

Party? Somewhere on the order of half a million dollars.”<sup>477</sup> Brown noted how disappointed Eckstein seemed at the time over his friend Babbitt making such remarks. Eckstein recalled speaking with Brown about the Babbitt meeting, but could not recall what details he related to his partner.

#### **4. Further Efforts By the Applicant Representatives to Delay the Decision**

There is evidence to suggest that on July 14 Berlin may have tried to reach the DNC and the White House in an attempt to help the applicants at Havenick’s request. A DNC phone message slip shows that at 1:00 p.m., Berlin left a message asking Fowler, whom he knew well through his fund-raising activities, to call him back, saying it was “Important.” Berlin does not recall making this phone call but he does not deny it. He also allows that he might have told his secretary to try to get Fowler on the phone. He said it would not usually be his practice to characterize a call in a message as “important,” so it suggests serious time constraints on his part, if he left the message. He also noted the possibility that his secretary appreciated the urgency and left that message.<sup>478</sup> In any event, Berlin has no recollection of ever talking to Fowler about Hudson. He also does not recall speaking with Fowler at all on that day.

Berlin did say, however, that if Havenick had asked him to contact someone to pursue a short delay, he would have had no hesitation about trying to do so and would have made calls. He also stated that if Havenick told him that Fowler or Ickes were involved in the matter, he would have called them. He considers them accessible to him for this type of request. He does

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<sup>477</sup>OIC Interview of Jack Brown, March 4, 1999, at 2.

<sup>478</sup>Berlin G.J. Test., Sept. 15, 1999, at 27-28. Berlin, however, acknowledged that he almost always places his own calls.