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May 6, 1971

MEMORANDUM FOR: H. R. HALDEMAN
FROM: CHARLES COLSON
SUBJECT: Ethnic Operation in RNC

As you will see from the attached memo which George Bell has sent to me, the RNC is effectively curtailing the ethnic operation, particularly Mexican-American and Catholic.

It may be that Evans is dissatisfied with the way Laszlo Pasztor has been running the outfit. If that is the case, he should be replaced with someone more effective. In principle, however, curtailing it at this point in time would seem to me to be ill-advised. This is the times when we should be sending organizational people and field people in to cultivate ethnic groups.

While I recognize that most ethnics will not rally around the Republican Party banner, it is important to have political operatives on the Committee payroll working inside of these groups identifying key leaders, gathering intelligence and working with us on strategy.

One of the biggest problems we have had in ethnic areas is that we have no good means of communication. We deal, of course, through this office with all of the organized groups, which is excellent from a symbolic standpoint, but that really doesn't represent the masses. The vast majority of ethnic groups are totally disorganized. Hence, the only real political intelligence that we have gotten has been through Pasztor's operation and it is our best means of communication and access.

The same function could be undertaken by the citizens committee and if that is what is contemplated by reducing Pasztor's role, then I should not be concerned about this. This is not a time, however, to deemphasize the cultivating of ethnic groups. It should be done somewhere.

I recommend that you ask Evans for a full explanation of this and we should then decide whether the operation should be continued, where it should be continued and under whose direction.

I will be glad to see that it is properly organized from here if you want me to. We haven't done at all badly in this area substantively, and we have done a lot of cultivating of individuals and groups, but we need the apparatus to come in for a political kill at the right time.

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MEMORANDUM FOR: H. R. HALDEMAN
FROM: CHARLES COLSON
SUBJECT: Democratic Aspirants on China

Awhile back you and the President made the point that the Democratic candidates for President have been strangely silent in the China issue. We have been trying to get this point out. Scali feels that it will be turned in due course to their embarrassment. Shumway was successful in getting a small piece of a Goldsmith/Allen column which has wide distribution. A copy of this article is attached for your information.



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Honorable H.R. Haldeman
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Dear Bob:

I was in Boston over the weekend visiting my older boy who is at Harvard and got the attached "Dump Nixon" material from a distributor at Harvard Square. This stuff was being handed out by well organized crews, and was conspicuous on billboards, etc. I assume it is being distributed at rallies organized all across the country. It is not the spontaneous work of innocent college pranksters or even well-meaning persons who disagree with the Nixon Administration. This looks more like the effort of enemies within and without who will do anything to destroy America and undermine public confidence in our institutions. The attached Evans and Novak column bears this out.

On Saturday I stopped in Boston Common to hear a black revolutionary named Florence Kennedy harangue a crowd, purportedly of womens' lib types, but Kennedy's whole thrust was an attack on President Nixon, and a call to come to Washington and block the streets and try to disrupt the Government on April 24.

It is hard to believe this is happening until you actually attend these rabble-rousing affairs.

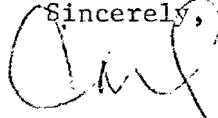
We should have a political "truth squad" or "fight-back" task force to counter-attack -- in open discussion. Bob Dole's recent defense of the FBI is the sort of thing we need. Any repulsion of these militants would cause sympathy. Instead, we should expose them and answer on the merits then and there.

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They must be financed by outside hostile forces -- such bums would not have the brains or resources to carry on as they do without financial help and experienced guidance from more competent sources. In any event, we cannot wait as LBJ did -- it might really get away from us. These birds mean business. The Washington Post of April 19 shows how eager the anti-Nixon media are to exaggerate this activity.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in cursive script, appearing to read 'Carl L. Shipley', written in dark ink.

Carl L. Shipley

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