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12	5	10/6/1971	<input type="checkbox"/>	Domestic Policy	Memo	From Gordon Strachan to Dick Cheney. RE: Attached Gallup Materials with points to be discussed. 1 pg.

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12	5	9/30/1971	<input type="checkbox"/>	Campaign	Memo	From Jack Caulfield to Edward Mc Daniel. RE: Edward Mc Daniel's recent "shut out" from the Republican party, and the need to pass this on to Haldeman who holds Mc Daniel in high regard. 1 pg.
12	5	10/5/1971	<input type="checkbox"/>	Campaign	Memo	From Gordon Strachan to Chuck Colson. RE: The "Operating Engineers", and the plausible threat they present to the Nixon campaign through the spread of anti-Nixon propaganda. 1 pg.
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12	5	10/5/1971	<input type="checkbox"/>	White House Staff	Memo	From Donald Rumsfeld to Haldeman. RE: A message that reads "Confidential." 1 pg.
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12	5	10/7/1971	<input type="checkbox"/>	Campaign	Letter	From Gordon Strachan to James Havel. RE: Appreciation for Mr. Havel's letter of support to aid in the President's campaign for re-election. 1 pg.

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12	5	10/29/1971	<input type="checkbox"/>	Campaign	Memo	From Gordon Strachan to Jeb Magruder. RE: The New York Times article that showcases the problems Muskie and McGovern will face in Wisconsin. 3 pgs.
12	5	10/22/1971	<input type="checkbox"/>	Campaign	Memo	From Gordon Strachan to Fred Malek. RE: A leak by an unnamed GOP leader about Nixon's political posture and Agnew's role. 2 pgs.
12	5	10/18/1971	<input type="checkbox"/>	Campaign	Memo	From Gordon Strachan to Fred Malek. RE: Campaign recruiting of top advancement, the establishment of key state strike forces, and the reorganization of White House Staff along campaign lines. 1 pg.

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12	5	10/14/1971	<input type="checkbox"/>	Campaign	Memo	From Gordon Strachan to Bob Marik. RE: The importance of Muskie's statement that bussing "can be used, and should be used." 1 pg.
12	5	10/8/1971	<input type="checkbox"/>	Campaign	Letter	From Gordon Strachan to J.A. R. Moseley. RE: Appreciation for Mr. Moseley's letter which expressed his views and concerns about the up-coming election. 1 pg.

Administratively Confidential

October 18, 1971

MEMORANDUM FOR:

ALEX BUTTERFIELD

FROM:

GORDON STRACHAN

SUBJECT:

Telephone Call to Governor
Walter Peterson

Pat Buchanan sent Mr. Haldeman a memo suggesting a telephone call by the President to New Hampshire Governor Peterson. With additional input from Dent and Flemming, I prepared the attached recommended telephone call form. If there is anything else you need, please advise.

Thank you.

GS:lm

RECOMMENDED TELEPHONE CALL

TO: Walter Peterson, Governor of New Hampshire

RECOMMENDED BY: Pat Buchanan, Harry Dent, and Harry Flemming

PURPOSE: To thank Governor Peterson for his letter to YAF rejecting the proclamation for "Free China Day"

BACKGROUND: There have been conflicting reports about whether Governor Peterson has been too friendly or merely civil to Pete McCloskey. Peterson's letter to YAF says: "I am a firm supporter of President Nixon, particularly in his efforts to achieve peace through a more realistic attitude toward the world's largest country." The Attorney General has selected Lane Dwinell to be Chairman of the New Hampshire Committee for the Re-Election of the President. The announcement will be made around November 1, 1971. Governor Peterson knows of Dwinell's selection. No letter has been sent.

TALKING POINTS:

1. Thank you for sending me a copy of your letter to Ron Docksai of YAF. I appreciate your support for my trip to Peking.
2. I understand Harry Flemming has been up to talk with you. What was your reaction to his efforts?

October 18, 1971

GS:lm

October 6, 1971

Dear Mario:

It was a pleasure to help you obtain Rep. Gerald Ford as the guest speaker at your fund raising dinner on October 14, 1971.

Thank you for sending me the tickets to join you at that dinner. Unfortunately, I will be unable to attend, but I do appreciate your thoughtfulness in sending them.

Looking forward to seeing you in the future, and best wishes for a successful evening.

