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MEMORANDUM FOR ROY GOODEARLE

Bob Bennett, son of Senator Wallace Bennett of Utah, has just left the Department of Transportation to take over the Muller Public Relations firm here in Washington. Bob is a trusted loyalist and a good friend. We intend to use him on a variety of outside projects.

One of Bob's new clients is Howard Hughes. I'm sure I need not explain the political implications of having Hughes' affairs handled here in Washington by a close friend. As you know, Larry O'Brien has been the principal Hughes man in Washington. This move could signal quite a shift in terms of the politics and money that Hughes represents.

Bennett tells me that one of the yardsticks by which Hughes measures the effectiveness of his Washington involvement is the important people he knows; that's how O'Brien got on there. Bob Bennett tells me that he has never met the Vice President, and that it would enhance his position greatly if he could find an appropriate occasion for him to come in and spend a little time talking with the Vice President. Maybe you can think of a better way to do this than a meeting in the office, maybe there is a social occasion that Bennett could be included in. The important thing from our standpoint is to enhance Bennett's position with the man because Bennett gives us real access to a source of power that can be valuable, and it's in our interest to build him up. Would you have your thoughts on this case?

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