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The Table Is Set - The Republican National Convention 2016

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After watching the Sunday morning political talk shows and reading the many articles being written regarding a brokered Republican Convention in Cleveland, it appears that what is missing from the narrative is the possibility of an orchestrated outcome should Trump not receive the required delegates for the first ballot voting.

The conventional wisdom seems to point towards the republicans holding their respective noses and nominating Ted Cruz. The “anyone but Trump” establishment would settle for a candidate they dislike less than Trump, however, I have another theory. Why is John Kasich still an active candidate? Reporters claim he is posturing, but fall short of what might be an already written script.

Reince Priebus, the current republican chairman, has stated in no uncertain terms that the party will not go outside the active candidates still in the race. He implies the voters would not stand for it. Priebus’s statement continues to suggest the conclusion is Trump or Cruz, however, I suggest Kasich remains in the race as the establishment’s ace in the hole. Priebus has never said the nominee will be Trump or Cruz; he avoids at all costs making that statement. The nominee will be selected from the candidates who remain in the race.

I am amazed that the talking heads on Fox, MSNBC, and the major news shows are not discussing this possibility. Let’s accept for now both Trump and Cruz will fall short of the required delegates for the nomination. A few rounds of voting, not unlike a hung jury, bring Kasich as the solution. Priebus told the truth; the establishment keeps both Trump and Cruz from the nomination and the Republican Party ends up with a viable candidate to run against Hillary, should she survive the criminal investigations. This solution would protect the Republican Party from total embarrassment in the general election, and although the voters would be outraged at first, they will get over it.

Based upon what has been said and what has not been reported, I am suggesting the script has been written for this year’s Republican National Convention.

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