Sincerely,

Gordon Strachan
Staff Assistant
to H. R. Haldeman

Mr. Mario D. Belardino
358 St. Marks Place
St. George, New York 10301

GS:elr

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MARIO D. BELARDINO
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358 ST. MARKS PLACE, ST. GEORGE
STATEN ISLAND, NEW YORK 10301
212 442-5505

9/27

September 23, 1971

Mr. Gordon Strachan
White House
Washington, D.C.

Dear Gordon:

It has been confirmed to me by Mrs. Roberston at Republican National Committee Headquarters that Rep. Gerald Ford has consented to be the guest speaker at our fund raising dinner on October 14, 1971.

I am, of course, entirely grateful to you for taking the time from your busy schedule in order to go to bat for me. Republicans here, including our County Chairman Dick Bolton, are delighted about having Rep. Ford.

The County Committee wishes to invite you and a guest of your choice to join us at the dinner. Accordingly, I am sending you, under separate cover, an invitation and two complimentary tickets. Please return the reservation card if you are able to be with us.

If there is ever anything I may be able to help you with, please feel free to call on me. I look forward to meeting you personally.

Sincerely yours,

Mario D. Belardino

MDB:mmr

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call &
ask for
tickets
I haven't
65: required
separately
She will be
sending tickets
(2) in few
days.
I will
be in NY
on 10/14 &
may just
be able
to attend

MEMORANDUM
OF CALL

EU
9/22

Oct. 14/77
Staten Island

Pat O'Donnell
9/27

TO: MS

YOU WERE CALLED BY— YOU WERE VISITED BY—

Ms. Belardino

OF (Organization)

PLEASE CALL → PHONE NO. CODE/EXT 212-442-5505

WILL CALL AGAIN IS WAITING TO SEE YOU

THE WHITE HOUSE
WASHINGTON

Gerry Ford

Gordon:

Per Pat O'Donnell's office:

They are trying to line up Martha Mitchell, however, they have not received a reply to their memo from Ernie Minor (RNC) or Bart Porter. O'Donnell office will inquire again and let you know as soon as they have the word.

O'Donnell

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August 9, 1971

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MEMORANDUM FOR:

PAT O'DONNELL

FROM:

GORDON STRACHAN

SUBJECT:

Speaking Request of
October 14 - New York

Pursuant to our telephone conversation, would you please handle the attached request for a speaker at the Staten Island Republican event.

If you have any questions or need any further back up, feel free to call me if Belardino cannot supply the information you need.

GS:lm

MARIO D. BELARDINO

ATTORNEY AT LAW

358 ST. MARKS PLACE, ST. GEORGE
STATEN ISLAND, NEW YORK 10301

212 442-5505

August 5, 1971

Mr. Gordon Strachan
The White House
Washington, D. C. 20500

Dear Gordon:

Pursuant to your recent telephone conversation with Curt Herge, I am pleased to supply you with the details of the 1971 Annual Campaign Reception and Dinner sponsored by the Republican County Committee of Richmond County (Staten Island, New York).

This year the dinner will be held at Tavern-on-the Green, Staten Island, New York on Thursday, October 14th, 1971. Dress will be black tie. Contributions will be \$125 for "Gold" tickets and \$100 for "Silver" tickets.

A reception for state and city Republican officials and other celebrities is scheduled for 6:30 P.M. and the dinner itself will commence at 8:00 P.M. Entertainment will feature strolling musicians and a well known comedy team. There will be no dancing at this affair.

In 1970 the dinner honored Governor Nelson Rockefeller, and it drew over 350 contributors. Let me say, frankly, that although 1971 is not an exciting election year, the Republican Party faces a tough battle to unseat an incumbent Democratic District Attorney. If the guest speaker is of national prominence, we may be able to double the 1970 attendance. A prominent speaker would not only serve to dramatically increase attendance but also enhance greatly the chances of a Republican victory in the District Attorney race.

MARIO D. BELARDINO

Gordon Strachan
Washington, D. C.

August 5, 1971
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Now, some information concerning the Republican Party in Richmond County. The county leader is Richard Bolton. In 1971, Richmond County led all New York counties percentagewise in Republican votes cast. Richmond County was the only county within New York City that the Republicans carried during the 1968 Presidential election. The County is represented in the state legislature by two Republican Assemblymen and one Republican Senator (Sen. John Marchi).


It would be an invaluable boon for Republicans in Richmond to have as their guest, for example, the Vice President, the Attorney General, or the Chairman of the Republican National Committee. They can be guaranteed an ample audience and good press coverage.

