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7	27	9/22/1971	<input type="checkbox"/>	Domestic Policy	Memo	From Colson to Haldeman RE: meeting with Bob Dole. Page of a document related to the 1972 campaign attached. Handwritten notes added by unknown. 3 pgs.
7	27	9/13/1971	<input type="checkbox"/>	White House Staff	Memo	From Strachan to Haldeman RE: Bob Dole. Handwritten notes added by multiple unknown authors. 1 pg.
7	27	9/9/1971	<input type="checkbox"/>	Domestic Policy	Memo	From Colson to Haldeman RE: using Bob Dole to attack potential Democratic presidential candidates. Handwritten notes added by multiple unknown authors. 1 pg.
7	27	9/13/1971	<input type="checkbox"/>	Domestic Policy	Memo	"Talking Paper" for Bob Dole, authored by GS (possibly Gordon Strachan). 1 pg.

THE WHITE HOUSE  
WASHINGTON

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September 22, 1971

MEMORANDUM FOR: H. R. HALDEMAN  
FROM: CHARLES COLSON  
SUBJECT: RNC/Senator Dole

I just had a one hour session with Bob Dole to try to crank him up to do a better job of defending the President and hitting back at the Democrats. Dole didn't disagree with any of my points but he is a very different man than he was a few months ago.

1. He is having some serious internal problems with Tom Evans. I assume you are aware of this.
2. He feels the staff at the RNC is incompetent and Nofziger is not doing the job he wants done but he, Dole, doesn't feel he can shake things up.
3. He made the point that we are not giving him enough support, speeches, material, etc., a point he said he made with the President. To the extent that we have not done this, it will be instantly remedied, but I pointed out to Bob that he has the whole National Committee apparatus and that he shouldn't be leaning on us and more importantly shouldn't be taking such minor complaints to the President. I also pointed out that Nofziger had specifically asked us not to send speeches for Dole, Nofziger wanted to write them. Dole's answer was that Nofziger hasn't been writing any good speeches lately.
4. He is obsessed with our lack of support in the farm area and really acts generally demoralized.
5. He fully recognizes that he has made virtually no news for the past two months but I think he honestly doesn't know what to do. I suggested a press conference attacking the Democratic partisan obstructionists for openers. He may do this tomorrow, but he again complained that he had no staff help to get ready for a press conference. I honestly believe his own self-confidence has been eroded for some reason.

We are going to start pumping him up directly with some stuff from here. He seems to welcome the idea. You will get loud screams from Nofziger but we have got to try something to get Dole back out front and also to build up his own self-confidence. The two, I suspect, go hand in hand.

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Hugh Scott said Sen. Brooke would be an asset to a GOP national ticket. He also said Muskie "probably regrets that voyage from his foot to his mouth." He added that he believes that if Brooke were on the ticket "he would bring more votes to the ticket than he would cost." . . . McCloskey would consider it "a beautiful thing" if Brooke would run with RN. Like RN, McCloskey disputed Muskie's view on a black VP saying "race shouldn't matter." McCloskey issuing a mail call to anti-war activists and conservationists for funds, is said to be shifting his emphasis from VN to "truth in government" as he "all but calls RN a chronic liar," says a Miami Herald report. . . . Theo Lippman writes in the Balt. Sun that RN would be the logical person to try a black VP -- Brooke -- it "might be just what it takes to rescue RN."

Riesel says there are many who believe that RN can't win without Rockefeller as his VP, since Rocky can soothe Meany. And the push is on in and out of the WH to elbow VP Agnew out in favor of the NY Gov. who is "closer to RN now than virtually all other politicians." . . . Knight's Saul Kohler relates Harry Dent's view that the VP was "characteristically aloof and unusually non-abrasive" at the Gov's Conference and according to Harry Dent, he has taken a giant step toward retaining his spot on the '72 ticket with his resumption of the inter-governmental portfolio. Dent emphasized, as do other WH staffers, that the VP is not "on trial." He said that he has never heard RN "knock" the VP but has always encouraged staffers to help the VP any way they can. . . . But Marianne Means feels there may be more truth than humor in the VP's references to Connally. His "political vulnerability is no laughing matter." The VP's goodwill mission to the Govs conference should have won the Admin many points but the mission was not a "huge success." As some Govs charge the VP was manipulating them for his benefit. Despite staff efforts to deny this, the slurs against the VP were widely believed; as was the view that the VP is so shaky in his position that being an errand boy for the Govs was a big deal.

Who's  
Muskie?

Speaking in Tampa Muskie accused RN of misrepresenting his views about a black VP and skirting the issue himself. The Sen. says the public will not now accept

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Date 10-13-71

NOTE TO: H. R. HALDEMAN

FROM: GORDON STRACHAN

Colson's point about pushing Dole to the attack deserves your intervention.

A talking paper is attached.

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THE WHITE HOUSE

WASHINGTON

September 9, 1971

MEMORANDUM FOR: H. R. HALDEMAN  
FROM: CHARLES COLSON *me*  
SUBJECT: Senator Bob Dole

As you know we have a continuing problem with Bob Dole attacking many of the Democratic Presidential candidates who are senators. Senators don't do these things and never refer to one another on the floor of the Senate in other than a complimentary fashion.

What Bob has to do is attack hard in speeches when he is not on the Senate floor. We gave him two speeches in the last two days attacking Muskie. They were good Buchanan hardliners. Dole watered them both down considerably taking out most of the personal references.

I intend to meet with him to talk about this. He seems generally receptive whenever we talk to him personally but he needs to be constantly reminded of his role as the principal partisan defender of the President.

The only purpose of this memo is to suggest that if and when you are talking to Dole, you lay the point on him very hard.

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TALKING PAPER FOR SENATOR DOLE

Re: Defending the President

1. The press increasingly turns to you for the Republican Party response to the Democratic Presidential contenders' attacks on the President and his programs.
2. The Democratic partisan personal attacks on the President will continue to increase. You are the defender of the President against these attacks.
3. We are fully aware of the importance of maintaining the tradition of not attacking fellow Senators on the floor. However, when you are away from the floor the more partisan, personal material supplied by Colson, Buchanan, and others should be considered by you.

GS

9/13/71