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OFFICE OF THE PRESIDENT

WASHINGTON, D.C.

From the President:

To:

Don Rumsfeld

Date:

Time

a.m.

p.m.

This is a ltr from my
brother Tom Ford, a former
Michigan legislator who now
works for State Senate.

He is writing on behalf
of State Senator Bob Vanderhaar.
Talk with me.

MEMORANDUM OF CALL

TO: Trudy

YOU WERE CALLED BY Brad Patterson YOU WERE VISITED BY—

OF (Organization) Brad Patterson

PLEASE CALL → PHONE NO. CODE/EXT. 2813

WILL CALL AGAIN IS WAITING TO SEE YOU

RETURNED YOUR CALL WISHES AN APPOINTMENT

MESSAGE

Told him about
you 20th memo
to Bill Walker —
from Jerry Jones — he
will try + locate.
If not he will come to
look at it.

RECEIVED BY <u>N.</u>	DATE <u>2/19</u>	TIME <u>4:48</u>
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THE WHITE HOUSE
WASHINGTON

November 16, 1974

MEMORANDUM

To: Jerry Jones

From: Dick Cheney

Attached is a letter from the President's brother concerning a man named Bob VanderLaan.

The individual probably is not up to the top job in the Legislative Liaison area of Transportation, but could fit into a job at the lower level, especially one dealing with state legislators and county officials.

Can you stick that into the system and see that the man does, in fact, get heavy consideration. I did not want to send it direct to Personnel but rather to go through you so you could send an Action memo on it.

Attachment

Tuesday A.M.

Dear Jerry -

(Hand written purposely
to avoid anyone knowing
of this.)

Bob Vander Saar was in a few minutes ago and had just been informed that a job in the Office of Secretary, Dept. of Transportation, as Asst. Secy for Congressional and Intergovernmental Affairs was open and he felt he was qualified to fill it.

I have to agree having watched Bob work as Republican Senate Leader.

~~The~~ ^{The job} ~~the~~ ^{is} currently filled and he's about to leave or has left by a Robert T. Monagan (Former Speaker of the Calif House and Member of the Executive Committee of Legislative Leaders)

Bob is well acquainted with Monagan having served ~~on~~ the Executive Committee of Legislative Leaders either with him or just after he left.

While Bob's association and experience in Lansing is noteworthy he had nation wide contact with other state legislative leaders, many who have moved on to Washington as Senators and Representatives. It would be these contacts he could use to good advantage in the new position.

Another factor, often forgotten, is that Bob served either 2 or 4 years as a county supervisor before beating Charles Feenstra for the senate.

Bob is also a licensed pilot. While I didn't necessarily agree

with Bob when he led the charge for Michigan's new 2¢ gas tax our argument centered only on that 1/2¢ for public transportation and the insertion of the language the State Supreme Court ruled made it an appropriation bill and thus not subject to a referendum. The latter, Carl Bob was not a party to and ~~there~~ ^{plain} got doubled-crossed on. He extracted as much as he could on the other — and then as a leader felt it was a responsibility to go.

My point is simply that with this in his record he undoubtedly would be "palatable to the" public transportation sector while I know personally he has kept reservations about ever providing operating money.

This latter position ^{on Public Transportation} as I understand it is yours and knowing that this business of Public Transportation will attempt to get bigger, I would think Bob as a trusted old friend would be a good man to have in the sensitive position of contacting and "reading" legislators.

Sincerely,
Tom

P.S. Bob is available now because as he & I have talked he sees the end of the road here. It would, however, be more profitable for him if he could get the appointment after January 15th and it would remove an inter-party struggle as to who would take his spot on the ballot.

THE WHITE HOUSE

Handwritten Letter from

President's Brother, Tom

THE WHITE HOUSE

WASHINGTON

November 20, 1974

MEMORANDUM FOR:

BILL WALKER

FROM:

JERRY H. JONES 

Attached is a letter from the President's brother concerning a man named Bob VanderLaan. The individual probably is not up to the top job in the Legislative Liaison area of Transportation, but could fit into a job at the lower level, especially one dealing with state legislators and county officials.

Would you please put this into the system and get back to this office with a report as to what considerations may be given for placing him by Friday, December 4.

Thank you.

*Bill - This should get
a strong push -
Jerry*