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THE WHITE HOUSE

WASHINGTON

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MEMORANDUM FOR HUGH SLOAN

FROM: PETER FLANIGAN 

I checked on Monsignor Baroni who is a Program Director of an urban task force for the Catholic Church. He is certainly not one of the leaders among the hierarchy. In fact, my check, who is very close to Cardinal Cook, didn't even know him.

Apparently he is now working on white ethnic groups organizing them to articulate legitimate aspirations. This area may have some value to us from a political point of view. However, we should recognize that he is not a "heavy hitter," either in the hierarchy or intellectually.

Geo - Send a
memo to Chapin -
We don't recommend
meeting at this time -
later perhaps - then invite
Baroni in to see Finch & keep
we

MEMORANDUM

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