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Subject:

help from US strategists? (confidential)

When Peter Keenan and I were in the US last month, we met about 15 people over a lunch hosted by Julian Robertson in New York. Among those present were two guys who have been actively involved in various Republican campaigns and who have expressed a strong interest in helping with our campaign in New Zealand after the elections in the US are over. As you will see, they have suggested that one of them visit New Zealand for a week between now and the end of August to discuss the issue. Their email arrived in New Zealand nine days ago and, through an oversight, is only just now coming to my attention. How do you react? They would probably be pretty expensive and of course have no previous experience of New Zealand. But from the fact that Julian Robertson has recommended them highly they are probably pretty good.

Don