There has been some discussion here to present an award to Mrs. Martha Mitchell as the Republican Woman of the Year. She would be an attractive and exciting speaker, and we would certainly be honored by her presence.

I want to extend my sincere appreciation to you for your cooperation and personal interest and, certainly, any assistance on your part in ensuring the success of the dinner will be remembered here.

Again, thank you.

Very truly yours,



Mario D. Belardino

MDB:mmr

October 26, 1971

ADMINISTRATIVELY CONFIDENTIAL

MEMORANDUM FOR: DWIGHT CHAPIN
FROM: GORDON STRACHAN
SUBJECT: Documentary Film

In discussion with Clark MacGregor and Bill Timmons, Bob Haldeman talked about the type of documentary film on the President that should be done for Campaign '72. Haldeman envisions a "great moments of Nixon" documentary of the first three years. It would be sort of a movie version of Frank Leonard's inserts to Monday - both domestic and foreign. The word "Republican" would probably not be mentioned. There would be pictures of the wedding, with the President dancing with Tricia with the comment "for every night like this (social) there are 100 like this (switch to President studying in Lincoln room or EOB office).

At the end of the film there would be a picture of the President and Senatorial or Congressional candidate with the President recorded voice (no video tape) subject to the guidelines expressed in Bob Haldeman's October 6 memo to Dave Parker. The film would be 16 mm. with sound which could be duplicated for distribution to all the candidates receiving the President's endorsement.

Discussion with Mark Goode about some of the technical aspects developed the following:

- 1) The film would probably be 20 minutes long;
- 2) Dave Wolper, whom you, Carruthers, and Goode have talked to, might be the best;
- 3) The cost won't be too high because much of the footage is already available either to purchase from the wires or obtain from the Navy. You may have covered with Dean the complications of getting Navy film for a campaign.
- 4) Mark Goode would act as project manager.

GS;elr

October 21, 1971

Dear Dor and Ira:

Kristine and I are certainly enjoying being "parents." The new arrival, Lauren Rose, was born at two minutes of nine on Friday, October the 15th. She weighed 6 lb. 15 oz. and was 19 1/2" long with red hair and blue eyes! Kristine and Lauren are both home now and doing excellent.

Kristine's parents are here with us for the week to help. They are great. They are staying at the Watergate so are close by.

If you have a minute, drop us a line as we would enjoy hearing from you two.

Love,

Gordon C. Strahan

Mr. and Mrs. Ira Chapman
3025 Marina Drive
Alameda, California

GCS:nm

October 6, 1971

ADMINISTRATIVELY CONFIDENTIAL

MEMORANDUM FOR: DICK CHENEY
FROM: GORDON STRACHAN
SUBJECT: Gallup Materials

Attached are the materials you requested on the telephone today.

When Counsellor Rumsfeld talks with Gallup next, several points should be raised:

- 1) Date and results from last Presidential popularity poll;
- 2) Date of next scheduled Presidential popularity press release;
- 3) Plans for trial heat series;
- 4) Date of release of "Black Vice President question";
- 5) Gallup's assessment of which voting groups have shifted over the past 6 months.

Attachments

GS:elr

October 6, 1971


ADMINISTRATIVELY CONFIDENTIAL

MEMORANDUM FOR: DWIGHT CHAPIN
FROM: GORDON STRACHAN
SUBJECT: Edward McDaniel

Jack Caulfield and John Dean are concerned that Ed McDaniel has been "completely shut out of any Republican party activity." Bob mentioned last week that you should contact McDaniel and explain the duties of WHCA - whether it's lighting the podium or setting up a telephone address - and note that McDaniel's services are not needed by the President but could be very helpful to other candidates.

cc: John Dean

GS:elr



THE WHITE HOUSE
WASHINGTON

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10/4
(Date)

TO: Gordon Strachan

FROM: JOHN DEAN

ACTION: DUE DATE: _____

_____ Prepare Reply For John
Dean's Signature

_____ Direct Reply

_____ Comments/Recommendations

_____ Please handle

_____ Information

_____ File

REMARKS:

*You may wish to look into
this matter -
Please advise me of your
actions - frankys -*

THE WHITE HOUSE

WASHINGTON

September 30, 1971

MEMORANDUM FOR JOHN W. DEAN, III

FROM: JACK CAULFIELD

SUBJECT: EDWARD MC DANIEL

Ed is a longtime supporter of the President who, in the 1960 and 1968 campaigns, was hired to be the Nixon Sound man at rallies on the campaign trail. Additionally, he is a highly competent radio feed technician and also performed in that area on the campaign trail.

