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Patty McHugh

OF (Organization)

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[ ] WILL CALL AGAIN [ ] IS WAITING TO SEE YOU

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MESSAGE

Mack got a call/memo from Acorn & sent a copy to AMH. He would like guidance. Will be in today after 1:30.

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FAX

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TO: Mack McLarty, White House

FAX: (202) 456-2215,99031

FROM: Zach Polett

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Thanx —

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MACK has appt Today 4/19 w/ This person. He's called to ask for your Guidance.
Mack's # 62000

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