach, Perot did not ultimately contribute to the congressional races. He may, however, have contributed to the Reagan campaign. In May, 1970 Perot asked Kalmbach to set up meetings with Reagan and with Harry Dent, John Ehrlichman and possibly other administration figures. Perot says the purpose of these meetings was to complain about certain policies and actions of the Social Security Administration in requiring approval of contracts between medicare insurers (private insurance companies) and Perot's computer firm. In the case of Reagan the particular issue was the substitution of one private carrier (with whom Perot had computer contracts) by another (with whom Perot was not a subcontractor) as medicare carrier in several California counties. Perot did meet with Reagan and later (perhaps through Reagan's intervention) with HEW Secretary Finch and Undersecretary Veneman. Perot did not get the relief or remedy he sought. We have not, as yet, learned whether Perot did, in fact, contribute to Reagan's 1970 campaign.

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