Having been through the '68 Campaign, I can assure you that these two areas are vital. In my judgment, based upon his experience, Ed is the best in the country.

For reasons that are not clear, Ed has been completely shut out of any Republican party activity in this regard. He called today expressing both bitterness and disappointment at the developments.

I have reason to believe Bob Haldeman is very high on Ed's expertise. If I am correct, I suggest this matter should be brought to Bob's attention forthwith. Failure to do so may well cause us serious rally and radio communication problems during Campaign '72.

Please advise.

October 5, 1971

ADMINISTRATIVELY CONFIDENTIAL

MEMORANDUM FOR: CHUCK COLSON
FROM: GORDON STRACHAN
SUBJECT: Operating Engineers

Harry Dent sent Bob this anti-Nixon material that is being distributed by the "Operating Engineers." We haven't the foggiest idea who the group is or whether its worth the effort to try to have them stop the distribution. Presumably the "Operating Engineers" is one of the outside groups you keep track of.

The Attorney General has received a copy of the materials and Magruder will receive a copy of this memorandum.

cc: Jeb Magruder

GS:elr

THE WHITE HOUSE
WASHINGTON

Date: October 4, 1971

TO: BOB HALDEMAN

FROM: HARRY DENT

ASD

Please handle _____

For your information ✓ _____

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4496 MEAD RD.
PHONE 788-4641

October 1, 1971

Handwritten initials and signature

Mr. Harry Dent
Special Counsel to the President
The White House
Washington, D. C.

Dear Harry:

Attached are a couple of bumper stickers that came to me from a business associate. He picked them up from a representative of the Operating Engineers and tried to get as many as possible to take them out of circulation. The union apparently is pushing these "Nixon is thru in 72" pretty hard and seemed delighted that someone wanted as many as my friend took.

I thought you might be interested in this in case you had not seen it. Let me know if there is anything we can do in this regard.

Sincerely,

Handwritten signature of G. Paul Jones, Jr.

G. Paul Jones, Jr.

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Enclosure

October 29, 1971

ADMINISTRATIVELY CONFIDENTIAL

MEMORANDUM FOR:

FOLLOW UP

FROM:

GORBON STRACHAN

Check with Jeb Magruder on Nov. 4 to determine whether he has seen Tom Shepherd's speech writer - Mel Grayson.

October 28, 1971

MEMORANDUM FOR:

FOLLOW-UP

FROM:

GORDON STRACHAN

Check with Lyn Nofziger on the status of the October 26 memorandum from Haldeman to Nofziger regarding Monday, First Monday, and his relationship with Colson.

Back-up material is located in chron.

GS:elr

October 21, 1971

Dear "Uncle John":

Kristine and I are really enjoying being "parents". Your niece, Lauren Rose, was born at two minutes of 9:00 a.m., Friday, October 15 (her scheduled "due date"). She weighed 6 lb. 15 oz. and was 19-1/2" long with red hair and blue eyes! Kristine and Lauren are both well. The whole experience has been an unbelievable high. Your parents are here with us for the week to help. Your Father is especially good at changing diapers. Your Mother fixes excellent meals. They are staying at the Watergate so are close by. John invited several here on the Staff to go swimming at the Hotel but, of course, we had to pass.

My tennis is ready for you. It is the most enjoyable sport in Washington. Kristine played up until the last few months of her pregnancy but decided to slow down for Lauren's sake!

The autumn leaves are scheduled to hit their peak this weekend. It is really a gorgeous time of the year here. After next month, though, it will be a long barren, cold winter.

I understand you have mastered navigation -- out of necessity. Good -- we'll need it for the '73 Transpac.

Mr. John Freiburg
U.S.S. Sioux
ATF 75
San Francisco, California

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October 14, 1971

MEMORANDUM FOR FOLLOW UP ON OCTOBER 18

FROM:

GORDON STRACHAN

Check with Henry Cashen on his proposal for options for the President to meet Sinatra. Included are Sinatra's birthday on December 12, possible visit in California the week of November the 27th, and upcoming White House evenings.

GS:lm

October 7, 1971

ADMINISTRATIVELY CONFIDENTIAL


MEMORANDUM FOR: HARRY FLEMMING
FROM: GORDON STRACHAN
SUBJECT: Vermont Presidential Primary

Don Rumsfeld sent the attached information about a primary in Randolph, Vermont on March 7. McCloskey has visited the area and may try to use the town and receptive media to embarrass the President.

