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Gerry Thompson

Conversation with Paul Newman

At the Governor's request, I finally made contact with Paul Newman on the morning of June 23. For the record, I was able to contact Paul at area code 703/548-1141. Another number I have for Paul is area code 205/745/9631. Paul and I had a good conversation. Paul continually alluded to a conversation he had with you, Governor, and indicated that you were fully informed as to his concerns.

The plans that Paul gave to the campaign in December, he feels were practical then but probably not now. At that time he felt there should be a consultant working with the campaign on almost a weekly basis and had hoped that Rick Daniels would be able to serve that role. He admits that Rick Daniels and Sharon Page were not able to work things out but sees little need for that now. He is asking that just as soon as our survey is available, we federal express that, and I underline federal express, because it is his distinct request, and we must not ignore it.

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He will await that survey and based on the outcome of it make his decision whether or not he can be of assistance to us.

In no way is his attitude to be construed as lack of support for the Governor. He is deeply committed to the Governor and points out the fact that he did not charge the primary campaign as evidence of his commitment. He indicates he is worried about his own health, has back problems, his hair is turning gray and he no longer will make commitments of 100/50 percent of his time. I indicated to him we do not expect a full time commitment -- only assistance in setting campaign strategy plans, etc. He expressed no displeasure at Denny being the campaign coordinator and in fact, wanted to know why I was making the call rather than Denny.. I think it looks positive and it appears we have nothing more to do until the survey is federal expressed to him. I would then suggest that Denny immediately be on the phone to Paul to review that survey with him and press him for his help in setting strategy and assisting us in the campaign plan.

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Both of you should also know that Hank Crawford and Bob Dervedde were of extreme help to me in finally tracking down Paul. Both Hank and Bob have been explicit in their desire to help the campaign and assist us in getting the Governor reelected. I hold both gentlemen in high regard and would suggest, Denny, that you be in touch with them whenever you feel you need their assistance.

Furthermore, Denny, I would like to see Hank Crawford used to pump up the businessmen who will be working toward our finance raising. Hank is a real "stem-winder" and can be very motivational particularly for causes he believes in. Hank has expressed his desire to do this and I wholeheartedly concur. He represents small businessmen and can relate well to anyone in business.

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