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MEMORANDUM TO THE ATTORNEY GENERAL

H. R. HALDEMAN

FROM: PATRICK J. BUCHANAN

Scoop Jackson is making a desperate effort to have the Tennessee Primary shifted up from May 4 to March 30, according to the Times story attached, and it seems in our immediate political interest to have that happen. Muskie is a clear underdog in Tennessee, to both Wallace and to Jackson, and if we can get the Tennessee Primary moved to the 30th of March, we could have a defeat inflicted on Muskie -- five days before the Wisconsin Primary. That might help take the bloom off the Muskie candidacy a bit, before the final, and perhaps crucial early primary.

The stumbling block to a shift in the Tennessee Primary up to March 30 is reportedly Governor Winfield Dunn. Seems to me that it would be in our interest to have Dunn shift that primary -- in order to have Muskie defeated once more before Wisconsin. Perhaps Dunn has his reasons; but we ought to know them.

Buchanan