Would you advise me of your plans, if any, for this primary?

cc: Jeb Magruder

GS:elr



Fleming ~~*Maguire*~~

THE WHITE HOUSE
WASHINGTON

October 5, 1971

CONFIDENTIAL

TO: Bob Haldeman

FROM: Donald Rumsfeld

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ADMINISTRATIVE MARKING
E.O. 12065, Section 6-102
By Paise NARS, Date 1-16-80

October 5, 1971

MEMORANDUM FOR : BOB HALDEMAN

Attached are some comments on the Randolph, Vermont Presidential primary scheduled for March 7. Bill Gifford has some relatives and friends in and around Randolph.

Attachment

THE WHITE HOUSE

WASHINGTON

October 1, 1971

MEMORANDUM FOR DON RUMSFELD

The town of Randolph, Vermont, will have a Presidential primary on March 7, 1972, the same date as the New Hampshire primary.

There are approximately 2,000 registered voters in the town.

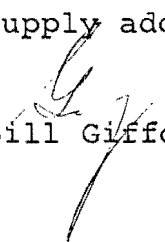
In the 1960 election, according to the New York Times, the vote was 1,208 for Nixon and 323 for Kennedy. In 1968 the vote was 899 for President Nixon and 414 for Humphrey. In 1964 the town went for Johnson, but I do not have the figures.

I am advised that McCloskey spent 8 hours there on July 17, the first Presidential aspirant since William Howard Taft went there in 1912, according to the Times.

Guy Catlin, the Republican town chairman, has said that he had a call from an unnamed White House aide who said a visit from President Nixon has "not been ruled out".

The Nixon daughters used to summer at nearby Roxbury, Vermont. Randolph is the home of Rowland Hughes, Eisenhower's budget director. I have family nearby.

The state chairman, Russ Merriman, is a good friend and would supply additional information, if requested.


Bill Gifford

October 7, 1971

MEMORANDUM FOR:

FOLLOW-UP

FROM:

GORDON STRACHAN

Check Dent on Oct. 11 regarding his analysis of the Senatorial races for the President that is due on October 13.

GS:elr

October 7, 1971

MEMORANDUM FOR:

FOLLOW-UP

FROM:

GORDON STRACHAN

SUBJECT:

Check Dent on his agreement with Bob to have the President become Honorary Chairman of the YR National Advisory Board. Dent was to clear this with Sundquist.

GS:elr

October 27, 1971

ADMINISTRATIVELY CONFIDENTIAL

MEMORANDUM FOR: DICK HOWARD
FROM: GORDON STRACHAN
SUBJECT: Becker Polling Service

Pursuant to your memorandum of October 22, I have discussed with Jeb Magruder the possibility of using Becker should any poll be conducted in New Hampshire.

When the decision about who should conduct the poll in New Hampshire is made, I will make sure that Becker receives careful consideration.

For your information, Magruder had planned on seeing Becker in the nearu future prior to your memorandum to me.

GS:elr

THE WHITE HOUSE
WASHINGTON

EYES ONLY

EYES ONLY

October 22, 1971

MEMORANDUM FOR GORDON STRACHAN

Mr. Colson recommends that if you and Magruder are planning on doing a poll in New Hampshire, you should consider the Becker polling service. He knows the area well.

Becker's recent poll in Connecticut that appeared in the News Summary the morning of October 21 indicates some considerable improvement in Connecticut for the President in his trial heats. Mr. Colson has spoken to Becker and he feels that if one has not already been done, a poll in New Hampshire would be most appropriately done by Becker.



W. Richard Howard

October 21, 1971

Dear Dad:

In case you hadn't heard -- Kristine and I are now "parents" and enjoying every minute of it! Lauren Rose was born at two minutes of nine on the morning of Friday, October 15th (the exact time she was due!). She weighed 6 lb. 15 oz. and was 19 1/2" long with red hair and blue eyes! What a fantastic experience! Kristine and Lauren are both home now and doing very well.

By the way, it is the perfect time of the year for a visit to Washington. The autumn leaves are supposed to hit their peak this coming weekend. How about it!? We would sure like to see you.

Have you been Bay sailing recently? I truly miss the San Francisco mid-winter sailing series. Be a stand in for me.

Hope to see you in Washington for a visit real soon. Write as soon as you can.

Mr. Dud Hendrickson
1373 Broadway
Alameda, California

Chron.

October 7, 1971

Dear Mr. Havel:

Mr. Haldeman asked that I thank you for your letter of September 27. Your request for campaign buttons is probably premature, but your name and address have been forwarded to the Committee for the Re-Election of the President.

Obtaining a signed picture of Mr. Haldeman will take some time. However, your request for a picture will be honored, at a later date.

Sincerely,

Gordon Strachan
Staff Assistant
to H. R. Haldeman

Mr. James Havel
612 West Third Street
Carson City, Nevada 89701

cc: Jeb Magruder w/incoming

GS:elr

October 7, 1971

ADMINISTRATIVELY CONFIDENTIAL

MEMORANDUM FOR: DICK HOWARD
FROM: GORDON STRACHAN
SUBJECT: Frank Sinatra

Roy Goodearle mentioned last night that Frank Sinatra may be in town October 12-14.

Would you get a suggested plan for meeting into Dave Parker, with a copy to me, at your earliest convenience? Naturally, you will want to talk with Roy and have suggestions included for the Veep's participation if that is appropriate.

Due Date:
Friday, October 8

cc: Roy Goodearle

GS:elr

FU:Oct. 8

October 6, 1971

ADMINISTRATIVELY CONFIDENTIAL

MEMORANDUM FOR: LARRY HIGBY
FROM: GORDON STRACHAN
SUBJECT: Polling Situation

You asked for a brief description of where the polling situation stands with regard to the Campaign.

Flanigan and Marik have just submitted to the Attorney General the preliminary plan for Research and Polling. The Attorney General has not yet reviewed the material.

The plan recommends the same organizational structure as in 1968, that is, a consultant to act as the point of contact between the campaign management and the polling vendors. Although Derge is mentioned as one of the four possibilities, Bob Teeter from MOR is recommended.

The plan is a composite of Derge, Benham, and Higby recommendations beginning with a baseline study late in November using a 15 key state sample "filled out" to correspond with a national survey. Panels from this baseline study will be used for three subsequent surveys conducted after the primaries, after the convention, and at the height of the Campaign. In addition, a telephone-instant research system is proposed. Total cost: \$692,000.

ORC would conduct the telephone polling and decision as to field interview firms would be delayed until October 31, when the selected polling consultant is expected to submit his final plans.

Other polling activity is concentrated in the Domestic Council. They are currently pushing for a farm poll, about which you have seen a separate memorandum. The Domestic Council also plans to conduct one more field survey - after the end of this fiscal year.

Of course, the Family Issues-In Depth Poll is due the week of October 11, 1971.

GS:elr

October 29, 1971

ADMINISTRATIVELY CONFIDENTIAL

MEMORANDUM FOR: JEB MAGRUDER
FROM: GORDON STRACHAN
SUBJECT: Wisconsin Primary

Because of your trip to California, you may have missed the excellent article in This morning's New York Times regarding the problems Muskie and McGovern will face in Wisconsin.

I realize the strategy group is to focus on Florida next time, but this Wisconsin situation is so interesting that we may want to focus some of the attention on this particular race.

Attachment: New York Times article

GS:elr

THE NEW YORK TIMES, FRIDAY, OCTOBER 29, 1971

Additional Rivals Threaten Muskie and McGovern in Wisconsin

By R. W. APPLE JR.

Special to The New York Times

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The meaning of these "facts," however, is far from clear, because so many other questions remain unanswered. Here is a foreshortened list of some of the imponderables, together with some of the informed speculation about them:

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October 22, 1971

ADMINISTRATIVELY CONFIDENTIAL

MEMORANDUM FOR: FRED MALEK
FROM: GORDON STRACHAN
SUBJECT: Leaks

You probably noticed the detailed comments by an "unnamed GOP leader" about the President's political posture and Agnew's role. You may want to include this "leak" in your monthly report to Bob. My records indicate your first report is due to him on October 27.

GS:elr

ADMINISTRATION

Editorially the Portland Oregonian sees RN's summits as certification of his inaugural pledge for negotiation. In refutation to caterwauling Dems who try to pin a "hawk label" on RN, his program is a peace program. RN has become the leader this nation needs in foreign affairs. Because of his dedication to negotiation, because leaders of other nations realize his sincerity, the time is ripe for summit meetings. Every president since WW-I has sought without major success to break down the barriers to world understanding. RN "is nearer than any of them to achieving this long step for mankind," says Oregon's leading paper. . . . US News leads its "Worldgram" review of the reaction in other countries to RN's summitry by saying: "Other super-powers may be on the rise, but America is unique in today's world. . . . Only the US, thoughtful observers are saying about RN's forthcoming visits, is strong enough to send its chief of state to other capitals in search of peace with no loss of prestige." . . . McGovern says that RN "is harder to hit now because he is moving so fast". He certainly is going to be harder to beat than many Dems thought a short time ago. McGovern said that the last thing he expected from RN was the PRC trip tho he applauds him on the reversal. The Senator described RN's handling of domestic and foreign affairs as "adroit." He admitted that RN had "partly defused" VN as an issue and that he has had some "slight pause" about voting against Haynsworth for the Court. "He might be as good as we can expect."

On CBS radio Dan Rather quotes an unnamed GOP leader who was asked by RN for a political assessment of this leader's area. He told RN that he was in great shape on foreign policy but people were confused and distrustful of some of the things being done on the domestic front. More than anything it's the tone and mood of the Admin. "What about Agnew?" asked RN -- "is there any way to get a sizeable minority share of the youth vote with him?" "No," the GOP leader said. But without the VP he felt there was a good chance. "If you change the ticket and get busy changing the whole tone of division, doubletalk and division on domestic matters." The official was the top elected GOP leader in an inbetween-sized state carried by RN in '60 and '68. . . . Herb Klein said he feels RN will choose VP Agnew as his running mate.

Administratively Confidential

October 18, 1971

MEMORANDUM FOR:

FRED MALEK

FROM:

GORDON STRACHAN

SUBJECT:

Campaign Recruiting

You, Larry, and Dwight have been working on several proposals to recruit top advancement, establish key state strike forces, and reorganize White House Staff along campaign lines.

The attached memorandum from Hoopes to me is the first specific example of the type of problem you will face as you implement these projects.

Since you have full responsibility for these projects, will you advise Hoopes of your decisions?

Thank you.


GSE:lm

MEMORANDUM

THE WHITE HOUSE

WASHINGTON

October 16, 1971

MEMORANDUM FOR: GORDON STRACHAN
FROM: DAVID C. HOOPES 
SUBJECT: Recruiting for Campaign

I received a call from John Clarke on the subject of certain campaign-related recruiting which he, Pendelton James and William Marumoto may be doing during the coming months. Clarke said that because the travel will probably be extensive it might not be convenient to make arrangements through the White House Travel Office. He asked several questions which I would like to get your thinking on:

1. Should these individuals be issued a book of TR's to be used while they are away from the White House and cannot make arrangements through the Travel Office:

Yes _____ No _____

2. If not, should they be issued Republican National Committee Air Travel Cards similar to the card carried by Ron Walker, et al?

Yes _____ No _____

3. If "no" on #1 and #2 above, should we advise them to simply continue to make travel arrangements only in advance through the Travel Office?

Yes _____ No _____

4. Is their function enough related to the campaign that all of their expenses should be paid by the RNC and none by the White House appropriated funds?

Yes _____ No _____

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5. May we increase their 'per diem' allocation to \$40 per day?

Yes _____ No _____

6. May we proceed to obtain automobile rental cards from Hertz or Avis for them?

Yes _____ No _____

These questions arise primarily because we are not certain of what you, Dwight Chapin, and Fred Malek have in mind concerning their function on these trips, namely, official Presidential business or **campaign-oriented business.**

Thank you.

Administratively Confidential

October 14, 1971

MEMORANDUM FOR:

BOB MARIK

FROM:

GORDON STRACHAN

SUBJECT:

Muskie Bussing Statement

The Muskie statement about bussing being a legitimate tool that can "be used, and should be used, and the courts have said it must be used", must not be lost.

Please run periodic -- monthly -- tests of the RNC's capability of retrieving this and other bussing statements by the Democratic Contenders.

GS:lm

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October 8, 1971

Dear Mr. Moseley:

Mr. Haldeman has asked me to thank you for your letter of October 2, 1971. The views and concern you have expressed regarding President Nixon and the up-coming election have been carefully noted and will be given every consideration.

Mr. Haldeman appreciates your taking the time to share your thoughts with him and has asked me to convey his best wishes.

Sincerely,

Gordon Strachan
Staff Assistant
to H. R. Haldeman

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